



Newsletter Three – May 2026

WELCOME TO THE ROLL UP REVIEW

Welcome to the latest edition of your club newsletter! The outdoor lawn bowls season is in full swing, and it is fantastic to see the green busy with friendly roll-ups, competitive matches, and enthusiastic faces playing the sport. May has been a busy start to the season here is a review of the month.

WATKINS CUP – Friary Park

Terry, Jitu, and Mahesh had a fantastic run! Arnos were neck and neck with Friary Park the entire tournament.

It all came down to the final end of the last game against Finchley. Arnos were holding 3 shots, but their skip pulled off a miracle with his last bowl to knock one out, meaning we missed the top spot by just one point! It was a beautiful but freezing afternoon. Huge shoutout to Mahesh and Jitu for some brilliant play. Coming in 2nd this early in the season is a great result. Watch out... we're taking the trophy next year!

Regards

Terry

LEADERBOARD		
TEMPLE FORTUNE	4	4
FRIARY PARK	1	10
FINCHLEY	3	5
ARNOS	2	9
BARNET	5	0
BISHOPSWOOD	6	28

Nail-Biting Victory for Arnos in Bridge & Bowls Derby!

What a day of cross-disciplinary competition! The annual Bridge and Bowls match between Arnos and Winchmore Hill lived up to its reputation, delivering a brilliantly close and nail-biting contest right down to last card played.

When all the points were tallied, Arnos managed to clinch the overall match victory by a razor-thin margin of just 7 IMPs, finishing with 41–34 victory over our local rivals. Arnos bowled well but were beaten in bowls by 17 shots winning on one rink and losing on the second but won the Bridge play

A massive thank you goes out to Winchmore Hill for their outstanding hospitality throughout the day. It was a wonderful atmosphere both on and off the field, and we are already looking forward to returning the favour when we host them at Arnos next year. Huge congratulations to everyone who played and represented the club so brilliantly. Let's keep this winning momentum going!

Regards

Bakul



George Christofides Trophy – Fixed Jack Competition

This was the second year of the George Christofides Trophy, held on Saturday 23 May.

George, a valued member of our club, sadly passed away on 28 December 2022. In his memory, his daughter Anna kindly sponsored this competition, first introduced last year and open to all playing members. This year, 28 members took part.

The event was very well organised. Bob Masini and Tony Collard put together an excellent spreadsheet to clearly allocate groups and rinks. In the lead-up to the day, Bob, with help from Betty, prepared the green with carefully measured jack positions.

Players were divided into groups of four, with everyone playing three matches of six ends. As part of the format, players also took turns acting as markers, which was a new experience for some.

Betty and Alan both reached the final after winning all three of their matches. The weather was kind to us—dry and sunny—and the green was in great condition. With players dressed in their whites, it made for a lovely scene.

The final itself was enjoyable and closely watched, with Alan emerging as the winner.

The day ran smoothly, with timings working well and allowing everyone time to relax, have lunch, and catch up before presentations at around 4:00 pm.

We were delighted that Anna was able to attend and watch the final. During her visit, Dilip showed her the improvements made to the club ahead of the season, including the new shed with a concrete base, interior painting of the clubhouse, new lockers, taps, and blinds.

Avnish introduced Anna to members and thanked her for her continued generosity and support. In addition to sponsoring the trophy with an annual £500 donation, Anna also made a very generous contribution of £7,000 in 2025.

Anna then presented the trophy to Alan and Betty. She said how pleased she was to attend and confirmed that she would continue her sponsorship in future years. We will include this event again in next year's fixtures.

Finally, thanks go to everyone who helped behind the scenes to make the day such a success, as well as to all who took part.

Regards

Avnish



CLUB CAPTAINS NEWS & UPDATES

Men's Captain's Report (Mahesh)

A big thank you to all our league managers for the excellent job they continue to do in managing their portfolios. Considerable time and effort goes into organising teams for practices and matches, coordinating player availability, and ensuring everything runs smoothly.

Their dedication, commitment, and hard work behind the scenes are greatly appreciated and continue to play a key role in the success of our men's section.

Ladies Captain Update (Harsha)

The ladies have got off to a good start in the Brigg league against Bury Lodge where we played a triple and a pair. We had a most enjoyable afternoon, and Arnos won on both rinks. 25:2 and 14:12. It is always a joy when we have won all round.

Friendly v Grovelands.

We were all set with 12 ladies ready to play. So, it was quite disappointing when they let us know that they could only manage 6 players on two rinks. On the day they brought 5 ladies and a man! This was a surprise! We won on one rink and they won the other.

We have a challenging week coming up at the beginning of June with 3 matches in 3 days. However, the Arnos ladies are amazing they have already been rearranging their work schedules so that they are available for the games. Thank you all for your commitment.

CLUB NEWS & FIXTURES

Oak Hill Update (Dennis)

Arnos team name is Sonar, our current standing in the league is 9 after 4 games played.

OAK HILL BOWLS CLUB OPEN TRIPLES LEAGUE 2026												
Results and League Table after first matches played on 26.5.26												
Rink 1	Team 2	Hive of Excellence	beat	Team 14	Loughton Orient	13-6						
Rink 2	Team 3	Scorpions	beat	Team 15	Coasters	16-2						
Rink 3	Team 4	Oak Hill Nomads	beat	Team 16	Ever Hopefuls	13-1						
Rink 4	Team 1	The Rock and Bowlers	beat	Team 13	Stannmore Jacks	7-5						
Rink 5	Team 6	Wicked Wickers	beat	Team 10	Sonar	6-5						
Rink 6	Team 7	Pelicans	beat	Team 11	Great Bowls of Fire	11-5						
Rink 7	Team 12	The Lawn Rangers	drew	Team 8	Cockfosters Lions	7-7						
Rink 8	Team 9	Frank's Followers	beat	Team 5	Bushy Oak	12-7						
Division 1												
Position	Team No.	Team Name	P	W	D	L	NR	Shots	Shots	Shots	Diff	
1	6	Oak Hill Nomads	4	4	0	0	0	90	27	63		
2	9	Frank's Followers	4	3	0	1	0	78	44	34		
3	12	The Lawn Rangers	4	3	1	0	0	72	42	30		
4	7	Pelicans	4	3	0	1	0	61	58	3		
5	3	Scorpions	4	2	0	2	0	70	47	23		
6	11	Great Bowls of Fire	4	2	0	2	0	65	42	23		
7	1	The Rock and Bowlers	4	3	0	1	0	55	57	-2		
8	2	Hive of Excellence	4	2	0	2	0	83	43	40		
9	10	Sonar	4	2	1	1	0	47	43	4		
10	5	Bushy Oak	4	2	0	2	0	59	59	0		
11	6	Wicked Wickers	4	2	0	2	0	36	66	-30		
12	8	Cockfosters Lions	4	1	1	2	0	47	55	-8		
13	13	Stannmore Jacks	4	1	0	3	0	38	68	-30		
14	16	Ever Hopefuls	4	0	1	3	0	33	65	-32		
15	14	Loughton Orient	4	0	0	4	0	39	76	-37		
16	15	Coast	4	0	0	4	0	32	83	-51		

Cornish Cup (Harsha)

So far, we have played Muswell Hill the holders of the shield and lost both rinks. 12:23 and 12:24. Then came Grovelands when we won on both rinks. 24:8 and 26:10. So the scene is set for a good season ahead.

Prentice Cup Practice (Terry)

Dedicated practice ends for the Prentice Cup squad will run on Tuesday evenings, our first game will be on the 9th of June against Cockfosters.

Trophy 2000 (Dilip P Shah)

We played our first match against Holtwhites on Wednesday 27th May 2026. The game was very competitive. We won on two Rinks and Holtwhites won on the other two. Overall Holtwhites won the match by only 6 points.

This shows the how our players have upped their game, so well done team. You did us proud.

Last year we finished 2nd in the league table. We have three more matches to play and if we carry on with the current trend then I have every confidence that we could end up taking the Trophy this year!?

CLUB HIGHLIGHTS & UPDATES

Committee Corner

Update from your committee – The Club will not be charging for tea and biscuits, as these refreshments will be generously donated by several club members.

We are pleased to announce that Bharat Haria has been appointed as the Club's new Green Keeper. In this role, Bharat will represent the interests of the greens team and provide regular updates and reports at Committee meetings.

The Club has also benefited from the generosity of a donor who has kindly provided a new cordless vacuum cleaner.

Volunteer Call-out

Please ensure you are attending your group's work parties to ensure our club is in tip-top condition for us to play the game we love.

VET's Update (Avnish)

Captain's Interim Report – Vets League (as of 30 May 2026)
The Vets League season got underway in mid-May, and we have now completed four of our scheduled fourteen matches, comprising two home fixtures and two away. It is still early days, but the start has been very encouraging and, above all, thoroughly enjoyable. The squad has shown great support for one another, both on and off the green, which has contributed to a positive and cohesive team spirit. We are also pleased to note that our club continues to gain recognition within the local bowling community. We are increasingly seen as a friendly side with a great deal of potential, and this growing reputation reflects the attitude and commitment of everyone involved. Looking ahead, our aim is to build on last year's performance.

CLUB MAINTENANCE

Since the opening of the Club this year we haven't had much chance of doing any work. This is because this year in particular we have a very busy season with matches being played almost every other day either home or away.

However, we are continually looking ways to improve facilities in our club. For instance, we noticed that we did not have an outside tap at the club house, so we had one installed the other day. This will now make life much easier to water the gardens.

We also have other works in the pipeline. We will notify you as and when they are done via our newsletter.

Regards

Dilip P Shah



GREEN KEEPERSTIPS

It has been a great pleasure working with Bob Bryant. I have learnt a few things on how to maintain a healthy bowling lawn. I still have a lot to learn from him though! Thank you to everyone who has helped me over the last few weeks. I would like to mention a couple of things that I think will help in the future.



Changing Rink Direction

Bakul has put a chart on the noticeboard showing the colour of the rink and the date the rinks must be changed. It would be appreciated if the chart is followed rigidly and if this could be done the previous evening or on the day.

Healthy lawn, Happy members!

Regards

Bharat Haria

Social Events – Don't Miss Out!

Our social events continue to be incredibly popular, and it's fantastic to see so many members coming together in a relaxed and friendly environment. They're a great opportunity to catch up, meet new people, and enjoy the club/community outside of the usual routine.

Keep an eye out for upcoming events and make sure you don't miss out—places can fill up quickly! We look forward to seeing even more of you there and continuing to build such a vibrant and welcoming atmosphere.



CLUB INTERNAL COMPETITIONS

Pairs Matches

Pairs Games are being played the idea of reserving weekend for the matches so far has been a success and many thanks for everyone participating.

Reminder - rounds 1 & 2 should be played on weekends of 17/5, 25/7 & 22/8

Ladies and Men's Championship

Reminder – rounds Prelim & Round 1 should be played by 7/6

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Club Championship

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Murray Cup

Reminder – Round 1 should be played by 7/6

ARNOS BOWLING CLUB

JUNE CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

1	Mon	3-2-1 Competition	15	Mon	3-2-1 Competition
2	Tues	OAK HILL BC Open League v Bushey Oak	15	Mon	Social Evening
2	Tues	VETS – Cockfosters	16	Tues	OAK HILL BC Open League v Pelicans
3	Wed	Bowls & Bridge – Grovelands	16	Tues	PRENTICE CUP v Winchmore Hill
3	Wed	E&DLBL – Grovelands	17	Wed	VETS – Oakhill
4	Thurs	BRIGG – Cockfosters	17	Wed	E&DLBL – Bury Lodge –
4	Thurs	FRIENDLY – Cockfosters (newish players)	18	Thurs	BRIGG League – Selborne
4	Thurs	CORNISH – Hornsey	19	Fri	Friday Short Jack Competition
5	Fri	BRIGG – Holtwhites	20	Sat	Inverforth Cup
5	Fri	HENRY ROSE – Finchley	22	Mon	3-2-1 Competition
6	Sat	Short Jack Competition	23	Tues	OAK HILL BC Open League v Frank's Followers
7	Sun	FRIENDLY – Woodcock Park	23	Tues	PRENTICE CUP v Barnet
8	Mon	3-2-1 Competition	24	Wed	FRIENDLY – Finchley Victoria
9	Tues	OAK HILL BC Open League v Coasters	25	Thurs	CORNISH – Finsbury Park
9	Tues	PRENTICE CUP v Cockfosters	26	Fri	Friday Short Jack Competition
10	Wed	VETS – North London	27	Sat	Mixed Pairs Competition
11	Thurs	CORNISH – Bury Lodge	28	Sun	Bridge Meeting – NB. No bowling
11	Thurs	FRIENDLY – Temple Fortune	29	Mon	3-2-1 Competition
12	Fri	Friday Short Jack Competition	30	Tues	OAK HILL BC Open League v The Lawn Rangers
13	Sat	FRIENDLY – Bush Hill Park	30	Tues	PRENTICE CUP v Mill Hill

A bit of bowling Fun!

A bit of fun while you're not bowling, complete the wordsearch below and place in the box in the club house the winner will get a mention in next month's newsletter



Arnos Bowling Club's Puzzle Corner

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