

Willingham Bowls Club

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At the time of writing this, the winter and spring weather has been fairly kind to us. The green has had some preparation and re-seeding in places and it is looking very lush. If the weather stays kind to us, not too much rain as it tends to flood at the Recreation Ground, then we should have a very good surface for the season.

Last season, Willingham was one of the best greens to play on, the extremely hot weather created a very fast and true surface. You can't take it as gospel but the long range weather experts are predicting a very warm summer for this year as well so we expect our green to be one of the best again.

We will be having a few open days this summer but it's not always convenient for all so we will always arrange a convenient time with you if you want to try bowls. We have all the equipment, so all you have to do is contact us and arrange a date and time. Bowls is a game for everyone, age is not restrictive and ability doesn't matter, all we want is for people to come along and enjoy this fantastic game.

Rules have relaxed in many of the clubs and leagues, and no longer are you forced to wear white shirts and grey trousers. Shoes are multi coloured now so it's a more relaxed atmosphere. Club shirts are generally worn in league matches. We also play indoors, and have teams that play during the winter at Chesterton Indoor Bowls Club, a really enjoyable way to spend some time indoors during the winter. They have a very good restaurant and bar as well!

Membership fees for this year have been set at £40. We really are very keen on trying to encourage younger players, so 18 years and younger will be offered free membership. Last season we had some new members and they all seemed to enjoy playing in our roll ups and in the league. We play in the Ely and District League on Monday and Friday afternoons, three teams of three and we mix experienced with new players. This worked well last season as there really is no pressure on how good you are, it's the taking part that we want. We also play in the Business House League and these are evening matches.

If you are interested in playing please contact us, details below, it's free to start, we have all the equipment, all you need is a pair of flat soled shoes and a bit of time. Hopefully we will see some new faces this coming season. Our end of season BBQ and finals day is great fun as well.

Thank you to everyone who has supported us during the year especially those that have sponsored us and helped with the day to day running of the club including the Parrish Council of course. It is very much appreciated.

Mark Chapman - Club Chairman.

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