

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 16th, 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. A Newspaper article written on the 21st of August stated: The Annual Dinner took place on Wednesday in a large tent erected on the Castle Bowling green, Great Torrington. About 50 members sat down. The Mayor (Mr Ashplant) occupied the chair, and there were also present Messrs Duncan, Vincent, Pike, J.H. Penhale, F. Trapnell, and Ascott from Bideford; Messrs T. Ford, H. Slee, John Jackson, S. Jackson, James Jackson, R. Jackson, H. Blatchford, C. Doe, Routcliff, J. Adams, S.G. Tapley, W.P. Ashton, Short, W. May, H.H. Pidgeon, Dr J.D. Jones, and C. Mallett. After dinner various toasts were given, and at the conclusion bowling was indulged in, there being a large number of players.

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 300th 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*)



A newspaper article dated the 23rd of July stated; The annual dinner in connection with the Great Torrington Bowling Club was held in a spacious tent erected on the bowling green on Thursday afternoon. There was a numerous attendance, including many visitors from Bideford. Mr J. Jackson (Captain) occupied the chair. The usual loyal and patriotic toasts being duly honoured, the Chairman read letters of regret at inability to attend from Mr J. Moore-Stevens, (who was to have presided) and others. "Success to the Bideford and Leeds Bowling Clubs" was given from the chair. Messrs Vincent and Todd suitably responded. Mr Duncan proposed " Success and Prosperity to the Torrington Bowling Club," and expressed his sorrow at not meeting the President (Mr G. Fisher)

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who was absent owing to indisposition. He hoped Mr Fisher would speedily recover – (hear, hear). Mr Alderman Slee, in responding, thanked Mr Duncan on behalf of Mr Fisher, and spoke of the awakening of the club since this time last year, when the Armada Tricentenary celebration gave quite a fillip to the association. The Chairman next referred to the handsome silver flagon presented to the Torrington club by the committee of the Armada Tricentenary Celebration at Plymouth and read the inscription. This was the first time they had had the honour of placing the cup on their annual festival board; and it was passed round filled with wine as a “loving cup”. Mr G.M. Doe gave “The Visitors”, coupling with the toast the names of Mr Giddie, Mr Ascott, and Mr Merefield. Mr J.D. Bastard, in proposing the Hon. Sec. Mr H. Bangham, referred to the excellent manner in which he had performed his arduous duties. Mr H. Bangham suitably responded. “The Chairman” proposed by Mr Duncan and drunk with enthusiasm, concluded the toast list. The company then adjourned to the green, where the remainder of the day was spent in friendly games of bowls.

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.

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*)

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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 16th of May against Bideford at Bideford, the result 212 - 215.
On the 30th of May against Barnstaple at Torrington, the result 156 - 80.
On the 28th of June against Bideford at Torrington, the result 271 - 149.
On the 25th of July against Barnstaple at Victoria Road, Barnstaple, the result 125 - 114.
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 June the 13th against Ilfracombe at Torrington, the result 150 - 69.
On June the 26th against Barnstaple at Victoria Road, Barnstaple, the result 204 - 229.
On July the 10th against Bideford at Bideford, the result 220 - 207.
On August the 1st against Ilfracombe at Ilfracombe, the result 132 - 103.
On August the 8th against Bideford at Torrington, the result 251 - 150.

Year 1896

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

Torrington played the following matches:
On May the 26th against Bideford at Bideford, the result 209 - 230 .
On June the 4th against Ilfracombe at Torrington, the result 150 - 82 .
On July the 2nd against Bideford at Torrington, the result 258 - 179 .
On July the 16th against Barnstaple at Torrington, the result 274 - 104 .
On July the 29th against Barnstaple (Victoria Road) at Barnstaple, the result 264 - 196 .

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 10th of June against Barnstaple (Newport) at Barnstaple, the result 244 - 240 .
On June the 16th against Bideford at Bideford, the result 207 - 236 .
On July the 1st against Ilfracombe at Ilfracombe, the result 140 - 123 .
On July the 8th against Barnstaple (Victoria Road) at Barnstaple, the result 254 - 191 .

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- On the July 15th against Bideford at Torrington, the result 267 - 189 .
- On August the 2nd against Barnstaple (Newport) at Torrington, the result 240 - 119 .
- On August the 4th against Barnstaple (Victoria Road) at Torrington, the result 230 - 165 .
- On August the 19th against Ilfracombe, at Torrington the result 152 - 78 .

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

Year 1899

The club officials elected for this year were:
President Mr A.M. Werry, and Secretary Mr H. Blatchford.

- Torrington played the following matches:
- On the 18th of May against Ilfracombe at Ilfracombe the result 151 - 76 .
 - On the 2nd of June against Barnstaple (Newport) at Barnstaple the result 240 - 186 .
 - On the 8th of June against Barnstaple (Rumsan) at Barnstaple the result 187 - 259 .
 - On the 8th of June against Barnstaple (Victoria Road) at Barnstaple the result 193 - 225 .
 - On the 22nd of June against Bideford at Torrington the result 255 - 166 .
 - On the 29th of June against Ilfracombe at Torrington the result 140 - 106 .
 - On the 6th of July against Barnstaple (Rumsan) at Torrington the result 273 - 147 .
 - On the 13th of July against Barnstaple (Newport) at Torrington the result 159 - 65 .
 - On the 11th of August against Barnstaple (Victoria Road) at Torrington the result 242 - 159 .
 - On the 16th of August against Bideford at Bideford the result 222 - 233 .
 - On the 17th of August against Torquay at Torrington the result 315 - 114 .

Year 1900

The club officials elected for this year were:
President Mr A.M. Werry, Chairman Mr J.D. Copp, Secretary Mr H. Blatchford.

- Torrington played the following matches:
- On the 23rd of May against Bideford at Torrington the result 255 - 174 .
 - On the 4th of June against Barnstaple (Newport) at Torrington the result 268 - 126 .
 - On the 6th of June against Barnstaple (Rumsan) at Barnstaple the result 227 - 226 .
 - On the 13th of June against Barnstaple (Victoria Road) at Barnstaple but the scores were not recorded.

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- On the 28th of June against Ilfracombe at Ilfracombe the result 129 - 108 .
- On the 5th of July against Barnstaple (Rumsan) at Torrington the result 241 - 192 .
- On the 6th of August against Torquay at Torquay the result 184 - 135 .
- On the 9th of August against Bideford at Bideford the result 234 - 167 .
- On the 16th of August against Barnstaple (Victoria Road) at Torrington the result 255 - 168 .
- On the 29th of August against Barnstaple (Newport) at Barnstaple the result 184 - 236 .

Year 1901

The club officials elected for this year were:
President Mr A.M. Werry, and Secretary Mr H. Blatchford.

Torrington played the following matches:

- On the 20th of June against Barnstaple (Victoria Road) at Torrington the result 226 - 164 .
 - On the 5th of July against Torquay at Torrington the result 198 - 96 .
 - On the 31st of July against Bideford at Bideford the result 200 - 233 .
 - On the 7th of August against Barnstaple (Victoria Road) at Barnstaple the result 245 - 192 .
 - On the 16th of August against South Molton at Torrington the result 147 - 58
- 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.

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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.

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 6th of June at Barnstaple they beat Ilfracombe by 32 points.

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

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

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

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

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Below 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.

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.

On the 7th of June Torrington played Bideford on the Victoria Green, Barnstaple in connection with the County Shield and won by 36 shots. The Torrington team consisted of the following players: T. Macindoe, Parnell, J. Popham, R. Hodge, W. Rouse, C. Doe, J. Bowden, J. Short, C.H. Lee, W. Slee, T. Ashton and F.W. Hodge.

On the 14th of June Torrington played Ilfracombe on the Ashleigh Road green, Barnstaple in connection with the County Shield and won by 79 shots. The Torrington team consisted of the following players: T. Macindoe, S.J. Daniels, J. Popham, R. Hodge, W. Roan, C. Doe, J. Bowden, M. Doe, C.H. Slee, W. Slee, T. Ashton and F.W. Hodge.

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.

The following are the Torrington fixtures for the County Shield:

26th of May Torrington vs Ilfracombe at Barnstaple

18th of June Torrington vs Barnstaple at Ilfracombe

24th of June Torrington vs Bideford at Ilfracombe

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.

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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.

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 1929

The Annual General Meeting was held on Wednesday 27th of March in the Market Hall.

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Year 1931

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

Year 1932

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

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 6th 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 1935

The Annual General meeting was held in the Club Pavilion on Wednesday the 14th of December at 6.30pm

The club officials elected for this year were:

President Mr T..H. Dyer, Secretary Mr F.R. Hodge, Treasurer Mr. W.J. Blatchford.

Years 1936

The Annual General meeting was held in the Club Pavilion on Monday the 16th of January at 6.30pm.

The club officials elected for this year were:

President Mr T.C. Buckland, Secretary Mr A. Hey, Treasurer Mr. K.H. Seller.

A new rule passed on the 22nd of April read: 'Times of Ladies play during evenings: One rink to be reserved solely for the use of ladies every evening. Another rink can be for their use after 6.30pm if unoccupied but must be forfeited at the end of the game in play if a rink of six men members are waiting to play. After 7pm Ladies may occupy any vacant rink undisturbed.'

The competition winners for this year were:

Blake Cup for Singles:

Winner – Mr W. Hartnell, winning a pair of bowls and 10/- R/U – Mr B. Hodge winning of 10/-

Pairs:

Winners – Messrs F.W. Hodge & F. Gent with prizes of a pair of bowls and 5/- each

Runners up – Messrs R Hodge & G. Copp with prizes of 7/6

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Years 1937

The Annual General meeting was held in the Club Pavilion on Monday the 6th of December at 6.30pm.

The club officials elected for this year were:

President Mr B.G. Lampard-Vachell J.P. C.C., Secretary Mr A Hey, Treasurer Mr. K.H. Seller.

The competition winners were:

Blake Cup Singles – Mr A. Heaman winning the cup and 15/- R/U Mr W. Peebles winning 10/-

Pairs – Messrs F. Teed & J. Sweet winning £1 divided

R/U Messrs F.W. Hodge & S. Buckle winning 10/- divided

Rinks – Messrs B. Hodge, R Long, T.C. Buckland winning £1 divided

R/U Messrs R. Hodge, A. Hey & F. Hutchings winning 10/- divided

Ladies Section James Cup Singles: Winner – Mrs E. Burrows winning the cup and 5/-

Second – Mrs B. Norman winning 5/- and Third – Mrs T. Bowdon winning 2/-.

Years 1938

The Annual General meeting was held in the Club Pavilion on Wednesday the 21st of November at 6.30pm.

The club officials elected for this year were:

President Mr B.G. Lampard-Vachell J.P. C.C., Secretary Mr A Hey, Treasurer Mr. K.H. Seller.

The competition winners were:

Blake Cup Singles – Mr B. Hodge winning the cup and 10/- R/U Mr R. Hodge winning 5/-

Pairs – Messrs B. Hodge & Mr F. Hutchings winning £1 divided

R/U Messrs W. Hartnell & H. Alford winning 10/- divided

Years 1939

The Annual General meeting was held in the Club Pavilion on Wednesday the 20th of November at 6.30pm.

The club officials elected for this year were:

President Mr B.G. Lampard-Vachell J.P. C.C., Joint Secretaries Mr F.R. Hodge and Mr A.E.

Muncey, Treasurer Mr. K.H. Seller.

The competition winners were:

Blake Cup Singles – Mr R. Hodge winning the cup and 12/6 R/U Mr A. Heaman winning 7/6

Years 1940

The Annual General meeting was held in the Club Pavilion on Wednesday the 20th of November at 6.30pm.

The club officials elected for this year were:

President Mr B.G. Lampard-Vachell J.P. C.C.,

Joint Secretaries Mr F.R. Hodge and Mr A.E. Muncey, Treasurer Mr. K.H. Seller.

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Years 1941

The Annual General meeting was held in the Conservative Club Whist Drive Room on Friday the 21st of November at 6.30pm.

The club officials elected for this year were:

President Mr B.G. Lampard-Vachell J.P. C.C.,

Joint Secretaries Mr F.R. Hodge and Mr A.E. Muncey, Treasurer Mr. K.H. Seller.

Years 1942

The Annual General meeting was held in the Conservative Club Whist Drive Room on Friday the 11th of December at 6.30pm.

The club officials elected for this year were:

President Mr B.G. Lampard-Vachell J.P. C.C.,

Joint Secretaries Mr F.R. Hodge and Mr A.E. Muncey, Treasurer Mr. N.L. Lockton.

The annual subscription for men was increased to 15/-

Years 1943

The Annual General meeting was held in the Conservative Club Whist Drive Room on Friday the 1^{9th} of November at 6.30pm.

The club officials elected for this year were:

President Mr B.G. Lampard-Vachell J.P. C.C.,

Joint Secretaries Mr F.R. Hodge and Mr A.E. Muncey, Treasurer Mr. N.L. Lockton..

Years 1944

The Annual General meeting was held in the Conservative Club Whist Drive Room on Friday the 1st of December at 6.30pm.

The club officials elected for this year were:

President Mr L.S. Hutchings, Joint Secretaries Mr F.R. Hodge and Mr A.E. Muncey,

Treasurer Mr. N.L. Lockton.

Messrs F. Teed and R Hodge were appointed as representative to the Devon County Bowling Executive Committee.

Years 1945

The club officials elected for this year were:

President Mr L.S. Hutchings, Joint Secretaries Mr F.R. Hodge and Mr A.E. Muncey,

Treasurer Mr. N.L. Lockton.

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Years 1946

The Annual General meeting for the year 1945 was held in the Church Hall on Monday the 31st of January at 6.30pm.

The club officials elected for this year were:

President Alderman L.S. Hutchings J.P., Joint Secretaries Mr F.R. Hodge and Mr A.E. Muncney, Treasurer Mr. H.S. Widger.

Years 1947

The Annual General meeting for the year 1946 was held in the Conservative Club Whist Drive Room on Monday the 27th of January at 6.30pm.

The club officials elected for this year were:

President Alderman G. Yeo J.P., Joint Secretaries Mr F.R. Hodge and Mr A.E. Muncney, Treasurer Mr. H.S. Widger.

Years 1948

The Annual General meeting for the year 1947 was held in the Conservative Club Whist Drive Room on Friday the 30th of January at 6.30pm.

The club officials elected for this year were:

President Alderman G. Yeo J.P., Joint Secretaries Mr F.R. Hodge and Mr A.E. Muncney, Treasurer Mr. H.S. Widger, Captain Mr J.H. Long.

Year 1949

The Annual General meeting for the year 1948 was held in the Conservative Club Whist Drive Room on Monday the 31st of January at 6.30pm.

The club officials elected for this year were:

President Alderman G. Yeo J.P., Joint Secretaries Mr F.R. Hodge and Mr A.E. Muncney, Treasurer Mr. H.S. Widger, Captain Mr R. Walsh.

The competition winner this year was:

Wilson Cup – Mr W.E. Kelly.

Year 1950

The Annual General meeting for the year 1949 was held in the Conservative Club Whist Drive Room on Wednesday the 8th of February at 7pm.

The club officials elected for this year were:

President Mr H. Vincent, Joint Secretaries Mr F.R. Hodge and Mr A.E. Muncney, Treasurer Mr. H.S. Widger, Captain Mr R. Walsh.

The competition winner this year was:

Wilson Cup – Mr F.R. Hodge.

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Year 1951

The Annual General meeting for the year 1950 was held in the Conservative Club Whist Drive Room on Wednesday the 21st of February at 7pm.

The club officials elected for this year were:

President Mr H. Vincent, Joint Secretaries Mr F.R. Hodge and Mr A.E. Muncey,
Treasurer Mr. H.S. Widger, Captain Mr W.E. Kelly.

The competition winners this year were:

Wilson Cup – Mr J. Hurst.

Hookway Shield – Messrs W.E. Kelly and U.B. Cruwys

Presented by Mr Walter Hookway to the Club Pairs winners annually.

Year 1952

The club officials elected for this year were:

President Mr H. Vincent, Joint Secretaries Mr F.R. Hodge and Mr A.E. Muncey,
Treasurer Mr H.S. Widger, Captain Mr F. Vodden.

The competition winners this year were

Wilson Cup – Mr A.E. Muncey, Hookway Shield – Messrs R.A. Bartlett and F.M. Teel

Year 1953

The Annual General Meeting was held in Conservative Club Whist Drive Room on Monday the 26th 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,
Joint Secretaries Mr F.R. Hodge and Mr L.G. Copp,
Treasurer Mr W.E. Kelly succeeded by L. Brachi on the 18th of June, Captain Mr C. Sutton.

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

The competition winners this year were:

Wilson Cup – Mr R.J. Heaman, Hookway Shield – Messrs R. Beatfield and W. Alford

Year 1954

The Annual General Meeting was held in Conservative Club Whist Drive Room on Thursday the 14th of January at 7pm with 48 members attending.

The club officials elected for this year were:

President Mr H. Vincent J.P., Chairman Mr L Brachi,
Joint Secretaries Mr F.R. Hodge and Mr L.G. Copp, Treasurer Mr L. Brachi,
Captain Mr R.W. Bartlett.

The competition winners this year were:

Wilson Cup – Mr R.J. Heaman, Hookway Shield – Messrs C. Lucas and L. Ashley

Great Torrington Bowling Club Historical Notes

Year 1955

The Annual General Meeting was held in Conservative Club Whist Drive Room on Monday the 26th of January 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, Captain Mr W.J. Plucknett.

The competition winners this year were:

Wilson Cup – Mr C.R. Sutton, Hookway Shield – Messrs W. Ellacott and B Hodge

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

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.

Year 1956

The Annual General Meeting was held in the Conservative Club Whist Drive Room, Torrington on Monday the 30th of January 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, Captain Mr R.J. Heaman.

The competition winners this year were:

Wilson Cup – Mr B. Hodge, Hookway Shield – Messrs J. Passmore and R.J. Heaman

The Annual General Meeting was held in the Conservative Club Whist Drive Room, Torrington on Thursday the 22nd of November at 7.30pm.

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, Captain Mr L.G. Ashley.

The competition winners this year were:

Wilson Cup – Mr R. Walsh, Hookway Shield – Messrs W.J. White and W.J. Plucknett.

Great Torrington Bowling Club Historical Notes

Year 1956 (continued)

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

The Annual General Meeting was held in the Conservative Club Whist Drive Room, Torrington on Thursday, 28th of November at 7.30pm.

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, Captain Mr L.G. Copp.

The competition winners this year were:

Wilson Cup – Mr W. Plucknet, Hookway Shield – Messrs F. Beer and L. Ashley.

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

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, Captain Mr J. Hurst.

The competition winners this year were:

Wilson Cup – Mr F. Vodden, Hookway Shield – Messrs W. Johns and R. Walsh.

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

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, Captain Mr H. Hodge.

The competition winners this year were:

Wilson Cup – Mr J.H. Long, Hookway Shield – Messrs W. Johns and C Lucas.

The Annual General Meeting was held in the Conservative Club Whist Drive Room, Torrington on Friday, 25th 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,
Captain Mr J. Passmore.

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

The competition winners this year were:

Wilson Cup – Mr F.R. Hodge, Hookway Shield – Messrs W.H. Alford and C.N. Sutton

Great Torrington Bowling Club Historical Notes

Year 1961 (continued)

The Annual General Meeting was held in the British Legion Room, Torrington on Wednesday, 6th 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, Captain Mr W. Johns.

The competition winner this year is:

Wilson Cup – Mr R. Walsh.

The Annual General Meeting was held in the British Legion Room, Torrington on Friday, 14th 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, Captain Mr J White.

The competition winner this year is:

Wilson Cup – Mr R. Walsh.

Year 1964

The Annual General Meeting of 1963 was held in the Conservative Club Whist Drive Room, Torrington on Tuesday, 14th 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, Captain Mr J Heard.

The competition winner this year is:

Wilson Cup – Mr R. Walsh.

Year 1965

The Annual General Meeting was held in the Club Pavilion, Torrington on Wednesday, 3rd 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,
Captain Mr S.I. Downing.

The competition winner this year is:

Wilson Cup – Mr C.R. Sutton.

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Year 1966

The Annual General Meeting was held in the Club Pavilion, Torrington on Friday, 11th 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,
Captain Mr W. Ellacott.

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

The competition winners this year were:

Presidents/Long Cup – Mr R.J. Heaman; Wilson Cup – 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, 9th of February at 7pm.

The club officials elected for this year were:

President Mr J.H. Long, Secretary Mr F.R. Hodge, Treasurer Mr C.R. Sutton, 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, 7th 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,
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, 27th 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,
Captain Mr C.C. Divell.

The competition winners for this year were:

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

Great Torrington Bowling Club Historical Notes

Year 1969 (continued)

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

There was a General Meeting on Monday 24th 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, 2nd 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,
Captain Mr K. Colwill.

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, 24th 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, 30th 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.

Great Torrington Bowling Club Historical Notes

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 18th 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 21st of September and report back.

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

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

Year 1973

A General Meeting was held in the Newmarket Inn on Tuesday the 16th 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 13th 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.

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 14th 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.

Great Torrington Bowling Club Historical Notes

Year 1974 (continued)

The Annual General Meeting was held in the Newmarket Inn on Wednesday the 6th 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,
Captain Mr J. Trounson.

A General meeting was held in the Newmarket Inn on Wednesday the 29th 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 14th 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 16th 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.

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 27th of October.

Year 1977

A General Meeting was held in the Newmarket Inn on Wednesday the 9th of March. The Secretary reported that the Torrington 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.

Great Torrington Bowling Club Historical Notes

Year 1977 (continued)

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 26th 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.

The Annual General Meeting was held in the Admiral Vernon on Wednesday the 8th of November.

Year 1979

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 S. Palmer.



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

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.

The Annual General Meeting was held in the Unigate Club on Wednesday the 14th of November

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.

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Year 1980 (continued)

The Annual General Meeting was held in the Unigate Club on Wednesday the 15th of November. The subscriptions for 1981 was set at Men - £10, Ladies - £5 and O.A.P. - £8.

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,

Mixed:

Buckie Cup (new singles competition open to all members) – Mr J. Heard

(The family of the late Buckie Stapleton presented this cup.)

The Annual General Meeting was held in the Unigate Club on Wednesday the 21st of October. The membership fees were increased by £2.

Year 1982

The Annual General Meeting was held in the Unigate Club on Wednesday the 20th of October.

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:

Ladies:

Singles Cup (4-wood singles) – Mrs M. Crocker

Men:

Long Cup – Mr T. Webber, Wilson Cup – Mr R Kent, Hodge Cup – Mr C. Slade,

Quick Cup – Messrs T. Webber & H. Gerry,

Mixed:

Buckie Cup – Mr D. Oliver.

On the 20th of November the club held a Dinner Dance in the Castle Hill Hotel.

Year 1983

The Annual General Meeting was held in the Unigate Club on Tuesday the 11th of October.

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.

Great Torrington Bowling Club Historical Notes

Year 1983 (continued)

The competition winners for this year were:

Ladies:

Singles Cup – Mrs M Clarke.

Men:

Long Cup – Mr C.R. Mitchell, Wilson Cup – Mr R.G. Copp, Hodge Cup – Mr H Yeo,

Quick Cup – Messrs B. Drain & C.R. Mitchell, Buckie Cup – Mr C. Slade.

The Annual General Meeting was held in the Unigate Club on Tuesday the 11th of October.

On Saturday the 29th of October the club held a Dinner Dance in the Castle Hill Hotel.

Year 1984

The club officials elected for this year were:

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

The ladies Section – Captain Mrs M. Crocker, Secretary Mrs M. Kent and Treasurer Mrs P Webb.

The competition winners for this year were:

Ladies;

Singles Cup – Mrs M. Kent.

Men:

Long Cup – Mr H.B. Edyvean, Wilson Cup – Mr C Slade, Hodge Cup – Mr W Leverton,

Quick Cup – no record,

Mixed:

Buckie Cup – Mr C. Grainger.

The Annual General Meeting was held in the Torrridge Vale Social Club on the 16th of October ay 7.30pm. On Saturday the 10th of November the club held a Dinner Dance in the Castle Hill Hotel

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:

Ladies:

Singles Cup – Mrs N. Edyvean,

Men:

Long Cup – Mr H.B. Edyvean, Wilson Cup – Mr C. Tichener, Hodge Cup – Mr C. Milburn, Quick Cup -no record, Mixed:

Mixed:

Buckie Cup – Mr W. Leverton, Boyd Cup (new singles open to all) – Mr R. Kent.

Great Torrington Bowling Club Historical Notes

Year 1986

The club officials elected for this year were:

President Mr C.R. Mitchell, Chairman Mr D. Oliver, Secretary Mr C.J. Titchener,
Captain Mr G. Milnes.

The competition winners for this year were:

Ladies:

Singles Cup – Mrs N. Edyvean, Walsh Cup (ladies 2-wood singles) – Mrs N. Edyvean,

Men:

Long Cup – Mr T. Webber, Wilson Cup – Mr R. Kent, Hodge Cup – Mr C. Milburn,

Quick Cup – no record,

Mixed:

Buckie Cup – Mr C. Clayton, Boyd Cup – Mr D. Webb

Short Mat Section:

The 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 23rd 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. 18 members had already joined and about 12 more were interested. The Palmer Centre was booked on Monday & Friday afternoons from 2pm until 5pm and on Wednesday evenings from 7pm until 10pm.

The officials elected for the 1986/87 season were:

Chairman Mr W. Scoynes, Secretary Mr D. Oliver, Treasurer Mr W Darch.

Year 1987

The club officials elected for this year were:

President W. Darch, Chairman Mr R. Foster, Secretary Mr D. Oliver, Treasurer Mr A. Holder,
Captain Mr W. Darch.

The competition winners for this year were:

Ladies:

Singles Cup – Mrs N. Edyvean, Walsh Cup – Mrs E. Nash,

Bennet Cup (Ladies Handicap singles) – Mrs E. Nash,

Men:

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

Quick Cup – no record,

Mixed:

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, using club member Cyril Slade's business, during the closed season at a cost of £23,00.

Great Torrington Bowling Club Historical Notes

Year 1987 (continued)

Short Mat Section:

The officials elected for the 1987/88 season were:

Chairman Mr L. Janes, Secretary Mr D. Oliver, Treasurer Mr W Darch.

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, Treasurer Mr A. Luxton, Captain Mr D. Webb.

The competition winners for this year were:

Ladies:

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

Men:

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,

Mixed:

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 ready and on the 23rd of April it was officially opened.



The Devon County Presidents Mr S.C. Moppett and Mrs E. Talmage open the new clubhouse.

Great Torrington Bowling Club Historical Notes

Year 1988 (continued)

The Club played against the Old Leeds Club to celebrate the 400th 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.

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 results of the Match was:

Rink1 – W. Scoynes & H. Gerry won 17 - 6; Rink2 – W. Darch & B Edyvean lost 9 – 10;
Rink3 - W. Boundy & C Milburn won 16 – 14; Rink4 – C. Slade & D. Webb won 14 – 12;
Rink5 – G. Milnes & R. Keny won 25 – 6; Rink6 – R. Ware & R. Mitchell won 18 – 12.
Torrington 99 shots and Leeds 63 shots.

Short Mat Section:

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 officials elected for the 1988/89 season were:

Chairman Mr L. Janes, Secretary Mrs M. Kent, Treasurer Mr W Darch.

The 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, Captain Mr C. Clayton.

The competition winners for this year were:

Ladies:

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

Men:

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,

Mixed:

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

Great Torrington Bowling Club Historical Notes

Year 1989 (continued)

Short Mat Section:

The officials elected for the 1989/90 season were:

Chairman Mr L. Janes, Secretary Mrs M. Kent, Treasurer Mr D. Renyolds, Captain Mr L. Goaman.

The competition winners for 1988/89 were:

Saturday Triples – Mesdames M. Gerry & M. Gibbs and Mr R. Kent

The club won the Stephens Trophy;



The team in the photo above are Mr C. Milburn, Mrs W. Janes, Mr J. Kill, Mr L. Janes, Mrs M. Kent, Mr R. Kent, Mr D. Webb and Mr L. Goaman.

In November Mr R. Kent was selected to play short mat for England at Cardiff

Year 1990

The club officials elected for this year were:

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

The competition winners for this year were:

Ladies:

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

Men:

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,

Mixed:

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.

Short Mat Section:

The officials elected for the 1990/91 season were:

Chairman Mr L. Janes, Secretary Mrs M. Kent, Treasurer Mr D. Renyolds, Captain Mr L. Goaman.

The competition winners for 1989/90 were:

Saturday Triples – Messrs L. Janes, J. Kill and F. Singh

The club sessions were extended two session from 2pm until 4.30pm and 7pm until 9.30pm every Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Great Torrington Bowling Club Historical Notes

Year 1991

The club officials elected for this year were:

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

The competition winners for this year were:

Ladies:

Singles Cup – Mrs M. Gibbs, Walsh Cup – Mrs E. Nash, Bennet Cup – Mrs M. Kent,

Men:

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,

Mixed;

Buckie Cup – Mr D. Parlour, Boyd Cup – Mr R. Kent, Crusader Cup – Messrs T. Nye and R. Street.

Short Mat Section:

The officials elected for the 1991/92 season were:

Chairman Mr J. Kill, Secretary Mrs M. Kent, Treasurer Mr D. Reynolds, Captain Mr L. Goaman.

Mr D. Reynolds played short mat for England.

Messrs D. Reynolds and R. Kent won the Devon County Short Mat Pairs.

The competitions winners for 1990/91 were:

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.

Saturday Triples – Mesdames D. Edwards & J. Knox and Mr T. Nye

Year 1992

The club officials elected for this year were:

President Mr F. Singh, Chairman Mr M. Loud, Secretary Mr A.F. Fitzjohn,

Treasurer Mr W. Darch, Captain Mr J. Kill.

Ladies section officials:

Captain Mrs M. Kent, Secretary Mrs A. Luxton, Treasurer Mrs B. Webb.

The competition winners for this year were:

Ladies:

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,

Men:

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,

Mixed:

Buckie Cup – Mr L. Williams, Boyd Cup – R. Kent, Crusader Cup – Messrs R. Kent and E Foster.

Short Mat Section:

The officials elected for the 1992/93 season were:

Chairman Mr J. Kill, Secretary Mrs M. Kent, Treasurer Mr D. Reynolds, Captain Mr L. Goaman.

The competition winners for 1991/92 were:

Don Oliver Shield – Mr D. Reynolds

Saturday Triples – Mesdames C. Loud & J. Knox and Mr R. Keny

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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.

Ladies section officials:

Captain Mrs M. Gibbs, Secretary Mrs A. Luxton, Treasurer Mrs B. Webb.

The competition winners for this year were:

Ladies:

Singles Cup – Mrs E. Trewin, Walsh Cup – Mrs E. Nash, Bennet Cup – Mrs A. Bignell,
Darch Cup – Mrs E. Nash,

Men:

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,

Mixed:

Buckie Cup – Mr J. Shaw, Boyd Cup – Mr R.B. Foster,
Crusader Cup – Messrs D Waddell and L Williams.

Short Mat Section:

The officials elected for the 1993/94 season were:

Chairman Mr J. Kill, Secretary Mrs M. Kent, Treasurer Mr D. Renyolds, Captain Mr L. Goaman.

The competition winners for 1992/93 were:

Don Oliver Shield (Singles Competition) – Mrs M. Gibbs

Saturday Triples – Mesdames L. Gould & E. Nash and F. Singh

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.

Ladies section officials:

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

The competition winners for this year were:

Ladies:

Singles Cup – Mrs E. Nash, Walsh Cup – Mrs M. Clarke, Bennet Cup – Mrs S. Avery,
Darch Cup – Mrs C. Stanwick,

Men:

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,

Mixed:

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.

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Year 1994 (continued)

Short Mat Section:

The officials elected for the 1994/95 season were:

Chairman Mr J. Kill, Secretary Mrs M. Kent, Treasurer Mr D. Renyolds, Captain Mr L. Goaman.

The competition winner for 1993/94 was:

Don Oliver Shield – Mrs M. Gibbs.

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

The Torrington team of 10 players, 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.

Ladies section officials:

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

The competition winners for this year were:

Ladies:

Singles Cup – Mrs B. Webb, Walsh Cup – Mrs S. Avery, Bennet Cup – Mrs B. Webb, Darch Cup – Mrs R. Passmore,

Men:

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,

Mixed:

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

Short Mat Section:

The officials elected for the 1995/96 season were:

Chairman Mr J. Kill, Secretary Mrs M. Kent, Treasurer Mr D. Renyolds, ,Captain Mr L. Goaman.

The 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.

Ladies section officials:

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

Great Torrington Bowling Club Historical Notes

Year 1996 (continued)

The competition winners for this year were:

Ladies:

Singles now the Kent Cup – Mrs E. Trewin, Walsh Cup – Mrs B. Webb,
Bennet Cup – Mrs B. Webb, Darch Cup – Mrs L. Gould,

Men:

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,

Mixed:

Buckie Cup – Mr T. Bennett, Boyd Cup – Mr F. Singh,
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.

Short Mat Section:

The officials elected for the 1996/97 season were:

Chairman Mr J. Kill, Secretary Mrs M. Kent, Treasurer Mr D. Renyolds, Captain Mr L. Goaman.

The competition winner for 1995/96 was:

Don Oliver Shield – Mr W. Boundy.

The Torrington 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.

Ladies section officials:

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

The competition winners for this year were:

Ladies;

Kent Cup – Mrs C. Payne, Walsh Cup – Mrs E. Trewin, Bennett Cup – Mrs E. Trewin,
Darch Cup – Mrs S. Avery,

Men:

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,

Mixed:

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.

Short Mat Section:

The officials elected for the 1997/98 season were:

Chairman Mr J. Kill, Secretary Mrs M. Kent, Treasurer Mr D. Renyolds, Captain Mr L. Goaman.

The competition winner for 1996/97 was:

Don Oliver Shield – Mr L. Goaman.

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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.

Ladies section officials:

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

The competition winners for this year were:

Ladies:

Kent Cup – Mrs E. Harland, Walsh Cup – Mrs E. Trewin,
Bennett Cup became the Edyvean Cup – Mrs E. Trewin, Darch Cup – Mrs S. Avery,

Men:

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,

Mixed:

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.

Short Mat Section:

The officials elected for the 1998/99 season were:

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

The competition winner for 1997/98 was:

Don Oliver Shield – Mr J. Gibbs.

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.

Ladies section officials:

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

The competition winners for this year were:

Ladies;

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,

Men:

Long Cup – Mr A. Mullis, Wilson Cup – Mr P. Weeks, Hodge Cup – Mr W. Boundy,

Mixed:

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.

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Year 1999 (continued)

Short Mat Section:

The officials elected for the 1999/2000 season were:

Chairman Mr J Kill, Secretary Mr J Gibbs, Treasurer Mr J. Kill, Captain Mr L Goaman.

The competition winners for 1998/99 were:

Don Oliver Shield – Mr D. Reynolds,

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

Messrs J. Gibbs, J. Piper & D Renyolds played for Devon County.

Year 2000

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:

Ladies:

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,

Men:

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,

Mixed:

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.

Short Mat Section:

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 officials elected for the 2000/01 season were:

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

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.

Great Torrington Bowling Club Historical Notes

Year 2001 Continued)

The competition winners for this year were:

Ladies:

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,

Men:

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,

Mixed:

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.

Short Mat Section:

The officials elected for the 2001/02 season were:

Chairman Mr J. Kill, Secretary Mr J. Gibbs, Treasurer Mrs B. Webb, 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:

Ladies:

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,

Menn:

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,

Mixed:

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.

Short Mat Section:

The officials elected for the 2002/03 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.

Torrington Greens won the Stephens Trophy Knockout by beating South Molton at Bradworthy.

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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:

Ladies:

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,

Men:

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,

Mixed:

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.

Short Mat Section:

The officials elected for the 2003/04 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.

The Torrington 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 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.

Great Torrington Bowling Club Historical Notes

Year 2004 (continued)

The competition winners for this year were:

Ladies:

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,

Men:

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,

Mixed:

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.

Short Mat Section:

The officials elected for the 2004/05 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:

Ladies:

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,

Men:

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,

Mixed:

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.

Great Torrington Bowling Club Historical Notes

Year 2005 (continued)

Short Mat Section:

The officials elected for the 2005/06 season were:

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

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 NDNC S M B F Mary Kent Memorial Triples by beating another Torrington triple 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. Lever, Captain Mrs C. Payne.

The competition winners for this year were:

Ladies:

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,

Men:

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,

Mixed:

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.

Short Mat Section:

The officials elected for the 2006/07 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 Mesdames M. Gibbs & B. Webb and Mr J. Gibbs won the NDNC S M B F Mary Kent Memorial Triples.

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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:

Ladies:

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,

Men:

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,

Mixed:

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.

Short Mat Section:

The officials elected for the 2007/08 season were:

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

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.

The competition winners for this year were:

Ladies:

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,

Men:

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,

Mixed:

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.

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Year 2008 (continued)

Short Mat Section:

The officials elected for the 2008/09 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 M. Darch, 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:

Ladies:

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,

Men:

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,

Mixed:

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.

Short Mat Section:

The Short Mat Club Officials elected for the 2009/10 season were:

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

It was proposed and agreed that the club competitions will be played on four separate Saturdays one per month from December to March and played to a conclusion.

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.

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.

Great Torrington Bowling Club Historical Notes

Year 2010 (continued)

The competition winners for this year were:

Ladies:

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,

Men:

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,

Mixed:

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.

Short Mat Section:

The officials elected for the 2010/11 season were:

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

Ladies:

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,

Men:

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,

Mixed:

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.

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Year 2011 (continued)

Short Mat Section:

The officials elected for the 2011/12 season were:

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

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.

Year 2012

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:

Ladies:

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,

Men:

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,

Mixed:

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.
Evening Pairs – Mr J. Boundy and Mr W. Boundy

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

Short Mat Section:

The Short Mat Club Officials elected for the 2012/13 season were:

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

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Year 2013 (continued)

The competition winners for this year were:

Ladies:

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,

Men:

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,

Mixed:

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.
Evening Pairs – Mr A. Battishill and Mr P. Churchman

Short Mat Section:

On the 22nd of April after an Extraordinary Meeting, the main club and the short mat club amalgamated to form one club under the one management committee.

The officials elected for the 2013/14 season was:

Chairman Mr K. Jackson, Secretary Mrs C Payne, Treasurer Mrs C Cargill, Captain Mr F. Niven,
Competitions Mr F. Niven.

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.

Mr F. Niven was invited to serve on the Committee of the North Devon North Cornwall Short Mat Bowling Federation.

At the Club AGM on the 12th of November, it was proposed and accepted that the outdoors and short mat clubs be managed with one committee with an addition of a short mat Captain and short mat Competition Secretary and the club constitution be re-written to this effect.

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:

Ladies:

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,

Men:

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,

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Year 2014 (continued)

Mixed:

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.
Evening Pairs – Mr A. Battishill and Mr P. Churchman

Short Mat Section:

The official elected for the 2014/15 season was:
Captain Mr F. Niven, Competitions 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.

Mr F. Niven was invited to stand as Chairmen of the North Devon North Cornwall Short Mat Bowling Federation.

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:

Ladies:

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,

Men:

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,

Mixed:

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 – Mrs A. Slade, Mrs E. Clements, Mr B. Hunt and Mr P. Weeks. (Presented by Mr Denys Crocker)
Evening Pairs – Mr D Oliver and Mr P. Weeks

Short Mat Section:

The official elected for the 2015/16 season was:
Captain Mr F. Niven, Competitions Mr F. Niven.

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.

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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:

Ladies:

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,

Men:

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,

Mixed:

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 – Messrs A Toogood, W. Leverton and P. Weeks. (Presented by Mr & Mrs D. West)

Evening Pairs – Mr P Miller and Mr F. Niven

Short Mat Section:

The officials elected for the 2016/17 season was:

Captain Mr F Niven, Competitions 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:

Ladies:

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,

Men:

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,

Great Torrington Bowling Club Historical Notes

Year 2017 (continued)

Mixed

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,
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.
Evening Pairs – Mr L. Pollinger and Mr P. Weeks

Short Mat Section:

The officials elected for the 2017/18 season was:
Captain Mr F. Niven, Competitions 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:

Ladies:

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,

Men:

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,

Mixed:

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.
Evening Pairs – Mr J. Evans and Mr P. Weeks

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

Short Mat Section:

The officials elected for the 2018/19 season was:
Captain Mr F. Niven, Competitions 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.

Great Torrington Bowling Club Historical Notes

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:

Ladies:

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,

Men:

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,

Mixed:

Buckie Cup – Mr W. Hendy, Boyd Cup – Mr J. Evans,

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.

Evening Pairs – Mr B Davey and Mr A. Ralph

Short Mat Section:

The officials elected for the 2019 /20 season was:

Captain Mr F. Niven, Competitions 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 and the England Bowling Association because of the Covid-19 pandemic.

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

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

Great Torrington Bowling Club Historical Notes

Year 2020 (continued)

Short Mat Section:

The officials elected for the 2020/21 season was:

Captain Mr F. Niven, Competitions 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:

Ladies:

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,

Men:

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,

Mixed:

Buckie Cup – Mr B. Wittram, Boyd Cup – Mr F. Niven,

Mixed Pairs Cup – Mrs J. Ogg and Mr R. Ogg,

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.

Evening Pairs – Mr M Bayliss & Mr P. Weeks

This year the club celebrated its 375th 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

Great Torrington Bowling Club Historical Notes



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.

Short Mat Section:

The officials elected for the 2021/22 season was:

Captain Mr C. Sowden, Competitions 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:

Ladies:

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,

Men:

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,

Mixed:

Buckie Cup – Mr C. Sowden, Boyd Cup – Mr W. Hendy,

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.

Evening Pairs – Messrs R. Hines and W. Hendy

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

Great Torrington Bowling Club Historical Notes

Year 2022 (continued)

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.



All this year's Section one winners.



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

Short Mat Section:

The officials elected for the 2022/23 season were:

Captain Mr C. Sowden, Competitions Secretary Mrs C. Payne.

The competition winners for 2021/22 were:

Don Oliver Shield – Mr W. Hendy, Mary Kent Cup – Mrs G. 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.

Year 2023

The club officials elected for this year were:

President Mr P. Miller (retired – ill health) / Mr A. Toogood, Chairman Mr F. Niven,

Secretary Mr. A Smith, Treasurer Mr L. Pollinger, Captain Mrs E Clements.

Great Torrington Bowling Club Historical Notes

Year 2023 (continued)

The competition winners for this year were:

Ladies:

Kent Cup – Mrs J. Ogg, Walsh Cup – Mrs J. Ogg, Darch Cup – Mrs J. Hines,

Edyvean Cup – Mrs J. Ogg, Gould Trophy – Mrs J. Ogg and Mrs J. Hines,

Men:

Long Cup – Mr A. Ralph, Hodge Cup – Mr C. Sowden, Waldron Cup – Mr A. Smith,

Wilson Cup – Mr A. Smith, Quick Cup – Mr A. Ralph and Mr P. Weeks,

Mixed:

Buckie Cup – Mr R. Ogg, Boyd Cup – Mrs J. Ogg,

Mixed Pairs Cup – Mrs T. Walter and Mr P. Weeks,

Crusader Cup – Messrs E. Wise and P. Cockman,

Singh Trophy – Messrs J. Ford, D. Wittram and A. Smith,

Crocker Fours – Mrs E. Clements, Mr D. Payne and Mr A. Pile (played as a triple)

Spice of Life Trophy – Mrs A. Hayes, Mrs L. Higgins and Mr E. Wise

Evening Pairs – Messrs R. Hines and W. Hendy

This year Mrs J. Hines qualified and received her Devon County Badge.

In the Section1 competitions the Great Torrington winners were:

Ladies 4-wood Singles – Mrs J. Ogg

Ladies Triples – Mesdames A. Hayes, E. Clements and C. Payne

Men's Unbadged Triples – Messrs R. Hines, K. Payne and A. Smith

Short Mat Section:

The officials elected for the 2023/24 season were:

Captain Mr C. Sowden, Competitions Mrs C. Payne.

The competition winners for 2022/23 were:

Don Oliver Shield – Mr W. Hendy, Mary Kent Cup – Mrs T. Walter and Mr B. Clements,

Lionel Goaman Cup – Mrs S. Crawley and Mr F. Niven,

Brenda Hammett Cup – Messrs D. Walter, E. Wise and F. Niven.

Year 2024

The club officials elected for this year were:

President, Mr A. Toogood, Chairman Mr F. Niven, Secretary Mr A. Smith,

Treasurer Mr L. Pollinger, Captain Mrs E. Clements.

The competition winners for this year were:

Ladies:

Kent Cup – Mrs E. Clements, Walsh Cup – Mrs T. Walter, Darch Cup – Mrs J. Hines,

Edyvean Cup – Mrs T. Walter, Gould Trophy – Mrs J. Ogg and Mrs G. Sowden,

Men:

Long Cup – Mr M. Bayliss, Hodge Cup – Mr C. Sowden, Waldron Cup – Mr R. Hines,

Wilson Cup – Mr W. Hendy, Quick Cup – Mr B. Wittram and Mr A. Edwards,

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Year 2024 (continued)

Mixed:

Buckie Cup – Mrs L. Higgins, Boyd Cup – Mr P. Haselhurst,
Mixed Pairs Cup – Mrs J. Piper and Mr F. Niven,
Crusader Cup – Mesdames L. Higgins & F. Wise, Messrs K. Dunbar & E. Wise
Singh Trophy – Mrs F. Wise, Messrs G. Brandt & P. Haselhurst
Crocker Fours – Mesdames F. Wise & L. Higgins, Messrs K. Dunbar & E. Wise
Spice of Life Trophy – Mesdames D. Neale & L. Higgins and Mr C. Sowden
Evening Pairs – Messrs M. Bayliss & P. Weeks

This year Messrs W. Hendy, A. Ralph and C. Sowden qualified and received their Devon County Badge.

In the Section1 competitions the Great Torrington winners were:

Ladies County Triples – Mesdames T. Cockman, G. Sowden & J. Hines
Ladies Senior Fours – Mesdames J. Ogg, T. Walter, E. Clements & C. Payne
Ladies Over55 Singles – Mrs J. Hines
Ladies Unbadged Pairs – Mesdames J. Ogg & T. Walter
Smerdon Mixed Pairs – Mrs J. Hines & Mr W. Hendy
Men's Over 70 Pairs – Messrs R. Ogg & F. Niven

Short Mat Section:

The officials elected for the 2024/25 season were:
Captain Mr C. Sowden, Competitions Mrs C Payne.

The Torrington 10's won the Alan Wright Shield

The competition winners for 2023/24 were:

Don Oliver Shield – Mr C. Sowden, Mary Kent Cup – Mrs J. Piper and Mr F. Niven,
Lionel Goaman Cup – Not played
Brenda Hammett Cup – Mesdames D. Sussex, L. Higgins and E. Clements

Great Torrington Bowling Club Historical Notes

Year 2025 (to be edited)

The club officials elected for this year were:

President, , Chairman, Secretary,
Treasurer, Captain.

The competition winners for this year were:

Ladies:

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

Men:

Long Cup – Mr, Hodge Cup – Mr, Waldron Cup – Mr,
Wilson Cup – Mr, Quick Cup – Messrs,

Mixed:

Buckie Cup –, Boyd Cup –,
Mixed Pairs Cup – Mrs and Mr,
Crusader Cup –
Singh Trophy –
Crocker Fours –
Spice of Life Trophy –
Evening Pairs –

This year Mrs J. Ogg and Mr F. Niven qualified and received their Devon County Badge.

Short Mat Section:

The officials elected for the 2025/26 season were:

Captain Mr C. Sowden, Competitions Mrs C Payne.

The competition winners for 2023/24 were:

Don Oliver Shield –, Mary Kent Cup –,
Lionel Goaman Cup –
Brenda Hammett Cup –