

# Great Torrington Bowling Club Historical Notes

## Prior to the year 1645

The area of Common land in Torrington part of which is known as the Old Bowling Green must have been used for many years. Various decrees were issued by several Monarchs to the effect that, - 'all ball games should be prohibited and only Archery should be practiced'. This was to ensure that there was a ready supply of young able-bodied yeoman who could be called upon when the King waged war.

During Tudor times if any nobleman wanted to create a private bowling green, he was required to pay a levy of £100 to the King. A private green can still be seen at Dartington Hall in South Devon. King Charles the First was a keen bowler and gambled large sums of money on who could get closest to the jack. In fact, he was allowed to create a green at Carisbrooke Castle on the Isle of Wight during detention, prior to his execution.

## Year 1645

The Castle Green was undoubtedly in existence in 1645, as in a paper entitled "FAIRFAX IN THE WEST" published in Vol. XIII, page 169 of The Transactions of the Devonshire Association, the Author, Mr P. Q. Karkee, states that – "the Price's Guard were in the Castle Green" at the time of the engagement, at Great Torrington, between the Royalists and the Roundheads, on February 16<sup>th</sup>, 1646.

## Year 1654

The Game of Bowls was being played at Torrington in 1654, as John Howe, who was at that time a Minister in the town (and later Cromwell's Chaplain at Whitehall), in a Sermon on "Thoughtfulness for the Future", alludes to the game as follows:- "and as men (in bodily exercise) when the bowl in out of their hands writhe and distort their bodies, as if they could govern its motion by those odd and ridiculous motions of theirs; so are we apt to distort our minds into uncouth shapes and postures, to as little purpose, more pernicious, and upon a true account not less ridiculous."

## Year 1717

The Castle Green was laid out for recreation and the Summer house was built for THREE POUNDS SEVEN SHILLINGS AND FOUR PENCE (£3.7.4d) in the Castle Green. (*Could be the present-day Gazebo*)

## Year 1741

Mr John Squires was paid 5 shillings for laying turf on the bowling green.

## Year 1837

This year Lord John Rolle of Stevenston granted a 21-year lease of the Castle Green to the Great Torrington Town Council – "specifically for the purpose of a bowling green" – at a rent of two shillings and six pence per quarter. (*We have a copy of the lease in the club records and the club website.*)

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## Year 1883

Bailey of the Castle – now known as Barley Grove – conveyed to the Town Council. It refers to the Bowling Green as already held by the Council. Assuming the lease of 1837 ran until 1862, sometime between 1862 and 1883 the Green was conveyed by either purchase or gift to the Town Council.

## Year 1887

The oldest minutes of the Great Torrington Bowling Club which we possess begin to give a picture of life in the Town at the end of the last century.

It was recorded that the Club President was Mr G. Fisher, and the Secretary was Mr J.D. Copp.

The club was invited to send a team to Plymouth for the Tercentenary celebrations of the Armada.

## Year 1888

The club officials elected for this year were: President Mr G. Fisher, and Secretary Mr H. Bangham. The Club played against the Old Leeds Club to celebrate the 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Armada. The Club wrote to the Leeds Club regarding the match at Plymouth insisting that they would only play with a 'non-biased jack'. Crown Green bowlers still play with a biased jack much larger than the one we play with today. The smaller jack appears to have been introduced around 1907. Lawn Tennis Jackets and white trousers were suggested for the match but subsequently costumes were provided by the Plymouth Celebration Committee.

Nine players were selected and these and together with the names of the markers can be seen engraved on the 1888 cup. (*see photo below*)



## Year 1889

The club officials elected for this year were:

President Mr G. Fisher, and Secretary Mr H. Bangham.

In May of that year the sets game was played – first to seven shots, proving that the present scoring system seen on televised World Indoor Championships is not a new format.

The silver cup was given to the President Mr G. Fisher for safekeeping and Mr I. Slee was asked to make a stand and box in which to keep the Cup. There is no record of payment to Mr Slee for making the same and it would appear that it is not done.

NOTE: in 1991 we have finally had a mahogany plinth made, which not sets off the silver cup in all of its splendour.

## Year 1890

The club officials elected for this year were:

President Mr J. Adams, and Secretary Mr H. Bangham.

This year saw the club's first match with Barnstaple at Torrington and Torrington won by 66 points.

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## Year 1891

The club officials elected for this year were:  
President Mr J. Jackson, and Secretary Mr H. Bangham.

## Year 1892

The club officials elected for this year were:  
President Mr J. Jackson, and Secretary Mr H. Bangham.

The greenkeeper was instructed to roll the green three times and cut it twice a week. He was paid £11 for 22 weeks work during the season.  
There were 10 Honorary and 75 Members. The Annual Subscription was five shillings. (*this was equivalent to a week's wage*)

## Year 1893

The club officials elected for this year were:  
President Mr J. Jackson, and Secretary Mr H. Blatchford.

## Year 1894

The club officials elected for this year were:  
President Mr J. Jackson, and Secretary Mr H. Blatchford.

Torrington played the following matches for the Bowling Union Championship:  
On the 16<sup>th</sup> of May against Bideford at Bideford and scored 212 points against 215 points.  
On the 30<sup>th</sup> of May against Barnstaple at Torrington and scored 156 points against 80 points.  
On the 28<sup>th</sup> of June against Bideford at Torrington and scored 271 points against 149 points.  
On the 25<sup>th</sup> of July against Barnstaple at the Victoria Road ground in Barnstaple and scored 125 points against 114 points.  
Torrington won the Bowling Union Championship and after all the matches were played it was agreed that all future matches for the championship shall be played on a neutral ground.

## Year 1895

The club officials elected for this year were:  
President Mr J. Jackson, and Secretary Mr H. Blatchford.

Torrington played the following matches:  
On the 13<sup>th</sup> of June against Ilfracombe at Torrington and scored 150 points against 69 points.  
On the 26<sup>th</sup> of June against Barnstaple at the Victoria Road ground in Barnstaple and scored 204 points against 229 points.  
On the 10<sup>th</sup> of July against Bideford at Bideford and scored 220 points against 207 points.  
On the 1<sup>st</sup> of August against Ilfracombe at Ilfracombe and scored 132 points against 103 points.  
On the 8<sup>th</sup> of August against Bideford at Torrington and scored 251 points against 150 points.

## Year 1896

The club officials elected for this year were:  
President Mr J. Jackson, and Secretary Mr H. Blatchford.

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## Year 1896 (continued)

Torrington played the following matches:

- On the 26<sup>th</sup> of May against Bideford at Bideford and scored 209 points against 230 points.
- On the 4<sup>th</sup> of June against Ilfracombe at Torrington and scored 150 points against 82 points.
- On the 2<sup>nd</sup> of July against Bideford at Torrington and scored 258 points against 179 points.
- On the 16<sup>th</sup> of July against Barnstaple at Torrington and scored 274 points against 104 points.
- On the 29<sup>th</sup> of July against Barnstaple (Victoria Road) at Barnstaple and scored 264 points against 196 points.

## Year 1897

The club officials elected for this year were:

President Mr J. Jackson, and Secretary Mr H. Blatchford.

Torrington played the following matches:

- On the 10<sup>th</sup> of June against Barnstaple (Newport) at Barnstaple and scored 244 points against 240 points.
- On the 16<sup>th</sup> of June against Bideford at Bideford and scored 207 points against 236 points.
- On the 1<sup>st</sup> of July against Ilfracombe at Ilfracombe and scored 140 points against 123 points.
- On the 8<sup>th</sup> of July against Barnstaple (Victoria Road) at Barnstaple and scored 254 points against 191 points.
- On the 15<sup>th</sup> of July against Bideford at Torrington and scored 267 points against 189 points.
- On the 2<sup>nd</sup> of August against Barnstaple (Newport) at Torrington and scored 240 points against 119 points.
- On the 4<sup>th</sup> of August against Barnstaple (Victoria Road) at Torrington and scored 230 points against 165 points.
- On the 19<sup>th</sup> of August against Ilfracombe at Torrington and scored 152 points against 78 points.

## Year 1898

The club officials elected for this year were:

President Mr J. Jackson, and Secretary Mr H. Blatchford.

Torrington played the following matches:

- On the 1<sup>st</sup> of June against Barnstaple (Victoria Road) at Barnstaple and scored 239 points against 180 points and the players elected to travel by train.
- On the 16<sup>th</sup> of June against Ilfracombe at Ilfracombe and scored 118 points against 123 points.
- On the 30<sup>th</sup> of June against Bideford at Torrington and scored 252 points against 178 points.
- On the 7<sup>th</sup> of July against Barnstaple (Victoria Road) at Torrington and scored 239 points against 173 points.
- On the 13<sup>th</sup> of July against Barnstaple (Newport) at Barnstaple and scored 243 points against 180 points.
- On the 20<sup>th</sup> of July against Bideford at Bideford and scored 248 points against 180 points.
- On the 11<sup>th</sup> of August against Ilfracombe at Torrington and scored 133 points against 118 points.
- On the 18<sup>th</sup> of August against Barnstaple (Newport) at Torrington and scored 278 points against 131 points.

## Year 1899

The club officials elected for this year were:

President Mr A.M. Werry, and Secretary Mr H. Blatchford.

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## Year 1899 (continued)

Torrington played the following matches:

On the 18<sup>th</sup> of May against Ilfracombe at Ilfracombe and scored 151 points against 76 points.

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> of June against Barnstaple (Newport) at Barnstaple and scored 240 points against 186 points.

On the 8<sup>th</sup> of June against Barnstaple (Rumsan) at Barnstaple and scored 187 points against 259 points.

On the 8<sup>th</sup> of June against Barnstaple (Victoria Road) at Barnstaple and scored 193 points against 225 points.

On the 22<sup>nd</sup> of June against Bideford at Torrington and scored 255 points against 166 points.

On the 29<sup>th</sup> of June against Ilfracombe at Torrington and scored 140 points against 106 points.

On the 6<sup>th</sup> of July against Barnstaple (Rumsan) at Torrington and scored 273 points against 147 points.

On the 13<sup>th</sup> of July against Barnstaple (Newport) at Torrington and scored 159 points against 65 points.

On the 11<sup>th</sup> of August against Barnstaple (Victoria Road) at Torrington and scored 242 points against 159 points.

On the 16<sup>th</sup> of August against Bideford at Bideford and scored 222 points against 233 points.

On the 17<sup>th</sup> of August against Torquay at Torrington and scored 315 points against 114 points.

## Year 1900

The club officials elected for this year were:

President Mr A.M. Werry, Chairman Mr J.D. Copp and Secretary Mr H. Blatchford.

Torrington played the following matches:

On the 23<sup>rd</sup> of May against Bideford at Torrington and scored 255 points against 174 points.

On the 4<sup>th</sup> of June against Barnstaple (Newport) at Torrington and scored 268 points against 126 points.

On the 6<sup>th</sup> of June against Barnstaple (Rumsan) at Barnstaple and scored 227 points against 226 points.

On the 13<sup>th</sup> of June against Barnstaple (Victoria Road) at Barnstaple but the scores were not recorded.

On the 28<sup>th</sup> of June against Ilfracombe at Ilfracombe and scored 129 points against 108 points.

On the 5<sup>th</sup> of July against Barnstaple (Rumsan) at Torrington and scored 241 points against 192 points.

On the 6<sup>th</sup> of August against Torquay at Torquay and scored 184 points against 135 points.

On the 9<sup>th</sup> of August against Bideford at Bideford and scored 234 points against 167 points.

On the 16<sup>th</sup> of August against Barnstaple (Victoria Road) at Torrington and scored 255 points against 168 points.

On the 29<sup>th</sup> of August against Barnstaple (Newport) at Barnstaple and scored 184 points against 236 points.

## Year 1901

The club officials elected for this year were:

President Mr A.M. Werry, and Secretary Mr H. Blatchford.

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## Year 1901 (continued)

Torrington played the following matches:

On the 20<sup>th</sup> of June against Barnstaple (Victoria Road) at Torrington and scored 226 points against 164 points.

On the 5<sup>th</sup> of July against Torquay at Torrington and scored 198 points against 96 points.

On the 31<sup>st</sup> of July against Bideford at Bideford and scored 200 points against 233 points.

On the 7<sup>th</sup> of August against Barnstaple (Victoria Road) at Barnstaple and scored 245 points against 192 points.

On the 16<sup>th</sup> of August against South Molton at Torrington and scored 147 points against 58 points.

After this date there are no more scores recorded.

## Year 1902

The club officials elected for this year were:

President Mr A.M. Werry, and Secretary Mr H. Blatchford.

## Year 1903

The club officials elected for this year were:

President Mr A.M. Werry, and Secretary Mr H. Blatchford.

The English Bowling Association (EBA) was formed and Dr W.G. Grace of cricketing fame, was instrumental in setting it up.

## Year 1905

The club officials for this year were:

Club President Mr A.M. Werry, and Secretary Mr F.W. Hodge.

## Year 1906

The club officials for this year were:

Club President Mr A.M. Werry, and Secretary Mr F.W. Hodge.

It would appear at about this time that the size of the jack was changed.

## Year 1907

The club officials elected for this year were:

President Dr J.G. MacIndoe, and Secretary Mr F.W. Hodge.

The North Devon Bowling League was formed, and the first match was between Torrington and South Molton at Torrington. The teams play with 3 teams of 3 players each team and played 3 rounds of matches.

The final score was Torrington 165 points and South Molton 95 and both teams after the match retired to the Fishley's Commercial Hotel for tea.

## Year 1908

The club officials elected for this year were:

President Dr J.G. MacIndoe, and Secretary Mr F.W. Hodge.

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## Year 1908 (continued)

The Devon County Bowling Association was founded.

## Year 1909

The club officials elected for this year were:  
President Mr J.R. Bevan, and Secretary Mr F.W. Hodge.

## Year 1910

The club officials elected for this year were:  
President Mr R. Penhale, and Secretary Mr F.W. Hodge.

## Year 1911

The club officials elected for this year were:  
President Mr C.R. Doe, Secretary and Captain Mr F.W. Hodge.

A North Devon Division of the Devon County Bowling Association was proposed and accepted.  
During this year the Torrington Green was re-laid.

## Year 1912

The club officials elected for this year were:  
President Mr F.R. Boatfield, Secretary Mr F.W. Hodge, and Captain Mr C.R. Doe.

At the A.G.M. it was reported that the Club had lost, for the first time in the Club's History, a home game on the Castle Green. (*perhaps the re-laying of the green had something to do with it*).

Torrington won the Devon County Trophy.

In the first match on the 6<sup>th</sup> of June at Barnstaple they beat Ilfracombe by 32 points.

In the second match on the 20<sup>th</sup> of June at Cowick they beat Barnstaple by 35 points.

In the third match on the 17<sup>th</sup> of July at Tiverton they beat Exonia by 76 points.

In the fourth match on the 5<sup>th</sup> of September at Heavitree they beat Tiverton by 36 points.

Finally, on the 12<sup>th</sup> of September at Barnfield, they played Torquay, and the match was drawn, but after 5 extra ends Torrington won by 13 points.



This is a photo of the winning team:

(back row) Messrs F.W. Hodge, W.J. Slee, F.R. Hodge, F. Tucker and Dr I.G. MacIndoe.

(middle) Messrs C.W. Slee, C.R. Doe and J. Bowden.

(front) Messrs H. Blatchford, A. Ashton, J. Short and R.M. Doe.

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## Year 1913

The club officials elected for this year were:

President Mr F.R. Boatfield, Secretary Mr F.W. Hodge, and Captain Mr C.R. Doe.

This year it was decided that travelling expenses to away matches were to be allowed.

## Year 1914

The club officials elected for this year were:

President Mr H.D. Pollock, Secretary Mr F.W. Hodge, and Captain Dr I.G. MacIndoe.

Mr F.W. Hodge was appointed President of the Devon County Bowling Association.

## Year 1915

The club officials elected for this year were:

President Mr R.M. Doe, Secretary Mr F.W. Hodge, and Captain Dr I.G. MacIndoe.

Mr F.W. Hodge was made an honorary member of the club.

## Years 1916 to 1918

The club officials elected for these years were:

President Mr J. Short, Secretary Mr F.W. Hodge, and Captain Dr J.G. MacIndoe.

## Year 1919

The club officials elected for this year were:

President Mr F.W. Hodge, Secretary Mr J. Short.

## Year 1920

This year Mr F.R. Hodge won the County Singles Title.

The records of club officials from 1920 to 1944 are missing except for 1933 Annual General Meeting Agenda.

## Year 1922

This year Mr F.R. Hodge won the County Singles Title.

## Year 1923

This year Mr W.J. Slee won the County Single Title.



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## Year 1924

This year Mr F.R. Hodge won the National Singles Title at Denmark Hill in London and the County Singles Title



This year Mr J Tippett and Mr C. Hartnoll won the County Pairs Title.

## Year 1927

This year Mr F.R. Hodge and Mr W.J. Slee won the County Pairs Title.

## Year 1928

This year Mr F.R. Hodge and Mr W.J. Slee won the County Pairs Title.

## Year 1931

This year Mr F.R. Hodge won the County Secretaries Competition.

## Year 1932

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## Year 1933

The club officials elected for this year were:

President Mr J. Wightman, Secretary Mr F.R. Hodge, and Treasurer Mr W.J. Blatchford.

The Annual General Meeting was held in the Club Pavilion on Wednesday the 6<sup>th</sup> of December at 6.30pm. There are 62 members paying a membership fee of 10/- per annum. (*Note: In this year £1 equates to £71.33 in 2020*)

## Years 1945 to 1948

During these years Mr F.R. Hodge was the club secretary.

## Year 1949

This year Mr F.R. Hodge was the club secretary.

The winner of this year's Wilson Cup was Mr W.E. Kelly.

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## Year 1950

This year Mr F.R. Hodge was the club secretary.

The winner of this year's Wilson Cup was Mr F.R. Hodge.

## Year 1951

This year Mr F.R. Hodge was the club secretary.

The winner of this year's Wilson Cup was Mr J. Hurst.

## Year 1952

The Annual General Meeting for 1951 was held in Conservative Club on Thursday the 7<sup>th</sup> of February 1952 at 7pm with 40 members attending.

The club officials elected for this year were:

President Mr H. Vincent, Secretary Mr F.R. Hodge, Treasurer Mr H.S. Widger and Captain Mr F. Vodden.

The winner of this year's Wilson Cup was Mr A.E. Muncey.

## Year 1953

The Annual General Meeting for 1952 was held in Conservative Club on Monday the 26<sup>th</sup> of January 1953 at 7pm with 47 members attending.

The club officials elected for this year were:

President Mr H. Vincent, Chairman Mr C Sutton, Secretary was Mr F.R. Hodge, Treasurer Mr W.E. Kelly, and Captain was Mr C. Sutton.

Mr F.R. Hodge skipped the team which won the County Triples Title.

The winner of this year's Wilson Cup was Mr R.J. Heaman.

## Year 1954

The Annual General Meeting for 1953 was held in Conservative Club on Thursday the 14<sup>th</sup> of January 1954 at 7pm with 48 members attending.

The club officials elected for this year were:

President Mr H. Vincent, Chairman Mr L Brachi, Treasurer Mr L. Brachi, Secretary Mr F.R. Hodge, and Captain Mr R.W. Bartlett.

The winner of this year's Wilson Cup was Mr R.J. Heaman.

## Year 1955

The Annual General Meeting for 1954 was held in Conservative Club on Monday the 26<sup>th</sup> of January 1955 at 7pm with 47 members attending. The club officials elected for this year were:

President Mr J.H. Long, Joint Secretaries Mr F.R. Hodge and Mr H.A. Tresise, Treasurer Mr. C.R. Lucas, and Captain Mr W.J. Plucknett.

The membership fee for 1955 was 30/- per annum and this year's £1 equates to £28.07 in 2020.

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## Year 1955 (continued)

The winner of this year's Wilson Cup was C.R. Sutton.

This year the club won the County Fours Title.



In the photo at the rear are Mr J.H. Long (club President) and Mr W. J. Plucknett. Sitting are Mr F. Vodden, Mr H. Hodge and Mr R. Walsh.

This year the club was saddened by the death of Mr F.W. Hodge.

## Year 1956

The Annual General Meeting for 1955 was held in the Conservative Club Whist Drive Room, Torrington on Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> of January 1956 at 7.30pm.

The club officials elected for this year were:

President Mr J.H. Long, Joint Secretaries Mr F.R. Hodge and Mr H.A. Tresise, Treasurer Mr. C.R. Lucas, and Captain Mr R.J. Heaman.

The winner of this year's Wilson Cup was Mr B. Hodge.

The Annual General Meeting for this year was held in the Conservative Club Whist Drive Room, Torrington on Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> of November at 7.30pm.

The membership fee for 1956 was £2 per annum and this year's £1 equates to £26.86 in 2020.

## Year 1957

The club officials for this year were:

President Mr J.H. Long, Joint Secretaries Mr F.R. Hodge and Mr H.A. Tresise, Treasurer Mr. C.R. Lucas, and Captain Mr L.G. Ashley.

This year Mr F.R. Hodge won the County Secretaries Competition.

The winner of this year's Wilson Cup was Mr R. Walsh.

The Annual General Meeting was held in the Conservative Club Whist Drive Room, Torrington on Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> of November at 7.30pm. The membership fee for 1957 was £2 per annum and this year's £1 equates to £25.61 in 2020.

## Year 1958

The club officials for this year were:

President Mr J.H. Long, Joint Secretaries Mr F.R. Hodge and Mr H.A. Tresise, Treasurer Mr. C.R. Lucas, and Captain Mr L.G. Copp.

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## Year 1958 (continued)

The winner of this year's Wilson Cup was W. Plucknett.

The Annual General Meeting was held in the Conservative Club Whist Drive Room, Torrington on Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> of December at 7.30pm.

The membership fee for 1958 was £2 per annum and this year's £1 equates to £24.69 in 2020.

## Year 1959

The club officials for this year were:

President Mr J.H. Long, Joint Secretaries Mr F.R. Hodge and Mr H.A. Tresise, Treasurer Mr. C.R. Lucas, and Captain Mr J. Hurst.

The winner of this year's Wilson Cup was Mr F. Vodden.

The Annual General Meeting was held in the Conservative Club Whist Drive Room, Torrington on Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> of December at 7.30pm.

The membership fee for 1959 was £2 per annum and this year's £1 equates to £23.97 in 2020.

## Year 1960

The club officials elected for this year were:

President Mr J.H. Long, Secretary Mr F.R. Hodge, Treasurer Mr C.R. Lucas and Captain Mr H. Hodge.

The winner of this year's Wilson Cup was Mr J.H. Long.

The Annual General Meeting was held in the Conservative Club Whist Drive Room, Torrington on Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> of November at 7.30pm.

## Year 1961

The club officials elected for this year were:

President Mr J.H. Long, Secretary Mr F.R. Hodge, Treasurer Mr C.R. Lucas and Captain Mr J. Passmore.

This year Mr R.J. Heaman won the County Secretaries Singles Competition.

The winner of this year's Wilson Cup was Mr F.R. Hodge.

The Annual General Meeting was held in the British Legion Room, Torrington on Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> of December at 7.30pm.

## Year 1962

The club officials elected for this year were:

President Mr J.H. Long, Secretary Mr F.R. Hodge, Treasurer Mr C.R. Lucas and Captain Mr W. Johns.

The winner of this year's Wilson Cup was Mr R. Walsh.

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## Year 1962 (continued)

The Annual General Meeting was held in the British Legion Room, Torrington on Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> of December at 7.30pm.

## Year 1963

The club officials elected for this year were:

President Mr J.H. Long, Secretary Mr F.R. Hodge, Treasurer Mr C.R. Lucas and Captain Mr J White.

The winner of this year's Wilson Cup was Mr R. Walsh.

## Year 1964

The Annual General Meeting of 1963 was held in the Conservative Club Whist Drive Room, Torrington on Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> of January 1964 at 6.45pm with only 19 members present.

The club officials elected for this year were:

President Mr J.H. Long, Secretary Mr F.R. Hodge, Treasurer Mr C.R. Lucas and Captain Mr J Heard.

The winner of this year's Wilson Cup was Mr R. Walsh.

## Year 1965

The Annual General Meeting was held in the Club Pavilion, Torrington on Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> of March at 6.45pm.

The club officials elected for this year were:

President Mr J.H. Long, Secretary Mr F.R. Hodge, Treasurer Mr C.R. Sutton and Captain Mr S.I. Downing.

The winner of this year's Wilson Cup was Mr C.R. Sutton.

## Year 1966

The Annual General Meeting was held in the Club Pavilion, Torrington on Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> of February at 6.45pm.

The club officials elected for this year were:

President Mr J.H. Long, Secretary Mr F.R. Hodge, Treasurer Mr C.R. Sutton and Captain Mr W. Ellacott.

The only club cups played for at this time were:- John Long Presidents Cup, W. Wilson Cup, Pairs Cup and the Weekly Competition Cup.

The competition winners this year were:

Presidents/Long Cup (singles) – Mr R.J. Heaman; Wilson Cup (singles) – Mr C.R. Sutton; Pairs Cup – Mr J. Plunknett and Mr W. Ellacott, Weekly Competition – Mr L.A. Ashley.

## Year 1967

The Annual General Meeting was held in the Liberal Club, Torrington on Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> of February at 7pm.

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## Year 1967 (continued)

The club officials elected for this year were:

President Mr J.H. Long, Secretary Mr F.R. Hodge, Treasurer Mr C.R. Sutton and Captain Mr R. Long.

The competition winners this year were:

Long Cup – Mr C.R. Sutton, Wilson Cup – Mr C.R. Sutton.

## Year 1968

The Annual General Meeting was held in the Club Pavilion, Torrington on Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> of March at 7pm. Loans from the members were given to purchase a new mower at a cost of £37-16s-7d.

The club officials elected for this year were:

President Mr J.H. Long, Secretary Mr F.R. Hodge, Treasurer Mr C.R. Sutton and Captain Mr G. Westcott.

The competition winners this year were:

Long Cup – Mr L Ashley, Wilson Cup – no record.

## Year 1969

The Annual General Meeting was held in the Club Pavilion, Torrington on Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> of June at 8.15pm. The secretary reported that due to the low membership the club had to reduce their playing to 4 triples per match.

The club officials elected for this year were:

President Mr J.H. Long, Secretary Mr F.R. Hodge, Treasurer Mr C.R. Sutton and Captain Mr C.C. Divell.

The competition winners for this year were:

Long Cup – Mr C.R. Sutton, Wilson Cup – Mr W. Ellacott.

This year the club was saddened by the death of Mr F.R. Hodge.

There was a General Meeting on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> of November at Messrs Plunknett's in South Street where the committee paid their respects to the late Mr F.R. Hodge, and they elected Mr H.H. Sopp to replace him as secretary.

## Year 1970

The Annual General Meeting for 1969 was held in the Youth Club Room, Torrington on Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> of January at 7pm. The secretary stated that the club was feeling the heavy loss in 1969 of 3 members. "Mr W.J White had been a generous supporter of the club for number of year"; "Mr A Heaman was an Honorary Member, that distinction being given for his services over many year"; "Mr F.R. Hodge had been a member for almost sixty year. He had given generously of his time and energies over that period. He had undertaken the office of secretary for 25 year. His playing career had been a brilliant one and he brought the highest honours to the club by being Singles Champion of England in 1924. He was indeed a Gentleman of the green and all would mourn his passing. Great respect was paid to him throughout North Devon and bowls in that area was richer for his participation. We all looked upon him as a friend and treasure each memory of him".

The club officials elected for this year were:

President Mr J.H. Long, Secretary Mr H.H. Sopp, Treasurer Mr C.R. Sutton and Captain Mr K. Colwill.

# Great Torrington Bowling Club Historical Notes

## Year 1970 (continued)

The competition winners this year were:

Long Cup – Mr H.B. Edyvean, Wilson Cup – Mr C.R. Mitchell.

The Annual General Meeting for 1970 was held in the Globe Hotel on Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> November.

## Year 1971

The club officials elected for this year were:

President Mr J.H. Long, Secretary Mr H.H. Sopp, Captain Mr J. Trounson.

The competition winners this year were:

Long Cup – Mr L. Ashley, Wilson Cup – Mr L. Ashley, Hodge Cup (new 2 wood singles) – Mr J. Heard, Quick Cup (pairs) – Mr C.R. Sutton and Dr. G.S. Aston.

The Annual General Meeting was held in the Newmarket Inn on Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> of November at 7pm. A new position of Match Secretary was approved and Mr J. Trounson was appointed.

This year the English Indoor Bowling Association (EIBA) was formed.

## Year 1972

The club officials elected for this year were:

President Mr J.H. Long, Secretary Mr H.H. Sopp, Captain Mr B. Edyvean.

The competition winners were:

Long Cup – Mr R.G. Copp, Wilson Cup – Mr F. Beer, Hodge Cup – Mr C. Milburn, Quick Cup – Messrs H. Yeo and L. Ashley.

A meeting was held on Monday the 18<sup>th</sup> of September to discuss the new North Devon Triples League formation and appoint a delegation from the club to attend the meeting at Rock Park on Thursday the 21<sup>st</sup> of September and report back.

The Annual General Meeting was held in the Newmarket Inn on Tuesday the 21<sup>st</sup> of November at 7pm.

Mr J. Trounson attended on behalf of the club, the first Annual General Meeting of the North Devon Triples League on Thursday the 30<sup>th</sup> of November.

## Year 1973

A General Meeting was held in the Newmarket Inn on Tuesday the 16<sup>th</sup> of January to report the findings of the North Devon Triples League Annual General Meeting. It was decided that there would be three (3) divisions of not more than 5 teams per division. There would be an affiliation fee of £1 per team and 15d per player registered.

The club officials elected for this year were:

President Mr J.H. Long, Secretary Mr H.H. Sopp, Captain Mr R. Glover.

A General Meeting was held in the Newmarket Inn on Tuesday the 13<sup>th</sup> of February where it was stated that Torrington would be in Division 1 along with Rock Park 'A', Victoria Park 'A' and 'B' and Combe Martin.

# Great Torrington Bowling Club Historical Notes

## Year 1973 (continued)

The competition winners were:

Long Cup – Mr C.R. Sutton, Wilson Cup – Mr H. Yeo, Hodge Cup – Mr C.R. Mitchell, Quick Cup – Messrs V. Harris and C. R. Mitchell.

The Annual General Meeting was held in the Newmarket Inn on Wednesday the 14<sup>th</sup> of November at 7pm. A new official position of Competition Secretary was introduced, and Mr F. Gent was appointed.

## Year 1974

The club officials elected for this year were:

President Mr J.H. Long, Secretary Mr H.H. Sopp, Captain Mr R. Glover.

The club decided that the 1888 Plymouth Cup would be held, in trust, by the Captain.

There was only 2 competition completed this year and the winners were:

Wilson Cup – Mr A. Waldron, Quick Cup – Messrs H.B. Edyvean and A. Waldron.

The Annual General Meeting was held in the Newmarket Inn on Wednesday the 6<sup>th</sup> of November at 7pm and Mr J.H. Long was appointed as a Life President.

## Year 1975

The club officials elected for this year were:

President Mr J.H. Long, Secretary Mr H.H. Sopp, Chairman Mr H.B. Edyvean, and Captain Mr J. Trounson.

A General meeting was held in the Newmarket Inn on Wednesday the 29<sup>th</sup> of January where it was agreed to increase the subscriptions from £3 to £5 and pensioners from £2.50 to £3.50 and 5 pence per player per match both home and away.

The competition winners for 1974 were:

Long Cup – Mr J. Heard, Hodge Cup – Mr C.R. Mitchell.

The competition winners for this year were:

Long Cup – Mr T. Webber; Wilson Cup – Mr V. Harris; Quick Cup – Messrs R. Glover and W. Johns, Hodge Cup – Mr R.G. Copp.

The Annual General Meeting was held in the Newmarket Inn on Wednesday the 14<sup>th</sup> of November at 7pm.

## Year 1976

The club officials elected for this year were: President Mr J.H. Long, Chairman Mr H.B. Edyvean, Secretary Mr C.R. Mitchell, Captain Mr T. Webber.

At the General Meeting held in the Newmarket Inn on Tuesday the 16<sup>th</sup> of March it was decided to increase the subscriptions to £9, Senior Citizens £7, Ladies and under 18 £3.50 with match fees at 25p per match. The dress code for all matches would be WHITES above the waist.



# Great Torrington Bowling Club Historical Notes

## Year 1976 (continued)

The competition winners for this year were:

Long Cup – Mr C.R. Mitchell, Wilson Cup – Mr V. Harris, Hodge Cup – Mr W. Johns,  
Quick Cup – Messrs L.G. Weeks and G. Copp.

The Annual General Meeting was held in the Newmarket Inn on Wednesday the 27<sup>th</sup> of October.

## Year 1977

A General Meeting was held in the Newmarket Inn on Wednesday the 9<sup>th</sup> of March. The Secretary reported that the Torridge District Council proposed to increase the rent from £50 per annum to £615 per annum. After some discussion with the council and the committee representatives including MP Mr Peter Mills it was agreed that the rent would be £50 per annum but the club would be responsible for the maintenance of the green.

The club officials elected for this year were:

President Mr J.H. Long, Chairman Mr H.B. Edyvean, Secretary Mr C.R. Mitchell, Captain Mr J. Trounson.

The competition winners for this year were:

Long Cup – Mr T. Webber, Wilson Cup – Mr C.R. Mitchell, Hodge Cup – Mr T. Webber,  
Quick Cup – Messrs L.G. Weeks and C.R. Mitchell.

The Annual General Meeting was held in the Admiral Vernon on Wednesday the 26<sup>th</sup> of October.

## Year 1978

The club officials elected for this year were:

President Mr J.H. Long, Chairman Mr H.B. Edyvean, Secretary Mr C.R. Mitchell,  
Captain Mr L. Ashley.

The competition winners for this year were:

Long Cup – Mr T. Webber, Wilson Cup – Mr C. Slade, Hodge Cup – Mr T. Webber,  
Quick Cup – Messrs R. Muirs and W. Johns.

## Year 1979

The club officials elected for this year were:

President Mr J.H. Long, Chairman Mr B. Edyvean, Secretary Mr C.R. Mitchell,  
Captain Mr S. Palmer.



This was the last year of Mr J.H. Long's 25 years of being club President from 1955 until 1979.

# Great Torrington Bowling Club Historical Notes

## Year 1979 (continued)

The competition winners for this year were:

Long Cup - Mr C. Milburn, Wilson Cup – Mr C. Milburn, Hodge Cup – Mr H. Yeo,  
Quick Cup – Messrs D. Oliver and C.R. Mitchell.

## Year 1980

The club officials elected for this year were:

President Mr C.R. Sutton, Chairman Mr J. Trounson, Secretary Mr C.R. Mitchell,  
Captain Mr J. Trounson.

The competition winners for this year were:

Long Cup – Mr C. Milburn, Wilson Cup – Mr R. Kent, Hodge Cup – Mr C. Milburn,  
Quick Cup – Messrs W. Ellacott and W. Boundy.

## Year 1981

The club officials elected for this year were:

President Mr C.R. Sutton, Chairman Mr H. Gerry, Secretary Mr C.R. Mitchell,  
Captain Mr C.R. Mitchell.

The competition winners for this year were:

Long Cup – Mr J. Heard, Wilson Cup – Mr C. Slade, Hodge Cup – Mr H.B. Edyvean,  
Quick Cup – Messrs H. Gerry and C.R. Mitchell,  
Buckie Cup (new singles competition open to all members) – Mr J. Heard.

## Year 1982

The club officials elected for this year were:

President Mr C.R. Sutton, Chairman Mr D. Oliver, Secretary Mr C.R. Mitchell,  
Captain Mr C.R. Mitchell.

The competition winners for this year were:

Singles Cup (ladies 4-wood singles) – Mrs M. Crocker, Long Cup – Mr T. Webber,  
Wilson Cup – Mr R Kent, Hodge Cup – Mr C. Slade, Quick Cup – no record,  
Buckie Cup – Mr D. Oliver.

## Year 1983

The club officials elected for this year were:

President Mr C.R. Sutton, Chairman Mr D. Oliver, Secretary Mr C.R. Mitchell,  
Captain Mr D. Oliver.

The competition winners for this year were:

Singles Cup – Mrs M Clarke, Long Cup – Mr C.R. Mitchell, Wilson Cup – Mr R.G. Copp,  
Hodge Cup – Mr H Yeo, Quick Cup – no record, Buckie Cup – Mr C. Slade.

## Year 1984

The club officials elected for this year were:

Chairman Mr W. Darch, and Captain Mr D. Oliver.

# Great Torrington Bowling Club Historical Notes

## Year 1984 (continued)

The competition winners for this year were:

Singles Cup – Mrs M. Kent, Long Cup – Mr H.B. Edyvean, Wilson Cup – Mr C Slade, Hodge Cup – Mr W Leverton, Quick Cup – no record, Buckie Cup – Mr C. Grainger.

This year the England Short Mat Bowling Association (ESMBA) was formed.

## Year 1985

The club officials elected for this year were:

President Mr C.R. Mitchell, Chairman Mr H.B. Edyvean, Secretary Mr C.J. Tichener, Captain Mr D. Webb.

The competition winners for this year were:

Singles Cup – Mrs N. Edyvean, Long Cup – Mr H.B. Edyvean, Wilson Cup – Mr C. Titchener, Hodge Cup – Mr C. Milburn, Quick Cup -no record, Buckie Cup – Mr W. Leverton, Boyd Cup (new Sunday Cup singles open to all members) – Mr R. Kent.

## Year 1986

The club officials elected for this year were:

President Mr C.R. Mitchell, Chairman Mr D. Oliver, Secretary Mr C.J. Tichener, Captain Mr W. Darch.

The competition winners for this year were:

Singles Cup – Mrs N. Edyvean, Walsh Cup (ladies 2-wood singles) – Mrs N. Edyvean, Long Cup – Mr T. Webber, Wilson Cup – Mr R. Kent, Hodge Cup – Mr C. Milburn, Quick Cup – no record, Buckie Cup – Mr C. Clayton, Boyd Cup – Mr D. Webb.

Short mat section was formed with Mr Don Oliver as the secretary, and they played in the Eric Palmer Centre because the clubhouse was not large enough to accommodate the mats. There weekly sessions were on a Monday and Friday afternoon and on Wednesday and Friday evening. The purchase new equipment on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of September and the cost of setting up the Short Mat club was for 1 bowling rink, 1 carrier bag, 1 jack, 2 end fenders and 2 delivery mats £545.00.

## Year 1987

The club officials elected for this year were:

President W. Darch, Chairman Mr R. Foster, Secretary Mr D. Oliver, and Captain Mr W. Darch.

The competition winners for this year were:

Singles Cup – Mrs N. Edyvean, Walsh Cup – Mrs E. Nash, Bennet Cup (Ladies Handicap singles) – Mrs E. Nash, Long Cup – Mr C. Milburn, Wilson Cup – Mr R. Kent, Hodge Cup – Mr C. Milburn, Quick Cup – no record, Buckie Cup – Mr D. Stacey, Boyd Cup – Mr D. Webb. (Around this time the Buckie Cup changed to a Novice competition for members who had not won a singles competition)

The wooden clubhouse was demolished at the end of the season and a new brick-built clubhouse was built during the closed season.

# Great Torrington Bowling Club Historical Notes

## Year 1987 ( continued)

The North Devon North Cornwall Short Mat Bowling Federation (NDNCSMBF) was formed, and Great Torrington Short Mat section was one of the founder members. The short mat season ran from the beginning of October one year to the end of March the following year.

The Federation started the Tony Stephens leagues with 2 sections of 10 teams each and the Torrington team was in section 2 along with teams from Beaford, Chulmleigh (2 teams), Fremington (2 teams), Winkleigh (2 teams) and Witheridge (2 teams).

## Year 1988

The club officials elected for this year were:

President Mr W. Ellacott, Chairman and Secretary Mr G. Milnes, and Captain Mr D. Webb.

The competition winners for this year were:

Singles Cup – Mrs M. Kent, Walsh Cup – Mrs N. Edyvean, Bennet Cup – Mrs C. Loud,

Long Cup – Mr D. Webb, Wilson Cup – Mr C. Milburn, Hodge Cup – Mr W. Leverton,

Waldron Cup (Singles for men over sixty-five) – Mr D. Webb,

Quick Cup – Messrs H.B. Edyvean and W Ellacott, Buckie Cup – Mr G. Stacey,

Boyd Cup – Mr R. Kent,

Crusader Cup (Pairs competition open to all members) – Messrs W. Leverton and C. Slade.

The new clubhouse was officially open by the Devon County President Mr S.C. Moppett and the Lady President Mrs E. Talmage.



The Club played against the Old Leeds Club to celebrate the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Armada at Plymouth.



Ladies at the rear:

Mesdames Pearl Webb, Emily Saunders, Mary Kent, Bev Webb, and Mary Boundy.

Ladies in front:

Mesdames Jenny Ware, Mary Goaman, Lucy Gould, May Gerry, Pauline Allan and Audrey Luxton.

# Great Torrington Bowling Club Historical Notes

## Year 1988 (continued)



Gentlemen at the rear:

Messrs Cyril Milburn, Harold Gerry, George Saunders, Bill Boundy, Roy Kent, Bill Darch and Walter Scoynes.

Gentlemen in front:

Messrs Dougie Webb, Rob Mitchell, Roger Ware, Gerry Milnes, Bruce Edyvean and Lionel Goaman.

The club invited the short mat section to play in the bowling club clubhouse as the length required to play had been considered when the new building was planned.

The short mat membership at this time stood at 31 players and they paid a membership fee of £5 per annum.

## Year 1989

The club officials elected for this year were:

President Mr W. Ellacott, Chairman Mr C. Slade, Secretary Mr T. Nye, and Captain Mr C. Clayton.

The competition winners for this year were:

Singles Cup – Mrs M. Crocker, Walsh Cup – Mrs M. Axworthy, Bennet Cup – Mrs E. Nash,

Long Cup – Mr W. Boundy, Wilson Cup – Mr R. Kent, Hodge Cup – Mr C. Milburn,

Waldron Cup – Mr W. Scoynes, Quick Cup – Messrs D. Crocker and W. Darch,

Buckie Cup – Mr T. Nye, Boyd Cup – Mr R. Kent, Crusader Cup – Messrs N. Ley and R. Kent.

## Year 1990

The club officials elected for this year were:

President Mr W. Ellacott, Chairman Mr M. Loud, Secretary Mr T. Nye, and Captain Mr C. Clayton.

The competition winners for this year were:

Singles Cup – Mrs B. Webb, Walsh Cup – Mrs A. Luxton, Bennet Cup – Mrs B. Webb,

Long Cup – Mr C. Milburn, Wilson Cup – Mr A. Cleave, Hodge Cup – Mr W. Leverton,

Waldron Cup – Mr R.B. Foster, Quick Cup – Messrs D. Crocker and C. Milburn,

Buckie Cup – L. Goaman, Boyd Cup – Mr R. Kent,

Crusader Cup – Messrs R. Kent and C. Clayton.

This year the Devon County Short Mat Bowling Association was formed.

## Year 1991

The club officials elected for this year were:

President Mr W. Ellacott, Chairman Mr M. Loud, Secretary Mr T. Nye, and Captain Mr N. Ley.

# Great Torrington Bowling Club Historical Notes

## Year 1991 (continued)

The competition winners for this year were:

Singles Cup – Mrs M. Gibbs, Walsh Cup – Mrs E. Nash, Bennet Cup – Mrs M. Kent,  
Long Cup – Mr C. Milburn, Wilson Cup – Mr A. Fitzjohn, Hodge Cup – Mr C. Milburn,  
Waldron Cup – Mr H.B. Edyvean, Quick Cup – Messrs R. Kent and D. Parlour,  
Buckie Cup – Mr D. Parlour, Boyd Cup – Mr R. Kent, Crusader Cup – Messrs T. Nye and R. Street.

## Year 1992

The club officials elected for this year were:

President Mr W. Ellacott, Chairman Mr M. Loud, Secretary Mr A.F. Fitzjohn,  
Treasurer Mr W. Darch and Captain Mr J. Kill.

In the Ladies section: Captain Mrs M. Kent, Secretary Mrs A. Luxton and Treasurer Mrs B. Webb.

The competition winners for this year were:

Singles Cup – Mrs M. Gibbs, Walsh Cup – Mrs E. Nash, Bennet Cup – Mrs C. Loud,  
Darch Cup (singles for ladies over sixty) – Mrs C. Stanwick, Long Cup – Mr R. Knox,  
Wilson Cup – Mr T. Nye, Hodge Cup – Mr R. Kent, Waldron Cup – Mr J. Edwards,  
Quick Cup – Messrs R. Knox and J. Kill, Buckie Cup – Mr L. Williams, Boyd Cup – R. Kent,  
Crusader Cup – Messrs R. Kent and E Foster.

## Year 1993

The club officials elected for this year were:

President Mr F. Singh, Chairman Mr L. Williams, Secretary Mr A. Fitzjohn,  
Treasurer Mr W. Darch, Captain A. Fitzjohn.

In the Ladies section: Captain Mrs M. Gibbs, Secretary Mrs A. Luxton, Treasurer Mrs B. Webb.

The competition winners for this year were:

Singles Cup – Mrs E. Trewin, Walsh Cup – Mrs E. Nash, Bennet Cup – Mrs A. Bignell,  
Darch Cup – Mrs E. Nash, Long Cup – Mr C. Milburn, Wilson Cup – Mr R. Street,  
Hodge Cup – Mr G. Watkins, Waldron Cup – Mr R.B. Foster,  
Quick Cup – Messrs R. Knox and F. Singh, Buckie Cup – Mr J. Shaw, Boyd Cup – Mr R.B. Foster,  
Crusader Cup – Messrs D Waddell and L Williams.

The Short Mat Club competition for 1992/93 winner was:

Don Oliver Shield (Singles Competition) – Mr D. Reynolds.

This competition was to honour Mr Don Oliver who started the short mat section for the club.

## Year 1994

The club officials elected for this year were:

President Mr F. Singh, Chairman Mr L. Williams, Secretary Mr A. Fitzjohn,  
Treasurer Mr W. Darch, Captain A. Fitzjohn.

In the Ladies section: Chair Mrs M. Gibbs, Secretary Mrs E. Nash, Treasurer Mrs B. Webb,  
Captain Mrs S. Murphy.

# Great Torrington Bowling Club Historical Notes

## Year 1994 (continued)

The competition winners for this year were:

Singles Cup – Mrs E. Nash, Walsh Cup – Mrs M. Clarke, Bennet Cup – Mrs S. Avery,  
Darch Cup – Mrs C. Stanwick, Long Cup – Mr T. Nye, Wilson Cup – Mr J. Shaw,  
Hodge Cup – Mr D. Waddell, Waldron Cup – Mr T. Nye,  
Quick Cup – Messrs R. Knox and G. Watkins, Buckie Cup – Mr A. Drummond,  
Boyd Cup – C. Milburn, Crusader Cup – Messrs D. Webb and S. Dann,  
Mixed Pairs – Mrs C. Stanwick and Mr J. Shaw.

The Short Mat Club competition winner for 1993/94 was:  
Don Oliver Shield – Mrs M. Gibbs.

A Torrington short mat triple of Messrs W. Boundy, D. Reynolds and R. Kent won the Devon County Triples competition and qualified for the National finals.

A Torrington short mat team of 10 players consisting of playing either single, pair, triple and rink won the Devon County Team competition.

## Year 1995

The club officials elected for this year were:

President Mr F. Singh, Chairman Mr S. Dann, Secretary Mr W. Darch, Treasurer Mr W. Darch,  
Captain C. Clayton.

In the Ladies section:

Chair Mrs M. Clarke, Secretary Mrs E. Nash, Treasurer Mrs B. Webb, Captain Mrs S. Murphy.

The competition winners for this year were:

Singles Cup – Mrs B. Webb, Walsh Cup – Mrs S. Avery, Bennet Cup – Mrs B. Webb,  
Darch Cup – Mrs R. Passmore, Long Cup – Mr R. Kent, Wilson Cup – Mr R. Street,  
Hodge Cup – Mr W. Boundy, Waldron Cup – Mr G. Watkins,  
Quick Cup – Messrs W. Boundy and W. Darch, Buckie Cup – Mr R. Bignell,  
Boyd Cup – Mr J. Shaw, Crusader Cup – Messrs D. Crocker and F. Elliot,  
Mixed Pairs Cup – Mrs E. Harland and Mr D. Parlour,  
Singh Trophy (triples) – Mrs D. Edwards, Mr W. Darch and Mrs R. Knox

The Short Mat Club competition winner for 1994/95 was:  
Don Oliver Shield – Mrs E. Nash.

## Year 1996

The club officials elected for this year were:

President Mr F. Singh, Chairman Mr S. Dann, Secretary Mr R. Andrews, Treasurer Mr T. Nye,  
Captain Mr D. Parlour.

In the Ladies section:

Chair Mrs S. Murphy, Secretary Mrs E. Nash, Treasurer Mrs B. Webb, Captain Mrs B. Webb.

The competition winners for this year were:

Singles now the Kent Cup – Mrs E. Trewin, Walsh Cup – Mrs B. Webb,  
Bennet Cup – Mrs B. Webb, Darch Cup – Mrs L. Gould, Long Cup – Mr T. Bennett,  
Wilson Cup – Mr T. Bennett, Hodge Cup – Mr W. Leverton, Waldron Cup – Mr T. Nye,  
Quick Cup – Messrs T. Bennett and J. Pratt, Buckie Cup – Mr T. Bennett, Boyd Cup – Mr F. Singh,

# Great Torrington Bowling Club Historical Notes

## Year 1996 (continued)

The competition winners for this year were: (continued)

Crusader Cup – Mrs E. Harland and Mrs B. Hammett,  
Mixed Pairs Cup – Mrs B. Webb and Mr E. Lewis,  
Singh Trophy – Messrs S. Rivens, F. Elliot and F. Singh.

The Short Mat Club competition winner for 1995/96 was:

Don Oliver Shield – Mrs M. Gibbs.

A Torrington short mat rink of Messrs F. Singh, W. Boundy, D. Reynolds and R. Kent won the Devon County Fours competition and qualified for the National finals.

## Year 1997

The club officials elected for this year were:

President Mr F. Singh, Chairman Mr S. Dann, Secretary Mr R. Andrews, Treasurer Mr T. Nye,  
Captain Mr D. Parlour.

In the Ladies section:

Chair Mrs S. Murphy, Secretary Mrs E. Nash, Treasurer Mrs C. Payne, Captain Mrs J. Ward.

The competition winners for this year were:

Kent Cup – Mrs C. Payne, Walsh Cup – Mrs E. Trewin, Bennett Cup – Mrs E. Trewin,  
Darch Cup – Mrs S. Avery, Long Cup – Mr T. Bennett, Wilson Cup – Mr R. Andrews,  
Hodge Cup – Mr T. Nye, Waldron Cup – Mr R. Hearn,  
Quick Cup – Messrs M. Darch and R. Street, Buckie Cup – Mr A Ward, Boyd Cup – Mr R. Bignell,  
Crusader Cup – Mrs W. Janes and Mr W. Boundy, Mixed Pairs Cup – Mrs L. Gould and R. Foster,  
Singh Trophy – Mrs W. Janes, Mr K. Watkins and Mr C. Milburn.

The Short Mat Club competition winner for 1996/97 was:

Don Oliver Shield – Mr W. Boundy.

## Year 1998

The club officials elected for this year were:

President Mr F. Singh, Chairman Mr M. Loud, Secretary Mr R. Andrews,  
Treasurer Mr A. Drummond, Captain Mr D. Parlour.

In the Ladies section:

Chair Mrs S. Murphy, Secretary Mrs E. Harland, Treasurer Mrs C. Payne, Captain Mrs B. Webb.

The competition winners for this year were:

Kent Cup – Mrs E. Harland, Walsh Cup – Mrs E. Trewin,  
Bennett Cup became the Edyvean Cup – Mrs E. Trewin, Darch Cup – Mrs S. Avery,  
Long Cup – Mr R. Kent, Wilson Cup – Mr P. Weeks, Hodge Cup – Mr A. Drummond,  
Waldron Cup – Mr A. Mullis, Quick Cup – Messrs A. Ward and D. Parlour,  
Buckie Cup – Mr G. Petherbridge, Boyd Cup – Mr D. Reynolds,  
Crusader Cup – Messrs J. Pratt and B. Hunt, Mixed Pairs Cup – Mrs J. Ward and Mr D. Parlour,  
Singh Trophy – Mrs C. Payne, Mr F. Singh and Mr P. Weeks.

This year Mr R. Kent qualified and received his Devon County Badge.

The Short Mat Club competition winner for 1997/98 was:

Don Oliver Shield – Mr L. Goaman.



# Great Torrington Bowling Club Historical Notes

## Year 1999

The club officials elected for this year were:

President Mr F. Singh, Chairman Mr M. Loud, Secretary Mr S. Rivens,  
Treasurer Mr A. Drummond, Captain Mr E. Lewis.

In the Ladies section:

Chair Mrs S. Murphy, Secretary Mrs E. Harland, Treasurer Mrs C. Payne, Captain Mrs S. Murphy.

The competition winners for this year were:

Kent Cup – Mrs J. Ward, Walsh Cup – Mrs S. Avery, Darch Cup – Mrs B. Webb,  
Edyvean Cup – Mrs E. Harland, Gould Trophy (ladies pairs) – Mrs B. Hammett and Mrs C. Loud,  
Long Cup – Mr A. Mullis, Wilson Cup – Mr P. Weeks, Hodge Cup – Mr W. Boundy,  
Waldron Cup – Mr A. Mullis, Quick Cup – Messrs A. Mullis and W. Leverton,  
Buckie Cup – Mr T. Stacey, Boyd Cup – Mr K. Jackson,  
Crusader Cup – Messrs R. Bignell and D. Crocker,  
Mixed Pairs Cup – Mrs B. Hammett and Mr P. Weeks,  
Singh Trophy – Ms J. Avery, Mr R. Knox and Mr P. Weeks.

The Short Mat Club Officials elected for this season were:

Chairman Mr J Kill, Secretary Mr J Gibbs, Treasurer Mrs B Webb, and Captain Mr L Goaman.

The competition winners for 1998/99 were:

Don Oliver Shield – Mr J. Gibbs.

This year Messrs W. Boundy, D. Reynolds and R. Kent won the NDNC SMBF Mary Kent Memorial Triples.

## Year 2000

In the January Mr Lionel Goaman the short mat captain collapsed and died of a heart attack, in the clubhouse just after playing a singles match. In his memory a new competition for the short mat section was introduced for the 2000/01 season.

The club officials elected for this year were:

President Mr F. Singh, Chairman Mr M. Loud, Secretary Mr S. Rivens,  
Treasurer Mr A. Drummond, and Club Captain Mr A. Mullis.

The competition winners for this year were:

Kent Cup – Ms J. Avery, Walsh Cup – Ms J. Avery, Darch Cup – Mrs E. Harland,  
Edyvean Cup – Ms J. Avery, Gould Trophy – Mrs J. Ward and Mrs E. Harland,  
Long Cup – Mr A. Mullis, Hodge Cup – Mr R. Kent, Waldron Cup – Mr F. Singh,  
Wilson Cup – Mr A. Mullis, Quick Cup – Messrs M. Jury and D. Parlour,  
Buckie Cup – Mr A. Boundy, Boyd Cup – Mr B. Hunt,  
Mixed Pairs Cups – Mrs S. Avery and Mr W. Boundy,  
Crusader Cup – Mrs S. Avery and Mr C. Milburn,  
Singh Trophy – Mrs E. Vought, Mr J. Pither and Mr J. Edwards.

The Short Mat Club Officials elected for this season were:

Chairman Mr J. Kill, Secretary Mr J. Gibbs, Treasurer Mrs B. Webb, and Captain Mr D. Parlour.

# Great Torrington Bowling Club Historical Notes

## Year 2000 (continued)

The competition winners for 1999/2000 were:

Don Oliver Shield – Mr D. Reynolds,  
Mary Kent Cup (nominated pairs) – Messrs J Gibbs and D Reynolds.

## Year 2001

The club officials elected for this year were:

President Mr F. Singh, Chairman Mr M. Loud, Secretary Mr S. Rivens,  
Treasurer Mr A. Drummond, and Captain Mr A. Mullis.

The competition winners for this year were:

Kent Cup – Mrs J. Ward, Walsh Cup – Mrs B. Simmons, Darch Cup – Mrs J. Ward,  
Edyvean Cup – Mrs M. Darch, Gould Trophy – Mrs B. Simmons and Mrs J. Ward,  
Long Cup – Mr R. Kent, Hodge Cup – Mr T. Main, Waldron Cup – Mr R. Street,  
Wilson Cup – Mr R. Street, Quick Cup – Messrs J. Boundy and R. Street,  
Buckie Cup – Mr T. Main, Boyd Cup – Mr F. Singh,  
Mixed Pairs Cups – Mrs J. Knox and Mr R. Knox,  
Crusader Cup – Mrs S. Avery and Mr A. Boundy,  
Singh Trophy – Mrs M. Darch, Mr F. Singh and Mr B. Hunt.

The Short Mat Club Officials elected for this season were:

Chairman Mr J. Kill, Secretary Mr J. Gibbs, Treasurer Mrs B. Webb, and Captain Mr D. Parlour.

The competition winners for 2000/2001 were:

Don Oliver Shield – Mr D. Parlour, Mary Kent Cup – Mr J. Gibbs and Mr D. Reynolds,  
Lionel Goaman Cup (drawn pairs) – Mr T. Hammett and Mr R. Kent.

## Year 2002

The club officials elected for this year were:

President Mr R. Kent, Chairman Mr M. Loud, Secretary Mr S. Rivens,  
Treasurer Mr A. Drummond, Captain Mr B. Hunt.

The competition winners for this year were:

Kent Cup – Mrs J. Ward, Walsh Cup – Mrs J. Ward, Darch Cup – Mrs C. Loud,  
Edyvean Cup – Mrs C. Payne, Gould Trophy – Mrs J. Ward and Mrs M. Heal,  
Long Cup – Mr R. Kent, Hodge Cup – Mr P. Weeks, Waldron Cup – Mr F. Singh,  
Wilson Cup – Mr P. Weeks, Quick Cup – Mr R. Andrews and Mr K. Jackson,  
Buckie Cup – Mr F. Niven, Boyd Cup – Mrs B. Simmons,  
Mixed Pairs Cup – Mrs O. Mullis and Mr A. Mullis, Crusader Cup – Mr B. Hunt and Mr B. Davey,  
Singh Trophy – Mrs M. Darch, Mr E. Lewis and Mr R. Kent.

This year Mr P. Churchman qualified and received his Devon County Badge.

The Short Mat Club Officials elected for this season were:

Chairman Mr J. Kill, Secretary Mr J. Gibbs, Treasurer Mrs B. Webb, Captain Mr D. Parlour.

The competition winners for 2001/02 were:

Don Oliver Shield – Mr R. Kent, Mary Kent Cup – Mrs B. Webb and Mr R. Kent,  
Lionel Goaman Cup – Mr M. Darch and Mr D. Reynolds.

# Great Torrington Bowling Club Historical Notes

## Year 2003

The club officials elected for this year were:

President Mr R. Kent, Chairman Mr K. Jackson, Secretary Mr S. Rivens,  
Treasurer Mr A. Drummond, Captain Mr B. Hunt.

The competition winners for this year were:

Kent Cup – Mrs C. Loud, Walsh Cup – Mrs J. Ward, Darch Cup – Mrs S. Murphy,  
Edyvean Cup – Mrs S. Avery, Gould Trophy – Mrs J. Ward and Mrs M. Heal,  
Long Cup – Mr R. Knox, Hodge Cup – Mr J. Shaw, Waldron Cup – Mr A. Ward,  
Wilson Cup – Mr T. Main, Quick Cup – Mr W. Boundy and Mr S. Rivens,  
Buckie Cup – Mr M. Jury, Boyd Cup – Mr T. Main,  
Mixed Pairs Cup – Mrs V. Main and Mr T. Main, Crusader Cup – Mr F. Singh and Mr T. Main,  
Singh Trophy – Mrs S. Avery, Mr M. Ager and Mr M. Darch.

The Short Mat Club Officials elected for this season were:

Chairman Mrs M. Gibbs, Secretary Mr J. Gibbs, Treasurer Mrs B. Webb, Captain Mr D. Parlour.

The competition winners for 2002/03 were:

Don Oliver Shield – Mr D. Reynolds, Mary Kent Cup – Mr W. Boundy and Mr D. Reynolds,  
Lionel Goaman Cup- Mr T. Hammett and Mr M. Jury.

A Torrington short mat team of 10 players consisting of Messrs R. Kent, D. Parlour, D. Reynolds, T. Hammett, J. Gibbs, W. Boundy, F. Singh, F. Niven Mrs M Gibbs and Mrs B Web played either single, pair, triple and rink and they won the Devon County Team competition.

## Year 2004

The club officials elected for this year were:

President Mrs S. Murphy, Chairman Mr K. Jackson, Secretary Mr D. Shaw,  
Treasurer Mr A. Drummond, Captain Mr B. Hunt.



Mrs Sonya Murphy was the first lady President of the club during the club's long history.

The competition winners for this year were:

Kent Cup – Mrs B. Hammett, Walsh Cup – Mrs E. Harland, Darch Cup – Mrs J. Ward,  
Edyvean Cup – Mrs B. Hammett, Gould Trophy – Mrs M. Darch and Mrs B. Hammett,  
Long Cup – Mr P. Weeks, Hodge Cup – Mr M. Jury, Waldron Cup – Mr T. Hammett,  
Wilson Cup – Mr K. Jackson, Quick Cup – Mr K. Jackson and Mr T. Main,  
Buckie Cup – Mr J. Boundy, Boyd Cup – Mr D. Shaw,  
Mixed Pairs Cup – Mrs J. Ward and Mr D. Parlour, Crusader Cup – Mrs C. Payne and Mr A. Flood,  
Singh Trophy – Mrs B. Webb, Mr C. Milburn and Mr D. Austin.

# Great Torrington Bowling Club Historical Notes

## Year 2004

The Short Mat Club Officials elected for this season were:

Chairman Mrs M. Gibbs, Secretary Mr J. Gibbs, Treasurer Mrs B. Webb, Captain Mr D. Parlour.

The competition winners for 2003/04 were:

Don Oliver Shield – Mr R. Kent, Mary Kent Cup – Mr T. Hammett and Mr F. Niven,  
Lionel Goaman Cup – Mr D. Reynolds and Mr F. Niven.

This year Messrs W. Boundy, D. Reynolds and R. Kent won the NDNCSMBF Mary Kent Memorial Triples.

## Year 2005

The clubhouse was extended during the winter months to include a ladies changing room and toilets and a gents changing room and toilets. The old toilets were made into storerooms and a removable partition was erect to divide the main area with the ladies changing room. This partition wall is taken down and stored during the winter to allow more room for winter events and the short mat bowling.

The club officials elected for this year were:

President Mrs S. Murphy, Chairman Mr K. Jackson, Secretary Mr D. Shaw, Treasurer Mr D. Jones, Captain Mr F. Niven.

The competition winners for this year were:

Kent Cup – Mrs M. Darch, Walsh Cup – Mrs I. Underhill, Darch Cup – Mrs J. Ward,  
Edyvean Cup – Mrs J. Ward, Gould Trophy – Mrs J. Ward and Mrs H. Lewis,  
Long Cup – Mr P. Weeks, Hodge Cup – Mr R. Kent, Waldron Cup – Mr K. Jackson,  
Wilson Cup – Mr R. Kent, Quick Cup – Mr P. Weeks and Mr A. Ward, Buckie Cup – Mr A. Roche,  
Boyd Cup – Mr M. Bayliss, Mixed Pairs Cup – Mrs J. Ward and Mr D. Parlour,  
Crusader Cup – Mr M. Jury and Mr B. Hunt,  
Singh Trophy – Mrs B. Simmons, Mr F. Singh and Mr E. Lewis.

The Short Mat Club Officials elected for this season were:

Chairman Mrs M. Gibbs, Secretary Mr J. Gibbs, Treasurer Mrs B. Webb, Captain Mr J. Gibbs.

The competition winners for 2004/05 were:

Don Oliver Shield – Mr F. Niven, Mary Kent Cup – Mr D. Reynolds and Mr R. Kent,  
Lionel Goaman Cup – Mrs B. Webb and Mr F. Niven.

This year Mrs M. Darch, Mr T. Hammett and Mr F. Niven won the NDNCSMBF Mary Kent Memorial Triples by beating another Torrington triples of Messrs W Boundy, R Kent and D Reynolds and this was the first time that two teams from the same club contested the final.

## Year 2006

The club officials elected for this year were:

President Mr A. Ward, Chairman Mr K. Jackson, Secretary Mr K. Jackson, Treasurer Mrs E. Laver, Captain Mrs C. Payne.

# Great Torrington Bowling Club Historical Notes

## Year 2006 (continued)

The competition winners for this year were:

Kent Cup – Mrs S. Avery, Walsh Cup – Mrs J. Ward, Darch Cup – Mrs J. Ward,  
Edyvean Cup – Mrs S. Avery, Gould Trophy – Mrs M. Darch and Mrs C. Payne,  
Long Cup – Mr P. Weeks, Hodge Cup – Mr M. Jury, Waldron Cup – Mr F. Singh,  
Wilson Cup – Mr T. Main, Quick Cup – Mr P. Weeks and Mr T. Main, Buckie Cup – Mr M. Darch,  
Boyd Cup – Mr T. Main, Mixed Pairs Cup – Mrs J. Ward and Mr T. Main,  
Crusader Cup – Mr F. Singh and Mr E. Lewis,  
Singh Trophy – Mrs E. Vought, Mr B. Lever and Mr B. Davey.

This year Mr T. Main qualified and received his Devon County Badge.

The Short Mat Club Officials elected for this season were:

Chairman Mrs M. Gibbs, Secretary Mr J. Gibbs, Treasurer Mrs B. Webb, Captain Mr J. Gibbs.

The competition winners for 2005/06 were:

Don Oliver Shield – Mr M. Jury, Mary Kent Cup – Mr W. Boundy and Mr K. Jackson,  
Lionel Goaman Cup – Mrs M. Gibbs and Mr B. Hunt.

This year Messrs W. Boundy, D. Reynolds and R. Kent won the NDNCSMBF Mary Kent Memorial Triples.

## Year 2007

The club officials elected for this year were:

President Mr A. Ward, Chairman and Secretary Mr K. Jackson, Treasurer Mrs E. Lever,  
Captain Mrs C. Payne.

The competition winners for this year were:

Kent Cup – Mrs S. Avery, Walsh Cup – Mrs C. Payne, Darch Cup – Mrs J. Ward,  
Edyvean Cup – Mrs S. Avery, Gould Trophy – Mrs J. Ward and Mrs E. Lever,  
Long Cup – Mr T. Main, Hodge Cup – Mr R. Kent, Waldron Cup – Mr R. Kent,  
Wilson Cup – Mr R. Kent, Quick Cup – Mr M. Bayliss and Mr T. Main,  
Buckie Cup – Mr G. James, Boyd Cup – Mr T. Main,  
Mixed Pairs Cup – Mrs V. Main and Mr T. Main,  
Crusader Cup – Mr G. Main and Mr A. Ward,  
Singh Trophy – Mrs J. Ward, Mr P. Miller and Mr M. Ager.

The Short Mat Club Officials elected for this season were:

Chairman Mrs M. Gibbs, Secretary Mr J. Gibbs, Treasurer Mrs B. Webb, Captain Mr F. Niven.

The competition winners for 2006/07 were:

Don Oliver Shield – Mr F. Niven, Mary Kent Cup – Mr T. Hammett and Mr F. Niven,  
Lionel Goaman Cup – Mr P. Weeks and Mr R. Kent.

## Year 2008

The club officials elected for this year were:

President Mr A. Ward, Chairman and Secretary Mr K. Jackson, Treasurer Mrs E. Lever,  
Captain Mr E. Lewis.

# Great Torrington Bowling Club Historical Notes

## Year 2008 (continued)

The competition winners for this year were:

Kent Cup – Mrs C. Loud, Walsh Cup – Mrs J. Ward, Darch Cup – Mrs E. Harland,  
Edyvean Cup – Mrs J. Ward, Gould Trophy – Mrs C. Loud and Mrs I. Underhill,  
Long Cup – Mr A. Battishall, Hodge Cup – Mr A. Battishall, Waldron Cup – Mr R. Kent,  
Wilson Cup – Mr T. Main, Quick Cup – Mr B. Davey and Mr T. Main, Buckie Cup – Mr G. Main,  
Boyd Cup – Mr P. Weeks, Mixed Pairs Cup – Mrs V. Main and Mr T. Main,  
Crusader Cup – Mr M. Ager and Mr R. Kent,  
Singh Trophy – Mrs J. Ward, Mr M. Loud and Mr T. Main.

This year Messrs W. Leverton, S. Rivens and P. Weeks qualified and received their Devon County Badges. Messrs S. Rivens and W Leverton won the Devon County Unbadged Pairs competition. Mr P. Churchman won the County Secretaries Singles Competition.

The Short Mat Club Officials elected for this season were:

Chairman Mrs M. Gibbs, Secretary Mr J. Gibbs, Treasurer Mrs B. Webb, Captain Mr F. Niven.

The competition winners for 2007/08 were:

Don Oliver Shield – Mr F. Niven, Mary Kent Cup – Mr. F Singh and Mr M. Darch,  
Lionel Goaman Cup – Mrs M. Gibbs and Mr M. Jury,  
Brenda Hammett Cup (mixed triples) – Mrs S. Avery, Mr G. Anker and Mr K. Jackson.

## Year 2009

The club officials elected for this year were:

President Mr F. Singh, Chairman and Secretary Mr K. Jackson, Treasurer Mrs E. Lever,  
Captain Mr E. Lewis.

The competition winners for this year were:

Kent Cup – Mrs J Ward, Walsh Cup – Mrs J. Ward, Darch Cup – Mrs C. Payne,  
Edyvean Cup – Mrs J. Ward, Gould Trophy – Mrs S. Greenaway and Mrs E. Harland,  
Long Cup – Mr P. Weeks, Hodge Cup – Mr P. Weeks, Waldron Cup – Mr K. Jackson,  
Wilson Cup – Mr K. Jackson, Quick Cup – Mr M. Bayliss and Mr P. Weeks,  
Buckie Cup – Mr B. Davey, Boyd Cup – Mr T. Main,  
Mixed Pairs Cup – Mrs C. Cargill and Mr R. Kent,  
Crusader Cup not played due to bad weather,  
Singh Trophy – Mrs S. Greenaway, Mrs C. Payne and Mr R. Dymond.

This year Messrs A. Ward and D. Crocker qualified and received their Devon County Badges.

The Short Mat Club Officials elected for this season were:

Chairman Mrs M. Gibbs, Secretary Mr J. Gibbs, Treasurer Mrs B. Webb, Captain Mr F. Niven.

The competition winners for 2008/09 were:

Don Oliver Shield – Mr F. Niven, Mary Kent Cup – Mr T. Hammett and Mr F. Niven,  
Lionel Goaman Cup – Mrs B. Webb and Mr T. Hammett,  
Brenda Hammett Cup – Mrs M. Gibbs, Mr D. Reynolds and Mr J. Gibbs.

# Great Torrington Bowling Club Historical Notes

## Year 2010

The club officials elected for this year were: President Mr F. Singh, Chairman Mr H. Larcombe, Secretary Mr K. Jackson, Treasurer Mrs E. Lever, Captain Mr B. Davey.

The competition winners for this year were:

Kent Cup – Mrs J. Ward, Walsh Cup – Mrs J. Ward, Darch Cup – Mrs C. Payne, Edyvean Cup – Mrs C. Payne, Gould Trophy – Mrs J. Ward and Mrs C. Payne, Long Cup – Mr P. Weeks, Hodge Cup – Mr P. Weeks, Waldron Cup – Mr K. Jackson, Wilson Cup – Mr K. Jackson, Quick Cup – Mr G. James and Mr K. Jackson, Buckie Cup – Mr E. James, Boyd Cup – Mr P. Weeks, Mixed Pairs Cup – Mrs C. Cargill and Mr R. Kent, Crusader Cup not played due to bad weather, Singh Trophy – Mrs B. Porter, Mr P. Weeks and Mr B. Davey.

The Short Mat Club Officials elected for this season were:

Chairman Mrs M. Gibbs, Secretary Mr J. Gibbs, Treasurer Mrs B. Webb, Captain Mr F. Niven.

The competition winners for 2009/10 were:

Don Oliver Shield – Mr F. Niven, Mary Kent Cup – Mr J. Downing and Mr F. Niven, Lionel Goaman Cup – Mrs B. Webb and Mr M. Jury, Brenda Hammett Cup was not played because of the lack of numbers.

## Year 2011

The club officials elected for this year were:

President Mr A. Roache, Chairman Mr H. Larcombe, Secretary Mr K. Jackson, Treasurer Mrs E Lever, Captain Mr B Davey.

The competition winners for this year were:

Kent Cup – Mrs C. Payne, Walsh Cup – Mrs S. Greenaway, Darch Cup – Mrs C. Cargill, Edyvean Cup – Mrs J. Ward, Gould Trophy – Mrs S. Avery and Mrs C. Payne, Long Cup – Mr P. Weeks, Hodge Cup – Mr K. Jackson, Waldron Cup – Mr P. Churchman, Wilson Cup – Mr M. Bayliss, Quick Cup Mr – M. Jury and Mr R. Dymond, Buckie Cup – Mrs C. Cargill, Boyd Cup – Mr W. Boundy, Mixed Pairs Cup – Mrs J. Ward and Mr K. Jackson, Crusader Cup – Mr P. Weeks and Mr D. Austin, Singh Trophy – Mrs C. Cargill, Mr A. Roche and Mr R. Dymond.

This year Mrs J Ward qualified and received her Devon County Badge and was the first lady from the club to achieve this honour.



The Short Mat Club Officials elected for this season were:

Chairman Mrs M. Gibbs, Secretary Mr J. Gibbs, Treasurer Mrs B. Webb, Captain Mr F. Niven.

# Great Torrington Bowling Club Historical Notes

## Year 2010 (continued)

The competition winners for 2010/2011 were:

Don Oliver Shield – Mr F. Niven, Mary Kent Cup – Mrs M. Gibbs and Mr J. Gibbs,  
Lionel Goaman Cup – Mrs M. Gibbs and Mr F. Niven,  
Brenda Hammett Cup – Mrs S. Avery, Mr V. Webb and Mr F. Niven.

The club officials elected for this year were:

President Mr A. Roche, Chairman Mr H. Larcombe, Secretary Mr K. Jackson,  
Treasurer Mrs E. Lever, Captain Mr B. Davey.

The competition winners for this year were:

Kent Cup – Mrs S. Greenaway, Walsh Cup – Mrs C. Payne, Darch Cup – Mrs C. Payne,  
Edyvean Cup – Mrs C. Cargill, Gould Trophy – Mrs C. Cargill and Mrs C. Payne,  
Long Cup – Mr A. Battishall, Hodge Cup – Mr P. Churchman, Waldron Cup – Mr P. Churchman,  
Wilson Cup – Mr P. Weeks, Quick Cup – Mr F. Singh and Mr W. Leverton,  
Buckie Cup – Mr R. Dymond, Boyd Cup – Mrs C. Payne,  
Mixed Pairs Cup – Mrs J. Ward and Mr K. Jackson,  
Crusader Cup – Mrs S. Avery and Mr D. Austin,  
Singh Trophy – Mr B. Molyneux, Mr R. Dymond and Mr W. Leverton.

This year Mrs S. Greenaway qualified and received her Devon County Badge.

The Short Mat Club Officials elected for this season were:

Chairman Mrs M. Gibbs, Secretary Mr J. Gibbs, Treasurer Mrs B. Webb, Captain Mr F. Niven.

The competition winners for 2011/12 were:

Don Oliver Shield – Mr F. Niven, Mary Kent Cup – Mrs M. Gibbs and Mr J. Gibbs,  
Lionel Goaman Cup – Mrs M. Symons and Mr F. Niven,  
Brenda Hammett Cup – Mrs M. Gibbs, Mr J. Downing and Mr F. Niven.

## Year 2013

The main club and the short mat club amalgamated to form one club under the one management committee.

The club officials elected for this year were:

President Mr A. Roche, Chairman Mr H. Larcombe, Secretary Mr K. Jackson,  
Treasurer Mrs E. Lever, Captain Mr B. Davey.

The competition winners for this year were:

Kent Cup – Mrs C. Payne, Walsh Cup – Mrs C. Payne, Darch Cup – Mrs C. Payne,  
Edyvean Cup – Mrs J. Guard, Gould Trophy – Mrs S. Avery and Mrs C. Payne,  
Long Cup – Mr A. Battishall, Hodge Cup – Mr P. Weeks, Waldron Cup – Mr P. Churchman,  
Wilson Cup – Mr P. Weeks, Quick Cup – Mr M. Jury and Mr P. Weeks,  
Buckie Cup – Mr D. Austin, Boyd Cup – Mr P. Weeks,  
Mixed Pairs Cup – Mrs J. Ward and Mr K. Jackson,  
Crusader Cup – Mr A. Toogood and Mr M. Ager,  
Singh Trophy – Mrs M. Butt, Mr P. Wells and Mr W. Boundy.

The Short Mat Club Officials elected for this season was:

Captain Mr F. Niven, Competition Secretary Mr F. Niven.



# Great Torrington Bowling Club Historical Notes

## Year 2013 (continued)

The competition winners for 2012/13 were:

Don Oliver Shield – F. Niven, Mary Kent Cup – Mrs M. Westcott and Mrs B. Webb,  
Lionel Goaman Cup – Mrs S. Avery and Mr J. Piper,  
Brenda Hammett Cup – Mr A. Roche, Mr B. Hunt and Mr P. Weeks.

## Year 2014

The club officials elected for this year were:

President Mr A. Roche, Chairman Mr H. Larcombe, Secretary Mr K. Jackson,  
Treasurer Mrs E. Lever, Captain Mr B. Davey.

The competition winners for this year were:

Kent Cup – Mrs C. Cargill, Walsh Cup – Mrs H. Howling, Darch Cup – Mrs H. Howling,  
Edyvean Cup – Mrs H. Howling, Gould Trophy – Mrs B. Collins and Mrs C. Payne,  
Long Cup – Mr A. Battishall, Hodge Cup – Mr P. Churchman, Waldron Cup – Mr F. Niven,  
Wilson Cup – Mr F. Niven, Quick Cup – Mr P. Miller and Mr P. Weeks,  
Buckie Cup – Mr A. Howling, Boyd Cup – Mr P. Weeks,  
Mixed Pairs Cup – Mrs T. Walter and Mr P. Weeks,  
Crusader Cup – Mrs S. Avery and Mrs C. Payne,  
Singh Trophy – Mrs E. Clements, Mr D. Richard and Mr W. Boundy.

The Short Mat Club Official elected for this season was:

Captain Mr F. Niven, Competition Secretary Mr F. Niven.

The competition winners 2013/14 were:

Don Oliver Shield – Mr J. Piper, Mary Kent Cup – Mr J. Pratt and Mr J. Downing,  
Lionel Goaman Cup – Mr J. Downing and Mr D. Oliver,  
Brenda Hammett Cup – Mrs M. Symons, Mr B. Hunt and Mr P. Weeks.

## Year 2015

The club officials elected for this year were:

President Mr B. Hunt, Chairman Mr F. Niven, Secretary Mr K Jackson, Treasurer Mr A. Toogood,  
Captain Mr F. Niven.

The competition winners for this year were:

Kent Cup – Mrs C. Payne, Walsh Cup – Mrs C. Payne, Darch Cup – Mrs H. Howling,  
Edyvean Cup – Mrs C. Payne, Gould Trophy – Mrs J. Ward and Mrs H. Howling,  
Long Cup – Mr P. Weeks, Hodge Cup – Mr P. Weeks, Waldron Cup – Mr W. Boundy,  
Wilson Cup – Mr F. Niven, Quick Cup – Mr W. Boundy and Mr P. Wells,  
Buckie Cup – Mr D. Oliver, Boyd Cup – Mr P. Weeks,  
Mixed Pairs Cup – Mrs J. Ward and Mr K. Jackson,  
Crusader Cup – Mrs S. Avery and Mr K. Jackson,  
Singh Trophy was not played due to the weather.  
Crocker Fours (Mr Denys Crocker presented a trophy for a Mixed Fours competition) –  
Mrs A. Slade, Mrs E. Clements, Mr B. Hunt and Mr P. Weeks.

The Short Mat Club Official elected for this season was:

Captain Mr F. Niven, Competition Secretary Mr F. Niven.

# Great Torrington Bowling Club Historical Notes

## Year 2015 (continued)

The competition winners 2014/15 were:

Don Oliver Shield – Mr P. Weeks, Mary Kent Cup – Mrs H. Howling and Mr A. Howling,  
Lionel Goaman Cup – Mr M. Jury and Mr J. Piper,  
Brenda Hammett Cup – Mrs J. Ward, Mr P. Wells and Mr F. Niven.

## Year 2016

The club officials elected for this year were:

President Mr B. Hunt, Chairman Mr K. Jackson, Secretary Mr J. Pitts, Treasurer Mr A. Toogood,  
Captain Mr F. Niven.

The competition winners for this year were:

Kent Cup – Mrs C. Payne, Walsh Cup – Mrs K. Toogood, Darch Cup – Mrs K. Toogood,  
Edyvean Cup – Mrs K. Toogood, Gould Trophy – Mrs E. Clements and Mrs K. Toogood,  
Long Cup – Mr P. Weeks, Hodge Cup – Mr P. Weeks, Waldron Cup – Mr M. Jury,  
Wilson Cup – Mr P. Weeks, Quick Cup – Mr R. Brewer and Mr D. Oliver,  
Buckie Cup – Mr I. Hope, Boyd Cup – Mr P. Weeks,  
Mixed Pairs Cup – Mrs T. Walter and Mr P. Weeks,  
Crusader Cup – Mrs K. Toogood and Mr I. Hope,  
Singh Trophy – Mrs B. Porter, Mrs C. Wells and Mr M. Bayliss,  
Crocker Fours Messrs B. Wittram, W. Leverton, J. Boundy and B. Hunt,  
Spice of Life Trophy (Mr & Mrs D. West presented a trophy for a Mixed Triples) –  
Messrs A Toogood, W. Leverton and P. Weeks

The Short Mat Club Official elected for this season was:

Captain Mr F Niven, Competition Secretary Mr F. Niven.

The competition winners for 2015/16 were:

Don Oliver Shield – Mr F. Niven, Mary Kent Cup – Mr R. Kent and Mr J. Piper,  
Lionel Goaman Cup – Mrs L. Higgins and Mr F. Niven,  
Brenda Hammett Cup – Mrs K. Toogood, Mr J. Piper and Mr F. Niven.

This year Mrs J. Ward, Mr D. Symons (standing for Mr J. Piper in the final) and Mr F. Niven won the NDNCSMBF Mary Kent Memorial Triples.

## Year 2017

The club officials elected for this year were:

President Mr B. Hunt, Chairman Mr K. Jackson, Secretary Mr J. Pitts, Treasurer Mr A. Toogood,  
Captain Mr F. Niven.

The competition winners for this year were:

Kent Cup – Mrs C. Payne, Walsh Cup – Mrs E. Clements, Darch Cup – Mrs C. Payne,  
Edyvean Cup – Mrs J. Hobbs, Gould Trophy – Mrs L. Higgins and Mrs J. Ward,  
Long Cup – Mr M. Bayliss, Hodge Cup – Mr M. Bayliss, Waldron Cup – Mr F. Niven,  
Wilson Cup – Mr I. Hope, Quick Cup – Mr B. Davey and Mr K. Jackson,  
Buckie Cup – Mrs E. Clements, Boyd Cup – Mr M. Bayliss,  
Mixed Pairs Cup – Mrs J. Ward and Mr K. Jackson,  
Crusader Cup – Mr B. Clements and Mr J. Evans,  
Singh Trophy – Mr E. Ley, Mr A. Toogood and Mr P. Haselhurst,

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## Year 2017 (continued)

Crocker Fours – Mrs F. Wise, Mrs G. Sowden, Mr B. Clements and Mr P. Weeks,  
Spice of Life Trophy – Mrs J. Ward, Mr J. Pitts and Mr I. Hope.

The Short Mat Club Official elected for this season was:  
Captain Mr F. Niven, Competition Secretary Mr F. Niven.

The competition winners for 2016/17 were:

Don Oliver Shield – Mr G. Heaman, Mary Kent Cup – Mrs M. Beeden and Mr G. Heaman,  
Lionel Goaman Cup – Mr D. Oliver and Mr F. Niven,  
Brenda Hammett Cup – Mrs K. Toogood, Mr J. Pitts and Mr F. Niven.

## Year 2018

The club officials elected for this year were:

President Mr P. Miller, Chairman Mr K. Jackson, Secretary Mr J. Pitts, Treasurer Mr A. Toogood,  
Captain Mr B. Davey.

The competition winners for this year were:

Kent Cup – Mrs J. Hobbs, Walsh Cup – Mrs K. Toogood, Darch Cup – Mrs C. Payne,  
Edyvean Cup – Mrs C. Payne, Gould Trophy – Mrs K. Toogood and Mrs C. Payne,  
Long Cup – Mr D. Oliver, Hodge Cup – Mr P. Weeks, Waldron Cup – Mr F. Niven,  
Wilson Cup – Mr M. Bayliss, Quick Cup – Mr P. Cockman and Mr L. Pollinger,  
Buckie Cup – Mr J. Evans, Boyd Cup – Mr P. Weeks,  
Mixed Pairs Cup – Mrs E. Clements and Mr D. Oliver,  
Crusader Cup for pairs was not played due to the weather,  
Singh Trophy – Messrs P. Cockman, J. Pitts and P. Weeks,  
Crocker Fours – Mrs J. Hines, Mrs K. Toogood and Mr B. Clements,  
Spice of Life Trophy – Mrs E. Clements, Mr A. Toogood and Mr J. Evans.

This year Mrs C. Payne qualified and received her Devon County Badge.

The Short Mat Club Official elected for this season was:

Captain Mr F. Niven, Competition Secretary Mrs C. Payne.

The competition winners for 2017/18 were:

Don Oliver Shield – Mr P. Weeks, Mary Kent Cup – Mrs K. Toogood and Mr A. Toogood,  
Lionel Goaman Cup – Mr J. Pitts and Mr P. Weeks,  
Brenda Hammett Cup – Mrs S. Avery, Mrs J. Ward and Mr C. Sowden.

## Year 2019

The club officials elected for this year were:

President Mr P. Miller, Chairman Mr K. Jackson, Secretary Mr J. Pitts, Treasurer Mr A. Toogood,  
Captain Mr B. Davey.

The competition winners for this year were:

Kent Cup – Mrs E. Clements, Walsh Cup – Mrs J. Hines, Darch Cup – Mrs K. Toogood,  
Edyvean Cup – Mrs C. Payne, Gould Trophy – Mrs D. Sussex and Mrs C. Payne,  
Long Cup – Mr K. Jackson, Hodge Cup – Mr P. Weeks, Waldron Cup – Mr F. Niven,  
Wilson Cup – Mr P. Weeks, Quick Cup – Mr B. Davey and Mr A. Ralph,  
Buckie Cup – Mr W. Hendy, Boyd Cup – Mr J. Evans,

# Great Torrington Bowling Club Historical Notes

## Year 2019 (continued)

Mixed Pairs Cup – Mrs C. Payne and Mr B. Clements,  
Crusader Cup – Mr P. Haselhurst and Mr P. Weeks,  
Singh Trophy – Mrs T. Walter, Mr W. Hendy and Mr F. Niven,  
Crocker Fours – Messrs B. Clements, R. Hines and W. Hendy,  
Spice of Life Trophy – Mrs J. Hines, Mrs E. Clements and Mr W. Hendy.

The Short Mat Club Official elected for this season was:  
Captain Mr F. Niven, Competition Secretary Mrs C. Payne.

The competition winners for 2018/19 were:  
Don Oliver Shield – F. Niven, Mary Kent Cup – Mrs J. Guard and Mr M. Jury,  
Lionel Goaman Cup – Mr P. Weeks and Mr C. Sowden,  
Brenda Hammett Cup – Mrs S. Avery, Mrs C. Wells and Mr C. Sowden.

## Year 2020

The club officials elected for this year were:  
President Mr P. Miller, Chairman Mr K. Jackson, Secretary Mr J. Pitts, Treasurer Mr A. Toogood,  
Captain Mr B. Davey.

The club competitions were cancelled, and a limited amount of bowling took place due to the restrictions placed by the government, English Bowling Association because of the Covid-19 pandemic.

This year the club hoped to be able to celebrate its 375<sup>th</sup> Anniversary but everything was postponed until the following year.

This year Mrs E. Clements qualified and received her Devon County Badge.

The Short Mat Club Official elected for this season was:  
Captain Mr F. Niven, Competition Secretary Mrs C. Payne.

The competition winners for 2019/20 were:  
Don Oliver Shield – Mr C. Sowden, Mary Kent Cup – Mrs G. Sowden and Mr C. Sowden,  
Lionel Goaman Cup – Mrs K. Toogood and Mr F. Niven,  
Brenda Hammett Cup – Mr B. Clements, Mr A. Toogood and Mr C. Sowden.

## Year 2021

The club officials elected for this year were:  
President Mr P. Miller, Chairman Mr K. Jackson, Secretary Mr J. Pitts, Treasurer Mr A. Toogood,  
Captain Mr B. Davey.

The competition winners for this year were:  
Kent Cup – Mrs K. Galloway, Walsh Cup – Mrs J. Ogg, Darch Cup – Mrs J. Hines,  
Edyvean Cup – Mrs J. Hines, Gould Trophy – Mrs A. Slade and Mrs E. Clements,  
Long Cup – Mr A. Galloway, Hodge Cup – Mr B. Wittram, Waldron Cup – Mr F. Niven,  
Wilson Cup – Mr A. Ralph, Quick Cup – Mr A. Galloway and Mr W. Hendy,  
Buckie Cup – Mr B. Wittram, Boyd Cup – Mr F. Niven,  
Mixed Pairs Cup – Mrs J. Ogg and Mr R. Ogg,

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## Year 2021 (continued)

Crusader Cup – Mr A. Smith and Mr C. Sowden,  
Singh Trophy – Mrs F. Wise, Mr W. Boundy and Mr P. Haselhurst,  
Crocker Fours – Messrs C Pettican, K. Payne, W. Hendy and F. Niven,  
Spice of Life Trophy Messrs – K Hazell, P. Weeks and W. Hendy.

This year the club celebrated its 375<sup>th</sup> plus 1 anniversary with a visit by the President of Bowls England Mr Paul Robson and he brought with him a team of six rinks from 13 different counties.



Club President Mr P. Miller meets Bowls England President Mr P. Robson



In the Section 1 competitions the Great Torrington winners were:  
Men's County Pairs – Messrs M. Bayliss and P. Weeks,  
Men's Unbadged Pairs – Messrs W. Hendy and C. Sowden,  
Men's Unbadged Triples – Messrs D. Green, A. Galloway and P. Haselhurst.

The Short Mat Club Official elected for this season was:  
Captain Mr C. Sowden, Competition Secretary Mrs C. Payne.

The club competitions 2020/21 were cancelled, and a limited amount of bowling took place due to the restrictions placed by the government, EBA and ESMBA because of the Covid-19 pandemic.

## Year 2022

The club officials elected for this year were:  
President Mr P. Miller, Chairman Mr K. Jackson, Secretary Mr A. Smith,  
Treasurer Mr L. Pollinger, Captain Mrs E. Clements.

The competition winners for this year were:  
Kent Cup – Mrs J. Hines, Walsh Cup – Mrs J. Hines, Darch Cup – Mrs C. Payne,  
Edyvean Cup – Mrs J. Ogg, Gould Trophy – Mrs J. Piper and Mrs E. Clements,  
Long Cup – Mr P. Weeks, Hodge Cup – Mr P. Weeks, Waldron Cup – Mr F. Niven,  
Wilson Cup – Mr M. Bayliss, Quick Cup – Mr A. Toogood and Mr C. Sowden,  
Buckie Cup – Mr C. Sowden, Boyd Cup – Mr W. Hendy,

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Mixed Pairs Cup – Mrs E. Clements and Mr A. Ralph,  
Crusader Cup – Mr D. Walter and Mr R. Ogg,  
Singh Trophy – Mrs T. Cockman, Mr G. Herdman and Mr A. Galloway,  
Crocker Fours – Mrs A. Slade, Mrs F. Wise, Mr K. Payne and Mr W. Hendy,  
Spice of Life Trophy Messrs – A. Smith, R. Hines and P. Weeks.

This year Mrs C. Phillips, Mr M. Bayliss and Mr K. Jackson qualified and received their Devon County Badge.

In the Section1 competitions the Great Torrington winners were:

Ladies County Singles – Mrs E. Clements,  
Ladies County Rinks – Mesdames J. Ogg, T. Cockman, T. Walter and J. Hines,  
Ladies Over 55 Singles – Mrs K. Galloway,  
Ladies Over55 Pairs – Mesdames C. Phillips and J. Hines,  
Ladies Unbadged Singles – Mrs K. Galloway,  
Ladies Unbadged Pairs – Mesdames J. Ogg and J. Hines,  
Men's 2-wood Singles – Mr P. Weeks,  
Men's Over55 Rinks – Messrs P. Cockman, R. Hines, A. Galloway and A. Ralph,  
Men's Unbadged Triples – Messrs W. Hendy, F. Niven and C. Sowden,  
Mixed Pairs – Mrs K. & Mr A Galloway.



County Unbadged Triples Champions – Messrs W. Hendy, F. Niven and C. Sowden.



The Short Mat Club Official elected for this season was:  
Captain Mr C. Sowden, Competition Secretary Mrs C. Payne.

The competition winners for 2021/22 were:

Don Oliver Shield – Mr W. Hendy, Mary Kent Cup – Mrs G. Sowden and Mr C. Sowden,  
Lionel Goaman Cup – Messrs A. Galloway and P. Weeks,  
Brenda Hammett Cup – Mrs T. Walter, Mr B. Wittram and Mr C. Sowden.

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Kent Cup – Mrs, Walsh Cup – Mrs, Darch Cup – Mrs,  
Edyvean Cup – Mrs, Gould Trophy – Mrs and Mrs.,

The competition winners for this year were: (continued)

Long Cup – Mr, Hodge Cup – Mr, Waldron Cup – Mr,  
Wilson Cup – Mr, Quick Cup – Mr and Mr,  
Buckie Cup –, Boyd Cup –,  
Mixed Pairs Cup – Mrs and Mr,  
Crusader Cup –,  
Singh Trophy –,  
Crocker Fours –,  
Spice of Life Trophy Messrs –

The Short Mat Club Official elected for this season was: Captain Mr C. Sowden, Competition Secretary Mrs C. Payne.

The competition winners for 2022/23 were:

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Lionel Goaman Cup – Mrs S. Crawley and Mr F. Niven,  
Brenda Hammett Cup – Messrs D. Walter, E. Wise and F. Niven