



Clanfield Bowls & Sports Club Newsletter

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Chairman's Message

A belated welcome to 2026 — I hope you are keeping fit and well, and looking forward to another season of bowling and socialising. Michael and Mike have been busy organising a programme of friendlies and league games, and Chris and her team likewise on social events. More details on that later in the Newsletter.

In the November Newsletter I mentioned that safety concerns were raised in the AGM regarding the grass slope in the viewing area outside the Pavilion. I am pleased to tell you that we have taken delivery of the new bench seating and tables which greatly improves the space available. These are made of recycled plastic and will be maintenance free.

As also promised, we have invested in an air conditioning system to improve comfort levels in the hall and kitchen. This system is installed and already being used for both heating and cooling. This was part funded by generous grants from our District and County Councillors. Both of these projects have been implemented using the reserves that we have built up over the first 6 years for just such improvements to benefit all members.

On a more serious note, I have had a few issues and concerns raised with me by members recently. Whilst I would like to think that these are few and far between, I do ask you to contact me directly with any problems, issues or suggestions you have. Better we get things addressed one way or another, rather than you stew on them. We have a friendly, sociable and very active Club (the envy of many others) and I will do my utmost to keep it that way.

We have been reminded of our need to ensure protection of your personal information, resulting in a few changes to the way we collect and display that data, which you may see when you renew your membership.

Lastly, I would like to thank our band of volunteers who beaver away to ensure that the rinks are kept in good condition, that there is always a steward available, that the events are catered for and for the untold other activities that go on behind the scenes. Thank You.

Best wishes to you all.

Brian Foster, Chairman

Installation of New Air Conditioning Unit and Heat Pump

We are delighted to announce that a new air conditioning system with heat pump was installed at the Bowls Club on 28 January 2026. We are immensely grateful to the local Councillors (listed below) who have continued over the years to support the Bowls Club, in this instance by each kindly agreeing to give £1000 from the environmental portion of their annual community grant budgets:

Cllr Chris Hatter, Cllr David Evans, Cllr Elaine Woodard, Cllr Chris Tonge, Cllr Robert Mocatta, Cllr John Smart.

The Bowls Club has around 150 members, largely aged 60 and above. Ensuring the facilities are adequately heated and cooled will ensure a safer environment, especially for those who can find the main Pavilion room very hot in the summer or at evening or Friendly Bowls events when food is being served. The kitchen is small and the volunteers complain of the lack of air when cooking even modest food such as warming sausage rolls for Friendly Bowls matches.

The new Mitsubishi Electric multi-split air conditioning/heat pump system will be primarily powered by our existing solar panels, reducing reliance on grid electricity and fossil fuels which will give some protection against energy price fluctuations. As a low carbon, energy-efficient way of climate control it aligns with EHDC's wider sustainability goals, as well as with our own Environment Strategy enshrined within our Club Rules.

Teresa Attlee, Trustee

HOW TO MITIGATE INHERITANCE TAX SEMINAR

Webster Associates Free Seminar at 6pm on 17 March 2026 at the Pavilion

- ◆ Are you interested in finding out how to be more financially secure?
- ◆ Do you want to find out more about the proposal for including pensions in your estate for Inheritance Tax purposes?
- ◆ Are you concerned about paying Inheritance Tax?
- ◆ Need financial advice but don't know where to start?

These questions and more can be answered by **Jonathan Harris** of **Webster Associates** (our sponsors) who are holding another free seminar at the Bowls Club between **6:00pm** and **7:00pm** on **Tuesday, 17 March 2026**. After the seminar, you'll be able to have an informal chat with **Jonathan**.

More details about the seminar and Webster Associates can be found on the poster on the next page and on the noticeboard in the Pavilion. To give Websters an idea of numbers they have

requested that those who are interested sign their names on the form that is also on the noticeboard or, if you aren't going to the Pavilion, send an email to admin@clanfieldbsc.com.

The bar will be open so please try to come along and make it a bit of a social occasion.

If you can't make it on **Tuesday, 17 March 2026** but would like to discuss any financial matters with Jonathan, please feel free to contact him at Jonathan.Harris@sipp.co.uk or on **07968 396341**.

Teresa Attlee, Trustee

Plans for Future Leisure Events

Our Club isn't just about bowls! We also host a lively calendar of leisure events, including our very popular monthly quiz nights, relaxed music evenings, race nights, bingo and see the Club in a fun, informal setting. Keep an eye out for Club emails with dates and details, check the noticeboards and the website for more information and come along and join in.

Refresher training for our kitchen helper volunteers will be offered shortly. This session is important for everyone who helps serve or prepare food, as it covers up-to-date food safety guidance, good hygiene practices and a reminder of our procedures. Even if you've attended before, we encourage you to come along — it helps keep everyone safe and confident and ensures we continue to meet our responsibilities as a Club.

We would also love to hear from any members who might like to become a kitchen helper, either helping with refreshments for home friendlies or the leisure events mentioned above. Full support and training are provided and it's a great way to get involved and support the Club.

If you would like to volunteer to help or have any questions please contact **Chris Stray** on chris.stray@clanfieldbsc.com

Chris Stray

Three Counties Fellowship

This year Clanfield has joined the Three Counties Fellowship to enter competitions open to clubs from Northern Hampshire, Southern Surrey and Western Sussex.

We will be competing in Division 4 of the league, playing 7 other teams, both home and away, between early May and early August 2026. We are the first and only team in the fellowship to play on an all weather surface so we expect to find it challenging as well as enjoyable.

Over 30 Clanfield members have expressed an interest in taking part in the league competition, which will require 9 players each Tuesday for the duration of the competition. **Phil Malin** will be captaining our team and we'll be asking for members to 'join the squad' nearer the time.

Alongside the league, a number of our members have entered the single, pairs, and triples knockout competitions, where they will be drawn against teams from other clubs. We wish Victor Lejasmeiers, Frank Laskey, John Stotter-Marden, David Restell, David Griffiths, Ian Oldfield and Mick Burgess the best of luck!

And finally, before the start of the season (in April) Clanfield have the honour of hosting a 50th anniversary event for the Three Counties Fellowship and welcoming 13 other clubs for a one-day rinks (4 players) competition. While spectators are welcome, please note that parking may be limited and, in the event of an April shower, we may have to limit access to the Pavilion to abide by Health and Safety restrictions. *More information will be made available nearer the event.*

Mike Richardson



Birthday Boy Celebrations



Mike Richardson, *Pensionista*, for all his efforts that led to his celebrations with lots of you turning up for the Birthday Breakfast and later on the Roll Ups. An amazing turn out with all singing in harmony 'Happy Birthday', at least once!

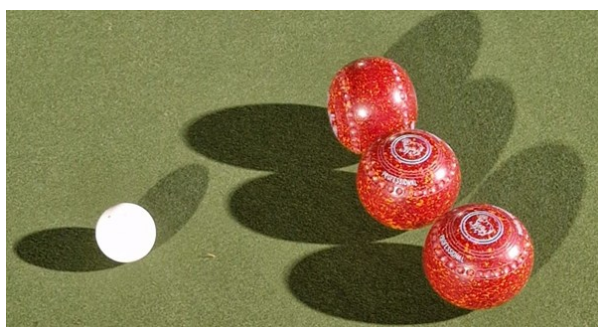


Phil Malin

BOWLING EVENTS

Hayling Island Floodlit League

The Hayling Floodlit League has started in grand style for the **Clanfielders**. We are sitting 3rd & 4th and 4th & 5th in the MENS and MIXED respectively. A worthy mention for **Tom Costello** and **Ian Oldfield** who, with the help of their white stick/hat, played brilliantly. **Dave Middleton** thrown in at the deep end surpassed expectations; well done also to **Tracy Harris** for stepping in and performing. Great team and camaraderie amongst all our teams. Well done.



Mary Costello has recently shown us what perfection looks like — **well done Mary.**

All the best Clanfielders.

Phil Malin 🤔 ☀️ 😊 🎳

RESULTS 26th FEBRUARY

17	Hayling Island Blue	v	Clanfield Ayes	4
17	Clanfield Bees	v	Hayling Island Yellow	14
4	White Doves	v	Purbrook	44
10	Cowplain	v	Bye	0
10	Yellow Canaries	v	Hayling Island Green	12

TEAM	POSITION	PLAYED	POINTS	SHOTS FOR	SHOTS +/-
PURBROOK	1	4	10	102	69
COWPLAIN	2	4	8	72	17
YELLOW CANARIES	3	4	6	63	11
CLANFIELD BEES	4	4	6	62	2
HAYLING ISLAND GREEN	5	5	6	63	-5
HAYLING ISLAND BLUE	6	5	4	73	7
CLANFIELD AYES	7	4	4	67	7
HAYLING ISLAND YELLOW	8	5	4	69	-1
WHITE DOVES	9	5	2	52	-57

CBSC Rinks — Winter Conditions (31 January 2026)

The rink covered in hailstones shows some conditions that we have to endure during the winter months.



The flooding indicates high and low water levels and the slope on the carpet. These slopes may give you an insight into why the wood does or does not turn on its journey towards the jack!!

Phil Malin

Friendly Matches Programme, 2026

As, at last, we inch towards some hopefully warmer weather and the onset of Spring we will shortly be commencing a fresh new season of Friendly Matches (below is the latest match calendar). I would like to suggest that any relatively new players look upon these games as a light-hearted interim between starting out and maybe eventually participating in our league schedule. Generally, I will always make sure you are playing with a couple of more experienced players in your Clanfield triples team and, as I say, the main objective is always to get out in the fresh air and have some fun!

So to all players, new and experienced, may I wish you a warm welcome to Friendly Season 2026. I will generally send out an invitation to play up to 2 weeks before any given game. All you need to do is reply and express an interest—the teams will be selected and circulated shortly afterwards. Our first game will be on Thursday, 5 March 2026 so watch this space...

Michael Trippick

Month	2026 FRIENDLY MATCHES PROGRAMME (As of 25 January 2026)				
JAN					
RESULT					
FEB			WEDNESDAY – 18 FEBRUARY		
			FORDINGBRIDGE (H) – START 13:00		
RESULT					
MAR	THURSDAY – 5 MARCH	THURSDAY – 12 MARCH		THURSDAY – 26 MARCH	
	HOLLOWAY HILL (H) – START 14:00	FLEMMING PARK (H) – START 14:00		COWPLAIN (A) – START 14:00	
RESULT					
APR	THURSDAY – 2 APRIL	WEDNESDAY – 8 APRIL	SATURDAY – 18 APRIL	THURSDAY – 23 APRIL	WEDNESDAY – 29 APRIL
	PETERSFIELD (H) – START 14:00	BRAESIDE (A) – START 14:00	WATERLOOVILLE (A) – START 14:00	EMSWORTH (H) – START 14:00	MEON (A) – GRASS START 14:00
RESULT					
MAY	WEDNESDAY – 6 MAY	SATURDAY – 9 MAY	THURSDAY – 14 MAY	WEDNESDAY – 20 MAY	SATURDAY – 30 MAY
	LOCKSWOOD (A) – START 14:00	FOUR MARKS (H) – START 14:00	PETERSFIELD (A) GRASS – START 18:15	BRAESIDE (H) – START 14:00	HAYLING ISLAND (A) – START 14:00
RESULT					
JUN	TUESDAY – 2 JUNE	WEDNESDAY – 10 JUNE	WEDNESDAY – 17 JUNE		SATURDAY – 20 JUNE
	ARUNDEL (A) GRASS – START 14:00	LIPHOOK (A) GRASS – START 14:30	LIPHOOK (H) – START 14:00		WINCHESTER (A) GRASS – START 1400
RESULT					
JUL	WEDNESDAY – 1 JULY	WEDNESDAY – 8 JULY		THURSDAY – 16 JULY	
	MEON (H) – START 14:00	ARUNDEL (H) – START 14:00		FLEMMING PARK (A) GRASS – START 14:00	
RESULT					
AUG	SATURDAY – 1 AUGUST			SATURDAY – 22 AUGUST	WEDNESDAY – 26 AUGUST
	WINCHESTER (H) – START 14:00			ROGATE (A) GRASS – START 14:30	FORDINGBRIDGE (A) GRASS – START 14:00
RESULT					
SEP		SATURDAY – 12 SEPTEMBER	SATURDAY – 19 SEPTEMBER	FRIDAY – 25 SEPTEMBER	
		FOUR MARKS (A) GRASS – START 14:00	HAYLING ISLAND (H) – START 14:00	COWPLAIN (H) – START 14:00	
RESULT					
OCT		WEDNESDAY – 7 OCTOBER		WEDNESDAY – 21 OCTOBER	
		LOCKSWOOD (H) – START 14:00		ROGATE (H) – START 14:00	
RESULT					

Hot Drinks Refresher Training

At Clanfield Bowls Club, we want everyone to feel safe, confident and welcome when helping in the kitchen. Even though making tea and coffee seems simple, there are important things to remember about hygiene, safety, and teamwork. Hot water, shared equipment and busy spaces can all pose risks if not handled carefully. Our short training helps everyone use the kitchen safely, keep it clean for the next user and meet the Club's duty of care to its volunteers.

We currently are undertaking refresher kitchen training, initially for those who trained more than 3 years ago. If you know that's you, please drop an email to the address below and we'll arrange it for you. Thanks everyone – please contact **Chris and Richard** on chris.stray@clanfieldbsc.com

Chris Stray

Ways to Contribute to our Fundraising Efforts

Bonus Ball: This has been introduced and run by **Yvonne Coonan** who sells National Lottery Bonus Ball numbers for £1 each. The person with the Bonus Ball drawn on the last Saturday of each month wins £47 and the Club receives £12. If the winning number is unsold the Club receives all the money. This is a rare occurrence since most months all numbers are sold.

East Hants Community Lottery: CBSC is one of the good causes supported by the lottery so if you buy tickets (just £1 per ticket) you have a chance of winning a prize and CBSC receives 60p of each £1.00. As of 18 January 2026 we have received £6000 since we joined. Just go to [East Hants Community Lottery](#) to find out more.

easyfundraising: This is an easy way to earn money for the Club. Please consider joining if you have not already done so and then, when you want to shop online log onto [easyfundraising.org.uk](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) and link to the website you want to visit from there – for holidays, goods from Amazon and many other online companies. If you follow this route we receive a donation. We've received over £500 since we joined with 27 members and friends supporting us so think how much could be achieved if more of us made online purchases via [easyfundraising](#)! **All this at no cost to the person donating.**

Monetary Donations

If at any time you would like to make a donation, we can assure you it will be very gratefully received as we are always doing what we can to improve the facilities we offer at the Club. Just click [MemberMoJo](#), log in, select **Your Membership** tab near the top of the screen and then select *Visit Store*.

If you are a UK taxpayer, and your donation is eligible, we can also claim Gift Aid which boosts your donation by 25%. If applicable, please tick the Gift Aid box on your membership form.

Thank You.

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*).
- **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 coaching-01@clanfieldbsc.com



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