

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE BOWLS NEWS REPORTS

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BOWLS REPORT

1. BOWLS ENGLAND ANNOUNCES INTERNATIONAL TEAM – COUNTY PLAYERS PICKED

Bowls England has today named its team to compete at the 2019 Atlantic Championships. The event will take place in Cardiff, Wales, from **10th May to 23rd May 2019**.

Listed in alphabetical order by surname, the Bowls England team for the 2019 Atlantic Championships is as follows:

Men:

David Bolt (Durham), Ian Lesley (Devon), Steve Mitchinson (Essex), Sam Tolchard (Devon) and **Jamie Walker (Northamptonshire)**

Reserves: Tristan Morton (Huntingdonshire) and Andrew Walters (Worcestershire)

Women:

Natalie Chestney (Devon), Sian Honnor (Kent), Lorraine Kuhler (Sussex), **Rebecca Wigfield (Northamptonshire)** and Jamie-Lea Winch (Leicestershire)

Reserves: Katherine Hawes (Oxfordshire) and Laura Holden (Somerset)

As announced at the recent Counties Meeting, the Board of Bowls England has recently agreed to appoint a High Performance Director for the 2019 Atlantic Championships (World Bowls Qualifier), 2019 European Championships and 2020 World Championships. These events all lead to the Commonwealth Games in 2022.

Representative players for the above events will be selected for each event in turn and as Bowls England has such a strong talent pool, there is a likelihood that representatives will vary in accordance with the event and playing conditions. A high performance programme will enable Bowls England to balance the desire to be successful whilst facilitating a wealth of talent to have the window of opportunity to perform at an elite level.

The position of High Performance Director will shortly be advertised, but in the meantime the Board of Bowls England has asked Chief Executive Tony Allcock MBE to fulfil this role until such time as the appointment is confirmed.

Congratulations to Jamie Walker & Rebecca Wigfield on their selection to represent England in these Championships.

2. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE MEN 'LIBERTY TROPHY' versus LEICESTERSHIRE – SELECTION

Team Manager Matt Pownall has selected his team of men to represent **Northamptonshire Indoor Bowling Association** in the **Quarter Finals** of the most prestigious of Inter County Men's indoor competitions, the '**Liberty Trophy**' against Leicestershire on **Saturday, 12th January, 2019**, to be played at Northampton & District IBA, Recreation Ground, Harborough Road, Kingsthorpe, Northampton, NN2 8DH, commencing at 10.0 a.m.

The team is:

- Rink 1.** David Walker, Neil Rolfe, Jason Bryan & Connor Cinato, all Kingsthorpe BC
- Rink 2.** Curtis Johnson, Wellingborough BC/Chris Bland, Northampton & District IBA/Matt Pownall, Desborough IBC/Dominic Graham, Northampton & District IBA
- Rink 3.** Mick Spear, Kingsthorpe BC/Andy Smith, Northampton & District IBA/Vernon Gearey & Jamie Walker, both Kingsthorpe BC
- Rink 4.** Scott Johnson, Will Walker, both Wellingborough BC/Stuart Thomas, Kingsthorpe BC/Paul Broderick, Wellingborough BC
- Rink 5.** Adam Pitfield, Wellingborough BC/Richard Mann, Desborough IBC/Ben Sharpe, Kingsthorpe BC/Darren Childs, Wellingborough BC
- Rink 6.** Iain Walker, Desborough IBC/Conor Bryan, Andrew Manton & Neil McKee, all Kingsthorpe BC
- Reserves:** Danny Walker, David Love, both Wellingborough BC/Peter Ward, David Flippance, both Desborough IBC/Mark Tompkins, Kingsthorpe BC

3. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE UNDER 25 DOUBLE RINK versus NORFOLK – SELECTION

Team Manager Matt Pownall has selected his team of men to represent **Northamptonshire Indoor Bowling Association** in the **Quarter Finals** of the Under 25 Inter County Double Rink competition against Norfolk IBA, to be played at St Neots & District IBC, River Road, Eaton Ford, St Neots, Cambridgeshire, PE19 7AU, at 10.0 a.m. on **Sunday, 10th February, 2019**.

The team is:

- Rink 1.** David Walker, Conor Bryan, both Kingsthorpe BC/ Danny Walker, Wellingborough BC/ Connor Cinato, Kingsthorpe BC(Skip)
- Rink 2.** Tay O'Neill, Cameron Knox, both Desborough IBC/Adam Pitfield & Will Walker (Skip), both Wellingborough BC

4. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE MEN versus BEDFORDSHIRE – SELECTION

The following men have been selected to represent **Northamptonshire Indoor Bowling Association** in a friendly match against Bedfordshire men, to be played at Bedford Borough IBC, Goldington Road, Bedford, MK40 3NF, on **Wednesday, 16th January, 2019**, commencing at 2.0 p.m.

- Rink 1.** Colin Barnes, Northampton & District IBA/Dave Lovell, Rushden Town BC/Terry Brown, Northampton & District IBA/John Haines, Desborough IBC
- Rink 2.** Will Clelland, Desborough IBC/Terry Chapman, Rushden Town BC/Brian Diver, Desborough IBC/Terry James, Rushden Town BC
- Rink 3.** Jim Diver, Desborough IBC/Malcolm White, Dave Stewart, both Rushden Town BC/Tim Robinson, Desborough IBC
- Rink 4.** Chris Hawkins, Desborough IBC/Bob Brogden, Northampton & District IBA/Geoff Harris, Rushden Town BC/Peter Mellor, Desborough IBC
- Rink 5.** Don Scott, Brackley & District BC/John Chester, Desborough IBC/Geoff Allen, Daventry IBC/George Warren, Desborough IBC
- Rink 6.** Alan Diver, Desborough IBC/John Davies, Brackley & District IBC/Peter Kitchener, Rushden Town BC/Richard Somerton, Brackley & District BC
- Reserves;** Michael Weatherill, Desborough IBC/Ian Dunn, Brackley & District BC/Mick Worthington & Bernard Spreadbury, both Daventry IBC/Peter Byworth, Wellingborough BC.

5. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE MEN 'FRIENDLY' versus ESSEX – RESULT

The men of **Northamptonshire Indoor Bowling Association** visited Turpins IBC, Saffron Walden, on Wednesday, 2nd January, 2019, for a friendly match against the Essex men, and the County players came home very happy with an overall 21 shots win. The County won on 4 rinks, with the highest scoring being that skipped by County President John Haines, which posted a 15 shots win.

The final score was Northamptonshire 122 shots – Essex 101 shots.

Rink details as follows, Essex skips only:

Rink 1. Jim Diver, Brian Langton, Bob Sullivan & George Warren 23 shots – Essex (skip's name unreadable on scorecard) 13 shots

In this match the home team started marginally the better, taking a 6-2 lead after 5 ends, but then the County struck back hard in picking up 8 unanswered shots on the next 4 ends to lead 10-6. Essex won the next end with 3 singles, and then George and his men returned the compliment with 3 shots of their own to keep 4 shots ahead at 13-9 after 14 ends, and then the County men outscored Essex 10-4 over the last 7 ends for a comfortable win.

Rink 2. Tony Warren, Brian Diver & Terry James (played as a triple) 22 shots – R Walker 12 shots

In this match the County started better at 7-2 up after 5 ends, and after adding 4 shots to 2 conceded, Terry and his men kept Essex on 4 shots for another 6 ends as they added 8 shots for a 19-4 lead with 7 ends left. Essex did have the better of those 7 ends in scoring 8 shots to 3 by the County, but it was a comfortable win for the visitors in the end.

Rink 3. Colin Barnes, Andrew 'Other' (sub from Essex), Geoff Allen & Peter Mellor 16 shots – T Hackett 18 shots

After picking up a 4 on the first end, the County kept just in front for the next 8 ends but Essex drew level at 10 shots each after 10 ends of play, and 2 ends later the scores were still level. The match was very tight at this stage with just single shots being picked up, and after 18 ends Essex had a 15-13 lead, then Peter & his men collected a 3 on the 19th end to take a 1 shot lead, but they could not keep it and Essex, in winning the last 2 ends took the modest win.

Rink 4. Roger Miller, Rob Duff, Dave Williamson & John Haines 28 shots – D Cook 13 shots

After dropping a 2 on the first end the County won the next 4 ends to lead 6-2 shots, but Essex fought well and tied John and his men back to just a 1 shot lead at 11-10 after 11 ends. The next 3 ends, however, were all for the County as John doubled the score in picking up two doubles, and a massive 7 shots on the 13th end, to lead 22-10 with 7 ends left, and the County had the better of those ends for a very sound victory.

Rink 5. Alan Diver, Alan Watts, Allen Simms & Geoff Hunt 13 shots – J Stewart 26 shots

After 5 ends of play in this match the County had a 7-3 shots lead, but then got stuck on that score for 4 ends whilst Essex collected 11 shots, including a count of 5, for a 14-7 shots lead.. After winning 2 ends and picking up 3 shots to reduce the deficit, Geoff and his men had to suffer another good run by Essex in which they collected 9 shots, including another 5, to widen the gap to 13 shots, and that gap remained at the end as each rink collected 3 singles.

Rink 6. Keith Howlett, Richard Upton, Peter Kitchener & Richard Somerton 20 shots – B Clements 19 shots

This was a generally low scoring match in the first half, with the home rink holding a lead of 11-5 shots after 10 ends of play, and 5 ends later they still had a decent lead over the County at 14-9, but the 11th end saw Richard and his men collect a big count of 5 to level the scores at 14 shots each. Essex immediately hit back on the 17th end with a 4 to reinstate a lead at 18-14, but in winning the next 3 ends Richard took a 20-18 shots lead with 1 end left, and as the County was able to restrict Essex to just 1 shot the County won by the smallest of margins.

6. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE VICE PRESIDENTS BA versus DAVENTRY IBC – SELECTION

The following players have been selected to represent the **Northamptonshire Vice Presidents Bowling Association** in a friendly triples match against Daventry IBC at Daventry on Thursday, 10th January, 2019, commencing at 2.0 p.m.

- Triple 1.** Sally Hogston, Peter Byworth & Jack Brown
Triple 2. Slim Pitts, Donna Williamson & Dave Williamson
Triple 3. Derek Essam, Roger Atkins & Barry Hogston
Triple 4. Maurice Tyler, Margaret Tyler & Dennis Sansome
Triple 5. John Cooper, John Chester & Ray Gray
Triple 6. Phil Bates, Harry Copson & Trevor Wright

7. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE VICE PRESIDENTS versus DESBOROUGH IBC – RESULT

Members of the **Northamptonshire Vice Presidents Bowling Association** visited Desborough IBC on Thursday, 3rd January, 2019, to take on the Club members in a friendly match, and although the rink wins were equally shared, the VP's came off second best in losing by 34 shots. The winning rinks for the VP's were skipped by Dave Betts, Ron Chambers & Dick Howell, recording wins of 2 shots, 2 shots and 1 shot, respectively, and for Desborough the highest winning rink was skipped by Brian Diver with a win by 18 shots, but that skipped by Trevor Wright recorded just 1 shot less. Final score was Northamptonshire VP's 98 shots – Desborough IBC 132 shots. Rink details as follows, with only the Desborough skips' names provided:

- Rink 1.** Derek Essam, Margaret Hamilton, Eugene Hamilton & Mick Weatherill 11 shots – Brian Diver 29 shots
Rink 2. Albert Julyan, Roger Atkins, Dennis Sansome & Jack Brown 12 shots – Trevor Wright 29 shots
Rink 3. Slim Pitts, Len Marshall, Barry Hogston & David Williamson 18 shots – Alan Diver 22 shots
Rink 4. Maurice Tyler, Jeff Talbot, Steve Hollywood & Dave Betts 18 shots – Jim Ragosa 16 shots
Rink 5. Tony Hancock, Peter Byworth, John Chester & Dick Howell 18 shots – Bernard Rallison 17 shots
Rink 6. Alan Wright, Roland Smith, John Pickaver & Ron Chambers 21 shots – John Evans 19 shots

8. NATIONAL COMPETITIONS – OF INTEREST COUNTY WIDE

LADIES

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4 WOOD SINGLES

3rd Round: Shannon Swift, Northampton & District IBA beat Rebecca Wigfield, Desborough IBC 21-15 shots

PAIRS

3rd Round: Pat Starsmore & partner, Kettering Lodge BC beat Linda Warren & partner, Northampton & District IBA 16-11 shots

YETTON TROPHY – Inter Club competition for 4 rinks, 2 playing at home and 2 playing away.

5th Round (last 16 in the country) – played on Saturday, 5th January, 2019.

Northampton & District IBA lost to St Neots & District IBC 57-103 shots. Rink details as follows, St Neots skips only:

- At St Neots:**
- Rink 1.** Chloe Weston, Debbie Bradshaw, Elaine Cox & Joyce Porter 16 shots – J George 19 shots
Rink 2. Shannon Swift, Janet Denton, Linda Warren & Janet Swift 15 shots – R Tremlett 34 shots
- At Northampton:**
- Rink 3.** Jackie Dale, Gina Beasant, Anita Hickman & Sue Lane 18 shots – H Dabbs 25 shots
Rink 4. Julia Jones, Gill Crossley, Lisbeth Milburn & Billie Swift 8 shots – M Coleman 25 shots

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UNDER 18 SINGLES – Played in Sets

1st Round: Maisie Lee, Northampton & District IBA given walkover by Lois Woodward, Desborough IBC
Jack Lee, Northampton & District IBA beat Cauly Swift, Northampton & District IBA 2-0

FOURS

3rd Round: Viv Gaudyn, Helena Norman, David Love & Steve Norman, Wellingborough BC lost to Michelle Coleman's Rink, St Neots & District IBC 16-19 shots

TOP CLUB – an Inter Club mixed gender multi-discipline competition

Last 16 in the country: - played on Sunday, 6th January, 2019, at Avon Valley IBC instead of at Welford-on-Avon, as Welford's green was not available due to an Open Circuit Singles Tournament on the day.

Kingsthorpe BC (12 points) beat Welford-on-Avon IBC (4 points) 97-76 shots. Details as follows, Kingsthorpe names first:

Women's Singles: Debbie Watkins beat V McDermott 21-9 shots

Men's Singles: Ben Sharpe beat W Ward 21-18 shots (a match of 34 ends of play!)

Pairs: Katie Smith & Jamie Walker beat H Smith & A Smith 17-16 shots

Triples: Trudi Beard, Vernon Gearey & Connor Cinato lost to M Parsons, N Hankins & A Walters 18-19 shots

Fours: Hilary Sharpe, Celia Morris, Andrew Manton & Mick Sharpe beat B Ward, Y Pick, K Chedgoy & M Timms 20-14 shots

Kingsthorpe will now play either Ipswich IBC or Norfolk IBC in the National Quarter Finals on Sunday, 3rd February, 2019.

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4 WOOD SINGLES

4th Round: Stuart Thomas, Kingsthorpe BC beat Iain Walker, Desborough IBC 21-18 shots
Paul Broderick, Wellingborough BC lost to Ross Tomlinson, St Neots & District IBC 17-21 shots

PAIRS

5th Round: Ben Sharpe & Jamie Walker, Kingsthorpe BC beat Conor Bryan & Mark Tompkins, Kingsthorpe BC 20-11 shots

TRIPLES

4th Round: Andy Smith, Chris Bland & Dominic Graham, Northampton & District IBA beat Tay O'Neill, Peter Ward & Matt Pownall, Desborough IBC
Ben Sharpe, David Walker & Jamie Walker, Kingsthorpe BC beat Kieran Rollings, Allen Simms & Adrian Harris, Kettering Lodge BC 20-14 shots
Paul Broderick's Triple, Wellingborough BC beat Mark Curtis's Triple, Kempston Park IBC 17-8 shots

OVER 60 FOURS

3rd Round: Paul Coley, Nigel Hawkins, Walt Winsor & Mick Cooper, Wellingborough BC beat Alan Cunningham's Rink, Kempston Park BC 24-9 shots.

This match, played on Sunday, 6th January, 2019, at Wellingborough started off very well for the home rink as they collected a massive count of 7 shots on the very first end, and from then on Mick and his men were in charge, allowing their opponents to score on just 6 ends of the 17 played.

DENNY CUP – Inter Club competition for 4 rinks, with 2 rinks at home and 2 rinks away (subject to distance between the 2 clubs involved).

5th Round (last 16 in the country) played on Saturday, 5th January, 2019.

1. Wellingborough BC beat Falcon IBC, Chelmsford 72-64 shots. Rink details as follows, Falcon skips only:

At Wellingborough: Rink 1. Brandon Taylor, Martin Walker, John Greaves & Paul Broderick 14 shots – A Squire 20 shots

A match that was always going to be tightly fought given the strength of the visitors, but an unexpected but welcome big pick up of 5 shots for Paul and his men on the 4th end put them in the driving seat at 6-2. Essex, however, hit back to tie things up at 7 each, and then in collecting a 3 on the 9th end took the lead 10-7, but Wellingborough's reaction was to immediately get the lead back at 11-10 after 11 ends of play. With 7 ends to play Paul and his men were still just in front 13-11, but Falcon won 4 successive ends to snatch back the lead at 16-13, and after picking up a 4 and conceding 1, Falcon took the win with the final end not played as the Essex club conceded the overall victory

Rink 2. Scott Johnson, Walt Winsor, Mick Cooper & Adam Pitfield 19 shots – J Rippey 16 shots

A lead 5-4 after 4 ends was followed by a run of 5 winning ends, albeit by just single shots, for Adam and his men to lead 10-4, but they then dropped a 4 and a single to be 1 in front at 10-9 after 11 ends, and after 13 ends the scores were level at 11 each. Those last 8 ends went in Adam and his rink's favour in winning 5 of them and picking up 8 shots to the 5 shots conceded, for the modest win.

At Chelmsford: Rink 3. Paul Coley, Tommy Jaszun, Curtis Johnson & Will Walker 14 shots – R Armour 22 shots

This match was keenly fought for most of its duration, with not many shots being scored in the first half, the scores being 4-3 in Wellingborough's favour after 5 ends and just a 1 shot deficit to Wellingborough at 6-7 after 10 ends. 5 ends later Will and his men had managed a 1 shot lead at 11-10, but then disaster struck as they dropped a 5, and although they largely recovered to be just 2 shots adrift 14-16 with 2 ends to play, Falcon picked up another big 5 for a decent win for them.

Rink 4. David Love, Malcolm Chambers, Danny Walker & Darren Childs 25 shots – M King 6 shots

After 5 ends of play Wellingborough had given notice of their intent for they had a 6-1 lead, and although Falcon scored 4 shots on the next 2 ends to narrow the gap to just 1, they were then confined to that 5 shots for the next 10 ends whilst Darren and his men added 15 shots for a 21-5 lead, and after dropping a single, the Wellingborough rink collected a big 4 on the 19th end and the opposition conceded the victory to Wellingborough. At that point in the overall match Wellingborough had a lead of just 8 shots, and this rink had 2 ends to play and Paul Broderick's had 1 end to play, so it was a little surprising that Falcon did not at least play one more end, but the rink against Darren and his men had dropped 19 shots and only scored 1 themselves in their last 12 ends of play, so it is perhaps understandable.

Wellingborough BC will now play Nottingham IBC in the National Quarter Finals on Saturday, 19th January, 2019.

2. Kingsthorpe BC lost to South Shields IBC 62-75 shots. This match was played at Leeds IBC due to the distance between the 2 clubs involved. Rink details as follows, South Shields skips only:

Rink 1. Mick Richardson, Mark Tompkins, Ben Sharpe & Andrew Manton 16 shots – I McIntosh 14 shots

The first half of this match was much in Kingsthorpe's favour as they lead 13-4 after 9 ends of play, but the next 9 ends were with South Shields as they picked up 8 shots to just 2 conceded to Kingsthorpe for Andrew and his men to be just 3 up at 15-12 with 3 ends to play. Three singles only were scored, 2 to the Northerners and 1 to Kingsthorpe for the narrow win

Rink 2. David Walker, Martin Gearey, Jason Bryan & Connor Cinato 14 shots – G Farquhar 18 shots

In this match Kingsthorpe could not score in the first 6 ends, and South Shields got themselves a 10-0 lead, but the next 5 ends saw Connor & his men pick up 8 shots to 3 against, and after 15 ends of play they were still just 5 shots adrift at 11-16, but the overall Kingsthorpe team conceded when Connor's rink still had 2 ends left when his deficit was reduced to just 4 shots.

Rink 3. Neil Rolfe, Conor Bryan, Stuart Thomas & Mick Sharpe 18 shots – C Yeomans 24 shots

After a good start for Kingsthorpe in posting a 10-2 shots lead after 7 ends, South Shields picked up a big 6 on the 8th end to narrow the gap for them to 2 shots, although Mick and his men increased it to lead 13-8 after 10 ends of play. At this point Kingsthorpe was confined to those 13 shots for 6 ends as South Shields collected 9 shots to take the lead 17-13, although at 19 ends Mick and his men reduced their deficit to 2 shots at 18-20. The last 2 ends went to the Northerners for a modest win.

Rink 4. Mick Spear, Darren Lewis, Vernon Gearey & Jamie Walker 14 shots – D Bolt 19 shots
(Unable to comment on this performance as the scorecard was not available)

WESSEX LEAGUE

Match played on Sunday, 6th January, 2019.

Daventry IBC (2 points) lost to Leicester IBC (14 points) 56-103 shots. Rink details, skips only, Daventry names first:

At Daventry:	Rink 1.	Peter Dymond 21 shots – V Adams 20 shots
	Rink 2.	Tony Dicks 12 shots – M Alsop 32 shots
At Leicester:	Rink 3.	Bernard Spreadbury 13 shots – R Cooper 27 shots
	Rink 4.	Geoff Allen 10 shots – A Evans 24 shots

9. NATIONAL BOWLS NEWS

BOWLS ENGLAND

Official World Bowls Magazine 'Inside Bowls' – January 2019 Edition

Here is your link to the January 2019 edition of Inside Bowls, the official publication of World Bowls:
<http://online.fliphtml5.com/hpdf/bdfq/>

ENGLISH INDOOR BOWLING ASSOCIATION

Tickets Now on Sale for British Isles International Series

Tickets for the BIWIBC & BIIBC International Series' and Championships at Falcon IBC in March 2019 are now on sale, click [here for details](#)

DISABILITY BOWLS ENGLAND NEWS

Appointment of First Volunteer County Co-ordinator

Disability Bowls England is delighted to appoint its first Volunteer County Co-Ordinator.

Phil Armstrong, from Peacehaven & Telscombe BC in Sussex, has accepted this exciting and challenging role with Disability Bowls England to promote bowls for people with disability in the Sussex area.

Phil has worked hard along with other officials at the club to promote and develop opportunities for players with any disability or impairment to join the sport of bowls. The club has achieved Sport England's Clubmark and Bowls Disability Mark status which confirms they have the facilities and policies needed to run a successful, proactive and inclusive club. The Club was recently announced as Bowls England's Club of the Year runners-up, 12 months after being Regional Finalists.

Phil will help clubs become inclusive, develop and oversee opportunities for people with disability to continue or start to play bowls, as well as seek sponsors and partners to work alongside Disability Bowls England. Bob Henstridge, also a member at Peacehaven & Telscombe BC was recently appointed as an Ambassador for Disability Bowls England and along with other Ambassadors in the region will help Phil develop strong links with players and clubs in the Sussex area.

Interested clubs, coaches, volunteers, groups and partners can get in touch with Phil by emailing philarmstrong@icloud.com or Disability Bowls England's Development Manager Mo Monkton on mo.monkton@disabilitybowlsengland.org.uk

10. OBITUARY

1. Hannah OVERTON, 28 years, Parkway BC, Huntingdonshire BA & England International

I regret to report that former Women's Junior England International captain, Hannah Overton passed away on 23rd December, 2018, at the age of 28 years, after being diagnosed with Leukaemia earlier in the year. I include this very sad death of a young player, as she will have been known by many in the County.

Hannah made her England debut in 2006 at the age of 15 and went on to represent her country in numerous International Series', including captaining the England Blue team to success in Northern Ireland in 2014. Hannah secured a National title in 2012 as a member of Huntingdonshire's Walker Cup team. In 2011, she reached the final of the Women's National Pairs Championship before also reaching the Women's National Junior Singles Championship Final in 2014. Hannah was an integral part of Parkway BC's run to the final of the Women's Top Club in 2017.

Hannah's funeral will take place on Friday 11th January 2019 at 12.30 pm at the Whittlesey Christian Church, 23 Broad Street, Whittlesey, Peterborough, PE7 1HA, followed by a private interment for family members..

A Wake will take place at Parkway Sports and Social Club, Maskew Avenue, Peterborough, PE1 2AS. Family flowers only. Donations in Hannah's memory should be made to Haematology Ward 41 at Leicester Royal Infirmary – it will be possible to do this at the service. Hannah's wishes were for colourful clothing to be worn.

Hannah was well respected within the sport of bowls and will be missed by all who know her.

2. Alan KNIGHT, Geddington & Newton BC

Alan died at his home on the 31st December, 2018. He was a long serving member of the Club and will be remembered by many.

His Funeral arrangements are not yet to hand.

3. Rita BELL, Kettering Athletic BC

Rita died in hospital on the 30th December, 2018.

She was a long serving member of Kettering Athletic BC, alongside her husband Harry, to whom she had been married for 64 years.

Her Funeral is arranged for 3.0 p.m. on Wednesday, 16th January, 2019, at Kettering Crematorium, Rothwell Road, Kettering, NN16 8XE, followed by a Wake at Kettering Athletic Club.

4. Joan PANTHER, Irthlingborough Church Institute BC

Joan died on Friday, 4th January, 2019. She was a very long standing member of Irthlingborough Church Institute BC, Playing regularly alongside her husband Mick, who was a one time Captain for 10 years, and she was for 15 years the Club's Fixture Secretary. She was a decent club bowler, winning the Club Triples one year.

Her Funeral arrangements have not been made at this time.

8. COUNTY CLUB NEWS – OF INTEREST ACROSS COUNTY

INDOOR CLUBS

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DAVENTRY IBC

Fixtures:

10.1.19. Club plays Northamptonshire Vice Presidents BA at home at 2.0 p.m.

Events:

12.1.19. Club holds a Social Night with 'Beetle Drive' at 7.0 p.m.

13.1.19. Club holds its 'Volunteers Lunch' at 12.30 p.m.

KETTERING LODGE BC (Indoor Section)

Fixtures:

10.1.19. Club plays Bedford Borough IBC at home at 2.0 p.m.

13.1.19. Club plays Huntingdon IBC away at 2.0 p.m.

NORTHAMPTON & DISTRICT IBC

Fixtures:

10.1.19. Club plays Rushden Town BC away at 2.0 p.m.

12.1.19. Club plays Abington BC at home for the 'Jack English Trophy' at 2.15 p.m.

16.1.19. Club plays Kempston Park IBC at home at 2.0 p.m.

RUSHDEN TOWN BC (Indoor Section)

Fixtures:

10.1.19. Club plays Northampton & District IBA at home at 2.0 p.m.

WELLINGBOROUGH BC (Indoor Section)

Fixtures:

10.1.19. Club plays the Northants Retired Police BA at 2.0 p.m.

OUTDOOR CLUBS

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ABINGTON BC

Fixture:

12.1.19. Club plays Northampton & District IBA away for the 'Jack English Trophy' at 2.15 p.m.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE RETIRED POLICE BA

Fixture:

10.1.19. Club plays Wellingborough BC away at 2.0 p.m.

John G Church, MBE

Northamptonshire Bowls Press Officer