



# THE FRIENDS OF ENGLISH BOWLING

## NEWSLETTER

### SUMMER 2023

Dear Friends

A big hello to all our Members, and a big thank you for your Membership. We have a lower membership and are recruiting for like altruistic Friends, who give something back to the game they love and enjoy. Anyone can join. Please ask your friends to become a Friend.

One of our greatest joys is playing bowls together at celebration matches, which take us all over England. Where we play is dictated by the clubs who contact us for a special game, and then hopefully our members can make small bowling breaks, meeting and making new friends in the four quarters of our country. Our matches run entirely independently of your membership fees and we pay our way with the clubs. This year we visited Yorkshire for one of our trips and details can be found on our newly revamped website (lots of lovely people and of course gorgeous scenery).



While Bowls England have good sponsorship, we are diversifying our donations to give more support to Disability Bowls England. We shall continue to support the Championships, especially the First Aid facilities, and next year we hope to be helping the clubs more.



The near future brings the Finals. Please take advantage of our free days at Leamington, come and see some of the top bowling, and enjoy a coffee in Bowls England's Marquee.

Kath Lloyd – Chair

### **Membership**

A little bit of a reduction again this year, but still quite healthy, as we have all 35 Counties as members as well as 213 individual members, equaling 238. Just a reduction of 2 members from last year. With a bit of a recruitment drive at Leamington, we will return to a much stronger organization.

John Thompson – Membership

### **2025 will be the Friends 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

How would you as a member feel about a trip to **Spain or Portugal** in October 2025? Feedback from members would be appreciated, then if response is positive, I will try and arrange something. The length of the trip would be 7 or 10 days and depending on numbers interested, whether to have an in-house competition or games against local clubs.



Adie Lloyd – Match Secretary  
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## Website

I am hoping that our members have spotted the website's new look this year. The committee agreed it needed a spring clean, and over the winter months we took the opportunity to have a good tidy up, and bring it up to date. I hope you like it, take a look at <http://www.friendsofenglishbowling.co.uk/>



Following each of our games throughout the season, the onus of sending in the match reports falls to the allotted Captain of the Day. Can you imagine, the poor Captain having spent the day overseeing the days procedures and hoping for the rest of the day off – I come along nagging them for their reports. It's not an easy life... as an incentive I wonder if I should introduce a 'star system'



for promptness/content of said reports? I will give it more thought.

I've loved all the games played so far, and Andy and I are hoping not to make fools of ourselves at Leamington on 21<sup>st</sup> August in the Friends Pairs Competition. Fingers Crossed.

Carolyn Hunt – Web Site

## Leamington 2023

It will soon be the time of year again when those 'Friends' who have been unable to play the Celebration Games get to meet at Leamington.

Of course, the most important day (apart from the AGM) will be **21<sup>st</sup> August** when we have the FoEB Pairs Competition. We already have had a good number of entries but will be taking entries on the morning of the competition at £5 per person which must be before 9.15am to give time for the draw to take place.

All entrants must be members of FoEB.

Those who have entered as a single will be paired up to enable you to take part. Entrants should meet at the Sponsors Tent. There will be a cash prize for the winners. The value is dependent on the number of entries. Dress for the games will be your predominantly white shirt and grey below the waist.

No matter how many take part, I am sure that those who do will have an enjoyable day on the greens at Leamington.

Michael Bertrand  
Competition coordinator



Celebrating 100 years bowling at Moulden. 10<sup>th</sup> May 2023

Neil Fletcher, Hon Secretary

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