

# THE BUZZARD

## Newsletter of Shifnal Bowling Club Limited

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Happy bowling in the new  
Season!

**Brian Murray Winner of the  
end of year Bonus Ball with  
£100 for being in it for the  
full 52 weeks.**

## News Update

### The Management Committee News

The management committee is pleased to welcome on board **Brian Murray & Bob Haddon**.

Our huge thanks go to Ryan at Higford Electrical who has kindly sponsored the club for 4 new match jacks. M: 07541 960085 E: [info@higfordelectricaltd.co.uk](mailto:info@higfordelectricaltd.co.uk)

**Bob Haddon** asks: Are you aware that we run Thursday Morning Social Bowling at the club? It runs from 10am until midday. All members are Welcome and ALL NON-MEMBERS, so why not join us for a social morning of bowling and meeting new friends? Why not invite or bring along a friend or a family member who would like to try their hand at this great game? Just come along and introduce yourself. We look forward to meeting everyone.

**Ian Swift** says: to help keep everyone safe and meet our legal responsibilities, all club officials (and volunteers involved in

maintenance), are required to complete a short fire safety and extinguisher awareness session. The video helps refresh your understanding of how fires can start, and critically, what you need to do to protect yourself, your teammates, and our guests. Once you've watched it, please give a thumbs up 👍 in the comments on Facebook or let Ian know, so he can record it on the annual training register

Any questions or concerns? Just message Ian via [generalsecretary@shifnalbowlingclub.co.uk](mailto:generalsecretary@shifnalbowlingclub.co.uk)

⚠️ See It – Sort It – Report It ⚠️ Thank you – enjoy the season and stay safe!

Apropos of that, we have secured a **Safety Upgrade for the Club** - The Management Committee are delighted to announce the exchange and subsequent introduction of two P50 Water Mist fire extinguishers, which are now located in the Club House and Kitchen. In addition, steps have also been taken to introduce a more manageable dry powder extinguisher for the Equipment Shed, making it easier to handle if ever required.

Hopefully this will be sorted by the time you receive this edition of the Buzzard, but **Ian Swift** says the club is currently experiencing a minor technical issue affecting both our Wi-Fi service and our SumUp connection. As a result, we are temporarily unable to process card payments. The Management Committee sincerely apologises for any inconvenience this may cause. Until the issue is resolved, all purchases from the bar will be cash only until further notice. Thank you for your understanding and continued support, we appreciate your patience while we work to get everything back up and running smoothly.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Maintenance & repair work has been undertaken.

Important Notice: Bowling practice is not to take place if the weather conditions do not permit. Bowling whilst wet underfoot or there is frost on the ground is unacceptable.

We are looking for volunteers with bright ideas for raising funds for the club. If any member is interested in volunteering for this role, then please contact the Management Committee via the general secretary email address. Do we have a qualified coach out there? Your input would be hugely welcome for new members just learning the game. Or might you like to coach but have no qualification? Do please consider taking a level 1 coaching course. Most of the cost is usually claimable. Let us know by contacting Mick Furness on [generalsecretary@shifnalbowlingclub.co.uk](mailto:generalsecretary@shifnalbowlingclub.co.uk)

IMPORTANT! If you would like to contact any member of the management committee regarding any queries or problems, in the first instance could you please contact Mick Furness on [generalsecretary@shifnalbowlingclub.co.uk](mailto:generalsecretary@shifnalbowlingclub.co.uk)

Useful websites for the club: -



[Shifnal Bowling Club](#)

Please see website information above.



[Members Social Page @Shifnal Bowling Club](#)

## **Fund Raising**



[www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/shifnal-bc](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/shifnal-bc)

There are excellent and easy ways to help fund our bowling club. It's not just ordinary shopping. Remember to use easy fundraising for all your online shopping again this month.

*Chris Newbrook*

## National Lottery Bonus Ball Game.

Remember a reduction in player numbers may result in reduced weekly prize money. A huge thank you to those members taking part and supporting the club's funding efforts. Please think about joining or renewing in 2026. The weekly prize is £35 if 50+ numbers are allocated to entrants, £30 if only 40-49 numbers are allocated to entrants.

We are approaching the end of the 2025/26 game - week 52 is 28.03.26 - and the boosted prize of **£100** to game entrants that have been in the game continuously from week 10. For renewals both for current and new players, please see below.

Many thanks to all game players and Good Luck!

Payment is due in advance please to Shifnal Bowling Club Ltd sort code 30-18-55 a/c 58455660. Please use the payment reference **Bonus Ball xx** for one number paid for or **Bonus Ball xx xx** for two.

*Phil Furness:* Tel. 07779 079249, email: [phil@pfurness.f2s.com](mailto:phil@pfurness.f2s.com) for further help and information.

Winners of Lotto Bonus Ball Game: Thank you and keep up the good work! A few numbers remain, one of them could be yours. The current prize money is £30.

Week 46 – 14/2/26 - Drawn No. 14 winner **Dan Wilson**  
Week 47 – 21/2/26 - Drawn No. 19 (roll back to 16) winner **Brian Murray**  
Week 48 – 28/2/26 - Drawn No. 23 (roll back to 23) winner **Pat Simpson**  
Week 49 – 7/3/26 - Drawn No. 19 (roll back to 16) winner **Brian Murray**  
Week 50 – 14/3/26 - Drawn No. 59 winner **Shona Baugh**  
Week 51 – 21/3/26 - Drawn No. 46 winner **Brian Evans**  
Week 52 – 28/3/26 - Drawn No. 18 (roll back to 16) winner **Brian Murray - £100**

Congratulations all!

## Competitions

The Beryl Taylor Memorial Trophy was held on March 7th 2026.

This competition was open to Shifnal members and 26 took part. Well done to Rich & Rob, Beryl's son & nephew for making it to the final. Congratulations to eventual winner **Rob Steventon** runner-up **Rich Taylor**

Huge thanks to organiser **Paul Mills** & all the volunteers for the bar and food – **Elaine Hall, Bridget Ford, Pat Simpson, Alan Leigh and Bob Hadden**. Thanks too to **John Stretton** for getting the green ready for us.



**Rob, Maz and Rich**

Nathan Lacey is also going to be running the Beryl Taylor Memorial Competition again this year. While this open competition is not for home bowlers, it will be well worth coming to watch. There will be 4 qualifiers on the four Saturday evenings in June with Finals night taking place on the 4<sup>th</sup> July.

### Spring Open

Our Spring Open was played over 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> March  
Qualifiers were:

## **League**

The first matches begin on 1 April but the start dates of different leagues vary. Wishing the best of luck to all our teams.

Re the Highley Tuesday Night League. Can all members interested in playing in the Highley League on Tuesday nights, please contact Mick via the general secretary email address as soon as possible? We have 2 teams entered, A team in Div 1 & B team in Div 2. League starts on 14th April.

### **Monday**

**Ladies** Division 2, 1<sup>st</sup> match v Bowring B home **13 April**

**Shifnal C** MSBL Division 4, 1<sup>st</sup> match v Wrockwardine Wood C away **13 April**

**Shifnal D** MSBL Division 7, 1<sup>st</sup> match v Sinclair D home **13 April**

### **Tuesday**

**Shifnal A** Highley League Division 1, 1<sup>st</sup> match v Stockton A away **14 April**

**Shifnal B** Highley League Division 2, 1<sup>st</sup> match v Stockton B home **14 April**

### **Wednesday**

**Shifnal A** Mid Shrops Senior Citizens Division 2, 1<sup>st</sup> match v Mortimer **8 April**

**Shifnal B** Mid Shrops Senior Citizens Division 5, 1<sup>st</sup> match v Charlton B away **1 April**

**Shifnal C** Mid Shrops Senior Citizens Division 5, 1<sup>st</sup> match v Highley B away **1 April**

### **Thursday**

**Shifnal** Thursday Afternoon League, 1<sup>st</sup> match v St Georges home **2 April**

**Shifnal** Thursday Evening League, 1<sup>st</sup> match v Wrockwardine Wood home **2 April**

### **Friday**

**Shifnal A** MSBL Division 1, 1<sup>st</sup> match v Horsehay away **17 April**

**Shifnal A** MSBL Division 3, 1<sup>st</sup> match v Bowring C home **17 April**

### **Saturday**

**Shifnal A v Shifnal B** 1<sup>st</sup> match **25 April**