

Arnos Bowling Club

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Looking Back at 2025

The year 2025 proved to be an excellent bowling season for Arnos. Many enthusiastic members took part in both club and inter-club competitions, making it a truly active and enjoyable year.

Congratulations to Meera and Mukesh H, who were awarded *Most Improved Players* for the season — a well-deserved achievement.

We also hosted a successful fundraising event in aid of North London Hospice, attended by the Mayor of Enfield, Margaret Greer. Together, we raised £700 on the day, with additional individual donations bringing the total to an impressive £1,100 for this worthy cause.

Several other fundraising activities throughout the year helped raise much-needed funds for the club. A special thank you goes to our catering team, led by Mayuri Patani, whose team provided with delicious food and played a big part in making these events so successful.

July was a particularly busy month, featuring our Gala Day, attended by five visiting clubs, as well as our ever-popular Pizza Day, which once again proved to be a favourite with members.

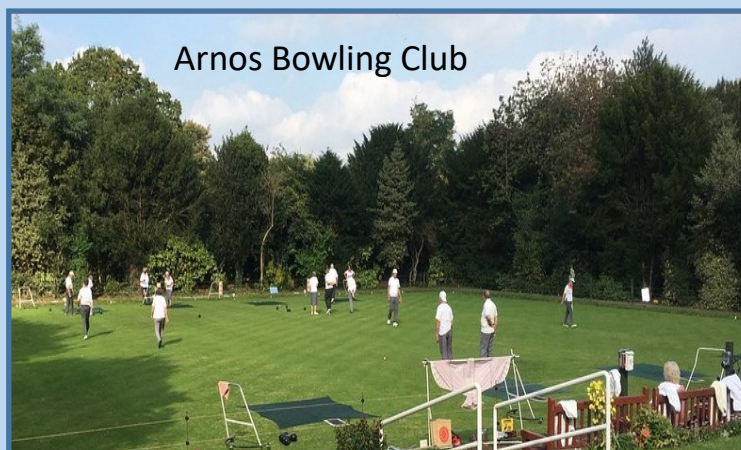
Welcome to 2026

Our 2026 bowling season is fast approaching, and it promises to be another active and exciting year. The green is currently looking much improved, thanks to Bob B. Several fundraising and social events are already in the pipeline, giving us all plenty to look forward to. We have also launched *The Arnos 40 Club*, in which 40 allocated numbers will be entered into a monthly draw, with winners receiving cash prizes.

Over the winter, several important improvements have been made to the club's facilities. The window blinds will be replaced, the clubhouse has been freshly painted, and a new shed has been erected. In addition, a significant amount of maintenance work has been completed under the coordination of Dilip Shah, who has worked closely with Enfield Council throughout the process. Our thanks also go to Mukesh Kumar Shah for providing storage for the club bowls, and to everyone involved behind the scenes for their time, effort, and continued support.

Open Days

We will be holding a Members' Open Day on 18th April, followed by Open Week for the public from 19th to 25th April. New leaflets promoting the Open Days are now available at the clubhouse. If you can help by distributing them to friends, family, and members of the local community, your support would be greatly appreciated.



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Arnos Bowling Club welcomes all to give Bowls a try. Free taster session and additional coaching sessions available. Half price membership fees for new members. Social Members welcome. The game provides good all-round physical activity with the chance to make new friends and enjoy social activities. Our season begins with Open Week on 19th April 2026. Contact details below for enquiries.



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President's Message



As we begin a new season, I'd like to start by expressing our heartfelt thanks to Leslie, who has stepped down after an incredible 32 years with the club. His steady leadership, good humour, and positive spirit have guided the club through many wonderful chapters, and we are all deeply grateful for everything he has done. We wish him the very best for the future and sincerely hope he'll stay closely connected to the club that means so much to him.

I know I have big shoes to fill—Leslie was a natural in this role—but I feel optimistic because our club is in such a strong position. We have an experienced and capable committee, and a membership full of energy, creativity, and enthusiasm. With everyone's support and involvement, I'm confident we'll continue moving forward positively in the years ahead. We have started working on several projects to refresh the clubhouse and improve our facilities. We are hoping these will be complete by 18th April, which is our Open Day.

We also have a full fixture list for the season, including participation in a number of leagues, plenty of friendly matches, and of course, our regular Monday 3-2-1 and Friday fixed short jack sessions. Alongside these, we have a full calendar of social events. I can't wait for the season to start and look forward to seeing everyone back on the green soon.

Avnish Savjani

Club's Secretary's message

As we reflect on the appalling weather we have endured so far this year, we can only hope that the arrival of spring will finally bring some much-needed improvement. With brighter days ahead, there is a growing sense of anticipation as we look forward to returning to outdoor activities and enjoying time on the green once again.

We are now just over four weeks away from our Open Week, which begins on the 19th of April, and preparations are well underway. I know that many of our members are eagerly counting down the days and are looking forward to getting back into the rhythm of regular play and friendly competition.

I am pleased to report that the majority of our members have already renewed their membership, with only a small number of stragglers still to do so. Your continued support is greatly appreciated. It would also be wonderful to see some new faces joining us this season, and I would encourage all members to spread the word about our great club and the welcoming atmosphere we pride ourselves on.

Throughout the winter months, a number of improvements have been carried out around the club, and we hope these will be both noticeable and appreciated. The main area of the clubhouse has been given a fresh coat of paint, with new blinds due to be fitted shortly. Minor upgrades have also been made to the toilet facilities, and we are delighted to have a fantastic new shed to house all of our bowls equipment. These enhancements mark just the beginning of our wider improvement plans, which will continue to be rolled out over the course of the year.

Once again, we have a very full fixture list planned for the season ahead, alongside a variety of social events designed to keep us all busy both on and off the green. There should be something for everyone to enjoy, and we look forward to sharing many good times together.

Finally, I would like to wish you all the very best for the forthcoming season. May it be an enjoyable, successful, and sociable one for everyone involved.

Tony Collard

Key Event Dates for Your Diary

Please take a moment to check the Official Club Calendar for full details, but here are some highlights you won't want to miss:

Club Welcome Dinner

We look forward to welcoming you all as we officially kick off the season on **Tuesday, 21st April**. It's a wonderful opportunity to meet new members, reconnect with friends, and celebrate the start of another great season together.

Monthly Social Dinner Evenings

This season we will be hosting six social dinners, taking place on Mondays following our "321" sessions. These evenings promise great food, relaxed conversation, and a chance to unwind together after play.

Monthly Bridge Tournaments

For those with a competitive streak, our Bridge Tournaments will be held once a month on Sundays. Whether you're playing to win or simply for the enjoyment, all are welcome to join in.

We've worked hard to create a programme that offers a perfect balance of delicious food, good company, and engaging activities. We can't wait to see you all back at the clubhouse!

Bakul Patani (Events co-ordinator)

Get Involved

Remember, the club belongs to all of us. Your support makes a real difference. Help is always needed with maintenance and at social events, so please do lend a hand whenever you can. Together, we can continue to make Arnos a welcoming, successful, and enjoyable club for everyone.

2026 Fixture

We have another full fixture calendar with a couple of friendlies aimed at players without a lot of experience. We are trying a new system for the internal pairs competitions where the first three rounds will be played over specific weekends in May, July and August. (As shown on the fixtures calendar) More details will be sent out nearer the beginning of the season. Please remember if you are not available to play at the finals weekend you should not enter any of the internal competitions. The exceptions being the Inverforth and Mixed Pairs which are one day events

Vicki Mara-Collard (Fixtures Secretary)

Internal Competitions & 321

The new season is only short time away before we need to start organising for the new season, this is to let you know that you will be invited to enter the internal club competitions the same way as last season by entering your names on the form sent out by Tony. C. Hopefully we will get a minimum of 16 entrants minimum for each competition. All the weekend competitions will be open to all full members and will be displayed on the notice board outside alongside the Red Doors, most of the competitions require the following number of entrants 12 .. 16 .. 20 .. 24 .. 28. Any bowler who enters must be in the number range, and maybe unable to play, if there are odd numbers.

The 321 competition is to be updated and amended and will be distributed when it has been rectified by the committee. We will continue with Friday Short Jack. There may be other competitions that could need special arrangements we will not know how to proceed until number of entries are received.

Bob Masini (Competitions Secretary)

League matches

VET's Men's League

Our VET's captain is Avnish Savjani who will manage the above. There are around 15 matches to be played. The team consists of 3 triples and all male players over 60 years can take part, also, Henry Rose league comes under VET's and is played home and away on same day which consists of two triples.

Oakhill League

Dennis Baum will manage the above league. There are around 23 matches to be played. The team consist of 1 mix Triple and is played on every Tuesday morning at Oakhill BC at 10am. There is a limit to how many players can register to play. If we have more than required, then selection committee will make choice of players to be registered to play.

Trophy 2000 League

Dilip Shah our vice men's captain will manage the above league. Five clubs take part in this league. The team consists of 4 mix triples.

Prentice Cup League

Terry Warner will be managing the above. Five clubs take part in this league, and it is played in the evening at 6:15pm. The Team consists of 2 mix Quads, one playing home and one playing away. It's a 2 woods game.

Cornish League

Harsha Savjani our ladies captain will be manage the above. The team consists of 2 mix triples and is played in the evening at 6pm.

E&DLBL League

The team consists of 2 ladies triples. 4 clubs involved playing six matches, 3 home and 3 away.

Briggs League

The team consists of 2 ladies triples, 9 Teams involved.

Men's Captain's message

As we approach the end of March and look ahead to the opening of our new bowling season in April, I'd like to warmly welcome everyone back to Arnos Bowling Club and thank you for being part of our club community. Building on the progress we made last year—with improved results, stronger skills, and great teamwork, I'm confident we're set for another rewarding season ahead. With the continued support of our league managers, the dedication of our players, and the excellent coaching we receive, I'm excited about the opportunities in front of us. Let's embrace the challenges, support one another on and off the green, and most importantly, enjoy our bowling together. Here's to a season filled with good spirit, great matches, and continued growth for Arnos Bowling Club.

Mahesh Shah

Ladies Captain's message

Ladies We look forward to another season of outdoor bowls. I know you are all raring to go and many of you said recently you are ready to play. As before we are part of two leagues: EDLB Parks League. We will play 6 matches against the other 3 teams in the league, one Home and one Away. Each game consists of 2 trips. We finished in second position in this league which leaves room for improvement this season. Brigg League This consists of 9 teams, and the standard of play is even higher than the EDLB. We play each team once with 2 trips involved in every game. This year we will have more games on our home green. Hopefully, we can benefit from a home advantage!

Harsha Savjani

VET's Captain's Message

Vets League The format of the Vets league broadly remains the same as last year. There was a proposal to allow ladies to play in this league, but it was voted against as majority of the clubs, for one reason or another preferred to have it reserved for just men!

There has been a minor rule change which will allow skips to visit the head - maximum of 4 times in a match. Otherwise, all the other rules remain the same. The competition (for Men over 60) starts on Tuesday 12 May 2026. The league consists of 15 clubs in North London. The last match is on Tuesday 18 August 2026, 14 matches in total. Each week there will be one match (3 trips) requiring 9 players.

The matches are scheduled for Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday afternoons starting at 2.00pm, 7 home matches and 7 away matches. They are noted on the fixtures list on our website, which Vicki has worked hard to arrange. Most clubs have a pool of around 15 players for selection for the games plus a list of reserve players and we are planning to do the same.

It's a fun league with plenty to enjoy and it's also a very competitive league - with extra experience and a bit more practice we hope to do better this year. Please let me know if you are interested in playing - if you are happy to be a reserve or would like to play regularly, please advise accordingly. I will then create a specific WhatsApp group for the 2026 Vets League.

Avnish Savjani

Maintenance Officer's message

I am pleased to report that a significant amount of work has been undertaken at the club over the winter months.

Members will notice a number of visible improvements both inside the club house and the surrounding grounds.

In addition to these, a considerable amount of essential work has also been completed behind the scenes to maintain and strengthen the club's infrastructure.

It is my sole responsibility to liaise with the council to ensure that they fulfil their obligations under the terms of the lease. I must say that they have been very cooperative and I have managed to get them to carry out lot of work which had been neglected in the past.

Looking ahead, we have now formed a subcommittee to support future planning and development. Together we will identify priorities, explore opportunities, and carefully plan upcoming projects, for the smooth running and long-term sustainability of the club.

Dilip Shah

Club Work Party

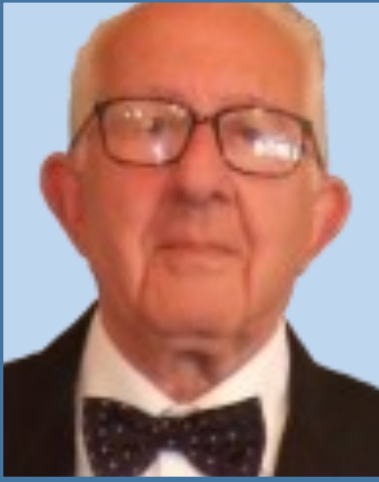
Members have been organised into **seven teams**, each consisting of **between six and eight members**, to ensure the work can be shared efficiently and everyone has a role to play.

There will be a leader in each team.

The work has been divided across **seven key areas around the club**, allowing each team to focus on a particular section and complete the necessary tasks. This approach helps keep the day well organised while ensuring that all parts of the club receive the attention they need.

Work parties are always a great opportunity not only to maintain and improve the club facilities, but also to spend some time together and contribute to the continued upkeep of our club.

Tribute to Leslie Cohen



After years of running the show with plenty of heart, Leslie Cohen is officially stepping down as President of Arnos Bowling Club.

Les has been the face of the club for a long time; he was the club's chief supporter and a master of bringing people together. From representing the club's interests at the Enfield Sports Advisory and Enfield Council Meetings to welcoming newcomers with open arms, he always made sure the club felt like a community.

I worked with Les on the committee for four years, and I saw his way of doing things firsthand. I actually only started out just to help the club secretary for a bit, but Les in his classic persuasive way "voluntold" me that I was the new permanent Secretary! I learned a lot from him during those years, and I've used those lessons in plenty of other parts of my life since.

Les has a lot to be proud of:

- Record Breaker: In 2002, he helped run an epic 36-hour continuous bowling marathon, successfully putting the club on the map with a world record attempt.
- Helping Others: He's always been big on charity, raising heaps of money for the North London Hospice through raffles and events.



Sturdy Hands: Bringing experience from his time as a director at Glebelands Indoor Bowls Club, Leslie provided a steady hand that ensured the club's longevity.

While he is stepping back from the top job, but he won't be a stranger. Les will still be popping up at meetings and events, and I'm sure he'll be sharing advice from his vast experience to make sure the committee stays on the right track.

As the club moves forward under new leadership, Leslie Cohen retires knowing the club is in great shape thanks to him. Happy retirement, Les!

Terry Warner



Dear Members,

It is with sincere gratitude and a little sadness that we pay tribute today to Leslie as he steps down from the presidency of our bowling club.

Leslie has been the backbone of this club during his tenure, leading us with dedication, wisdom, and a true passion for the sport of bowls. Under his leadership, our club has not only thrived on the green but has grown as a community. From fostering a welcoming environment for new members, Leslie's impact will be felt for years to come.