



Newsletter Four – June 2026

WELCOME TO THE ROLL UP REVIEW

The sunshine has finally arrived and so has the annual challenge of trying not to melt on the green. With the hot weather turning our bowls into runaway missiles, please remember to stay hydrated, slap on the sun cream, and pretend you're enjoying it. We've got a full fixtures list lined up for a cracking summer—plenty of matches, plenty of laughs, and hopefully only a few sunburnt foreheads. Enjoy our June newsletter!

HOSTING WOODCOCK

On 7 June, Arnos Bowling Club hosted Woodcock Bowling Club for our annual fixture. This is the only match of the season that is played on both a home-and-away basis and attracts the largest number of participants from both clubs.

A total of 36 players from Arnos and 22 players from Woodcock took part in the match. The game was divided into two sessions, with each rink playing 10 ends per session, making a total of 20 ends.

The match commenced on schedule and was well supported by spectators from both clubs. At the conclusion of the first session, players and supporters enjoyed a tea break, during which a selection of delicious homemade cakes was served.



Woodcock emerged victorious, winning four rinks to Arnos's two. Following the match, refreshments were served, after which everyone enjoyed a wonderful dinner prepared by our club ladies. The meal was greatly appreciated by all who attended.



INVERFORTH CUP

The Inverforth Cup took place on 20th June, with 20 members competing. In the absence of Bob Masini, who had a prior commitment, I was asked to organise this year's competition, which was done with the help of Nalin and Lesley.

We were fortunate to enjoy beautiful weather throughout the day, and volunteers arrived early to assist with setting up and preparing the green. Matches began promptly at 10:00 a.m. Twenty members took part and were divided into groups of four, with each player competing in three matches of six ends. A total of six rounds were played, with a lunch break after the fourth round. When not playing, all participants helped with marking duties.

At the end of the group stages, we had four players with the maximum of 6 points. So the ends won became crucial and 2 players totaled 13 and 2 players totaled 12. This meant the final was between James and Laurie who was a late substitute for Beryl. It was a close match of 8 ends with the cup being won by Laurie.

Both the Inverforth Cup and the Runners Up Shield were presented to Laurie and James respectively by Ulla.

Congratulations to Laurie and James, and a big thank you to everyone who helped to make this day enjoyable and successful. A special thank you to Lesley, as both myself and Nalin were playing in this competition, most of the match score keeping on the day was done by Lesley. Thank you also to Bob Masini for his advice and expertise in the planning for this event.

Regards

Siripa



Who's Inverforth?

Find out further on
in the newsletter

CLUB CAPTAINS NEWS & UPDATES

Men's Captain's Report (Mahesh)

This season we have a total of **98 matches** scheduled against other clubs. They are made up as follows:

- **Men's:** 16 Veterans matches and 1 friendly match
- **Ladies:** 17 League matches and 2 friendly matches
- **Mixed:** 48 League matches and 14 friendly matches

Unfortunately, we had to cancel one mixed friendly match, and another had to be reduced by one triple due to a lack of players availability. Next season we will have fewer mixed friendly matches.

Overall, participation in both league and friendly matches has improved compared with last season, which is encouraging. Thank you to everyone who has supported the club by making themselves available to play. With plenty of fixtures still to come, I hope we can build on this progress and see even **more members taking part**. The more players we have available, the easier it is to field strong teams and ensure everyone enjoys their bowling.

Finally, I would like to thank our team managers—**Avnish, Dennis, Dilip, Harsha, and Terry**—for all their hard work and commitment in organising and managing our league matches throughout the season. Your time and dedication are greatly appreciated.

Ladies Captain Update (Harsha)

EDLB.

We have only played 3 games and scored 17 out of a possible 18. So a great start.

BRIGG

So far 4 games have been played. Out of a possible 24 points we have scored 20 ! This tournament will get tougher as we still have Winchmore Hill Potters Bar and Grovelands to come.

VET's Update (Avnish)

Last 5 Vets league games: "A Balanced Perspective"

These matches have offered a familiar mix of satisfying victories and character-building defeats.

Our win against Finchley Etchingham was a fine display of skill and judgement—proof, that experience and technique do indeed count. Everything seemed to fall into place just as planned.

The matches against Cockfosters, North London and Oakhill, however, reminded us that bowls can be influenced by many external factors. The green proved "interesting," the conditions less than helpful, and the opposition particularly sharp on the day.

A close contest at Holtwhites showed both sides of the game, with moments of excellent play alongside the occasional reminder that bowls does not always follow expectations.

It is perhaps no surprise that we tend to credit our successes to ability, while defeats are shared more widely among conditions, luck, and circumstance. Bowls, after all, keeps us grounded as much as it keeps us active.

Whatever the results, these games have been enjoyable, sociable, and—as ever—full of reasons to look forward to the next one.

It is a curious and rather comforting pattern: when we win, it is down to our skill, teamwork, and years of experience; when we lose, we are reminded of the green, the weather, the opposition, and the occasional stroke of misfortune. Bowls, it seems, keeps both our egos and our excuses in excellent condition!

CLUB NEWS & FIXTURES

Cornish Cup (Harsha)

We are currently in 4th position, however the picture is unclear as we have only played 3 games and some clubs have played 4 and 5 games. So we need to keep plugging away so long as we can win well on one rink we are in with a shout.

Prentice Cup Practice (Terry)

In June we played 4 of our 5 games in the prentice cup with a few wins which has seen us towards the top end of the league table, a lot is resting on the last matches on 7th July to see where we finish and if we can get through to next stage.

The team has played really well and I thank them for their contributions.

CLUB HIGHLIGHTS & UPDATES

Club Maintenance

Members may have already noticed that at the beginning of June we installed a series of sensor lights to the front and both sides of the Club house.

These lights are not only there for safety purposes, but it also enhances the facade of the clubhouse during the night as can be seen in the picture. We can now all enjoy having a glass of Red or two... in the flood light during our summer evening functions.

Also in June, I managed to get the council to replace the tube lights in the hallway of our clubhouse with LED lights. This work according to our lease is our responsibility and would have costed us £680 if we had to pay for it. I am continuing to negotiate with the Council regarding other works and will keep you updated as and when we have some news.

Regards

Dilip P Shah

Green Keepers Tips

Recently the green was treated with summer granular feed and the green was closed for the day. The green was irrigated throughout the day after the treatment. I would like to thank Nalin, Pankaj, Vimal M for helping. Charlie suggested that we treat the green with fertilizer again to get rid of the yellow/dry patches.

On my request, Charlie from ASM provided score cards which I really appreciate.

Regards

Bharat Haria.

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.



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 25/7 & 22/8

Ladies and Men's Championship

Reminder – Round 2 to be completed by 5/7 - Round 3 should be played by 2/8

Ladies and Men's 2 Woods

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Club Championship

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Murray Cup

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ARNOS BOWLING CLUB

JULY CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

1	Wed	GREEN CLOSED	17	Fri	Friday Short Jack Competition
1	Wed	E&DLBL – Bush Hill Park	19	Sun	ARNOS GALA DAY
1	Wed	VETS – Holtwhites	20	Mon	3-2-1 Competition
2	Thurs	PRENTICE CUP v Barnet	21	Tues	OAK HILL BC Open League v The Rock and Bowlers
3	Fri	Friday Short Jack Competition	21	Tues	VETS – Winchmore Hill
4	Sat	FRIENDLY – Bush Hill Park	21	Tues	PRENTICE CUP – Semi-Final
6	Mon	3-2-1 Competition	22	Wed	E&DLBL – Grovelands
7	Tues	OAK HILL BC Open League v Scorpions	23	Thurs	CORNISH – Hornsey
7	Tues	PRENTICE CUP v Selborne	24	Fri	Friday Short Jack Competition
9	Thurs	CORNISH – Muswell Hill	25	Sat	Club Pairs Competitions
10	Fri	Friday Short Jack Competition	26	Sun	Club Pairs Competitions
11	Sat	ALEXANDRA TROPHY – CANCELLED	27	Mon	3-2-1 Competition
11	Sat	Mixed Pairs Competition	28	Tues	OAK HILL BC Open League v Hive of Excellence
12	Sun	Bridge	28	Tues	FRIENDLY – Friary Park
13	Mon	3-2-1 Competition	29	Wed	VETS – Bury Lodge
13	Mon	Social Evening	29	Wed	FRIENDLY – Bishopswood
14	Tues	OAK HILL BC Open League v Oak Hill Nomads	30	Thurs	BRIGG – Bush Hill Park
14	Tues	TROPHY 2000 – Cockfosters	30	Thurs	CORNISH – Bury Lodge
15	Wed	VETS – Broomfield	31	Fri	Friday Short Jack Competition
16	Thurs	CORNISH – Grovelands			

A bit of Southgate History

Inverforth Gate is a historic entrance located in Southgate, North London, presented by Andrew Weir, 1st Baron Inverforth, to the local residents on October 10, 1925. The title "Baron Inverforth of Southgate" was granted to the prominent Scottish shipping magnate in 1919, tying the prominent industrialist to the area.



Inverforth Gate at
entrance to
Grovelands Park

Lord Inverforth had a deep historical footprint in Southgate. He famously purchased the **Arnos Grove estate** in the 1920s. He later sold the southern 44 acres of this land to the Southgate Urban District Council in 1928 to establish **Arnos Park**, and sold the remaining lands for housing developments. The grand Arnos Grove mansion itself was also repurposed and eventually became the **Southgate Beaumont Care Home**



The Rt. Hon. Lord Inverforth, P.C

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