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The Newsletter of Olveston & District Bowling Club

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The Chairman's Message

When I was elected as your new Chairman in November last year ODBC had just completed a really successful 2019 season and we were all looking forward to moving on from that to even greater successes. It didn't quite happen like that though! I really wasn't expecting to be dealing with a season with no competitive inter-club bowls of any description and, until nearly half-way through the season any bowls at all.

By the end of the season however, we had managed to provide facilities for internal Club roll-ups, three internal competitions, a mini Finals Day and three other Club Events. To be able to put this programme together has demanded an extra-ordinary effort from all the operations teams at the Club and the members of the Management Committee who probably thought that little bowls activity would lead to little for them to do. We were wrong here as well. The very detailed, sometimes complicated, and ever-changing guidance coming from Government, Bowls England and GBA meant some long deliberations over how we could implement a safe playing and meeting other members environment. I must here offer my thanks to all those involved for their support and assistance in these matters for, without their efforts, what we did manage to achieve would not have happened.

It was also unfortunate that we had recruited a number of new members since last season who were all keen to get started on their bowls career. It was gratifying to see that they all took full advantage of the limited facilities that we were able to offer and I am sure that we all hope that we can offer you a much better experience in 2021.

At the Spring Meeting earlier this year in March the task of reviewing the role of Men's and Ladies Captains was remitted by the meeting for action by the Management Committee. We spent quite a bit of time working on this as, with all such matters, it is never as entirely simple as you first expect. Knock on ramifications of any changes being proposed can become more problematic than the original issue. However, on this issue, we did come to some firm conclusions which would have been going forward to full consideration by the entire membership. This has however, had to be put 'on hold' until we can convene either an AGM or EGM which will be necessary to make the changes required. More detailed information on this matter will be issued to all the membership at a more appropriate time.

By the time you read this you should all have seen Nigel's e-mail/postal notification about the upcoming annual Club Elections. Even though we have had to delay any AGM, the Management Committee decided to go ahead with this course of action following some feedback from a number of members and also to give elected members a better chance to prepare for the 2021 season. It will also help to keep the time required for a possible AGM/Spring Meeting within manageable limits.

A very difficult year then, but not all bad. We had three very successful Club Events towards the end of the season. These all seemed to be successful and well appreciated. We developed a new competition which could be taken forward into further seasons. We may have uncovered some new bowling talent who could become integral members of future Club teams. Whatever has happened, we shall move forward.

Let's just hope that circumstances may be somewhat improved by the time we come to open again on 10th April next year.

In the meantime, stay safe and healthy and please accept my sincere best wishes

Robert Harris
Chairman ODBC.



Our President's Message

At the 2019 AGM held on the 9th November, I was delighted and very proud to accept the Management Committee's (MC) nomination and Members endorsement, to be your President. I greatly looked forward to my year "in Office"! None of us could envisage the year that lay in front of us!

2020 is a year that has affected all of us and changed our lives possibly for ever. The fact that we have been able to offer Members the chance to play bowls at all is down to the determination of your Management Committee. More on that later.

Sadly, a number of our members are no longer with us and we were unable to say our farewells in the manner we would have wished but they remain in our thoughts and prayers.

Liz and I returned from our trip to Australia (to see our son and daughter in law) via Malaysia on the 13th March and a week later we were all in lockdown. So back just in time!

Throughout the following weeks and months, the MC met by Zoom on a very regular basis and it has been my privilege to sit as President on the MC as a non-voting member. Can I assure all of you that they worked tirelessly to consider how best we could offer some form of bowling to the membership taking into account the ever-changing regulations and to ensure hygiene and social distancing was applied. So, a personal and public thanks to Chairman Robert and all the MC members - Bob, Kevin, Nigel, Margaret and Ken for your sterling work – the Club owes you a vote of thanks and gratitude. Additional thanks must go to John Arrowsmith and Trevor Graham along with their teams of helpers for maintaining the Green and Club throughout this unprecedented period. The roll ups, competitions and 3 social events were very well supported and I was delighted to be able to attend Finals Day.

The MC had very kindly offered me the chance to carry the Presidency through the 2021 season – however, Liz and I were unsure as to our future plans and I therefore declined. However, following discussions with the Vice President and with the AGM being held over to Spring 2021, I have been asked to stay on until the Spring which I am most happy to do.

My Presidents charity is Pulmonary Fibrosis (a disease of the Lungs) which I was diagnosed with in October 2018. I mentioned last April that our son Chris who lives in Sydney, would be running the Sydney half marathon in support of PF and whilst the event was cancelled, he was determined to do the run which he did on the 13th May around Sydney Park in 2 hours 5 minutes. His aim was to raise £1000 but with the financial support of many Club Members, he actually raised £2000.

My own fund raising at the Club has of course been seriously curtailed but again thanks to the generosity of many Members starting with the Race Night back in November 2019, the fund currently stands at a remarkable £925 – thanks so much and hopefully before I hand the Presidential baton over to Trevor, I will be able to hit the £1000 mark!

I am sure that when we all went into lockdown back in March, we hoped that by now we would be through the worst of it – sadly that's not the case and we face more difficult months ahead. However, when this is finally over, we will all meet again, to chat, have a hug and a drink (or three) and of course, play some bowls. The heart of any Club is its Members and we are so lucky at Olveston to have caring, kind and dedicated people – please, stay safe.

Graham Ellis

President ODBC



Three Finals Day by Reg & Annie Muldoon



All normal club internal competitions were cancelled for 2020 once it was realised that the club would have to remain closed for several months.

Eventually limited opening of the green was possible and members were able to have roll ups. After a couple of weeks members started saying it would be good to have some competitive bowls. Ken Tudor found a competition that was being run at another club. Annie and I met with Ken and with a few amendment's we had a competition that was open to men and women and the matches could be completed within the 2hr time slots. The format was unusual in that you played in pairs but the final result would be a single player. 48 members entered the competition which was called the Covid Challenge.

The first round produced some interesting results. Alan Tregoning achieved the only maximum score of 18 points and at the other end of the scale Nigel Cloke managed not to score any points. In one group 3 players all scored 12 points but unfortunately Di Pleass missed out in going on to the next round on shot difference.

There was nothing unusual with the second round and the 4 winners went into the final group. In the final the number of ends were reduced so all matches could be played in one day. The final was contested between Ian Barton, Reg Muldoon, Alan Tregoning and Chris Blake. Ian emerged as winner with Reg second, Alan third and Chris fourth.



During the summer the club was advised that if meaningful singles competitions could be arranged for men and women then the winners would be able to enter the county champion of champions in 2021 along with winners from 2019.

The 2 competitions were quickly organised with the finals being played on 16 September.

Ian Barton and Chris Blake contested the men's final which was won by Chris.

The Ladies final was between Sue Wilkins and Tricia Barton with Tricia emerging as winner.



Other Club Events



Our first of three triples events was held on 15th August with Tricia Barton, Harry Greenslade and Adrian Meads coming out victorious.

Our second triples event was held on August Bank Holiday with Janice Leach, Trevor Graham and Derek Severs. Alas no one got a photo but the winning team were presented with bottles of wine.

Our season ending event was held on Saturday 26th September with the team Scafell Pike of Annie Muldoon, David Hughes and Adrian Meads coming out on top.

These events would not have been possible without the help of Bob Phillips setting up the gazebos, tables and arranging the sanitising, with Robert on the bar, Beattie, Annie and Jan providing the food and Sue Harris and Derek Severs on Club Safe duty. I also delivered a few drinks! Thank you also to the members who attended either as players or watching.



Treasurer Update

Well, Richard's forecasting was so good, he knew exactly when to hand over the Treasurer's job...!!

What a first season it has been. One that I hope we don't have to repeat it all over again next year, but we can't even guarantee that at the moment.

Although the Club all but closed down its operations during the year, financial activity has been going on apace behind the scenes. Sponsors suffered the financial restrictions of lockdown, Social events and most Fund-Raising events ceased and Bar takings all but dried up. Nonetheless the outgoings have continued regardless. In order to partially open in the later stages of the summer there has also been significant outlay on sanitizing and cleansing facilities. This has all understandably all had a serious impact on our finances. Fortunately, through previous good stewardship, the Club was in a relatively healthy position before the unexpected pandemic hiatus started and so has been able to survive reasonably well thus far.

The pre-season dinner at The Grange became a post-season dinner and has now been cancelled. The 2020 Tour to Portsmouth also had to be cancelled and has been rescheduled to next year. This has meant lots of extra work by the organisers and the need to refund members. (Thanks to everyone for cooperating with the bank transfer methodology).

The MC have minimized routine running costs wherever possible and deferred capital expenditure on major infrastructure plans. However green maintenance and building maintenance continue and the need to replace the fencing over the close season is a forthcoming essential expenditure.

At present the accounts for the season are closed and the books are with the auditors. I still don't know when or whether I shall be able to present them to an AGM.

The MC will shortly be undertaking a full and detailed review of the financial situation as at the end of the 2020 season and into the future, making appropriate plans to ensure the financial wellbeing of the Club following this major interruption to our normal activities.

Kevin Dann



Club Lotto Winners



11 Apr	50	Sue Latham
18 Apr	26	Tony Cullen
25 Apr	36	Ken Leach
02 May	47	Graham Walden
09 May	59	Ian Gauld
16 May	34	Tom Ellis
23 May	54	Veronica Ritchie
30 May	45	Joan Allen
06 Jun	33	Brian Lee
13 Jun	42	Mary Grant
20 Jun	13	Derek Severs
27 Jun	12	Janet Arrowsmith
04 Jul	13	Derek Severs
11 Jul	22	Steve Gregory
18 Jul	30	Rob Galpin
25 Jul	15	Graham Morris
01 Aug	22	Steve Gregory
08 Aug	41	Jim Ritchie
15 Aug	21	Janice Leach
22 Aug	12	Janet Arrowsmith
29 Aug	16	Robert Harris
05 Sep	32	Tony Iles
12 Sep	14	John Paton
19 Sep	56	Brenda Cook

Thank you to everyone who takes part.

Ian & Tricia Barton
Club Lotto Draw Organisers

ODBC On Tour

The bowls tour next season is to the Portsmouth/Southsea area over the weekend Friday the 20th August to Monday the 23rd August. At the moment I have 40 people registered of whom 33 are players. This is an ideal number and therefore I have closed the list. I have started a reserve list if anyone is interested. The cost per person is £310 which includes all travel costs, hotel accommodation, breakfasts and evening meals and some light meals at the various bowls clubs.

John Arrowsmith

Social Committee

Unfortunately, the Social Committee have not been able to organise any events until Covid 19 has passed. It has been very disappointing but we do hope to bounce back next year with some interesting events for all members to enjoy.

Your Social Committee

Membership Update

We welcomed 14 new members and 2 returning members this season:

Steve Clark, Adrian Meads, Gary Jones, Chris Roberts, Christopher Blake, Lesley Cook, Denise Boyland, Peter Saunders, Robert Sewley, Tony Warren, Brian Lansdown, Dave Taylor, Dave Wiggall, Annie Griffin, Steve Gore And Tracy Campbell.

Many were able to take advantage of the opportunities available to play this season which included our one and only friendly against Bristol St Andrews, ODBC Competitions and ODBC Tournaments. Indeed, one of them, Chris Blake went on to win the Men's Championship. Well done. Others have participated in the Club coaching sessions and roll ups. We look forward to seeing more of them next year.

Angela Greenslade

Green Update

John Arrowsmith

Green Manager

I will start this report by naming and thanking the guys who have maintained the green throughout this strange season. They have been so efficient and dependable that I have only been allowed to cut the green once this season. In no particular order they are Mac Wilkins, Bob Stefanovich, Harry Greenslade, Geoff Jones, Steve Gregory and Ken Tudor, in addition Trevor Graham and Bob Phillips have helped occasionally. I am thanking them but really it is you players who should be doing the thanking.

Because of Covid the green has been seriously underused this year and as a result it has been relatively easy to keep it in a reasonable playing state. The season started off very dry during April and May with the result that we finished up with a lot of dry patches. These are difficult to get rid of and it required our green consultant, John Swift, to come in and apply a wetting agent on a couple of occasions. Even so some of these patches persisted to the end of August.

Just before the season finished a turf consultant made a visit to check what was happening below the surface of the green. It showed that we still have a substantial amount of thatch down to a depth of 12mm. Thatch or too much thatch is one of the biggest problems on a bowling green. For newcomers to the club I will explain the affect that thatch has on the playing surface. I make no apology but the following is what I wrote in last season's report. Whenever you walk onto a green it is the thatch that gives you that spongy feeling underfoot and the deeper the thatch the spongier it feels.

Also, when a green is wet the thatch will hold water and as a result the green will feel very heavy when you bowl. The only way to reduce thatch is to do a deep scarify but the machine we have struggles at depths over 10mm and so this year we subcontracted the job. A guy came in with a Graden machine which had no problems getting down to 15mm. The only problem with this kind of work is that it leaves a tremendous amount of material on top of the green but with 4 barrows and 9 helpers we managed to shift everything fairly quickly. Ken took some photographs of the work in process which are probably adjacent to this report. The remaining renovation work will be the same as last year when we hollow tined high areas and in-filled low areas with top dressing.

In addition to cutting the green the team have also cut the paddock each week and very early on in the season they decided to get ambitious and create more untouched areas. It has been fascinating seeing the variety of wild flowers which are now being allowed to grow. My favourite is the delicate blue Harebell which an article I read last week told me that it is now becoming a very scarce wild flower.



During the week after our final Club event John and his team prepared the Green for its winter hibernation.



Retirement of the Maintenance Co-ordinator

Hell of a title.

It was at my first Club AGM that I was persuaded by Cliff Barrington, the Club Chairman at the time, to take on the post of Maintenance Manager. That was many years ago and it was a post that I was happy to continue in, along with various others of shorter duration until I underwent heart surgery in 2014.

Happily, the Club has developed and prospered in pretty well every respect over the years.

Membership has doubled, the Green has and continues to improve year on year, playing standards have improved, our facilities and premises bear favourable comparison with the vast majority of Clubs in the region. In short, we can be justifiably proud to be members of one of the "Best in the West" Bowls Clubs.

I only stepped in as Maintenance Co-ordinator in recent times because no-one else came forward to take on the role. I have now decided that it is time for me to step aside. As always there is much to be done and it is best that it is put in the hands of a fresh generation. I intend to carry on doing what I can with the maintenance teams as long as I can be useful because I thoroughly enjoy it.

In passing I would like to thank everyone who has worked on the Maintenance and Green Teams over the years for their friendship, camaraderie, hard work and humour. It has been my pleasure to work and be associated with you.

Very Best Wishes

Trevor Graham

Short Mat Update

We recently had to announce that this winter's Short Mat leagues on Tuesday afternoons and Thursday evenings would not take place. It would just not be possible to abide by all the social distancing and hygiene regulations. So sadly, the Mat will be stored away but ready for 2021/2022.

We have also not been able to "celebrate" the 2019/2020 winners, so a reminder:

Tuesday Afternoons;

Kilimanjaro – Trevor Williams, Jim & Veronica Ritchie, Di Pleass and Mary Grant

Thursday Evenings and winners of the Graham Ellis Trophy;

Mustang - Ian & Tricia Barton, Jamie Campbell, the sadly departed David Thomas and Mary Grant.

At an appropriate time, next year, the trophy and prizes will be awarded.

Graham Ellis and Dylan Griffiths – Short Mat Coordinators

Message from The Facilities Manager

Thank you to all our members who have helped keep the limited bowls available at the club this season.

The Management Committee have been meeting very regularly on Zoom throughout the year and it was decided that as soon as we received the go-ahead from Bowls England through their excellent guidance, we were able to put in place all the requirements to enable safe bowls for all our members. We identified the things we would need which included notices, sanitisation pods, sanitising equipment and chemicals, risk assessments, pop-up tents, mini-bar and not least the members to operate the sanitising to keep us safe.

It was amazing how all manner of things appeared, some given, some purchased, some hired and some volunteered. This last was the key because without the daily sanitisation and equipment checks we could not have operated and our thanks are due to all those who visited the club and carried out their duties including Bob Sewley, John Arrowsmith, Adrian Meads, Trevor Graham, Nigel Cloke, Kevin Dann, Derek Severs, Phil Tellwright, Tony Ford, Steven Wharram, Jacky and Chris Roberts and David Hughes. Thanks also to Brian Lansdown for his excellent work on our Risk Assessment.

Others who help maintain the club and members of the greenkeeping team all helped when asked. Our small but loyal teams who year in, year out keep the club in good condition will always turn their hands to anything to ensure all members can enjoy their bowls.

So much for the success of our difficult year, now for the “hard sell”.

We need your help. Yes, I’m talking to YOU!

The Bowls Club can only operate well if all our members support the multiple needs of the green, the buildings, the grounds, the bar, the catering and the myriad of little things that “someone” has to do.

We are lucky that John Arrowsmith has a good team to keep the green in tip-top condition, but he can always do with additional help. Robert Harris organises the bar team and regularly asks for volunteers. Similarly, Beatie Fulsome organises the teams of volunteers to provide catering as needed. But we are really struggling to encourage volunteers to become part of the “maintenance team”.

Currently, Trevor Graham leads the maintenance team, or this season better described as “the maintenance man.” Thank you to Ken Leach for all that you do for the Club, come wind or shine, wet, cold or just miserable, you will always turn up and just “get on with things.”

So, we need a maintenance team. You don’t have to be particularly skilled in building, painting, digging, wiring, plumbing or even a skilled DIYer just be able to lend a hand. You also don’t have to attend every week but just come along on Monday or Friday mornings at about 8.30’ish and help out. If we can get a regular core of helpers, we can begin to tackle some of the outstanding “bigger” jobs, some of which are now becoming urgent.

We will soon be holding a couple of “working events” to tackle painting the outside of the Changing Rooms building and some parts of the Clubhouse. These are tasks that can only be done when its dry and not too cold, but we will put a call out via Nigel for help when we see an opportunity with the right weather.

If you would like to have a chat about coming forward to help, I’m quite happy to take your call at any time or pop into the club and see what it’s all about.

Bob Phillips

Coaching News

Well back at the start of 2020 we were full of optimism for a new season of bowls and a full programme of Coaching events were all lined up, we even had a classroom “Bowls What’s it All About?” session scheduled for March. Then Covid19 took a hold and we were in a national lockdown and unfortunately, we had no option but to cancel the planned schedule.

As the months progressed and lockdown slowly eased, we were, thanks to guidance from Bowls England and more importantly the efforts of several of our Club Members able to make our Club “Covid Safe” and open for some limited play. Coach Bowls issued various updates and directives and soon we were also able to offer some limited coaching. It was great for me to be able to get back on the Green coaching Members who had requested sessions.

With no formal “Beginners Course” on offer, I was also able to provide support for some of our new members, to help give them a steer on getting started, hopefully they found it useful and are now in a better position to get up and bowling in 2021.

Despite these difficult times Coaching did not stand still, the County made inroads into starting a “Gloucestershire Bowls Association Youth Academy”. I was privileged to be asked to support the sessions which were held at Cheltenham Bowling Club. Eighteen U18’s from around the County took part in various skills and matches and the level of knowledge and ability on display from the youngsters was most encouraging, especially as some had never even played outdoors before, being indoor bowlers, but they soon adapted to an unfamiliar environment and were delivering some excellent bowls.

We are very hopeful that this is just the start of things to come and who knows, we may see more of our local young talent competing at a National level in the future.

Back in August Jamie Campbell and I were asked to support Bristol St Andrews BC with a “Taster Day” that they had organised. What a brilliant day this turned out to be, helped by some lovely sunshine, almost 100 people of all ages attended, to give the sport a try.



During the season we welcomed David Wiggall (pictured left) to our Club from Cheltenham Spa BC. David is a Coach Bowls Qualified Level 1 Coach and has agreed to assist us next season with our coaching programme.

Our Coaching Team has therefore increased to six, Myself, David, John Paton, Trevor Graham, Jean & Alan Lamboune, which must be the envy of many clubs and remember if you need any help with your game, you only need to ask one of us and we will do our utmost to help.

As the Winter starts to draw closer, our minds will turn towards next season, let’s hope it’s a more “normal” one and fingers crossed we will be in a position to deliver a full “Beginners Course”, the usual “Development Sessions”, along with individual coaching sessions and maybe, just maybe, you will get to see the “Bowls What’s it All About?” presentation!

For now, have a good winter and stay safe.

Ken Tudor
Club Coaching Co-Ordinator
“Coach Bowls” Level 2 Qualified



Jamie Campbell Club Umpire

If you have ever wondered who was responsible for that 'little red book' I keep banging on about, with its incomprehensible rules, or if you have no idea what I'm talking about, then here's a little snapshot about the game which may help.

History of the Laws of the Sport of Bowls

The game of bowls has a long history stretching back as far as the 13th century and the world's oldest surviving bowling green, 'The Southampton Old Bowling Green' dates to 1299.

It has an interesting history as well, during the reigns of Edward III, Richard II and Henry VIII it was banned to prevent it interfering with the archery practice of their troops!

So, leap forward over 500 years later to Scotland in 1848 and a meeting in Glasgow attended by about two hundred players from various clubs, all with differing Laws for playing the game, where a Glasgow cotton merchant named William Wallace Mitchell, drew up the first uniform code of Laws.

This set of rules "The Manual of Bowls Playing" was published in 1864 and formed the basis of the rules we know today.

In 1892 the Scottish Bowling Association was formed and in 1893 drew up a set of Laws based on Mitchell's Code, also publishing a Code of Ethics.

Some years later in 1903 the English Bowling Association was formed and notably its first President was the famed cricketer Dr W G Grace.

The International Bowling Board was formed in 1905, the foundation members being Scotland, England, Ireland and Wales. In 1928 five more countries joined namely New Zealand, Australia, South Africa, Canada and the United States of America. The IBB is now known as World Bowls, whose members currently stand at 53 Member National Authorities in 50 countries across 6 continents.

The World Bowls Laws Committee, in conjunction with WB Member National Authorities, undertake a review of the Laws of the Sport in a four yearly cycle coinciding with the Commonwealth Games. The last review was held in 2014, which produced the 'Laws of the Sport of Bowls - Chrystal Mark 3rd Edition'. A review was not carried out in 2018 as WB and the MNA's felt wholesale changes were unnecessary at the time. However, revisions to the 3rd Edition can be proposed and accepted, the latest incorporation in June 2020.

Possibly due to William Mitchell and his first rulebook, the home of the modern game is still in Scotland, with the World Bowls Centre located in the capital, Edinburgh.



Sponsors Update

During the summer, Nigel wrote to all our Sponsors to see how they are and what their plans are in continuing to support Olveston. I followed this up with a personal phone call and it is great to say that they were most positive in their responses. Despite the difficulties they all face, they clearly see the benefits to us and of course to themselves in maintaining the relationship with the Club. I have agreed to discuss with each of them towards the end of the year or early 2021 how best we proceed. Many of our new Members maybe unaware of who our Sponsors are:

- Main Sponsor – PBF Wealth Management – offers Financial advice (taken up by many Club Members).
- Specsavers of Thornbury
- Optimus of Thornbury
- Almondsbury Garden Centre
- Lisa Costa Estate Agents
- Simon Jenkins – Travel Consultant
- Pristine & Clean

As you can see, our Sponsors cover a wide range of activities which many members and of course the Club, have benefitted from over the past few years.

Prior to the start of the 2021 season, I will arrange for a Sponsors Newsletter to be sent out and each of our Sponsors can update the membership as to what they can offer.

Pedro Bonillo-Farias who owns PBF Wealth Management offers a free health check to all ODBC members. If you want contact details, let me know and I will pass on to Pedro.

Normally, a Sponsors update would be circulated by George McDowall who has done so much good work with our Sponsors since 2016. George stepped back during the summer when Ann was unwell (delighted to say she is making excellent progress). Thanks, George, for all you have done. It is greatly appreciated. So, for the short term, I am acting as the Club/Sponsors liaison. If you want any more information on any of our Sponsors just drop me an e mail:

grayhotspur@gmail.com

Graham Ellis

Ladies Second Team

This time last year we were delighted to be staying up in Division 2 and, of course, had no idea that all league games would have to be cancelled in the 2020 season.

However, we can now look forward to next year when we will hopefully have a new normal which will enable us to once again enjoy competitive bowls in a friendly environment.

Linda Chappell

From The Editor

For the last 12 years Ken has been busy producing 2 Wide 2 Heavy so I would very much like to thank him for that and the vast amount of time and effort which goes into each edition, which I'm just finding out!

Thank you also to everyone who has provided an article. Next season I will aim to produce these on a more regular basis so I hope we have more bowls to report on. For now enjoy this edition and stay safe.

Nigel

The Last End.....

And finally, can you spot a few of our members from a few years ago? There's 2 in the Rugby Team.



SHOOT!
Presents
BRISTOL CITY-THE REDS OF ASHTON GATE

BACK ROW
(left to right)
Alec Briggs
Tony Ford
(now Bristol Rovers)
John Connor
Mike Gibson
John Galley
Terry Bush
Ken Wimshurst

CENTRE ROW
Gordon Parr
Bobby Kellard
Gerry Sharpe
Trevor Jacobs
Jantzen Derrick
Alan Skirton

FRONT ROW
Chris Garland
Dickie Rooks
Brian Drysdale
Malcolm Clarke

Answers: Top left is John Paton when he was 19. Only some 60 odd years ago! In the Thornbury Rugby Club photo from the early 80s John Arrowsmith is second from the right in the front row whilst Steve Pinder is in the back row fourth from the left. Finding Tony Ford in the football photo is a little easier as his name is listed as second from the left in the back row. Where's all the sponsors on the shirts!!

Bonus Questions: 1. Who's shoes are these? 2. Who is number one (although I should say he was signalling one shot)? 3. Who is rumoured to have bought a drink at the seasons ending event? 4. Who owns the yellow woods?



If you have any amusing captions for the photos below then let me know and I will include them in the next edition.



Bonus Question Answers: 1. Reg Muldoon. 2. Chris Blake 3. It could only be Ted! 4. Ken Tudor.