

# SPRING PARK SHIRLEY BOWLS BULLETIN



Keeping you in the know in/out of the bowls season

February 2026 Edition

## NEW 2026 OPENING TIMES FOR ALL MEMBERS

Monday

2:00pm-5:00pm

Tuesday

2:00pm-5:00pm

Wednesday

2:00pm-5:00pm

6.30pm-8.00pm

Thursday

2:00pm-5:00pm

Friday

2:00pm-5:00pm

Saturday

10:00am-12:00pm

Sunday

2:00pm-5:00pm

for Fun Days, Bank  
Holiday Drives and first  
Sunday in the month  
activities.

## Our Recruitment Plans 2026

The 2026 season is fast approaching and we have been honing our plans. We will still be running a week of taster sessions but we hope with a difference that relies on us all.

Firstly, dates and timings:

**Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> & Mon 4<sup>th</sup> May 2pm-5pm**

**Tues 5<sup>th</sup> May – Fri 8<sup>th</sup> May 2pm-5pm  
& 6.30pm-8pm**

**Sat 9<sup>th</sup> May 10am-12pm**

We are also changing our first Sunday in the month offering from May – Aug inc. Rather than opening up and hoping someone turns up, we are going to organize a casual roll-up, Mixed Drive, Aussie Pairs etc and if people come for a taster we will accommodate them.



**WE WANT YOU**

We are all members of different groups, badminton, golf, bridge, walking etc. What we would like you to do is see if one of your groups would like to come and have a taster session and a social afterwards at the club during one of our taster sessions (afternoon or evening)? It doesn't matter if you don't feel they would join afterwards – we are sowing a seed, showing the fun, changing perceptions of the sport. I sowed a seed 2 years ago through a group taster session and the seed is now rooted in SPSBC.

So approach your groups, make the offer, come back and let us know which taster date/session you would like and we will help you organize.

**GOT AN IDEA FOR A SPAN ARTICLE?**

If yes, please contact Christine on 07518059127

## Wednesday Evenings & Saturday Mornings Open To All

From May onwards our Wednesday evenings and Saturday mornings will be running as normal for both full members and our newbie bowlers.

Dave Rixson is prepared to be present and co-ordinate most of these sessions. However, he needs individuals to assist and to stand in when necessary. If you are interested in helping the 2026 cohort to learn etiquette, complete their coaching record, have a roll-up with the newbies, then please let Dave know via david.rixson@sky.com.

Basically, if you can bowl, have patience and a good sense of humour, you are an ideal candidate.



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*Remember: Our aim is to have new members coming to the club on a regular basis as soon as possible.*

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## Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March – Spring Park to Hayes (The New Inn PH)

Our very own “Julia Bradbury” aka Marie invites you to join her on a 2 hr walk from the SPSBC car park to Hayes. At the end you can stop in Hayes for something to eat/drink or take the 119 bus home. Some of us have had the good fortune to experience Marie’s walks and they are definitely a good laugh. Please meet in the car park at 10.00am. All welcome (inc partners) please let Marie (07793036997) or Dave Rixson (07719526301) know if you intend to join in.

**The Murder Mystery Evening (11<sup>th</sup> July) is in need of 2 more volunteers PLUS a male and female reserve. Don’t be shy. You DO NOT have to learn your lines as you will be reading from a script. If interested, please contact Alan Chitty on 07713 017610 7 asap.**

## EVENING LEAGUES SURVEY

In response to a number of requests from members to have an ongoing competition (in addition to the Club's knockout competitions) and to increase the opportunities for members to bowl, we are looking at offering an evening league or two. If you intend to sign up as a bowler (rather than social member) in April, please complete the survey – link below and also posted in SPSBC WhatsApp Group.

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/WD88AN/>

# DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

## 2026 Get-Togethers @ The Wheatsheaf, West Wickham

Wednesday 11th February

Wednesday 11th March

Please email Bob ([caznbobwalton@outlook.com](mailto:caznbobwalton@outlook.com)) if you would like to attend either or both

## 2026 Coach Trips



Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June - Coach trip to play at Gildredge Park BC (Eastbourne)

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> August - Coach trip to play at Canterbury BC

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September – Coach trip to play at Herne Bay BC via Whitstable

## 2026 Social Events

Friday 6th March – Walk – 10.00am

Friday 15th May – Quiz Night - 7.00pm

Saturday 20th June – Bingo & Chips Night – 7.00pm

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July – Murder Mystery Night - 7.00pm (volunteers still needed, see advert on previous page)

Friday 14th August – Bargain Hunt Buffet - 7.00pm

Friday 18th September – Club Lunch (followed by Mixed Drive) -12.00pm

Saturday 26th September – Fish & Chips Quiz Night @ 7.00pm

### And a NEW Event on

Friday 30th October – Escape Room Event @ 7.00pm

### And finally, don't forget

Sat 11th April - Re-Union Day – 10.00am

Sat 24th October – SPSBC AGM – 10.00am

# WANTED – Volunteer Assistant Secretary

As I said at the AGM, we are looking for someone to assist/shadow our Secretary, Dick Clements.

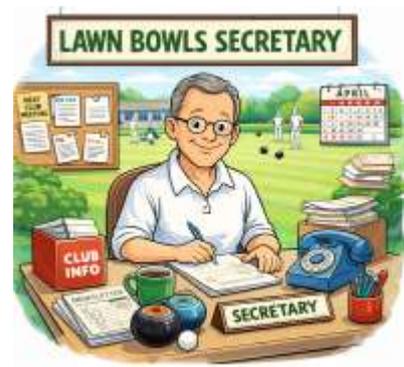
This role is ideal for someone who is organised, reliable, and happy to work as part of a small team. Duties include assisting with correspondence, helping organise meetings and events, and supporting the Club Secretary as needed. No previous experience is required – full guidance will be provided.

You would be co-opted onto the Management Committee so you can learn about what the club and its committee members deal with.

This is a great opportunity to get involved in club life and help keep our club thriving.



If you are interested or would like more information, please speak to Dick or Christine.



## Management Committee Minutes

The Minutes of the Management Committee meetings are available to all members once they have been approved at the next committee meeting. Should you wish to view the minutes please just email Dick Clements with your request.

## Remember, Safeguarding

..... is about creating a safe and welcoming environment for everyone involved - young players and adult bowlers. It's about encouraging a culture of respect and fairness and taking steps to prevent and address any kind of harm or abuse in our bowling community.

**Ken Martin is the SPSBC Safeguarding Officer** and any safeguarding concerns should be reported to him immediately.

Please note, it is **EVERYONE'S** responsibility to report issues they spot to Ken (kenjan277@gmail.com)