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# ●● OFFICIAL OPENING ●● Friday 30th October 1992

|           |  |
|-----------|--|
| 6.30 p.m. | All gather at the Club.  |
| 7.00 p.m. | Introductory speech by Chairman<br>Official opening by Mary Price (cut tape over<br>central rink, declaring club officially open,<br>roll up first four woods) |
|           | Toast the new Club   |
|           | Chariman of The William Harding Trust  |
|           | The Club Captain Len Martin  |
|           | Buffet   |
|           | Raffle   |

## ●● MARY PRICE - ENGLAND INTERNATIONAL ●●

Mary has always been a sports woman even when she was teaching full time. Her sports records are varied from county javelin champion to county cricket, hockey and then to bowls. This game of bowls became such an attraction to her she gave up her teaching post and ran her own engraving business to enable her to give more time to her chosen sport. The record below shows all the winning events but many times she has also been runner up. Whilst we might think she only plays bowls while circumnavigating the world I can assure you she loves horse riding, cooking and eating Chinese food.

| Outdoor |  | Indoor |  |
|---------|--|--------|--|
| 1984    | International  | 1982   | International                              |
| 1986    | Commonweatlh Games Pairs Bronze<br>National Trips (Joyce & Ann)                              | 1985   | National Singles Winner                    |
| 1988    | National Singles<br>National Trips (Joyce & Ann)<br>World bowls Pairs Bronze Team<br>Winners | 1990   | International Mixed Pairs<br>(Tony Alcock) |
| 1989    | British Isles Singles  | 1991   | World Singles<br>UK Singles                |
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*We would also like to wish them every success  
with their opening and future prosperity.*

## ●● GREETINGS FROM THE CHAIRMAN ●●



At last! There were many doubters that a private members indoor bowls club would be built in Aylesbury and I must say I had my moments but I was always convinced that it was a facility which was needed. Getting started was the most difficult, I could find many sites but not one the planners liked. I could find plenty of ground, some free of charge, but not suitable for an indoor bowling green. Having finally found an appropriate site we have produced a building within 12 months an achievement which in itself shows how well the Trustees and Directors have done their jobs. Whilst we have done the organising I must pay tribute to all the local bowlers who encouraged me to proceed, then came to the public meetings pledged and invested their money when the time came. Investment from bowlers was slow at Christmas time in 1991 as you would expect but it picked up at the start of the year and reached a reasonable level. We had a promise of a bank loan, a grant and a brewery loan plus exceptional financial support from the Directors which enabled the target sum to become a reality. I sincerely thank all for helping out so generously.

Its not been easy as many of you know when dealing with projects like this many problems rear up to rock you back on your heels. Whilst we had what seemed to be our fair share of problems I will not dwell on them as we have managed to overcome them. I look forward now to a real home for our local indoor bowlers and welcome all existing and new bowlers to the club. This club will be run by local bowlers elected by it members and there will be one committee looking after the male and female games.

I wish you all good and enjoyable bowling in this our new club and may we have a long and successful future.

Andrew Penny  
Chairman.



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## ●● THE GANG OF FOUR ●●

Without doubt the driving force behind this venture is Andrew Penny and we all know he is greatly encouraged by his wife Maureen. He persevered going from site to site in 1991 and eventually, with help from Ray Malpass, obtained a lease in November 1991 from the Aylesbury Sports Company on land where, in 1988 an indoor bowling green had been proposed. Then followed the process of getting a few other people to take on specific tasks to obtain enough information to present details to a public meeting of bowlers in December 1991. Andrew asked John Webb and Brian Richardson to join him and Ray to prepare for that meeting. We now had;

|                  |   |
|------------------|---|
| Andrew Penny     | Chairman Wendover and Chiltern Hills Bowls Club<br>- Area Representative BCBA.  |
| John Webb        | President of Aylesbury Town Bowls club 1991<br>- A past Secretary of Aylesbury Town Bowls Club<br>- Instigator for an indoor bowling green on this site in 1988 |
| Brian Richardson | Chairman of Princes Risborough Bowls Club<br>- BCIBA President 1991   |
| Ray Malpass      | Chairman of Aylesbury Town Bowls Club<br>- Chairman Stoke Mandeville<br>Indoor bowls Club 1991  |

The first public meeting was an eye opener to most of the local bowlers in that the Gang of Four produced an enormous amount of data and positive results in those 3 weeks. The ace was a Solicitor of wide experience in the setting up of a bowls company being a bowler herself and having done exactly the same with her own bowls club. The combination of the Gang and an experienced Solicitor gave the local bowlers the necessary encouragement to invest in the proposed project. However, the big shot in the arm for the project was the enormous support given by the William Harding Trust and local bowlers of all ages will forever be grateful to the Trustees. Many who might have made a grant to the club did not do so which means that members must shoulder a large bank loan. Obviously a bank was needed to grant a loan but it was now larger than originally planned and whilst most banks showed some interest it was only Barclays who saw the potential in the project and were prepared to back the Gang of Four in the first place and subsequently The Directors. The finance was on the way and membership was growing but shareholders were and still are needed. The Directors have a large commitment to the bank in terms of a guarantee but we bowlers are indebted to a few of them who have also dug deep into their personal resources to provide substantial amounts of money for the club.

The Gang of Four were all important to the project bearing in mind before the company was formed they were personally in debt to the tune of many thousands of pounds each with the possibility at that time that the project would not get started. When they wavered, and they did, it was Andrew who rallied the gang. Nothing will please Andrew and the Gang more than to see all local bowlers enjoying the facilities for which they have fought so hard.

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## ●● THOUGHTS OF A LOCAL BOWLER ●●

In the Vale of Aylesbury and the surrounding district there are a number of long established out door bowls clubs, but until comparatively recent times there were no indoor clubs in the whole of our County. Those bowlers who were keen to continue playing during the long winter months had to venture further afield to other counties.

I can remember an earlier Hon. secretary of our County once saying that to be successful, an indoor club had to be located where there were "enough chimneys".

Various attempts were made to start indoor clubs in Bucks and some reached fruition. We in this area were fortunate when a scheme aimed primarily at providing facilities for Paraplegics was embarked upon at Stoke Mandeville. Able bodied bowlers were allowed to play and some of us can recall those adventurous days when we first bowled indoors, actually in two converted hospital wards. Regular bowlers formed leagues and helped the Paraplegics and so indoor bowling in the Aylesbury area had made a start. Ultimately a proper indoor bowls building was completed. Membership from the surrounding area flourished and indoor bowling became well established. Members from out door clubs from quite a representative area around Aylesbury joined, and in fact quite a number of new bowlers, who had learned their bowls indoors, increased the total of those enjoying our sport.

We now have this new indoor club, Foxhill, gaining momentum in a remarkably short time. Credits and thanks to those concerned in getting things going are I hope fully documented elsewhere. We now anticipate, and fervently hope, that friendly and competitive bowls will continue to grow and expand in this area.

There are "enough chimneys" and surely there are also enough existing bowlers and potential new bowlers in the Vale to ensure that both Stoke Mandeville and our new Foxhill Club can enjoy a successful future. Both should be able to ensure this by encouraging membership and providing facilities compatible with that required for a flourishing and happy membership.

You, the bowlers, can each play your part both on and off the green. Its up to you all. Indoor bowling in Aylesbury and the surrounding area is now well established. Foxhill members will surely maintain this progress into the long term future.

Good luck!

Curley (Liquorish)

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|           | Evening   | Mens   | Fours   | Div. 2 | Dayla            |
| Wednesday | Evening   | Mens   | Fours   | Div1.  | Cignet           |
| Thursday  | Afternoon | Mens*  | Triples |        | Tring Bowls Club |
|           | Evening   | Ladies | Fours   |        | Dayla            |
| Friday    | Morning   | Mixed  | Fours   |        |                  |
|           | Evening   | Mixed  | Fours   |        |                  |
| Sunday    | Evening   | Mixed  | Fours   |        |                  |

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**BOWLERS' POEM**

The bowler was stood at the pearly gates  
his head was bended low.  
He meekly asked the men of fate  
which way that he should go.

"What have you done" St. Peter asked  
'to seek admission here?'  
"I was a skip at bowls on earth  
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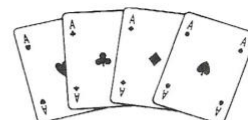
It was decided at one of the public meetings that a competition would be held to design the new club badge. A modest entry fee and prize was agreed and entries were accepted up to the middle of August.

To ensure that the new indoor club had its own identity and was not associated with any particular out door club the Trustees had already adopted the name of the local area which is known as Foxhill. It was not surprising, therefore, that the majority of entries depicted a fox in one pose or another on a hill with some adorned with a jack and bowls. One particular entry had a very attractive fox drawing and the Directors liked it immensely but it just lost out in the vote to the eventual winner.

The winning entry shown on the cover of this booklet was submitted by Tom McGill of Aylesbury Town Bowls Club. It is basically of an heraldic design in the club colours of white and pale blue with four foxes in full flight. Each fox represents one of the original Trustees who were appointed to get the Club started. The board of Directors decided that this was not only an attractive design for members and the Club to adopt but that it recorded the early work done by the Trustees.

The Directors wish to record their thanks to all who entered the competition and special thanks go to Tom McGill who donated his prize to the Club.

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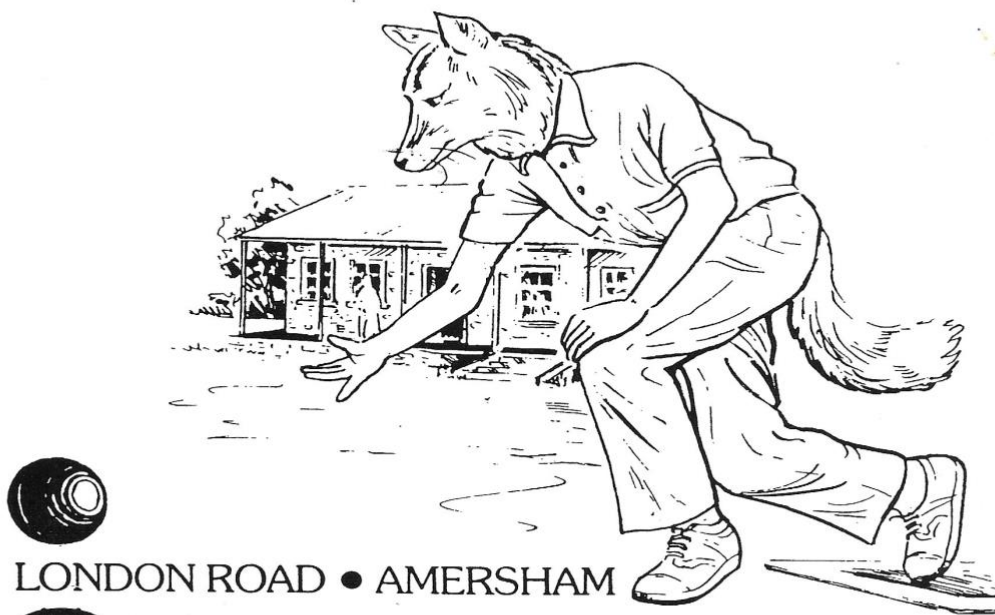
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