

Yorkshire Bowling Association

Well...that was an interesting month wasn't it? The results of both the Yorkshire votes and the Countrywide votes for the 19 BE Proposals for Competitions have been well documented and circulated to all clubs.

A message from Jon Cockcroft - CEO, Bowls England

"With the nature of a majority vote, we appreciate there will be different perspectives on how the results panned out for your County. That said, let's now rally around the outcome of the AGM and work together to make the very best of the fantastic competitions programme we have in front of us. There's plenty of opportunity for everyone to enter, play and enjoy a variety of national competitions, much more clarity about what we're trying to achieve through the new programme and a platform to work more collaboratively in areas such as marketing, competition management and talent development."

The Executive Committee will be working closely with our County Competition Secretaries to understand what this means to us as a County for 2025. This will be documented and sent to you all in due course.

For now, the Ladies' and Men's Competition Secretaries are working hard on this year's packed programme. The ladies' draws have already been made and are available on the website. The men's draws are taking place on Tuesday 5th March. The draw for the Top Club is also available on the website.

The Team Managers are busy with the selection process for the Inter-County Matches. So, another exciting year, let's hope we get some dry, sunny weather.

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Upcoming Events

March 11

Week of Learning

All the details of these popular webinars can be found on the Bowls England website.

<https://www.bowlsengland.com/grow-your-club-with-our-march-week-of-learning/>

Another Date for the Ladies' Diary

The Ladies' May Bowl will be held on Wednesday 22nd May, at Copmanthorpe Bowling Club.

Any ladies from any affiliated club are invited to come along.

A great opportunity for ladies to meet others who also have an interest in our sport.

Always a fun packed afternoon of bowling and an after game social chat over tea.



Word Search

This month's Word Search is in the 'easy' category. Definitely no reason to look at the answers on the last page!

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 RULES DELIVER

Junior Development Sessions and International Trials

Nominations for Bowls England International Trials and Junior Development Day in May are now open and junior players will be showcasing their skills under the watchful of the selectors as they bid for spots in the upcoming international fixtures this summer.

Players and counties have until **Wednesday 20th March** to get their nominations in as part of our commitment to providing opportunities for international representation.

The dates and more information can be found on the BE website:

<https://www.bowlsengland.com/junior-development-sessions-international-trials/>



Bowls England Celebration Matches

Any club requesting a BE Celebration Match need to apply before end of February the preceding year. Therefore any clubs looking for a game in 2026 have just over a year to apply and start planning.

There are several clubs with anniversaries coming up, some have missed the deadline for BE involvement, but if you would like any support with your celebrations, please get in touch.

I think these dates are correct - unless you tell me otherwise!

Northallerton founded in 1900

Thirsk founded c1901 - celebrate 125 in 2026

Bishopthorpe founded 1927 - celebrate 100 in 2027

Skelton founded 1927 - celebrate 100 in 2027

Springhead Park founded 1929 - celebrate 100 in 2029

Richmond founded 1951 - celebrate 75 in 2026

North Duffield founded 1974 - celebrate 50 this year

Coming Soon

Something new and exciting. Jason Parkinson is trying to introduce a new UK Open Family Pairs Competition this year. He is trying to get this off the ground and has already got some of the top names in bowls ready to play or help run this competition across England, Scotland and Wales. He's working on the Irish bowlers too.

Not many details as yet, but will be more very soon. Watch this space!

If it's something that you would like to be involved with please get in touch and I will pass on your interest to JP.

Word Search Solution (told you it was easy!)

