



## WILSTEAD BOWLS CLUB

# Welcome

Wilstead Bowls Club is a friendly, mixed members club, which has taken an active part in the sport of Lawn Bowls in Bedfordshire since it was founded in 1985. The club was built using funds raised totally by its members over a period of some years.

The club has its own car park adjacent to the green.

The building has a fully licenced well stocked bar and a large lounge area where members and guests can relax, in comfort. There is a covered veranda where you can sit, enjoy a drink, watch a games of bowls, and one of the best sunsets in Wilstead.

The club also has a well equipped kitchen and a large hall with an inbuilt stage, where evening and daytime events can be held, and is available for hire. Information regarding hall hire can be found on the website.

The green has seven full sized outdoor rinks and we welcome bowlers of all ages and abilities.

Our social membership is made up of:

- Bowlers who are no longer playing outdoors. Some have played on the green for 40 years but for various reasons no longer do so.
- Bowlers' family members who come to support and enjoy spending time around the green or in the lounge bar.
- Those who have heard what a friendly bunch we are, and enjoy the Clubhouse facilities and attending our social events.



## Lounge Bar

The lounge bar was fitted with new windows and redecorated in 2023. To accompany this update new tables, chairs and curtains were purchased. We have been complimented on the revamp many times by visitors to the club.

**The bar is open  
Friday evenings from 7.30pm  
and Sunday lunchtimes 12– 2pm  
plus other times when matches are being played,  
or for social events.**

The club has a competitive dominoes league which takes place when the outdoor bowling season finishes, running from the end of September through until the end of April.

**Friday evenings  
(winter) from 9pm**

Some members make an evening of it and start the evening with a game of short mat bowls at 7pm.

## Dominoes League



## Skittles League



Skittles is a long-established club/pub game that has a long tradition in the area.

Wilstead Bowls Club has its own Skittles team which plays in the North Beds Country Skittles League on **Tuesday evenings** playing in winter and summer competitions.

The team was established at the club in the 1990's and after a period of playing at other locations the team returned to the Bowls club several years ago. We have an excellent group of players, and supporters, and have been successful in competitions finishing runners up in the league competition last season.

At home games, the bar is open and food provided making a night of good fun very much appreciated by visiting teams as well as ourselves.

Anybody who wants to play, or just watch is invited to come along when we are playing at home.

### Winter events

Once the outdoor season has finished and the green has closed there is still plenty happening. Along with dominoes, skittles and short mat there are monthly coffee morning.

And we normally fit in

- Afternoon tea
- Quiz night.
- Bingo night
- Race night.



## Short Mat

**In addition to the outdoor bowling, during the summer, the club runs short mat sessions throughout the winter in the main hall.**



This takes place every Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons from 2pm until 4pm, and also every Friday evening starting at 7.00pm. These are mixed games with teams drawn on the day. There is a charge of £2 per session and includes tea/ coffee and a biscuit half-way through.

Short mat sessions are available for both playing and social members.

The mats are approximately 14 metres long x 1.8 metres wide with a block of wood at the middle. The object is to use your full size woods guiding them around the block in the middle, using the bias of the bowl, hopefully to rest on the jack at the far end.

You do not need to book, just turn up and sign in 15 minutes before the start. There are plenty of people to help if you have never tried the game before. Flat soled shoes are required at all times.

Bowls are available for social members who do not have their own set.

### **BEDS AND HERTS SHORT MAT LEAGUE. All games at Wilstead**

For the more competitive short mat players within the club there is a Thursday evening league throughout the winter. The club currently has three triples teams, drawn from 3 squads, in the competition which runs on a standard league format with twelve competing teams.

**Spectators welcome**