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Fareham Bowling Club opens for its 'Golden Anniversary Summer Season'



Marking its 50th Anniversary Year, Fareham Bowling Club, Leigh Road, Fareham opened its green Saturday 13th April, inviting the Mayor of Fareham Councillor Fred Birkett and Mayoress Mrs Lisa Birkett to bowl the first wood to officially mark the clubs outdoor season open.

More than 80 members of the club attended the event and couldn't wait to be back out on the green for a friendly roll-up.

Rosemary Bailey Club President for 2024 said; "This years 50th Anniversary season will be very special and full of celebratory events throughout the year including a visit from the Chelsea Pensioners, Bowls England, a 24 hour Bowlathon and Charity Day challenge in support of RNLI my chosen charity.



"The club has been going strong since 1974 and boasts having one of the best Bowling Greens in Hampshire. Fareham Borough Council maintains our green are also celebrating its 50th year."

Mayor of Fareham, Councillor Fred Birkett commented; "It was an honour to have been invited to bowl the first wood of the season at Fareham Bowls Club. Both the Mayoress and I were met with friendliness and good humour by all its members. The club itself is a fantastic place, with a fantastically conditioned green, and plenty of colour enveloping the perimeter of the club's boundaries.

He continued: "I wish all at Fareham Bowls club a wonderful season in this their 50th Anniversary year, a landmark anniversary also being celebrated by the Borough itself. I would urge anyone who would like to give bowls a go to visit this club, and I am sure you will discover a wonderful new sport and plenty of new friends to share it with".

Each year Fareham Bowling Club holds 'Try Out Days', offering free coaching sessions to those wanting to have a go at bowling.

Bob Alger, Treasurer and one of the official coaches at the club said: "We love to give people of all ages and abilities the opportunity to give bowling a try. You never know it might be the perfect sport for you. Please give me a call on 07758 801739 and book a time slot **Saturday 20th April between 10.00am - 2pm** or book onto the free training course starting 27th April 10am, spaces are limited so please book early to avoid disappointment."