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• **Latest Monday Spoons Results** The latest competition was completed over a 10 week period ending at the end of March. The final results were:

Ladies Winner - Janet (23 points);

Runner-up – Dorrien (22 points)

Men Winners (joint) Brian and Norman (17 points);

Runner-up – David C (15 points)

Janet's winning total was remarkable, as the maximum score that can be achieved is 25 points). The new spoons competition commenced on the 24th April.

• **Wantage & District Knock-out Cup** We went into our match on 5th/6th April V Hanney thinking that our fate in trying to remain in the top four places was in the hands of the two teams below us, as shown on the W&D web page at that time. Only a 4-4 draw between them, with Chieveley losing 0-8 would see us fail to qualify for the knock-out stage. In the event there was a mistake with the names of the two teams and this scenario was incorrect. We lost our match 2-6 to Hanney, only winning the home leg on the last end with Denis making sure we had shot as the jack had nestled in the corner of the fender some way from other bowls (on measuring we in fact had two shots). As the table shows the 2 points gained enabled us to just qualify in 4th place in Group A

Wantage & District Knock-out Cup 2017 GROUP A Final Table

Team	Played	shots for	shots against	shots difference	Points
Warborough	4	173	81	92	32
Hanney	5	131	111	20	29
Wootton 'Warriors'	5	91	117	-26	19
Chieveley 'Cavaliers'	5	108	113	-5	18
DBC 'Hounds'	4	115	116	-1	16
Harwell 'Hares'	5	86	166	-80	6

So we achieved a quarter-final match against Didcot 'Con' club, the winners of Group B. In what proved to be a nerve jangling match, our away four managed a very creditable result with a narrow defeat by just 4 shots thanks to a great last end shot by our skip Norman who turned what was a four shot deficit on the end into a 2 shot win, thus converting a probable 10 shot overall loss to the 4 shot deficit. The home leg was also extremely close but on the last end with Chieveley leading by 4 shots (and thus in a tie for the overall match) we only had one bowl on the mat although six had been sent down and we were down by at least 5 shots. Our skip Denis's first wood glanced the jack and although the wood finished in the ditch it was still not near the jack. So to Denis's last wood when with a fantastic bowl he drew the shot amid great tension and thus gave us an overall match victory by just one shot. Although that was enough excitement for one night more was to follow as the following week we took on Wallingford in the semi-finals. Our home team unfortunately lost by 9 shots and expectations were not high as we visited Wallingford the following evening for the away leg on a fast mat. After 6 ends we were down by 5 shots (14 overall in the match). Somehow, and with a little luck here and there, we got back into the match helped by turning a losing end into a 4 shot win on the 10th end. Suddenly it looked possible and with a single on the final end (nearly a two) we had won by nine shots and the overall match was drawn. So to an extra end and although our skip had a half chance to extricate us from a losing position it was not to be and the match was lost. Congratulations to all who took part in the competition for giving Chieveley a good overall result.

2nd April Club Singles Sunday (all day) Thirteen members (6 men and 7 ladies) signed up for our annual competition. Initially, following a draw for who played with whom, the men played in two groups of 3 and the ladies



Anthea V Dorrien

Ladies Semi-finalists



Liz V June

in two groups, one with three and one with four. The top two in each of the men's and ladies groups then played in semi-finals with winners competing in the finals.



Denis V David



Norman V Stan

Mens Semi-finalists

Congratulations to Norman who convincingly won the men's final over Denis, incidentally reversing fortunes as the same two met in the final

of the Jo Butcher Cup when Denis was a narrow victor. Congratulations to Liz who, along with providing the excellent two course lunch and afternoon teas, managed to win the ladies singles with a close victory over Dorrien.

Liz & Norman make it a family double in winning the men's and ladies singles titles for 2017



- **9th April Friendly V East Woodhay (away)** In another of our bi-annual matches Chieveley once again came out victors by a substantial margin, an excellent result with at least two members playing in a representative match for the first time. As ever all enjoyed the afternoon, not least Phil who toured north Hampshire's country lanes for some time in searching for the venue before arriving just in time for the excellent tea.
- **23rd April Wantage & District SMB Association 30th anniversary competition (Held at Oxford & District Indoor BC)** Five club members went along to this very different type of 'fun' event. David C, Dorrien, Dave S, Diana & Denis each participated as a single competing in six rounds of teams of four, each match of six ends (two of the eight mats were triples with eight ends) with all 60 players firstly selecting a tab identifying the mat, whether in a 'home' team or 'away, and the position in the rink for each round. The random nature of who would join in one's team and whether or not they had experience of being skip, scoring, the fast mats etc. meant results were somewhat difficult to predict! While Dave S came out with a creditable final score and possibly in the top ten the least said on the others the better. At least David C came away with much success in the raffle!!!!
- **Annual General Meeting** At our AGM on 27th April (postponed from 20th due to KO cup match on that date), and attended by 17 club members, the members approved the re-election of Norman (Chairman), David (Secretary) and Denis, Diana, Gill, and Anthea to the committee for a further year as well as Roy Rayner who had been nominated and was elected as a new committee member. Norman will continue to act as Treasurer in the absence of anyone willing to take this officer post, while other positions (competition secretary, and match selection sub-committee) will be chosen from the elected committee. Norman thanked all members who had supported the club throughout the year, and said that with the closure of the club room bookings on Thursday evenings, we would save some hall expenditure and allow us to keep charges for the coming year as for the 2016/17 season. Norman asked if the club wanted to take a stand again at Chieveley Fete and it was agreed that we should do so. Norman indicated that he would not stand for election to more than one post at the next AGM, and that there should be a new Chairman (Norman will have completed 6 years continuously, in the absence of anyone else willing to take on the role).

Presentation Evening Friday 12th May We hope as many club members as possible will come along to this enjoyable evening. Please let Liz know asap.

Do YOU know someone who might like to have a go at short mat bowling? Why not invite them along to have a go. We really would welcome new members to keep the club in a healthy state for the future. Currently members present at our weekly bowls meetings on Mondays and especially on Thursday evenings are decreasing. This is having consequential effects on our income as required to support hall hire costs.

Wantage & District Short Mat Bowls Association

As this Newsletter reported above this Association (a forerunner of the Oxfordshire Association) has just completed thirty years of existence. However, the present committee is proposing to recommend at their AGM that the Wantage and District S.M.B.A. be wound up.

The notice for the Wantage & District S.M.B.A. AGM has just been issued, to be held at Sunningwell Village hall on Thursday 25th May 2017

If the association is to continue then nominations are urgently needed as officers and committee members especially for secretary, treasurer and competition secretary, without which the association cannot continue.

For more club information go to:

http://www.mychieveley.co.uk/info/chieveley_short_mat_bowls_club