



# Clanfield Bowls & Sports Club Newsletter

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## Chairman's Message

Spring is definitely in the air and the weather has been very kind for our bowlers, with the Spring Knockout Challenge completed, friendlies under way, involvement with the Three Counties Bowls Fellowship League and a couple of rare bowling achievements. More about those and other events later.

Clive and Ted have been keeping the rinks in tip-top condition and the whole place is looking very smart, especially now we've had the hedge cut thanks to our very willing band of volunteers. As always, the kitchen catering and social events continue to be well received and the recently installed air conditioning is proving most welcome.

When other clubs visit us, they are always impressed by our facilities, our hospitality and above all our friendliness which has resulted in a steady inflow of new members.

Whilst our membership remains fairly steady, we would benefit from a few new younger members – no, I don't mean under 80 – to come into the Club. If you have sons or daughters, grandchildren, friends or neighbours who might be interested in joining then please encourage them to come along for a taster session.

One of the improvements we had hoped for was low level lighting in the car park, however our application to the Parish Council (who are responsible for the car park) was rejected on the grounds of infringing 'dark skies' and that it would benefit mostly Club members.

We will resubmit the request again in 6 months, which is the earliest we can under council rules.

***We won't keep you in the dark if we make progress!***

***Time flies – it's 10 years since the first brick of the Pavilion was laid in April 2016.***

Please continue to submit any suggestions or any concerns you have directly to me or any Committee member.

I hope you have a very enjoyable summer on the rinks and in the Pavilion.

Best wishes to you all.

**Brian Foster, Chairman**



## A Generous Donation from Clanfield Gardening Club

Earlier this year Rob Renshaw and Mike Pritchard heard that the Clanfield Gardening Club is closing at the end of this year and had a marquee that is surplus to requirements and that they were willing to donate it to the bowls club.

We erected the marquee in time for us hosting the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Three Counties Fellowship League (more about that later) and we were very pleasantly surprised at the size and condition. The photos show just how big it is and we look forward to getting more use out of it for events, both bowls and social.

**Our Thanks go to the Gardening Club for their generosity.**



Above is a very proud group of members who erected the marquee for the very first time...

...and to the side is the marquee *in situ* on the day of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Three Counties Bowls Fellowship League.



Brain Foster

## Spring Knockout Challenge Day, Wednesday, 22 April 2026

The day, for once, arrived with blue skies and featured a yellow ball, although the wind didn't get the message and was rather strong and chilly. However, we were set for a great Spring Knockout Challenge Day. After a player no-show and a last-minute substitution, we were able to start play.

The rinks, all 8 of them, thanks to Clive and Ted, were full and looking very colourful as the games were played in the sunshine.

Following 3 rounds with an interlude for lunch, beautifully prepared by Chris and Richard and appreciated by everyone, the 8 pairs with the highest score progressed to Round 4 and the winners onward to the finals round.

During the traditional end-of-day tea and cake the prizes were presented. Congratulations to the **Spring Knockout Challenge 2026 prize winners:**

Winners: **Mary Hambrook & Mike Richardson**

Runners Up: **Andy Gillard & Mark Whitehead**

Third Place: **Colin Heighton & Neil Morgan**



**Caroline Cahill**

## Coaching

Just a reminder to all members, new and old, that coaching is available free of charge to anyone who thinks their game could be improved by some friendly advice from one of our 3 qualified coaches (**Mike, Ted and Nuala**).

For those new to the Club, we offer a New Starters Rollup at 13:00 on a Thursday which includes coaching and an introduction to the rules of the game. These Thursday sessions (and any other coaching session) can be booked by emailing [coaching-01@clanfieldbsc.com](mailto:coaching-01@clanfieldbsc.com)

**Mike Richardson**

## Three Counties Bowls Fellowship 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Tournament

The Three Counties Bowls Fellowship 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Tournament was hosted by Clanfield on Tuesday, 31 March 2026 when we welcomed 10 other Three Counties teams and took part in an all-day competition to celebrate the Fellowship's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

It was a great day, both in terms of weather and bowling, with catering provided by Chris and Richard Stray (plus many people who helped in various ways).



Before the action began...



...and preparing for the presentation.

Clanfield made it into the semi-finals but were beaten by the **eventual champions, Midhurst.**

It was a great way to introduce ourselves to the Fellowship and meet many of the clubs we'll play over the summer months.

**Mike Richardson**

## Three Counties Bowls Fellowship League and President's Cup Competitions

At the time of writing, Clanfield has competed in the first round of the **Three Counties President's Cup and League competitions**, winning both matches, away from home and on grass. These have been excellent team efforts on a surface that is still new to many of us and I believe confirms that Clanfield is now ready to take on the challenge of playing at this competitive level. Several Clanfield players are also taking part in the Singles, Pairs and Triples competitions – we wish them all the best of luck!

*If you'd like to keep up to date with our progress throughout the competitions you can find links to the latest results on the [Bowls Events page](#) if you scroll down to the*

**NEW VENTURES – 2026 – THREE COUNTIES BOWLS FELLOWSHIP LEAGUE**

**Mike Richardson**

## Hayling Floodlit Winter League

As many of you will be aware, Clanfield have also been competing in both the Men's and Mixed competitions at Hayling Island, before and after the Christmas/New Year break. In the competition that started in the New Year, we had our best result to date with one of our teams finishing 3rd (of 10) and strong performances from the others. We even achieved our Club's first 'Hot Shot'.

**Mike Richardson**

## CBSC 'Hot Shot' Awards – Twice in One Year!

In February the Hayling Herald Newspaper featured an article from Hayling Bowls Club which included this news:

*'During the match on 2 March 2026 Clanfield Bees (Clanfield Bowls & Sports Club) managed to score a Hot Shot. This is a rare achievement where a team scores the maximum points in a single end, i.e., 9 points in triples'.*

The players were:

**John Stotter-Marden, Mike Richardson**  
and **Phil Malin** (Skip).



As the article suggests, logistically this event is very rare **BUT** on 29 April 2026 away at Meon Bowls Club **Clanfield went and did it again!**



This time the players were:

**Nigel Reed, Mary Hambrook** and  
**Michael Trippick** (Skip).

These are amazing achievements and just go to show how far this Club has progressed now. Certificates and Badges have been awarded by the Bowling authority.

**Michael Trippick**

## Leisure Events Update

It's been a busy and enjoyable Spring for the Club, with our Catering Teams once again providing excellent support across a wide range of events—from home friendlies and internal and external competitions to games nights and, more recently, our themed Friday social evenings.

The first of these, an *Italian Aperitivo Evening* in April, was a great success and warmly enjoyed by all who attended. Building on that momentum, **Glenda, Yvonne and Mike** will be hosting several **Friday evenings throughout May**, before we join **Karen and Mike on Friday, 5 June 2026** for a **Spanish-themed evening**.

**Yvonne's** ever-popular **Bingo Night** returns on **Friday, 19 June 2026** and in the meantime members can look forward to one of our much-loved **Quiz Nights** on **Saturday, 30 May 2026**.

Do keep an eye out for posters around the Club and for email updates with full details of all upcoming events. Details of these events can also be found on our website on the **Leisure Events** page.

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to help the Catering Team please send a message to me at [chris.stray@clanfieldbsc.com](mailto:chris.stray@clanfieldbsc.com)

**Chris Stray**

## Defibrillator Awareness and CPR Sessions

The Club has invited me to deliver a number of these sessions in the past and, on Monday, 13 April 2026 22 members attended over the two sessions to either learn CPR for the first time or to refresh their knowledge. It is vitally important to be able to recognise when someone is in cardiac arrest and know how to perform effective CPR and potentially use a defibrillator to give that person the best chance of survival. The members who attended all gave positive feedback about the training and the majority said they felt much more confident about what to do should they be presented with that situation.

As a Community First Responder I am able to deliver these sessions for free but do ask for a donation to the **South Central Ambulance Charity**, who fund Community First Responders and provide equipment and support to front line staff which is not funded by the NHS. Once again CBSC members were extremely generous donating £141 on the day, with a further £30+ (yet to be counted) donated after the event and for this I would like to say a massive thank you.

For more information on the role of a Community First Responder and the Charity please click here [South Central Ambulance Charity](#).

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**There's a lot going on at the Club as well as the regular roll ups and internal competitions. These include:**

- **Weekly Ukulele Group**—Monday evening starting at 19:00.
- **Weekly Games Evening**—Wednesday evening starting at 18:00.
- **Monthly 'Craft and Chat' Open Morning**—Last Monday of the month starting at 10:00 (*unless it's a Public Holiday when it will take place the Monday before*).
- **Friday Evenings** — Chris, Yvonne, Glenda & Mike will be organising various themed evenings during the coming months.
- **Monthly Quiz**—Last Saturday of the month (usually).

In addition, we organise events such as **music evenings** with a **group** or a **disco, bingo, wine tasting**, and more... There's also a **Garden Group** who work hard to keep the outside of the Pavilion looking very attractive.

**Details of our activities, both bowls and leisure, are available on our [website](#) so do check it regularly for the latest information.**

**\*\*\* FREE COACHING for members!! \*\*\***

Don't forget we have coaches available to help you improve your game of bowls.

To request a session please send an email to

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