

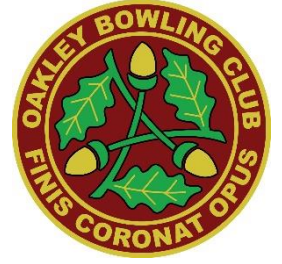


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CLUB OF THE YEAR 2013



## Join Oakley Bowling Club for the Social Activities – not just the Bowling

Whilst Oakley Bowling Club is very enthusiastic about its bowling activities, the Social side is also a very important factor. This helps you to make new friends, keep in touch with old friends, and enables club members to meet in a social environment that may or may not involve playing bowls.

### Things that you can join in:

#### Social Events

There is an annual programme of social events arranged by the Social Committee that incorporate both social functions and fund-raising functions. For Summer 2023 the events planned are:

22 April	Indoor Games and Bingo night
13 May	Blues Evening with Fish and Chip Supper
17 June	Cheese and Wine Evening and Live Music
06 July	Newbury Races
27 Aug	Afternoon BBQ with Entertainment
16 Sept	60s/70s Live Music Evening

The Autumn programme is being worked on but often includes Quiz Nights, Skittle Nights, a trip to a Christmas Market and a Christmas Lunch.

#### New Members' Evening

We expect to hold an evening for new members with a short game of bowls followed by a drink and some nibbles in the bar. The evening is to help you to get to know members of the Committee and mentors (and for them to get to know you).

#### Short Mat

During the winter months, the Club offers Short Mat bowls in the Malshanger Clubhouse on Monday and Thursday afternoons. These are friendly sessions although rivalries do exist! The sessions are fun, friendly and help people stay together and improve elements of their play. There is often a coach present who can assist if needed.

#### Charity

During the outdoor season, on Monday afternoons, there is a casual bowling afternoon which is open to all members, especially new and inexperienced bowlers; you will find it a good introduction to the club and it will help you find your way around and to get to know other members. A nominal charge is made and all profits from these days are donated to 'St Michael's Hospice' annually. Over the past 5 years an average of over £600 has been raised per annum. An average of £400 is also raised for the Hospice on the Club Tour (see below)

#### Club Tour

Each year the Club goes on Tour. The destination is the choice of the President and so varies from year to year. In 2021 the tour was based in Paignton and in 2022 we went to Cyprus. The tours are always fun and always different. The tour is generally over the August Bank Holiday weekend, leaving Oakley on the Friday morning and returning on the Tuesday evening. As noted above, money is also raised for charity through Black Marks for misdemeanours and other means. This year we shall be going to Eastbourne for a mid-week tour departing 4 September.

#### Club Dinner

Each year in February, the Club hold its annual presentation dinner. Trophies won in the preceding season are presented and the dinner is usually attended by both the Men's and Ladies' County Presidents. This is a good social evening celebrating successes and again brings members together over the winter period.

#### For more Information

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