



# Tenterden Bowls Club.



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## **Newsletter: December 2025**

Here's hoping that this finds you all fit and well and enjoying the build up to Christmas. It hardly seems possible that the year will soon come to an end and we will all be wondering how on earth we could possibly find ourselves in the year 2026!

2025 was a good year for Tenterden Bowls Club. Our membership numbers remained reasonably high and this enabled us to field full teams throughout a very busy season filled with matches against other clubs. We were particularly successful in the Weald League where we came top of Division 4. For this achievement we received an impressive cup as well as promotion to Division 3. A big thank you to our Weald Captain, Phil Jeffrey, for his organisation and guidance leading to this success. A big thank you also to the Mermaid Captain, Geoff Witham, for organising our matches in the Mermaid League. We achieved considerable success in this league too, ending up in 3rd place, with the club receiving a cheque for £50 in recognition of our final position. Congratulations therefore to all members who played last season in either of the two leagues and thus contributed to these successes.

Bowls is obviously our main aim but there have also been several social events throughout the year, each one raising valuable funds which help towards the running of the club and the maintenance of the greens and premises. Our London Beach lunches raises a lot and we feel it is worthwhile continuing with these. Graham Reygate and his wife Lin also

did a grand job at the end of November with their fundraising quiz in aid of the bowls club. A very respectable £270 was raised on that evening. Thank you to all of you who have supported these functions this year. We hope you will continue doing so in the future. If you have any ideas for other fundraising activities then please speak to a member of the committee about it.

We have continued our Thursday afternoon socials outside of the playing season. These have generally been a quiz alternating with games and we have recently added Kurling into the mix. Here's what is happening over the next couple of weeks leading up to Christmas.

Thursday 11th December.- Kurling at Trinity Church Hall, 2pm. £5 to cover cost of hall plus tea and biscuits. Plenty of parking available.

Thursday 18th December. - Quiz in the clubhouse. Peter Thirkettle will award extra points to teams for each person wearing a Christmas Jumper. Also, we will be providing nibbles and drinks for you to enjoy throughout the afternoon.

As well as the above, our wonderful sponsors Parveen and Priya Goyal have invited members of the bowls club to their Christmas Party at Breton Court on Friday 12th December from 3pm onwards. This is always a fun event!

So, that's it for 2025! We'll be in touch again in early January. We want to take this opportunity to wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.

Derrick and Vicki.

(Club Captain and Vice Captain)

