THE BEGBROOK BIAS

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Welcome to the Begbrook Bias, the newsletter bringing you updates and news from across the club. If you have anything you would like to see in a future edition, please contact Joanne Glen.

Finals Day and 2026 Club Champions

The weather may not have been on our side, but a little rain certainly wasn't going to stop our Club Finals Day! On 29th August, members took to the green for a busy day of finals.

Congratulations to all of our winners and runners-up:

Seniors Trophy: Winner – John Evans | Runner-up – Steve Howard
Novice Shield: Winner – Nigel Gardiner | Runner-up – Rich Winfield
Two Bowl Pairs: Winners – Eileen Ferguson & Joanne Glen | Runners-up – Josie Smith & Dave Parker
Four Bowl Pairs: Winners – Steve Howard & Bernie Ferris
Women's Singles: Winner – Marie Jefferies | Runner-up – Angie Teakle
Men's Singles: Winner – Roy England | Runner-up – Steve Howard
Two Bowl Singles: Winner – John Sedman | Runner-up – Gerry Jenkins

A huge thank you must also go to everyone who helped make Finals Day possible despite the rather soggy conditions. Thank you to all of our markers, Competition Secretary and volunteers who gave their time to keep the day running smoothly, as well as everyone who came along to watch, support and cheer on our finalists.

BGBC Afternoon Tea

On the August bank holiday, members enjoyed an afternoon tea, with plenty of treats, good company and a relaxed atmosphere.
The afternoon was made even more special by a wonderful performance from Debbie Horgan, who provided some fantastic entertainment for everyone to enjoy.
A special thank you to everyone who helped behind the bar and supported the event.

Music Quiz - 18th September

Friday 18th September saw members put their musical knowledge to the test for a fantastic Music Quiz Night, created, hosted and delivered by our very own quizmaster, Arthur Harris.
It was a brilliant evening filled with great company, plenty of laughs and lots of memorable music moments, as teams battled their way through the decades to see who would come out on top.
A huge congratulations to our winning team, who proved they knew their music and claimed the top spot on the night!

Can you solve these clues to find the Surnames of club members?

1. One of the tractor boys? **Ferguson**
2. Electric Commercial vehicles **Evan's**
3. O'Connor returns to isle in Irish Sea **Sedman**
4. Perky sort of chap! **Pryor**
5. Actress Elizabeth and conflict with Richard (Two names) **Taylor/Warburton**
6. Is he in, or a member of a gang of crooks? **Fagan**
7. Happy Old King. **Cole**
8. A FAB driver. **Parker**
9. Prince of Wales is short, with man shouting instructions at the back of the boat. **Wilcox**
10. Sounds like they have their five cents worth! **Nicholls**
11. Having porridge with Godber. **Fletcher**
12. English? His is gone and mixed up. **Glen**
13. Home Office drawback. **Howard**
14. Does it sound like it belongs to Mr Archer? **Jefferies**
15. Make hay with the moon. **O'Mahony**

Answers

League Results

Ladies League

Finishing 2nd in the League!

Willows

Finishing 4th in the league

Oaks

Finishing 4th in the league

Elms

Finishing 2nd in the league

Triples

Finishing 3rd in the league

Got Some Leftover Holiday Money? 💰✈️

If you've returned from your holidays with a few foreign coins or notes tucked away in a drawer, why not put them to good use?

Our club bank branch in Kingswood has a collection running in aid of Alzheimer's Society, and we'd love for members to help support it. If you have any unwanted foreign currency, simply hand it over in person or pop it into an envelope and leave it in the pavilion post towerin Dave Parker's pigeon hole.

A big thank you to those who have already got the collection off to a great start! So far, we've received €3, a 10F coin dating back to 1991, plus coins from Malta, Gibraltar, Switzerland and the UAE – quite the international collection already!

So, have a rummage through those drawers, purses and leftover holiday wallets. Every contribution is welcome and will help support a very worthwhile cause.

UPCOMING Events

As another bowls season draws to a close, we're swapping the bowls green for the racecourse for one night only and inviting you all to join us for BGBC Race Night!

Throughout the evening, you'll have the chance to place bets on your favourite horses, cheer on your runners and hopefully take home some winnings! There will also be prizes for winning horse owners.

How to Book

To ensure everyone is allocated a horse, attendance must be confirmed in advance. Please email Joanne Glen (joanneglen13@gmail.com) by Wednesday 30th September to reserve your place. Payment of £5 per person will be collected on the night at the betting desk and will be cash only.

Event Details

- Date: Friday 2nd October
- Time: Doors and bar open at 7pm, with racing starting shortly after.
- Cost: £5 per person, payable on the night. This includes your first bet and ownership of a horse!
- Location: Club marquee

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY (more info to follow)

End of season presentation and awards lunch 15th November

Winter coffee morning 12th October and every second Monday of the month thereafter

Indoor Bowls Thornbury Ibc vs Bristol ibc 22 November contact Dave Parker for more details

Club AGM 24th November