



Clanfield Bowls & Sports Club

Newsletter

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Chairman's Message

What a difference 3 months makes...

In the last newsletter, Spring was in the air with kind weather but this time around the weather has been *kind'a hot*. Much of the time it has been welcome but sometimes just overpowering with some matches cancelled and bowlers reluctant to come out to play. As we're British we're entitled to moan about the weather but, hopefully, we are now coming into a slightly cooler season.

Having the Pavilion open with the aircon operating has been very welcome for several members to come along to simply cool off. Please remember whether summer or winter you are welcome to come to cool down or keep warm with a bit of company.

This summer has been especially successful both in our league matches (more later) and our very well received friendlies (again, more later). Clanfield is most certainly on the bowls map already in the friendlies, but now also in the 3 counties north of here. Our hospitality is renowned and a big *Thank You* to all our kitchen teams.

Clive and Ted, as always, have been keeping the rinks in great condition and were helped by Mike Richardson and Phil Malin during their absence this year.

The AGM will soon be upon us (Thursday, 17 September 2026) so please put the date in your diary and come and have your say. Once you receive the announcement email with more details anyone who has a desire to take on any role in the Management Team is urged to fill in an application form.

Please continue to submit any complaints, suggestions or concerns you have directly to me or any Committee member. We do take each one *seriously, indeed one such complaint* has resulted in a proposed change to our rules which we will bring to the AGM.

Best wishes to you all.

Brian Foster

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
THURSDAY, 17 SEPTEMBER 2026
STARTING at 18:30

Bowls Events (1)

During the past few months a variety of bowls events have taken place — some *New Ventures* and some *well tried and tested*!

New Ventures — Three Counties Bowls Fellowship

As our first season participating in the **Three Counties Bowls Fellowship** draws to a close, we can look back on an extremely successful campaign.

We reached the semi-final stages of three events — the *Fellowship's Golden Anniversary* event (hosted by ourselves), the *President's Cup* and the *Anniversary Triples*. In these competitions we were up against clubs that compete in all four divisions and are far more familiar with playing on grass than we are. This in itself was an exceptional performance but our star achievement was to **win the Division 4 title at the first attempt and be promoted to Division 3 for next season**. Thanks must go to **Phil Malin** our **3Cs Captain** for recruiting the league team each week (even when in Spain).

For those who like stats, Clanfield won 11 of 14 league matches, 7 at home, 4 away from home (on grass). Of the 3 matches we lost we actually won 2 of 3 rinks (but lost on the overall score). Over the course of the season our Shot Difference (shots scored minus shots conceded) was an impressive 370). We used a total of 32 different players with Victor an ever-present skip.

In the individual competitions, Victor and Frank reached the quarter-finals of the pairs competition.

A small selection of photos to mark the event— Captain, players and spectators.



On Monday, 17 August 2026 we held a celebratory picnic at QE Country Park and were joined by 6 players from Rowledge Bowls Club. Despite having to cancel the planned BBQ it was an enjoyable evening attended by 22 Club members. Thanks go to Rob for arranging the event and Sue for providing the cakes!

A group photo appears on page 6.

Mike Richardson

Bowls Events (2)

2026 Friendly Matches Programme Update

First off, if you are interested in our Club Friendly Matches Programme, please take a minute to read this update. The latest version of the **2026** calendar is include below for your convenience and the eagle-eyed will notice one match is now missing — any guesses? 🤔 This is because they found they had a clash with another commitment they had to attend.

So, we still have 8 more matches remaining this calendar year (2 AWAY on grass and a further 6 at HOME on real plastic 🧊🧊), including a brand new visitor to our facility in the form of Milton BC on Saturday, 3 October 2026). If you fancy a laugh and stroll about in a relaxed format representing your Club then all you need to do is reply to the individual invitation emails that are sent out prior to each match.

PLEASE NOTE: To receive the invitations you need to be on the 'Friendlies' distribution list. If you are not already on the list just notify [Geeti](#) on 07434 652166 and she will add you to the list, no problem.

After the forthcoming AGM in September I will be announcing a number of changes to our **Friendly Matches Programme for 2027**, hopefully with a view to:

1. Dovetailing smoothly with the superb league commitment that Mike Richardson & Phil Malin have established.
2. Providing some new venues & friends to meet and maybe
3. Changing the frequency/dates of our Friendlies.

To this end I would truly welcome any suggestions/ideas/comments as we move forward. 🙏

Finally, just to say, please do not hesitate to use this Programme to hone your skills and become more familiar with the basic rules or just to have some fun! 🧊🧊

Michael Trippick

2026 FRIENDLY MATCHES PROGRAMME (As of 7 August 2026)				
PLEASE NOTE: The results show the number of rinks won by the opposition first.				
		WEDNESDAY – 18 FEBRUARY		
		FORDINGBRIDGE (H) – START 13:00		
		CANCELLED		
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: 1-4 (WIN)	CANCELLED		Result: 4-1 (LOSS)	
THURSDAY – 2 APRIL	WEDNESDAY – 8 APRIL	SATURDAY – 18 APRIL	THURSDAY – 23 APRIL	WEDNESDAY – 29 APRIL
PETERSFIELD (H) – START 14:00	BRAESIDE (H) – START 14:00	WATERLOOVILLE (A) – START 14:00	EMSWORTH (H) – START 14:00	MEON (A) – GRASS START 14:00
Result: 2-1 (LOSS)	Result: 2-3 (WIN)	Result: 4-1 (LOSS)	Result: 3-1 (LOSS)	Result: 2-2 (WIN)
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 (A) – START 14:00	HAYLING ISLAND (A) – START 14:00
Result: 3-1 (LOSS)	Result: 0-3 (WIN)	Result: 2-1 (LOSS)	CANCELLED	Result: 4-0 (LOSS)
	WEDNESDAY – 10 JUNE	WEDNESDAY – 17 JUNE		SATURDAY – 20 JUNE
	LIPHOOK (A) GRASS – START 14:30	LIPHOOK (H) – START 14:00		WINCHESTER (A) GRASS – START 1400
	CANCELLED	Result: 1-2 (WIN)		Result: 2-1 (LOSS)
WEDNESDAY – 1 JULY	WEDNESDAY – 8 JULY		WEDNESDAY – 15 JULY	
MEON (H) – START 14:00	ARUNDEL (H) – START 14:00		FLEMMING PARK (A) GRASS – START 14:00	
Result: 1 POINT WIN	CANCELLED (Heatwave)		CANCELLED (Heatwave)	
SATURDAY – 1 AUGUST	THURSDAY – 6 AUGUST		SATURDAY – 22 AUGUST	WEDNESDAY – 26 AUGUST
WINCHESTER (H) – START 14:00	ARUNDEL (A) GRASS – START 14:00		ROGATE (A) GRASS – START 14:30	FORDINGBRIDGE (H) – START 14:00
Result: 0-4 (WIN)	Result: 2-2 (DRAW)			
	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	
SATURDAY – 3 OCTOBER	WEDNESDAY – 7 OCTOBER		WEDNESDAY – 21 OCTOBER	
MILTON (H)	LOCKSWOOD (H) – START 14:00		ROGATE (H) – START 14:00	

Bowls Events (3)

COUNTDOWN DASH

Wednesday, 28 July 2026

Our new one-day competition almost didn't happen as too few people were willing to give it a go! Following a number of calls for more participants and some late changes 24 willing bowlers arrived on probably the

hottest day of the summer to play *Countdown Dash*.



A mixed pairs competition with the first round seeing around 9 ends played to reach the required score of 50. After which everyone retreated to our lovely cool, climate-controlled Pavilion for an excellent Ploughman's lunch – prepared by **Chris** and **Richard**.

The winning pairs then played a further game to 40 points which took them 7 ends. At the same time the losing pairs played another game for the first pair to score 50 points in the least number of ends, in our '*Second Chance*' game.

Everyone again retreated from the heat for a break with refreshments and bowls of fruit (strawberries, grapes and melon) to enjoy. The *Second Chance* winners were also presented with their trophies.



***Second Chance* Winners: Mike Richardson & Beryl Bridgeman**

Countdown Dash resumed with the semi-final made up of the 3 round 2 game winners plus the highest losing pair. However, there was no simple way of determining the highest scoring losing pair as all 3 pairs scored exactly 30 points in the 7th end!! The pair going through was pulled out of a hat – sorry to the other pairs who didn't go through.

Given the heat the following rounds were shortened with the semi-final games playing to 25 points and the final to 20 points – this took the winners 3 ends.

Once again everyone moved inside to the cooler temperature and drinks, cake and prizes.

Well done to all those who took part, dealt with the heat and still kept laughing and smiling!!



COUNTDOWN
DASH

Winners: Mark Whitehead & Debbie Martin

Runners Up: David Lougher & Mary Hambrook

Caroline Cahill

Bowls Events (4)

New Scoreboards

Some of you may have already noticed that we are now in possession of some wooden 'vintage' scoreboards, which look attractive, are less likely to be blown over and won't give us electric shocks like the old ones! We have seven scoreboards in total, though some are still in the process of being renovated and converted (feet added). Thanks to Rob Renshaw and Victor Lejasmeiers for their efforts in procuring and renovating them respectively.

Mike Richardson

Coaching

Please remember that coaching (in basic bowling technique) is available, free of charge, to new and existing members alike.

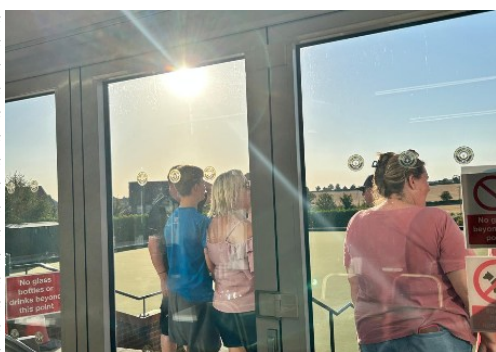
We have three Bowls England Level One coaches
(**Mike Richardson, Nuala Atkey, and Ted McGrath**)
who are happy to provide their services on request.



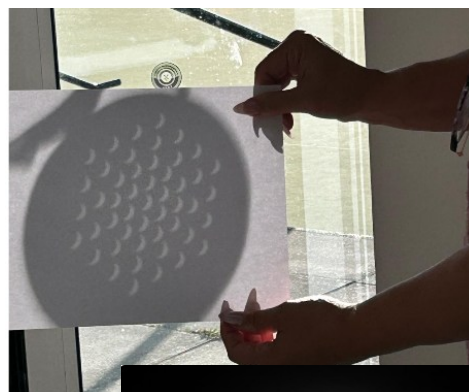
Please contact coaching-01@clanfieldbsc.com if you would like to arrange a coaching session.

Mike Richardson

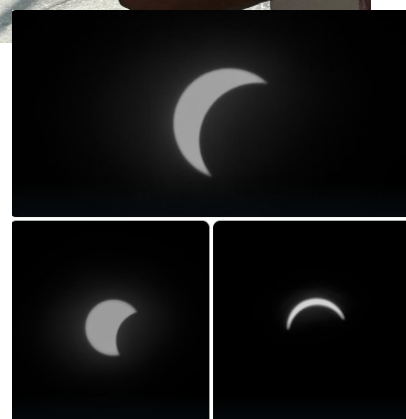
Games Night Special — Solar Eclipse, 12 August 2026



A few photos to mark the most 'dramatic' solar eclipse for 30 years. Next one isn't until 2090!



It may be difficult to see but these are birds on the rinks not bowls!!



Leisure Events

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CALLING ALL BAR-TRAINED MEMBERS...



Calling all bar-trained members — and anyone who would like to be trained!

Have you thought about lending a hand behind the bar at some of our event evenings? Even helping occasionally can make a real difference and helps us to spread the workload among more people.

If you enjoy the social side of Club events and would like to get involved, the *Catering Team* would be delighted to hear from you. Full training can be provided for anyone who would like to learn.



Please get in touch with Chris at chris.stray@clanfieldbsc.com if you're interested.

...AND WE'D LOVE SOME MORE HELP IN THE KITCHEN TOO!

We're also looking for members who would like to get involved with the kitchen and food preparation, helping to support the volunteers who already give their time. You don't need to be an experienced cook — there are lots of different ways to help and we can provide guidance and food-handling training where needed.

If you enjoy the Club's leisure events and Wednesday Games Nights, perhaps you'd like to play a small part in making sure we can continue to run them in the future? Even an occasional helping hand would be very much appreciated.

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

Chris Stray

Upcoming Leisure Events

Recent events have been very well supported and have added important funds to the Club's coffers. We hope that those new members who have come along have enjoyed themselves!

After a break in August the events calendar will pick up again in September and October with:

- 12 September 2026 — Bingo Evening with Yvonne Coonan
- 26 September 2026 — Quiz Night with Helen Glover and Tasha Glover
- 10 October 2026 — Race Night with Mike Eaton

Keep a look out for emails confirming details.

Chris Stray

Picnic in QE Country Park to celebrate end of 3Cs Venture



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 may take place the Monday before).

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

Fundraising Options

Do your online shopping by joining [EASY FUNDRAISING](#) so that the Club benefits from any online shopping you do. If you haven't signed up yet it's easy and completely FREE. 8,100 brands will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to do your everyday online shopping at no extra cost to you. **We have recently received £32.05 from easyfundraising.**

Buy tickets for [EAST HAMPSHIRE COMMUNITY LOTTERY](#) and nominate Clanfield Bowls & Sports Club as your preferred charity.

Get your tickets before Saturday, 29 AUGUST 2026 for your chance to win this month's grand prize — A £2,000 Luxury Holiday or Cash!



Our 'New Website' went live at 16:00, Sunday, 9 August 2026

A few months ago it became clear we had to update the software used for our website so took the opportunity to explore our options and choose a new system. Our first step has been to move the current content to the new system before gradually restructuring it. One *immediate benefit* you'll notice is the way the content is displayed on a phone or a tablet. It's so much easier to read. If you have any thoughts about new information you'd find useful to have on the website please let me know.

Geeti Granger

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