



## Fairfield 'Jack'

# Fairfield Bowls Club Newsletter – February 2026



## To All Members of Fairfield Bowls Club

Welcome to the February 2026 edition of Fairfield Jack Newsletter

### Review of 2025 – Yet Another Successful Year

As we reflect on the 2025 season, there is much to celebrate from competitive success on the green to camaraderie shared off it. This has been a year that has showcased the spirit of Fairfield Bowls Club. Great performances, memorable matches, dedication of members, volunteers and supporters alike have made 2025 a year to be proud of. Thank you to everyone who contributed to making it such a success. Lets continue the momentum in 2026.



## 2025 Season Summary – Men’s Report (Paul Anderson)

What a season it was. Over the past five years Fairfield Bowls Club has celebrated many “firsts” but 2025 took us to an entirely new level. It clearly demonstrated the growth of the club, and more importantly, the increasing commitment in “playing for the Club.” At a time when many clubs are heading in the opposite direction, the spirit and dedication stand out as something special.

### Club Representative Bowling Performance:

#### County 2 Rink League - Division I Champions

Following our promotion from Division 2 in the previous year, we went one better this season and won league Division 1. Well done to all involved, we triumphed over top opposition including Meltis, Potton and Sandy Conservative Club.

#### East Beds Triples League – A Team Division 2 Champions

Another great season for the A Team, captained by Paul Anderson. Won 12 and only losing two matches all season - a fantastic result.

#### Division 2

Pos	Team	P	W	L	D	For	Against	Diff	Pts
1	Fairfield 'A'	14	12	2	0	534	338	196	24
2	Maulden 'A'	14	11	3	0	534	399	135	22
3	Gt Barford 'A'	14	8	6	0	477	472	5	16
4	Ampthill 'A'	14	6	8	0	446	480	-34	12
5	Maulden 'B'	14	6	8	0	414	465	-51	12
6	Henlow 'B'	14	5	9	0	421	478	-57	10
7	Shefford 'B'	14	4	10	0	425	491	-66	8
8	Henlow 'A'	14	4	10	0	425	553	-128	8

## East Beds Triples League - B Team

Following promotion last season the objective for the B Team, captained by John Clench, was to consolidate our position in Division 4. This was comfortably achieved – well done to all who played. Won 7, Lost 7

### Division 4

Pos	Team	P	W	L	D	For	Against	Diff	Pts
1	Holwell	14	10	4	0	494	420	74	20
2	Stotfold 'C'	14	9	5	0	500	407	93	18
3	Flitwick 'A'	14	8	6	0	488	420	68	16
4	Fairfield 'B'	14	7	7	0	431	456	-25	14
5	St Andrews 'B'	14	7	7	0	437	465	-28	14
6	Riverain	14	7	7	0	427	459	-32	14
7	St Andrews 'C'	14	5	9	0	416	450	-34	10
8	Amphill 'B'	14	3	11	0	361	477	-116	6

## East Beds Triples League - C Team Division 6 Champions

For the first time in our history we successfully entered a third team in this league. Captained by Roy Dallas this was a great team performance finishing as champions. Well done all C Team players. Won 8 Lost 4

### Division 6

Pos	Team	P	W	L	D	For	Against	Diff	Pts
1	Fairfield 'C'	12	8	4	0	428	369	59	16
2	Potton 'D'	12	8	4	0	403	366	37	16
3	Stotfold 'D'	12	7	5	0	407	388	19	14
4	Sandy Town 'C'	12	6	6	0	390	394	-4	12
5	Henlow 'C'	12	5	7	0	389	384	5	10
6	Flitwick 'C'	12	5	7	0	362	410	-48	10
7	Amphill 'C'	12	3	9	0	313	381	-68	6

## East Beds Triples Knock-out Cup

The A Team won through to the third round but lost to St Andrews C

The B Team lost in the first round to Henlow C

The C Team lost in the second round to Maulden A

## **East Beds Champion of Champions**

Having comprehensively beaten Gt Barford A in the preliminary round, the A Team lost to Sandy Conservative Club in round 1

The B Team lost to Maulden E in their first round match

The A and C teams will be entered into the EBL Champion of Champions for 2026 following their success in 2025.

## **National Top Club**

A strong run in this competition with great wins away to Kempston Hammers and at home to Linslade, eventually losing to Sharnbrook the eventual winners by one point. The most pleasing aspect of this run was the participation of players from all three of our East Beds League teams including one junior, Josh McInerney.

## **Pell Shield and National 2 Fours**

Beaten in the early rounds of these competitions but nevertheless valuable experience for our club.

## **Tony Allcock 2 x Mixed Fours**

For the first time this season we managed to progress beyond the first round but beaten in the second round.

## **Other Representative County/ National Games**

Fairfield was very well represented in County and National competitions in 2025. Congratulations to Steve Muir for his excellent run in men's singles and for reaching the National Mixed Pairs quarter finals with Stella Wilson.

Bev Stevenson, Linda Albone and Teresa Hazelwood entered the County Benevolent Ladies Triples Knockout competition for the first time and reached the finals eventually losing by just two shots in a very hard fought game.

Paul Anderson was beaten in the National Champion of Champions Singles area final.

## Crawley Triples

Congratulations to Brian Rawson, Steve Muir and Paul Anderson for winning the prestigious Crawley Triples County Competition



## 2025 Season Summary - Ladies

Our ladies Captain, Teresa Hazelwood, is taking a well-deserved sabbatical in 2026. We wish our new ladies captain, Lindsey Hodgson, the very best of luck for the coming season, may it be a great year – we're all behind you.

# East Beds League

The A Team, captained by Teresa Hazelwood, consolidated their position in Division 1 following their promotion in the previous season.

The B Team, captained by Di Parry, narrowly missed out on promotion from Division 3.

## League Table Division 1

### League Table Division 3

Pos	Team	P	W	L	D	For	Against	Diff	Pts
1	Stotfold A	10	8	2	0	379	253	126	31
2	Sandy Town	10	5	4	1	356	305	51	27
3	Fairfield B	10	6	3	1	357	262	95	26.5
4	Shefford B	10	4	6	0	285	385	-100	15
5	Maulden A	10	4	6	0	294	366	-72	11.5
6	Flitwick A	10	2	8	0	248	348	-100	9

### Hitchin Mid-Week League (Triples)

Once again we entered a team into this league in 2025 and out of the 6 teams playing, Fairfield finished in 3<sup>rd</sup> place. A total of 8 players were used over the season enjoying competitive matches in a friendly environment. Thank you to Neil Stevenson for organising this competition.

### Hitchin Midweek Bowls League Season 2025

<u>Team</u>	<u>No Matched played</u>	<u>Matches Won</u>
Hitchin Kevin	8	7
Hitchin Mike	8	6
Fairfield	9	4
Bowrings	8	4
Brookers	7	4
Letchworth Conservative Club	8	1

### Internal Club Competitions

<b>Competition</b>	<b>Winner</b>	<b>Runner/s Up</b>
<b>Men's Singles</b>	Andy Hodgson	Steve Muir
<b>Women's Singles</b>	Siobhan McCabe	Lindsey Hodgson
<b>Handicap Singles</b>	Siobhan McCabe	Dave Patient
<b>Men's Pairs</b>	Paul Anderson Steve Muir	Brian Rawson Colin Griffin
<b>Ladies Pairs</b>	Siobhan McCabe Lindsey Hodgson	Sharon McInnes Teresa Hazelwood
<b>Mixed Pairs</b>	Stuart Pater Teresa Hazelwood	Liz Maden Dennis Dear
<b>Stan Lambert Trophy</b>	Jerry Bygraves Teresa Hazelwood	
<b>Mixed Triples</b>	Lesley Charles Andy Hodgson Jason Clarke	Diane Parry Bob Robinson Andy Philpott
<b>Junior Singles</b>	Not Completed	

**Congratulations to all the competition winners**

## 2025 Fairfield Bowls Club Presentation Dinner

The club presentation evening in October was very well attended. This was an opportunity to congratulate all the club competition winners and, not only that, enjoy fine food and camaraderie. Thank you to our catering team, Simon Parry on bar duty and Paul Anderson for making it a great occasion.



A selection of photos from the presentation evening

## Junior Section

The past year has been encouraging for our Junior members. Participation levels remained steady, skills development improved and the enthusiasm shown by our junior players continues to be a highlight of the club.

Josh McInerney and Noah Rogers participated in the Men's East Beds and County 2 Rink leagues.

Josh Shelley, Josh McInerney and Noah Rogers were selected to play for Bedfordshire in the White Rose Trophy. This is a great achievement for our Club and they acquitted themselves well against international, national and county players.



Josh Shelly Josh McInerney Noah Rogers – White Rose Trophy 2025

Noah Rogers was named 2025 Junior Player of the Season

Weekly coaching sessions took place throughout the season although the Club recognises that we need to focus more on coaching to improve skills, consistency and tactical awareness.

The support of volunteer coaches and club members is essential to provide our juniors guidance and encouragement both on and off the green. Hopefully we can get more support this coming season.

Thanks goes to Stella Wilson for her dedication and encouragement with the junior section over the season.

## Club Friendly Matches

Friendly matches were very well supported again this season. More often than not we were oversubscribed with members wishing to play. The results are summarised as follows:

Matches played 28, Matches won 18, Matches lost 9, Matches drawn 1  
Matches cancelled 3

## The Green Team

Our call for volunteers to 'Put the Green to Bed' over three days in September was well supported. The green was scarified, slit tined, over seeded and treated with various soil conditioners and fertilisers. Thanks to all those who took part and helped on the green, the surrounding areas, the clubhouse and of course, the catering. Your support is greatly appreciated.

In addition to the thanks given to all those that helped we must thank the Green Team who played such a large part in maintaining the Green throughout the season. Their work continues over the winter months usually once or twice a week, weather permitting. Their contribution to the success of Fairfield Bowls Club is recognised by all our members.

We are always desperate for help on the green and general maintenance throughout the year. There is always something to do. Please contact John Turner if you are able to contribute in any way.

## Social Matters

What a busy and successful year. The Social Committee have worked extremely hard organising successful events, including Burns Night, St Georges Day, Karaoke, Presentation Evening and the Christmas Disco. In addition barbeques and not to mention catering for home friendly matches. Their contribution to the success of Fairfield is very much appreciated.



Another successful Burns Night – January 2026

## Coffee Mornings

Coffee mornings take place every second Thursday of every month at 11.00am throughout the year. These are very well supported. Why not pop along to the clubhouse and enjoy freshly brewed coffee, homemade cakes and friendly banter.

## Club Nights

These usually take place in the close season on the first Friday of the month. Pop along for fun, games and food.

## Future Events

Bingo Night with “Tear & Share” food. Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February

## Important Dates for your Diary

AGM Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March 11.00

Signing on Day Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> April from 10.00

A full fixture list for 2026 will be issued in due course

## Finally – Just for Fun

Can you identify the players and competition:

