

Wrentham Bowls Club

For Wrentham Parish Annual Meeting

Looking back on the year, the Club was very proud and privileged to have one of its members, Andrew Burch, as County President. Andrew had a fantastic year and served the County exceptionally well.

We opened the Green on 26th April 2025 with a Drive for the Geoff & Ann Sallows Memorial Shield which was won by Andrew.

The Annual Tournament which was held on 24th May was a great success. Sponsorship for this was received from Adnams, Boggis, Mantins Solicitors and Cripps Builders. We had 24 pairs play for the prize money and the eventual winners were.

- 1st Ruth Swarbrick and partner
- 2nd Sue Rochard and partner
- 3rd Bernard King and partner
- 4th Alan Buck and partner

Our achievements

Wrentham were runners-up in the Benacre League Division I and in Division III Wrentham finished in the latter half of the table.

Wrentham were winners of the Beccles League Division I for the 6th consecutive year.

In the Sunshine League, the Green team finished mid table in Division I and the Blue team mid table in Division III

In the Cup Games Wrentham won the Easey Cup for the fourth consecutive year.

In the Marie Curie Cup games, the captain played a mixed team and Wrentham played three rounds before being knocked out.

The biggest and by far the most prestigious achievement was winning the Suffolk County Senior Cup. We beat Thurlton in the Area Semi-final and then beat Lowestoft Railway in the Area final. This progressed the team to the County semi-final where we played Haughley Bowls Club – although we were the underdogs, we came away with 54 shots win. In the final we travelled to Marlborough Bowls Club in Ipswich where we faced Ipswich & District Bowls Club and again, we were the underdogs. They had one or two bowlers who play for England in their squad. The game was very close up until about two-thirds of the way through, but Wrentham kept their heads down and kept plugging away and finally had a convincing win of plus 20 shots. An immensely proud moment for the Club.

The Members and Friends Tournament was held on 3rd September – again a most successful day raising a considerable sum of money for the Club.

This was followed by the Club internal competitions - Finals Day was another great success and we finished off the day with a barbecue.

Our Maintenance Crew put in an astronomical amount of time and hard work into looking after the green, all the surrounding areas and the general maintenance of our buildings.

Finally, don't forget non-members are welcome to come along on Tuesday mornings for a game, cup of coffee and chat. Arrive 9.45 for 10am start All we ask is that you wear flat soled shoes.

Wrentham Bowls Club has a fantastic reputation in the County for its friendliness, the welcome our visitors are given, the quality of the bowling green and surrounding area. The green is now one of the top three/four greens in the County. The members and the Village should be very proud of this facility. We have a happy, contented and thriving Club and long may it continue.

Edna Utting – Secretary & Treasurer

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