

Foreword

I am indeed grateful to Dennis Kennaugh for asking me to write a short introduction to his Story of the Alderbury Bowling Club. A Club is defined as an 'association of persons united by some common purpose.....' and many must have started in similar fashion, run on similar lines and passed through similar ups and downs. Not many though can have complete written records – large gaps exist even in our own – and it is something of a novelty to read a book about a Bowls Club. 'Too much paper' is a common enough remark these days but non-fiction makes the best reading and can only result from proper records. I hope someone will add to this story in a few years time, further anecdotes which will make it all the more interesting and readable.

History is always in the making and it would be wrong to assume that what we might now consider almost trivial will be other than just that which will complete the jigsaw when records are read by our successors.

Peter Kay
August 1970

Preface

The following pages attempt to summarise the main points of our Club's history, and it is hoped that the work will serve to maintain and even foster the excellent morale that has persisted amongst the bowlers of the village of Alderbury throughout many years.

Every effort has been made to ensure that the foregoing account is accurate, and it bears the knowledge of several long serving members of our Club. However, it may well be errors and omissions have been made unwittingly. If members know of any inaccuracies, can give apt amendments or suggest the suitable additions to this work the author would be pleased to know of them, so that they may form part of the book before it is handed over to the Club.

Personal opinions may seem to have been expressed on some occasions. Readers are asked to realise that this is not so, they are the opinions expressed by a majority of our bowlers and only interpreted by myself.

It is the intention that the book be given to the Club for safe keeping, and it is desired that any future changes will be noted so that additions may be made in due course for the pleasure of the members of the members of the Alderbury Bowling Club.

W. D. Kennaugh
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Chapter 1

Genesis

“In the path you have begun well may you
always continue to tread.” Ovid.

Bert Watkins of Herefordshire came to live in the village of Alderbury, and had hardly settled down when he remarked to Bill Snook that a village such as this should have a bowling green. The year was 1932, and Bert a Herefordshire County Bowls player, quickly interested his friend in the game by playing some ‘short ends’ on the lawn in front of Bill’s house. A sportsman of Bill Snook’s stature – for at that time he was a footballer of some repute – went into action, and his inherent persistence together with his persuasive manner induced several residents of Alderbury to believe that a bowling club would be a good idea. Fortunately he enrolled many of sterling quality, some of these being P. Adlam, D. Davies, A. Freeman, W. Occomore, J. Shallcross and R. Witt. The Alderbury Parish Council was approached, and they kindly gave permission to develop a corner of the Recreation Ground, the period of development as a bowling green to be rent-free. With J. Shallcross offering to be a trustee, the idea of a club in the village became more of a reality. Thus 1933 saw founder members digging bracken out by the roots, constructing ditches and banks, and in the autumn buying turves. Ralph Witt thus began the task of laying a four rink green.

The first Annual General Meeting of the Alderbury Bowling Club was held in the Reading Room on the 18th October 1933, it being noted that A. Freeman presided over a good attendance. This meeting made interesting decisions as well as discussing possible developments. For example, it was decided that all members paying £1.00 would be fully paid up for the years 1934, 1935 & 1936. A Ladies Section was talked about during the first meeting, but a decision was deferred until Bill Snook the newly appointed Secretary could find out what support might be forthcoming. Rules were adopted, but it

is sad to record that in the course of time these have been lost and never replaced.

The committee now formally elected began their task earnestly and promptly, for, a few days later it is recorded that they adopted a motion to accept a tender from an Alderbury Firm to supply turves at a cost of twenty five shillings (£1.25p.) per hundred, less five per cent for cash. A further committee meeting during the month of November 1933 heard that the turves were satisfactory and so a cheque was drawn to settle the account. Other bills were settled in the connection with laying the green, and it should now be said that this committee was very active in other ways. Two whist drives/dances were organised in the Women's Institute Hut, the first being on the 1st December 1933 and the second on the 16th February 1934. Monies had to be raised and this first committee spared no time to ensure that this was done. Yet further work was expected of them, for the green now being laid had to be formally opened. Invitations to Lady Radnor, the Mayor of Salisbury and others had to be sent, an opening match had to be arranged, a marquee hired, teas provided as well as the many other little things so important in making sure that the opening day was a successful occasion. This apparently did not give the committee a full working day so another dance was arranged for Whit-Monday 1934 with Blake's Band providing the music. It would not be amiss to record the names of this original committee: A. Freeman, A. Dowty, J. Shallcross, W. Whitlock, A. Williams, W. Occomore, B. Masfield, J. Watson, R. Witt and W. Snook. The opening of the green was planned for the 16th May 1934 at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. A marquee had been obtained and erected free of charge, and the teas provided were to be free for all attending the opening ceremony. The Press from a wide area gave a full account of the beginning of the Alderbury Bowling Club and one is chosen to recall the day. It should be noted that a photograph of the opening ceremony has been properly framed and preserved by Bob Symons and hangs in the Club hut. From the Salisbury and Winchester Journal dated 18th May 1934:

ALDERBURY'S FIRST BOWLING GREEN

OPENED BY THE COUNTESS OF RADNOR NEIGHBOURING CLUBS SUPPORT

By throwing the first 'jack' the Countess of Radnor opened Alderbury's first bowling green on Wednesday afternoon. The green has been laid in a corner of the recreation ground at Alderbury which was given to the Parish Council some years ago by the Earl of Radnor. The green accommodates four rinks. It will be used by the Alderbury Bowling Club, which was formed last August, and has now 30 members, with Mr. D.R. Davies as president, Mr. A.T. Freeman as chairman and Mr W.M. Snook as secretary. There was a large attendance at the opening ceremony on Wednesday afternoon, when Mr. Davies who presided, was supported by the Countess of Radnor, the Mayor of Salisbury (Mr. E.J. Case), who is president of the Wiltshire County Bowling Association, Mr. B.S. Case (secretary of the Association) and members of the Alderbury, Salisbury, Amesbury and Wilton Bowling clubs.

THE PRESIDENT'S CONGRATULATIONS

The President first congratulated those who had started the Alderbury Bowling Club upon the very excellent green they had obtained, and expressed the hope that it would play as well as it looked. Introducing Lady Radnor, Mr. Davies said they were glad to see her that day, and he thought that she needed no introduction to an Alderbury audience. They knew how busy she was, and they thought it extremely kind of her to spare the time to go there to open their green. (Applause.) He asked Lady Radnor to declare the green open and to throw the first 'jack'.

OPENING BY LADY RADNOR

Lady Radnor, after throwing the 'jack', said she was afraid she had not opened the green very well, and she hoped future

players would play on it better than she had done. She was pleased to have been able to attend that afternoon. She almost did need introducing when she went to Alderbury now, because, although she lived so near, she seldom seemed to see any of them. She very much hoped she would be able to see more of them in the future. They were still her very dear friends. She believed that a Personal Service League working party was going to be started. She hoped they might be able to combine all the working parties from the different villages and that would be a great opportunity for them all to sit down and have a 'pow-wow' like they used to have. (Applause.) She was interested in that bowling green because she understood, from information given her, that a small corner of rough pasture had been turned into a bowling green. She had expected that it would be rather like bowling for a pig at the local bazaar. (Laughter.) But she was surprised to find a perfect bowling green which looked as though it had been there since the world had started. She congratulated Mr. Witt, who had laid the green, Mr. Freeman and Mr. Snook for having had the bright idea, which was always important, and also the representative committee who had done a great deal of hard work. (Applause.)

Miss Margery Snook then presented Lady Radnor with a bouquet.

VOTE OF THANKS

The Mayor of Salisbury, in moving a vote of thanks to Lady Radnor, advised the Alderbury Bowlers to learn to play the game and play it well. Then profit and pleasure would be the result.

There was no other space of 400 square yards where 48 people could get so much entertainment as they could on a bowling green. There was no game, other than bowling, in which they could make better friends of their fellows. He admired the progress being made at Alderbury. They already had gas and electric light, and now had made themselves right up-to-date by providing a bowling green.

He wanted them to take particular care of Alderbury. The Salisbury Corporation had come there to give the 'glad eye' to Alderbury, and probably it would not be long before Salisbury would again extend its boundaries, and they would find themselves citizens of Salisbury instead of being people of Alderbury. (Laughter.) He wished the Alderbury Bowling Club every success. Anything the other bowlers could do to help them, whether the County Association or the local clubs, they would be most delighted to do so. He thanked Lady Radnor for her interest, not only in Alderbury in general, but in the bowling green that afternoon. (Applause.) The vote was heartily accorded. The Mayor then presented Lady Radnor and Mr. Davies with the badges of the Wiltshire County Bowling Association.

THE THANKS OF THE INHABITANTS.

Mr. Freeman said he had been asked to say a few words, and he would first associate himself with the Mayor's expression of thanks to Lady Radnor. He felt that they could not have got anyone better than Lady Radnor to open the green, and they would have been very disappointed if she had been unable to be present. (Applause.) They felt that the possession by the parish of the whole of the recreation ground was entirely due to Lord Radnor, and he was sorry that Lord Radnor was unable to be there. The Parish Council had the field practically given to them by Lord Radnor, and what the Parish Council gave was almost nothing. He felt that Lord Radnor deserved the thanks of the villagers for practically giving them the field. The Parish Council had allowed the bowling club to use that portion for the bowling green. He thanked the Mayor and his bowling colleagues from Salisbury for their assistance. They had advised and helped the local club in every possible way. With their continued advice and help, the local Club, he was sure, would be successful. He also thanked the gentlemen who had come that afternoon from Amesbury and Wilton to show them how to play bowls. (Applause.)

THE CLUB'S FIRST OPPONENTS.

The Alderbury Club then played a team representing Wiltshire. An adjournment for tea was made to a marquee erected in the recreation ground adjoining the green. After the tea the Mayor of Salisbury expressed thanks to Lord Radnor for lending the marquee to the club, and invited anyone who felt so disposed to give the Club a clubhouse. Mr. Case expressed the thanks to the ladies who arranged and served the tea. The Wiltshire team defeated the home club by 61 shots to 41.

<u>ALDERBURY</u>	<u>WILTSHIRE</u>	
A.T. Freeman	W.S. Harding	
F. Nicholas	G Robinson	
J. Watson	F. Musselwhite	
R. Watkins (skip)	25	F. Robinson (skip) 15
H. Maidment	H.W. Case	
B. Masefield	B.S. Case	
E. Mercer	E.P. Holmes	
A.R. Hart (skip)	12	E.J. Case (skip) 28
P. Adlam	W.E. Johnson	
R. Whitlock	A.M. Marles	
R. Witt	Capt. Perks	
W. Occomore (skip)	<u>14</u>	H.C. James (skip) <u>18</u>
	41	61

Apparently the scores given are correct and the totals given are incorrect. Thus Alderbury lost by 10 shots and not 20 as shown in the press report. Additional error 1600 square yards not 400. A photograph of this extract has been made, and will be presented to the club.

Chapter 2 Up and Down

“Those who play at bowls must expect rubbers” Proverb.

The green now in being surmounted one problem, but there were others. Provision of woods, training members to play the game, matches to arrange, all needed thought. The Salisbury Bowling Club readily gave all possible help to the new club. They were the first to loan woods for match play, and lectures with blackboard diagrams were given by E.J. Case and B.S. Case. The Amesbury Secretary, A. Marles, Senior, offered in writing to play a friendly match without being asked. The diligent Secretary of Alderbury quickly formed other associations, some of these being Wilton, Durrington, Salisbury, King's Sombourne and Tytherley (on a private lawn).

Founder members worked hard to construct and lay the green, but subsequent members have always given of their best to maintain and improve the original efforts, with labour and financial generosity. The first addition was a pavilion, when J. Shallcross and R. Witt were empowered in 1934 to erect one. Their work is still to be seen for they built the hut which is sometimes known as the Secretary's office with fifty per cent of the wooden awning. In the late fifties C. Hillier completed the present structure, by adding to the awning as well as building the tool shed and providing a toilet.

The 1934 committee were told of damage to the green by roots of trees. These trees were situated between the green and the village hall, although the latter structure is a recent amenity of the village.

Following the Parish Council's permission to cut down the offending trees club members led by J. Shallcross quickly removed them. This same meeting also approved the use of the newly built shed for a referees changing room, the Alderbury Football Club being charged no rent for its use. The same facility was granted to

the football club in many ensuing years. Another decision made at this October meeting was rent for the bowling green. The committee directed that the Secretary send a letter to the Parish Council point out that the period for which no rent had to be paid had now expired. The letter was also to suggest that a nominal rent was desirable, together with security of tenure considering the large amount of money spent by the club developing the land.

It was recorded in 1935 that the condition of the four rinks was very good, and therefore the opening day for this season would be Easter Monday. There was concern at this time though about lack of woods for members use. To rectify this matter a small committee was deputed to purchase six pairs of woods – second had if possible. The same season saw the club employing a greenkeeper for the first time. He was R. Witt, and he would receive £20 at the end of each year, the terms of employment being one month's notice by either party. The condition of the green remained good in the next few years, but a report in 1938 stated that it was in very poor condition, there being a prevalence of weeds and moss. Lack of brushing and rolling accentuated this sorry state. Apparently a close season quarrel over a payment to the greenkeeper slowed work on the green. However, two hundred-weights of fish manure seemed to resolve the situation. The year 1938 saw J. Shallcross together with club members cut down two Arbell trees which were affecting the green. This work was completed on the 12th March 1938 following permission being granted by the Parish Council. The green restored to a good playing condition continued in the same state until 1940 when in August the green was closed and was not used throughout the war years. The result was that in 1945 bracken, tall grass, moss and weeds of various varieties prevailed.

The next five years, those between 1945 and 1950 saw the most turbulent part of the Club's history. The future of the club was discussed at a meeting on the 26th March 1946 and a proposition to re-start the club was carried unanimously. It was decided that the best way of clearing the ground would be with rip hooks, and so a meeting was arranged on the green at 2.30 p.m. on 30th March 1946. Little was done and for the first and only time in the club's history lack of interest and effort ruled. This stagnant position remained until the 10th March 1948 when another meeting took place and decided

once again to reform the club. This group took the view that the only way to open the green would be to get two rinks into action. Work on rinks three and four was done with vigour, and during the 1948 season members were afforded limited bowling. At this time R. Dyer accepted the position of greenkeeper at a fee of 2/6d per hour. From 1948 until 1950 a tremendous amount of work on the green was carried out by club members and at a cost to themselves. The re-conditioning of the green was carried out in two phases separately and yet concurrently. Firstly there was work to be continued on rinks three and four which were only just playable, and secondly an organised plan was developed for rinks one and two.

The work on rinks three and four provided a headache for the 1948 committee as indeed it does today. The pavilion structure precludes sun and good light from part of the green, and when this is coupled with club members walking on the green instead of on the concrete surround the maintainance of a good playing surface is to say the least, difficult. However, 1948/49 saw one hundred and fifty turves laid extending to about twelve feet from the pavilion. To complete the renovation of these outer rinks 1600 square feet of turves was laid in 1950 by Hayter of Rampart Road at a cost of £36 15s. 0d. At the same time a systematic purge of rinks one and two was carried out. Under the direction of Dick Hart, the close season saw club members and R. Dyer tearing up these rinks with a rotor tiller, clearing weeds and levelling the ground. The work was meticulously performed and in the same vein the seeding with grass took place. Although 1949 records adverse playing conditions the following points should be remembered: there was no water supply to the green, the seeded rinks needed time to settle and grow and rinks three and four per still being worked upon. 1951 season though saw very good conditions, and so the barren years since the war came to an end. Grass and turf provided the bowling surface, the former costing £50 providing the best playing conditions. It is felt worthwhile to note that Dick Hart and his co-members did a fine job of work, work that is still appreciated today for rinks one and two are eagerly sought by club skips for their matches as well as by some club members for their competitions.

These same years saw a water supply to the green being laid on for the first time. During 1949 an attempt to drive in a pipe had to be abandoned because something hard had been struck, but in

1950 sinking a well in the far corner of the green was proposed at an estimated cost of £30. At the same time the club purchased an ex-government tank at a reasonable price. Mr. Smith of Woodfalls carried out the task of sinking a well but the price turned out to be £46 14s. 0d. The club was therefore left with a tank on hand for disposal, and in 1951 this was sold for £5. The buyer though did not remove the tank until 1953. So the year 1951 saw the first water supply, a well, fitted with an electric pump paid for by the club.

This comfortable state of affairs remained for several years, but club members were not satisfied that progress was being made. 1953 was a year when the club applied for more ground to make the club a full sized one. The Parish Council granted an extension of sixty feet on the West by North side of the green, provided that the club bore the cost of development. This was agreed and in 1954 fencing was erected and the ground cleared. This work fell into disrepute, and although extending the green was talked about in every Annual General Meeting in succeeding years, the extra ground was used as a dumping convenience until 1962 when club members once again cleared the ground, levelled it and then completed the extra two rinks by seeding them with grass. Many members were involved in this work, but it would be valid to mention Clem Hillier as the leader in this development, and he did provide free of charge a considerable amount of the material required. For many diverse reasons this extension was never provided good playing conditions, and so in 1968 several club members removed nearly all the turf from the extended green, levelled it and then relaid the turf. W. Jewell, P. East, C. Hillier and R. Southwell provided the necessary skill in this task, and the same four have been responsible since in consolidating the position. Given good winter conditions in 1970, the Alderbury Bowling Green should reach its maturity, and there is little doubt that this decade will see a green to be proud of.

During the late part of the fifties C. Hillier developed the pavilion to its present size. That these facilities are adequate in these times would be foolish to admit. In recent years we have been able to offer our visitors a dry tea for most occasions in the village hall, as well as relief without hiding behind trees. We are though meeting teams from a wide area, and 1969 was a year when we decided to dress appropriately by wearing whites for matches. Extra ground for the

new pavilion has been granted by the Parish Council, and in the winter of 1970 Peter Kay submitted sketches to the council of the proposed pavilion. The scene is set for the future, and it would be a travesty if present members did not follow the pioneer qualities of their predecessors. Some of our members have belonged to the club for many years and have witnessed the ups and downs of the green and its environs. This is a blessing for they will wish to guide us in developing their past work which has cost a great deal of effort and money.

Chapter 3 Finance

“Can anyone remember when the time were not hard,
and the money not scarce?” Emerson.

The previous pages have given some indication of the considerable amount of money spent on developing the green and its surroundings. It is impossible to record and equate to terms of money the time, labour and materials given freely by club members in the building of the Alderbury Bowling Club. That a club needs money is a simple fact understood by everyone, but that strenuous efforts are required, not just a club membership fee and the ability to roll some woods up the green, however close to the ‘jack’ they may be, diligent efforts to raise money or help the club in kind, is a fact that no member should escape. To answer the question, “What makes a good club member?” would be difficult and many bowlers would produce diverse aspects in their answers. To strive for the survival of one’s club must surely have a place, and so no apology is given for the facts recorded in this chapter.

Reference has been made to the early whist drives with dances and to the £1 membership fee covering the first three years. These sources were not adequate and raffles were means of augmenting cash. One such venture can be given in detail.

Cash Taken	£10 9s. 6d.	Prizes 1st.	£2 10s. 0d.
Less Printing	19s. 6d.	2nd.	£1 10s. 0d.
Total Cash	£9 10s. 0d.	3rd.	£1 0s. 0d.
Profit £4	4th.	10s. 0d.	

The winning ticket numbers were as follows: 291, 194, 752, 773. These facts are recorded with clarity, but the name of the club champion or any other bowling detail for that matter, for the year 1935, is unknown.

Despite the many functions to raise money, January 1936 found the club showing a deficit of £78 7s. 2d. some of which was insurance cover for the pavilion, an insurance for £100. The adoption of the deficit was agreed but it was decided that a more detailed statement should be given in the future showing the assets of the club. To rectify this poor financial position, the raising of membership fees was considered. This was done with sense and tact as shown by the proposal by D. Hart, which was subsequently adopted. The proposal was that the annual membership fee of 7/6d. be raised to 15/0d., but members who had paid the initial fee of £1 to pay 7/6d. for the 1936 season. These members would not however forfeit their membership by not agreeing to pay. The treasurer promised at this meeting that he would be present on the green at 2.30 p.m. on 9th May 1936 to receive subscriptions.

The Annual General Meeting of 1936 discussed the possibility of admitting ladies as members. This discussion of lady members was the 'hardy annual'. On this occasion one member asked for a definite ruling, and it was stated that ladies were eligible, a further ruling being that they were invited to become members at the rate of 7/6d. per annum. One rink was made available for their use, except on match days. It is worthwhile digressing at this point to complete the story of the possibility of a Ladies Section. It can fairly be said that the Alderbury Bowlers have always been in favour of lady members save on one occasion, when in 1967 a proposal to have lady associate members at a fee of £1 was turned down. Recently though a new and more determined effort to have a ladies section saw the Annual General Meeting of 1969 give its approval. For the first time a group of ladies met the club Secretary to talk about firm facts concerning the section. This group Mrs. Cleverley, Mrs. Henstridge, Mrs. Kennaugh, Mrs. L. Moody and Mrs. R. Moody were given the support of Mrs. Ashford, Mrs. W. Jewell, Mrs. Hillier, Mrs. R. Symons and Miss Ashford, and so with this small group 1970 saw the formation of a Ladies Section after 37 years of talk and the desire to have such a formation. The ladies have been given a fine start,

for a trophy has been given to them for competition. This trophy has been donated by Mrs. Smith a Wiltshire County Councillor.

The deficit of 1936 continued and although record receipts for a whist drive was made in 1938 (£9 5s. 8d.) the club still showed a debt for this year amounting to £65 18s. 0d. It is not known what sum of money was outstanding at the beginning of the second world war, and carried throughout the war years, but it must have been close to the last quoted figure.

Following 1945 whist drives, dances, football competitions and other money raisers were given priority. So successful were these features that the year 1949 records show that the club had a credit balance for the first time in its history. This seemed to be the opportune time for J. Shallcross to retire as the club treasurer. It is noted on other pages that he was a founder member and had been the club's treasurer since its formation. To assess what this man gave in many ways to the club would be a useless exercise, and it is sufficient to say that the club was now firmly established, a fact that he most certainly helped to bring about. 1949 then saw the first Life Member of the bowling club of Alderbury. He was Mr. J. Shallcross, and to mark the occasion the club presented him with a pair of woods in a leather case. The entertainments committee of 1949 also helped to put our bowling club on a sound financial basis, a position that has never been reversed since. This committee was Messrs. Unwin, Busby, Percy and Mel. Moody. Subscriptions for this year are known. They were for a full membership £1 1s. 0d., with casual charges being 1/- per night for strangers, but 6d. per night (5/- per month) for locals. [One shilling in the decimal coinage is five new pence, sixpence being 2½ new pence.] Money being available in 1949, a set of woods was purchased from the London Road Bowling Club, a club that was closing down. £3 was paid for the four woods. This small club, mainly businessmen, were invited to ask their members to join Alderbury. Some did so and lent added strength and experience to the Alderbury club. The season 1949 also provides an example of the canny nature of our bowlers. Two aspen trees were cut down and the committee decided that the green-keeper Mr. R. Dyer be asked if he would accept these trees as part payment for his work. Alternatively he could leave the wood to be disposed of for the benefit of the club.

Percy Adlam and Harry Sargent now carried on the tasks of raising monies and they managed to collect a great deal of money through their football competitions, jumble sales and penny on the jack collections. However, in 1951 membership fees were raised again and full fees were £1 5s. 0d. The same year Mr. Lapham gave the scoreboard to the club. Facts on finance though would not be complete if they did not bring forward the names of three treasurers of the fifties. The periods of office of Mel. Moody, B. Masefield and Don House are given elsewhere, but Mel. Moody was given Life Membership in 1951, this well deserved for a hard working yet quiet and unassuming man. Facts such as the 1953 balance of £13, the 1954 balance of £46, and that of the transfer of £25 from the General Fund to form the basis of the present investment in the Hastings and Thanet Building Society in the year 1956, show the careful guidance given to the club by these three excellent treasurers. In fact, Don House saw a balance of £37 7s. 2d. in 1960 as well as the investment, but part of this may have been due to the club subscriptions having been raised to £2 in 1958. Mel. Moody again held the financial control in the early 1960's whilst J. Brailly and Bill Coleman have proved able successors. The latter man has seen subscriptions go up to £3 with an additional 10/- being a charge made for competitions. Despite these extra charges the subscriptions must still be favourable compared with other clubs, and more so when one considers that the maitainance wholly depends on the members of our club. It is suggested that without the generosity in certain aspects by club members who subsidise various functions, the fees could be much higher. Bill Coleman therefore retires as treasurer in 1969 knowing that £85 is invested in the building society, and so all is set for further development in the club. Perhaps the chapter has given a clearer idea of a possible answer to the question asked in the beginning, but a clubman giving in other ways will still pay £4 in 1970.

The year 1951 saw members giving Christmas Prizes for use in a Christmas draw. 1970 saw Alf Jewell giving boxes of chocolates to the ladies who provided the teas during the past season. 1954 shows a minute setting out that the Secretary be paid £2 for expenses incurred. Percy Adlam replied on this occasion that he would refuse to do so on the grounds that the club had to meet heavy expenses.

He seems to have thought of the perfect excuse for Percy Goodship and Peter Kay have and still use it. Again petrol must account for a very considerable amount of money given to the club by many members.

The provision of teas forms part of the financial scene, for such provision has always produced a profit for the club. To provide a tea for 1/6 as was done in 1969 and taking into consideration the high standard maintained can only suggest that the providers subsidise them. However, the conditions in which teas have been provided for our guests at home games, have been to say the least difficult. Primus stoves have been used to boil water, and it was 1956 before a tea urn was purchased. Teas have been given under canvas, and members can recall the cramped conditions of tea under the awning of the pavilion. It was worse before the extension to the pavilion was built. The village hall which opened in 1962 was a welcome change from these draughty and crowded conditions, and yet in 1970 we have to put up with such fare when the village hall is being used for any other function. Still our opponents, now from all over the county and some from other counties, are entertained will as they always have been. Conditions only add to the stature of the ladies who have and now continue to offer our opponents a repast.

Mrs. R. Witt provided the teas completely on her own from 1934 to 1939 and from 1949 to 1955, a remarkable record. Mr. and Mrs. J. Snell together with Mr. and Mrs. E. Fairall provided teas for bowlers in the early 1960's. Mr. and Mrs. C. Hillier, and Mr. and Mrs. R. Symons have set countless teas since 1956. Mr. and Mrs. P. East with Mr. and Mrs. W. Jewell have also provided a tidy sum of teas in the last few years.

Food also provides the final fact concerning finance. In 1963 the Alderbury Bowling Club held its first annual dinner. This was held in the Village Hall on November 23rd., at a cost of 14/- per head, and produced a profit of £5 11s. 8d. The following dinners have produced a profit but the costs is now about double that of the first one.

Many have given generously to the club in many ways and yet have not been recorded in this chapter. That they have done so is not forgotten by appreciative bowlers.

Chapter 4 The Bowling Club

“In records that defy the tooth of time” Rev. E. Young.

The Annual General Meeting of 1934 approved a proposal that the club make an application to join the Salisbury and District League. This met with the opposition of the Great Bedwyn Club who said that our green was not up to standard for match play. The following season saw Ted and Bert Case of Salisbury playing at Alderbury and stating that the green was up to the required standard. So in 1935 Alderbury began league play, although most games in this year and until 1960 were friendly ones. The year 1950 saw a re-application being made to join the Salisbury and District Bowling Association following the war years. This was accepted and has never lapsed to date. The club has always been well represented within this local association and provided four Presidents which are named in the records section at the end of the chapter.

The close on forty years of existence provides details which need to be firmly recorded. Two cups were presented to the club in the first few years and are still played for today. The first was a cup presented by Bill Occomore in 1937, and this silver challenge trophy was to be given to the club singles champion each year. He also made one stipulation, and this was that anyone winning the cup three years in succession could win the cup outright and kept it. The records given later show that no one has yet achieved such a distinction, and indeed such a loss to the club would be a sentimental one. Bill was always a good bowler, and was the first to be chosen from the club to represent the county in 1937. He was still playing in matches in 1956 at the age of 92 years. In 1937 Bill Snook also presented a cup for club competition, and he stated that this silver cup could not be

won outright. This trophy is still presented each year to the singles winner on a handicap basis. The donor of this cup has always been a popular figure in the club, and it is apt that the competition he started should be a popular and friendly one.

Club competitions other than these single handed ones have taken place throughout the years and small cups and plaques have been awarded to the winners. During the last decade though the whole of the club competitions have been placed on a more permanent basis, and this has been made possible by other members donating cups. Bert Southwell gave a trophy in 1962, and this cup has been fought for by pairs of bowlers since. This democratic competition has and always will be keenly contested, and that a club stalwart of Bert's fine calibre is associated with it, adds strength. 1965 was the season that Vic Eyres gave a cup for two wood competition. This exacting measure of a bowler's skill is an excellent contest for members. Vic a well known local man, a Parish Councillor and a Past President of the Salisbury and District Bowling Association, is a worthy donor. During 1968 the wife of George Horne died, and in her memory a cup was given to the club for Triples competition. George the Oxfordshire bowler who gave this cup has been a most respected member since the early 1950's. He has always been difficult to beat on the green in any team game, and the team competition he has fostered in the form of triples is in keeping with his strong team spirit. Mrs. F. Ashford donated a cup in 1969 for bowlers who have never won a competition of any sort. One could say of her husband Fred that if bowlers have his sheer good nature, joviality and desperate keenness new bowlers will be quick to win the cup and the E.B.A. singles as well.

The first affiliation to the Wiltshire County Bowls Association came in 1936, and then an application to rejoin in 1951 was approved. Although entitled to send an executive member to this Association, and despite several letters from the county over many years urging the club to do so, no one represented Alderbury on the county bowling council until 1955 when the writer was elected by the club. He can well remember bowlers in the county asking where Alderbury was as well as other pertinent questions. This lapse of many years was soon put right, for the club's second executive member Clem Hillier served the Club well at county level for many years and then was honoured

when elected President of the Wiltshire Bowls Association in 1967. Something has been said of Clem's generosity and hard work for the club, but it would take many words written by a writer of renown to do full justice to this bowler's efforts for his club and county since he came to Alderbury from the Romsey club in 1956. Alderbury against the County Executive in the season 1967 provided a memorable occasion not matched since the opening of the green, and fortunately the day is recorded in the form of a photograph, framed and hanging in the Secretary's office. Summarily, one must at the very least say of Clem that he has been a sheet anchor in the continued prosperity of the club over many years, that he has proved to be a consistently good leader and bowler, and that he has always put his club first but never to the detriment of the county or any individual.

The bowlers of Alderbury first thought of a club badge in the season of 1936 when it was decided to approach Mr. F. Stevens a man well versed in local lore. This initial effort came to nought, and it was 1953 before Harry Sargent had a badge adopted in the form of a shield. This badge can still be seen and has a black background with the letters ABC interwoven between the shield outline. Because of the rarity of this badge it would be a good gesture if one of the badges was made available for preservation. The second and present form of blazer badge was designed by the daughter of Bert Southwell in 1962. This cloth badge depicts the folly on Pepper Box Hill, and this design gave the outline to be adopted by the club when striking the first metal badge in 1967 – a distinction that not many villages can boast.

Fixture cards were provided for members for the first time in 1939, and in this year and subsequent ones teams like Swanage, Wimborne and Gosport have appeared on them. These friendlies, plus the one against Shaftesbury which started in 1938, gave rise to coach trips, outings which gave bowlers and their ladies many hours of pleasure outside the village. They were though sober voyages into the neighbouring counties, for rarely could one prevail upon the passengers to accept the taste of beer. Times have changed for it is recalled that in 1969, fourteen members from a team of sixteen assembled from five different cars at the Catherine Wheel in Shrewton on their way back from Melksham. One of our bowlers nearly re-married that evening. The fixture card for 1939 contained

24 matches, but when the club joined the Wiltshire four rink league in 1960, matches not only increased but the necessity of playing fewer friendlies was a reality, for the club was now competing in two leagues. The situation at the start of the 1970 season is, a newly designed fixture card by our hard working Secretary, a card not only new in lay-out but one where fifty fixtures are topped. The growing list of club members has forced an increase in the number of friendlies being played, and in 1969 brought a welcome relief when permission was given by the Parish Council to play on Sundays. It would be well to close the notes on fixtures with a new, novel and satisfactory one for 1970. Peter Kay has been able to arrange a six rink fixture with Rodbourne Cheney, a match in which Alderbury will field 12 men and 12 ladies.

The present Alderbury players who hold Wiltshire County Badges are: C. Hillier (Middleton Cup), J. Howe (Middleton Cup), W. Jewell, P. Kay, D. Kennaugh, J. Snell, W. Rogers (Middleton Cup with Salisbury), H. Southwell and R. Symons. Other county players are; J. Chivers of Hampshire and G. Horne of Oxfordshire.

Our club has always been known as a friendly club, and although success in league competition has never come, the will to play the game in its best traditions has never been a failure. Only too often have Alderbury languished at the foot of the Salisbury and District League as well as the Wiltshire Four Rink League. One Alderbury wag commented, "The fellow who never bowled for Alderbury has one advantage. He doesn't face possible disaster on Saturdays when the bowling team plays". 1967 presents us with awful facts, Alderbury were 1000 shots down in the Wiltshire league alone, and lost one by 66 shots at Spencer Moultons of Bradford-on-Avon. However since this year a changed record begins to appear, and the following facts are not only club records, they are ones to be beaten.

1968. Salisbury and District League. Won 7 out of 10 matches. 14 points gained and finished in fourth position.

1969. Wiltshire Four Rink League. Won 11 matches gaining 22 points. Finished in fourth position.

1970. Won a match at Melksham by 58 shots in a Wiltshire League match.

The following pages show in detail the main officers of the club and competition winners throughout the history of the Alderbury Bowling Club. The exercise has proved to be an arduous one and it is hoped they will be preserved and added to over the years.

(There is a handwritten note from Ethel Occomore inserted which reads, 'Note – my father was born in 1875 – hence in 1956 he was 81 years. He died January 1962 – as far as I remember played until 1959 or early 1960. Thank you for lending me this book. Yours – Ethel Occomore')

PRINCIPAL OFFICERS

<u>Year</u>	<u>President</u>	<u>Chairman</u>	<u>Secretary</u>	<u>Treasurer</u>	<u>Captain</u>
1934	D.R. Davies	A.J. Freeman	W. Snook	J. Shallcross	W. Occomore
1935	D.R. Davies	A.J. Freeman	W. Snook	J. Shallcross	W. Occomore
1936	D.R. Davies	A.J. Freeman	W. Snook	J. Shallcross	W. Occomore
1937	D.R. Davies	A.J. Freeman	W. Snook	J. Shallcross	S. Everett
1938	D.R. Davies	A.J. Freeman	W. Snook	J. Shallcross	S. Everett
1939	D.R. Davies	A.J. Freeman	W. Snook	J. Shallcross	S. Everett
1940	D.R. Davies	A.J. Freeman	W. Snook	J. Shallcross	W. Rogers
1946		A.R. Hart	P. Adlam	J. Shallcross	
1947		A.R. Hart	P. Adlam	J. Shallcross	
1948	W. Wadsworth	M. Moody	P. Adlam	J. Shallcross	A. Hart
1949	W. Wadsworth	M. Moody	P. Adlam	M. Moody	F. Harwood
1950	W. Wadsworth	M. Moody	P. Adlam	M. Moody	F. Harwood
1951	W. Wadsworth	M. Moody	P. Adlam	M. Moody	M. Kington
1952	W. Wadsworth	H. Herbert	P. Adlam	B. Masefield	W. Snook
1953	W. Occomore	H. Herbert	P. Adlam	B. Masefield	H. Maidment
1954	W. Occomore	H. Herbert	P. Adlam	B. Masefield	H. Herbert
1955	W. Occomore	H. Herbert	P. Adlam	B. Masefield	D. Kennaugh
1956	W. Occomore	H. Herbert	P. Adlam	D. House	J. Swetman
1957	W. Occomore	H. Herbert	P. Adlam	D. House	D. Kennaugh
1958	W. Occomore	H. Maidment	A.R. Hart	D. House	M. Moody
1959	W. Occomore	B. Masefield	A.R. Hart	D. House	P. Goodship
1960	W. Occomore	M. Moody	N. Taylor	D. House	P. Goodship
1961	W. Occomore	V. Eyres	P. Goodship	M. Moody	R. Symons
1962	W. Occomore	V. Jarvis	P. Goodship	M. Moody	R. Symons
1963	B. Masefield	R. Southwell	P. Goodship	M. Moody	J. Snell
1964	W. Snook	V. Jarvis	P. Goodship	J. Brailly	E. Fairall
1965	W. Snook	J. Snell	P. Goodship	J. Brailly	H. Southwell
1966	W. Snook	J. Snell	P. Goodship	J. Brailly	V. Eyres

1967	W. Snook	H. Southwell	P. Goodship	W. Coleman	R. Symons
1968	W. Snook	F. Taylor	P. Kay	W. Coleman	W. Jewell
1969	W. Snook	F. Taylor	P. Kay	W. Coleman	J. Snell
1970	W. Snook	F. Taylor	P. Kay	P. Kay	P. East

Wiltshire County Bowls Asso

Executive Member

1955-1957	D. Kennaugh
1958-1964	C. Hillier
1965	R. Symons

Salisbury and District Bowling Assoc.

Executive Member

1935-1936	A. Freeman
1937-1940	W. Occomore
1952-1954	B. Masefield
1957.	H. Maidment
1960	D. House
1963	V. Eyres
1968	R. Symons
1969	P. Kay

HONOURS

LIFE MEMBERS

1949	J. Shallcross	1938	Salisbury & District	PRESIDENT	A.J. Freeman
1951	W. Wadsworth	1958	Salisbury & District	PRESIDENT	H. Maidment
1951	M. Moody	1962	Salisbury & District	PRESIDENT	V. Eyres
1964	W. Snook	1962	Wiltshire Greenkeepers Cup	WINNER	J. Howe
1964	P. Adlam	1962	Wiltshire Secretaries Cup	WINNER	P. Goodship
1967	P. Goodship	1967	Wiltshire Bowls Association	PRESIDENT	C. Hillier
		1969.	Salisbury & District	PRESIDENT	R. Symons

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP

W. OCCOMORE CUP

1938	P. Adlam
1949	F. Harwood
1950	A. Phare

SINGLES HANDICAP CHAMPIONSHIP

W. SNOOK CUP

1938	J. Gutteridge
1949	H. Maidment
1950	A. Phare

1951	A. Phare	1951	W. Hunt
1952	G. Stevens	1952	P. Adlam
1953	H. Maidment	1953	H. Sargent
1954	W. Welch	1954	R. Witt
1955	S. Everett	1955	L. Coombes
1956	S. Everett	1956	H. Sargent
1957	D. House	1957	C. Hillier
1958	E.P. Moody	1958	J. Howe
1959	A. Hart	1959	P. Goodship
1960	C. Hillier	1960	J. Howe
1961	J. Howe	1961	V. Eyres
1962	G. Horne	1962	E. Fairall
1963	J. Howe	1963	J. Snell
1964	W. Rogers	1964	H. Gray
1965	J. Howe	1965	J. Snell
1966	J. Snell	1966	J. Howe
1967	J. Snell	1967	W. Coleman
1968	C. Hillier	1968	C. Hillier
1969	J. Howe	1969	J. Howe

CLUB PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP

H. SOUTHWELL CUP

1936	H. Lewis and S. Everett	1962	V. Eyres and C. Hillier
1952	F. Harwood and J. Swetman	1963	E. Fairall and P. Goodship
1953	H. Sargent and L. Coombes	1964	V. Jarvis and R. Symons
1954	W. Snook and F. Busby	1965	F. Ashford and P. Goodship
1955	F. Harwood and D. Kennaugh	1966	W. Jewell and R. Symons
1956	S. Everett and H. Barber	1967	P. Adlam and F. Taylor
1957	H. Barber and H. Sargent	1968	P. Kay and G. Stuart
1958	R. McReadie and C. Hillier	1969	S. Westbrook and C. Hillier

TWO WOOD SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP

V. EYRES CUP

1966	W. Rogers
1967	F. Taylor
1968	R. Moody
1969	R. Moody

NOVICES SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP

MRS M.A. ASHFORD CUP

1969 L. Moody

TRIPLES CHAMPIONSHIP

1936 W. Occomore, W. Snook and G. Rose

TRIPLES CHAMPIONSHIP

G. HORNE CUP

1969 B. England, R. Moody and R. Symons

Chapter 5 The Bowlers

“Oh, to the club, the scene of savage joys,
The school of coarse good fellowship and noise.” Cowper

The salient facts concerning the bowlers of the Alderbury Club who founded it, helped to develop it and finally bring maturity, have been outlined in the preceding pages. There are however gaps in the story, and unless these are filled the true spirit and morale existing at this present stage of the story, will be sadly incomplete. The writer has offered no explanation why individual members have been analysed, nor will he offer any for the forthcoming analysis, save to say that human beings in the end make the club, and not the ownership of a perfect green with an adjoining palacial pavilion containing a bar, honours boards and badges in glass cases. These latter trappings may serve to help, but the worthwhile club needs loyal and reliable members.

Little has been said of Bob Symons who has remained a stalwart clubman since 1956. Little can be said for much of the work done by him is performed unobtrusively, yet with a strong purpose and efficiency. Any oral work at county, district or club level is completed with a forthrightness and complete honesty.

At 85 years of age John Chivers is the father of the club, closely followed by Bill Rogers who is just over 80 years of age. Both these members have gained a very wide experience of the game of bowls outside of Alderbury, but now have passed on the tricks of the trade to our own members. One can travel over a very wide area in the south of the country, and at any place be treated to a fond parody on the mannerisms and behaviour of these two men. In saying the minimum they are most popular bowlers, shrewd and good at the

game. John dislikes rabbits whilst Bill likes brown eggs, references that few will understand.

There is a remedy though – travel to away games with them and get the expertise on life as well as on bowls. If the company also includes George Horne then your life will be richer and fuller.

Bill Jewell and Percy East are other members of the club that bowlers of Alderbury should travel with and listen to. Largely quiet and retiring they both possess an excellent dry humour, which if allowed to run riot provides not only amusement and entertainment, but a sense of good comradeship. Both bowlers know the countryside and land and they have undoubtedly spoken with sound commonsense on a wide variety of matters which have been to the benefit of us all. Hard physical work is an additional bonus for the club, both often give.

Spontaneous good humour rests with several members, but is perhaps the prerogative of John Snell. The wit produced out of any situation is prevalent. John has been known to stop one of his rink from playing on a certain hand at a club in West Wiltshire with the remark, “don’t come down that hand, they buried a donkey there last week”. That the home players were amused as well as our own team, argues well for his popularity at home and throughout the county. Two members of his rink, F.H. and F.T. were the markings on their woods, delivered four bowls which were really very distant from the ‘jack’. John quickly told them what he thought the markings represented, to the merriment of all. However, John can and has provided many other contributions for the club’s prosperity.

Other quotes from club wags other than the member mentioned above are as follows. “He bowled his wood into the ditch. I mean the ditch on the other side of the road”. “That is the best up and downer you have had for a shilling in your life”. One skip was remarking on the low standard of play from his rink, and was asking what he had to do to have some of the professionals playing for him. This same rink produced a high standard of play before the end of the game which they won, and the skip said that he would like to take this rink to Mortlake. The comment from the club secretary was brief. “What, rowing?” Such good humour fosters the correct spirit within a team, and can only enhance the standard of morale.

The three Freds as they are affectionately known, Ashford,

Henstridge and Taylor, probably account for the last word in the quotation given at the beginning of the chapter. It is certain the writer had it in mind. The last named in the group had an official birthday accorded to him in the year 1969. The enthusiastic trio of bowlers are difficult ones to beat as some Amesbury members know. They are quickly adaptable, and their first venture in indoor bowls at Atherley at the end of 1969 resulted in a win for them. They are alas not very fortunate when the fish and chip van passes the Alderbury green at eight o'clock of a summer's evening.

The three quietest members of the club must be Percy Adlam, Charlie Thorne and Eric Wallace. Percy has been given a most justified award, that of life membership. Holding the post of club secretary for the long span of twelve years is a great feat, and the sum of money he was able to raise for the club during the fifties justifies the same accolade. A very fine lead in a rink, Percy continues to enjoy the respected position of a founder member of our bowling club. Charlie lends hard work and common sense to his membership, as was proved in the part he readily performed when the end two rinks were remodelled in 1968.

Reverting to pairs, the two Moody's, Lawrence and Ray are remarkable in their bowling skill and for their firm closeness as brothers. They are very good rink members and although it is wonderful to be a skip and watch at a close vantage point their consistency, it is a disadvantage to miss the antics at the other end. These capers are only a partial fact that forms their sheer ability to 'get on' with all bowlers from any club, nearby or elsewhere in the country.

Their complacent natures give an ideal frame of mind for the game. Lawrence Moody has a problem, that of making cabinets for cups, and Ray has the problem of finding the wood.

Bill Coleman has been a member for many years, helping the club in several forms despite his business in Salisbury. Since his retirement he has been very active and served his club well as treasurer. Another active member, although a recent one is Harry Hobbs. Since his retirement (from golf) he has proved to be a loyal and reliable clubman. In exactly the same ilk is Alf Jewell for he will also help at any time. Alf will long be remembered for his kind gesture to the ladies who provided the match teas. Vic Jarvis has

proven chairmanship qualities, he audits the books with meticulous care and gives us publicity in the Parish Magazine. Unsung qualities and work, but necessary ones.

A group of very popular members live quite some way from the village. Three are from distant villages, Ashley Steeds, a club member for over fourteen years, Maurice Lucas, Bill Wyre, whilst Stanley Westbrook lives in the city. These four bowlers are ever ready to help and play for Alderbury despite short notice given, and they form the core so necessary in any sporting venture.

Bert Southwell is a man who is quite unassuming in manner, and yet one must say a very good clubman. Over several years he has worked assiduously for the betterment of the bowling club. His quiet help does not go unheeded, nor will it be forgotten in the future.

Another Bert but having the surname ??????? lives near the green, but is invariably late for practice. His usefulness at the game of tennis is now about to permeate to the game of bowls, for he is another ever ready to help. E. Percy, E. Fairall, J. Fatherley and Alan Jewell are rarely seen but remain active members as are Mel Moody and W. Fulford.

Jack Howe is without doubt the most consistent bowler over the many years he has served the club, many of them as green-keeper. He has deservedly won many club trophies as well as external competitions. His selection on the county Middleton Cup teams have been worthy ones for himself and Alderbury.

The last single bowler to be mentioned is George Stuart, a fact that has no significance although no doubt it will be questioned and discussed for some time, for he usually plays third to the writer. A fine bowler with tenacious qualities, George lends substance to a rink and team. George merits a quotation from a proverb. "Go not for every thirst to the pot".

New members the Reverend Alec Maclahose, vicar of Lockerley, Bob Johnson a Salisbury licensed victualler and Cyril Joshua until recently a cricketer of note, bring this chapter of names to an end. These men whose names and qualities have been mentioned form the present strength of the Alderbury Bowling Club, but it can be seen that the strength of the past in no way was any less. If future members are worth their salt they will do very well to follow the story of the club and the men who built it. We go forward to the future with

a new presentation given by Clem Hillier. It is a President's medallion with ribbon, a sign of office that wearers of it will without doubt see to Alderbury's future as a fortunate and prosperous one.

NOTES

THE 1970 SEASON

A true and worthwhile story illustrating the impishness in Billy Rogers occurred at the Poole Open Tournament. Not realising that Bert Southwell's last wood was coming down the green, the two opponents and Billy began to kick the outside woods away from the head. Then seeing the last wood coming into the head the three players refrained from removing any more woods. Bert's wood took away the shot wood and remained there for one shot for the Alderbury pair. After considerable argument on the rules, Billy offered to toss a coin for who should have one shot on the end, the offer being accepted by the opposite skip. Billy won the toss of the coin. However, he did admit to his club mates on the return to Alderbury how he won the toss. He had two sixpences on the back of his hand one showing heads and the other tails. He was able to reveal to the opposite skip the face of the coin that the skip did not call.

Sceptics were amazed and pleased with the result of a sweepstake on the 1970 Derby. The money raised was £46. Harry Hobbs kindly offered to run a jumble sale and was able to give the club £24 from the proceeds. He has now offered to run a whist drive. In addition a Grand Christmas Draw has been arranged. At the time of writing these notes only Peter Kay and the author were aware of the history of the club. The comment can be made that the present members are worthy successors to the hard working members of the thirties.

Clem Hillier has worked tremendously hard to improve the green, and results are beginning to show. One point easily forgotten has been for the first time bowls has been played in two directions, successfully for the green is level. Clem's industry has once again proved his ardent club spirit. He has also invented a machine for

collecting the strings. This machine is effective, as was his story about the clever repair to a measuring tape. Ray Moody on hearing the tale from Clem passed the hat around listening club members, a collection intended to purchase a new bowls measure for the Past President of the County.

SALIENT FACTS OF THE YEAR 1970

- ▶ Draft Rules drawn up, and displayed for the attention of members before the A.G.M. in October.
- ▶ John Snell presented the club with a flag. Hoisted for the first time at a home match against Holt on 16th May.
- ▶ The fine President's badge of office was received from Clem Hillier and presented to the new President of the Club, founder member Percy Adlam during a home game with Trowbridge Westbourne on 4th July.
- ▶ Four score boards presented to the club by Percy East the Captain, and Dennis Kennaugh, Vice Captain.
- ▶ Members donate prizes for 'draws' during home games, thus saving more money.

RECORDS

Runners-up Wiltshire Four Rink League. Number of points 27.
Runners-up Wiltshire Gala Day. Rink: F. Henstridge, J. Howe, P. Kay and D. Kennaugh.

Semi-Finalists Poole Open Tournament Triples Competition.
P. Kay, G. Stuart and D. Kennaugh.

Winners Salisbury and District Bowling League. This is the first occasion that the club have won any league, and the strength of the club was demonstrated when they played a strong Rest of the League side at Pewsey on September 26th 1970. Alderbury were leading at 5, 10, and 15 ends and eventually lost by only 7 shots. (115-122).

Club members have now really entered into the spirit of raising funds and the following functions have been planned for the early winter months: Cheese and Wine Party (Mr. And Mrs. E. Fairall and Mr. And Mrs. J. Snell) Whist Drive (Mr. & Mrs. H. Hobbs).

1970 Season Club Championships:

W. Occomore Cup	(Singles Championship)	D. Kennaugh
W. Snook Cup	(Singles Handicap)	J. Howe
V. Eyres Cup	(2-wood Singles)	J. Snell
H. Southwell Cup	(Pairs)	J. Snell and
F. Henstridge		
Mrs. M.A. Ashford Cup	(Novices)	F. Henstridge
G. Horne Cup	(Triples)	P. Kay, J.
Martin, W. Coleman		
Mrs. Smith Cup	(Ladies Competition)	Mrs. Cleverley, Mrs. D. Moody

1970 Triples Mrs. Kennaugh

OFFICERS 1970/1971

PRESIDENT	P. ADLAM	
CHAIRMAN	R. SYMONS	
SECRETARY	P. KAY	
TREASURER	P. KAY	
CAPTAIN	P. KAY	
WILTSHIRE CBA EXECUTIVE MEMBER		R. SYMONS
SALISBURY AND DISTRICT EXECUTIVE MEMBER		P. KAY

APPOINTMENTS

SECRETARY SALISBURY AND DISTRICT B.A. 1969 –
D. KENNAUGH

THE 1971 SEASON

During the close season the firm of Roffey's were paid a considerable sum of money to restore the grass. This was money well spent for the green remained in very good condition throughout the season. It must also be added that Clem Hillier once again worked hard to sustain the work done in the close season.

Joyce and Eric Fairall with Shirley and John Snell ran a most successful Cheese and Wine Party which netted close on £100, Harry Hobbs ran the promised Whist Drive and contributed about £25, Peter Kay again ran a Derby sweepstake which brought in the same amount as the Whist Drive. The gratifying result of these efforts is that the 'Building Fund' has reached £200. To these efforts must be added the fact that many club members contributed prizes which enabled the above functions to show such success.

Peter Kay gave three badges with ribbons to the Club – Captain, Vice Captain and Secretary. Another splendid gift came from Bill and Alf Jewell who with Fred Taylor Supplied the club with a set of really good bowling mats.

Billy Rogers continues to be impish but does not provide the year's incredible story. George Stuart turned up to play in a league match with a bag. Unfortunately this bag was not one containing his bowling gear – it was a typewriter case not surprisingly containing a typewriter.

Insults heard on the green.

- As a certain skip left a well scattered head to play his woods, one of his rink tendered this advice, "Be careful, do not disturb the head".
- An Alderbury skip gave his chalk to the rest of his rink, as he said that he had no apparent use for it.

Successes recorded in last year's notes concerning bowling records within the Club can be continued for this season.

One will take pride of place – Lawrence Moody reached the Quarter-Finals of the County Competitions in Singles, Pairs, Triples and Rinks.

The following players represented the club in the County Quarter-Finals:

SINGLES	L. MOODY
PAIRS	L. MOODY and D. KENNAUGH
TRIPLES	L. MOODY, J. HOWE and D. KENNAUGH
RINKS	L. MOODY, R. MOODY, P. KAY and D. KENNAUGH

Although further progression was halted in the Singles, Pairs and Rinks, the Triples representatives contested the County Final only to finish runners-up: Wootton Bassett 25 Alderbury 10.

This final though enabled Alderbury to represent Wiltshire in the National Finals at Mortlake, the first time that the Club has achieved this distinction. Although defeated by Mid-Surrey in the first round of Nationals, the Alderbury triple put up a fine show and were congratulated on their performance by the E.B.A. President and Umpire who watched most of the game.

The first ten matches in the Salisbury and District League were won, but then Salisbury and Pewsey beat Alderbury and the retention of the League Winners Cup became doubtful. After the final two matches the following data appeared:-

	P.	W.	L.	F.	A.	Points
Alderbury	14	12	2	1007	882	24
Salisbury	14	11	3	1017	893	22

Towards the end of the season L. Moody and D. Kennaugh won the Andover Open Pairs Competition, thus continuing the run of successes they had in the County competitions.

D. Kennaugh played for Wiltshire in the Middleton Cup during 1971.

Fred Henstridge donated a further Cup for competition amongst man and wife pairs in the Club. This he named the Duo Cup.

1971 CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

W. OCCOMORE CUP SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP

W. COLEMAN

W. SNOOK CUP SINGLES HANDICAP J. SNELL

V. EYRES CUP TWO WOOD SINGLES J. SNELL

H. SOUTHWELL CUP PAIRS S. Westbrook & P. Kay

MRS. M.A. ASHFORD CUP NOVICES J. Martin

G. HORNE CUP TRIPLES S. Westbrook, R. Moody
& D. Kennaugh

MRS. SMITH CUP LADIES SINGLES COMPETITION

Mrs. Claydon

F. HENSTRIDGE CUPDUO –

MAN AND WIFE COMPETITION

L. & P. Moody

OFFICERS 1971/1972

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HONOURS

1970 Winners Salisbury and District Bowling Association
League.

1972 Winners Salisbury and District Bowling Association
League.

1971 Runners-up Wiltshire C.B.A. Triples L. MOODY,
J. HOWE, D. KENNAUGH

1971 Winners Andover Open Pairs L. MOODY,
D. KENNAUGH

THE 1972 SEASON

Attention was paid to the Green as before, Roffey's giving valuable advice and guidance. Clem Hillier was advised by his doctor to curtail his activities somewhat and reluctantly he gave up the Greenkeeping. Bill Jewell and Percy East took the task on and continued the good work, their efforts producing a very fast (for Alderbury) green during July and August.

Efforts for the Pavilion also continued with a Derby Draw (£25) and Christmas Draw (£75). During the summer the opportunity to buy a Marley Concrete building from the Woodley Youth Club (through the Romsey & Stockbridge R.D.C.) presented itself and we decided to go ahead. A £25 bond arrangement had been worked out and this was taken up with the result that members contributed £700 into the Pavilion Fund. Members spent the autumn dismantling the building at Woodley and it was transported to Alderbury at Christmas time. Meanwhile Parish Council, Planning and Building Regulation approvals had been obtained.

The Club lost several valuable Members this year. Billy Rogers died quite suddenly just before the season opened and Bert Southwell during the season without, however, having bowled this year. Both are sadly missed.

D. Kennaugh, Ray & Lawrence Moody and J. Martin left for the Wilton club although Lawrence also joined our's. Eric Wallace and Vic Eyres decided they had both reached retiring age (from bowls) and with John Fatherley did not rejoin us.

The Club's successes did not match the past two years but being runners up in the Salisbury & District League was on the cards until the Pewsey match at home when we were narrowly beaten.

F. Henstridge & P. Kay took over as winners of the Andover Open Pairs from L. Moody and D. Kennaugh.

Club Competition results were

W. Occomore Cup Singles Championship F. Taylor

V. Eyres Cup Two Wood Singles C. Hillier

W. Snook Cup Singles Handicap E. Fairall

H. Southwell Cup Pairs M. Lucas & E. Fairall

Mrs. Ashford Cup Novices G. Hughes
G. Horne Cup Triples P. Adlam, F. Ashford & W. Jewell
Mrs. Smith Cup Ladies Singles Not played
F. Henstridge Cup Duo F. & S. Ashford

Officers 1972/3

President	P. East	
Chairman	E. Fairall	
Secretary	P. Kay	
Treasurer	P. Kay	
Captain	1973 W. Coleman	
Wiltshire Bowls Association Executive Member		R. Symons.
Salisbury & District Bowls Association ditto		P. Kay