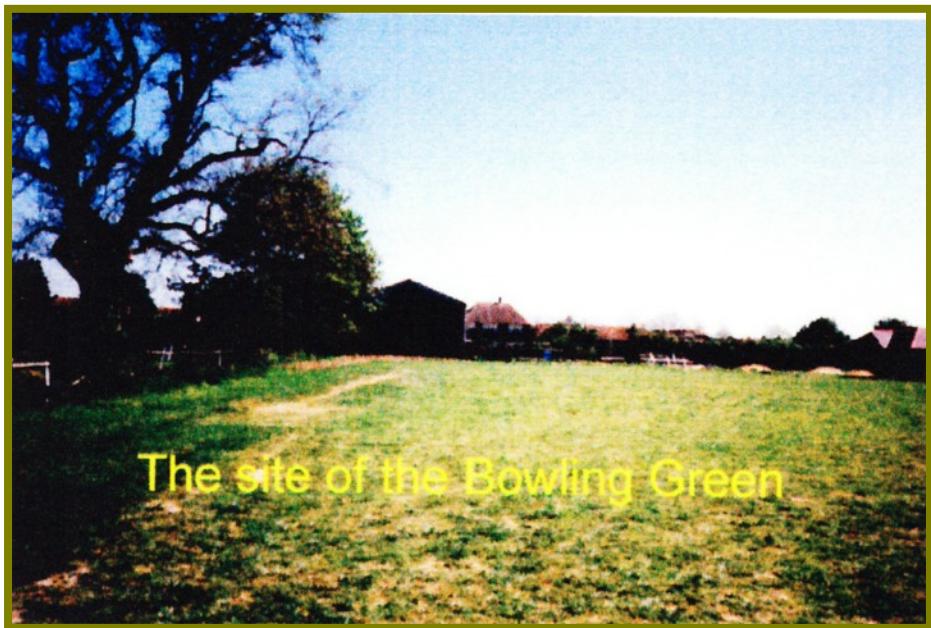




Denmead Bowling Club

The History of Denmead Bowling Club

Founded in 1992



The site of the Bowling Green

Second Edition



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Denmead Bowling Club was founded in 1992 in its present position and built by the founder members, and can be proud to be an independent club run by a dedicated committee.

The club is situated in a country village in Hampshire, close to both beautiful English country side and a beautiful historic coast line, providing our members and visitors enviable facilities.

Bowling takes place all year round, with the outdoor season being April until September, on our well managed greens.

Moving indoors within our own clubhouse for a winter season of short mat bowls during the months October until March.

Denmead Bowling Club can field 4 men's teams, 4 women's teams and 1 mixed team, and participates in the Portsmouth and District Leagues.

Whilst the indoor season has 4 mixed teams taking part, again in the Portsmouth and District Short Mat Leagues.

Disabled bowlers are catered for with ramps to the clubhouse and compliant toilet facilities.

It is the Clubs policy to actively encourage its members new and old to turn up for the scheduled roll ups, in order that they can hone their skills and interact with our other members. (Good fun and educational at the same time!)

In addition to these we organise numerous friendly matches and inter club competitions throughout the year, and will be pleased to hear from any club wishing to come and visit us and enjoy our facilities, both club and area.

Within this booklet we would like to document some of the clubs history and the efforts that were undertaken from conception through to the current time.



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Creditations

Denmead Bowling Club would like to acknowledge and thank Adrian Gardiner for his efforts in compiling the information within this booklet.

Denmead Bowling Club would like to apologise for the quality of the photographs contained within its pages. This was because we did not have the original photographs, and were required to scan those in Edition one of this booklet.

Denmead Bowling Club has re-compiled this booklet and has made adjustments to the content to cover the main aspects of the forming of Denmead Bowling Club back in 1992. Unfortunately photographs used in the original booklet are no longer available. If anyone has these photographs we will be pleased to insert them into this re-compilation.



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The founder members of the club were as follows:

Mr. Cliff Atkinson

Mr. Jack Marks

Mrs. Pamela Atkinson

Mrs. Daphne Massie

Mr. Stanley Buckett

Mrs. Audrey May

Mrs. Jessica Clennett

Mr. Keith May

Mr. George Coleman

Mr. Ken Morgan

Mr. Ron Daughtry

Mr. George Smith

Mrs. Edith Gunston

Mr. Ron Smith

Mrs. Peggy Hazzard

Mrs. Eileen Stern

Mr. Maurice Hibberd

Mr. Richard Stern

Mr. Fred Ketley

Mr. Ron Thomas

Mrs. Joy Ketley

Mr. John Withers

Mr. Patrick Lee

Mrs Rita Smith

Mr. Frank Lovell



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Foreword

I feel privileged to have been asked by Adrian to add a foreword to this booklet. Our bowling club is only in its infancy but the camaraderie and friendly spirit born during its building is still with us today; long may it continue.

The Parish Council had been approached many times over the previous years by those requesting a village bowling club, but these requests were turned down due to lack of funds, availability of land, and the difficulty of finding staff to administer the club.

The chairman of the Parish Council was keen to have a village bowling club; when suddenly quite unexpectedly, he was offered a large field adjacent to King George V Playing Field. A part of this field he considered would be suitable for a bowling club. He contacted a number of interested villagers and a meeting was held in the Church Hall on the 12th June 1990. He proposed to allocate a suitable piece of land for the Denmead Bowling Club for a period of 100 years (Lease). Financial assistance would be strictly limited, the building of the Green and Pavilion, including the full administration and all organisational aspects of the club would be our responsibility.

In a nutshell he would give us the land and then we were on our own.

Most of us in the Hall (62 people) met for the first time but we quickly got to know each other, bravely accepted the challenge, formed a working committee and advanced into the unknown.

It was a period of excitement, making new friends, working in areas never explored before, fascinating, and an experience never to be forgotten.

The words “self help” was exercised to its fullest extent and amongst us (mostly retired) we fortunately had people of all trades and abilities (men and ladies) from brick layers, electricians, plumbers, carpenters, architects, surveyors, a scaffolder and many willing labourers.



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Foreword (continued)

Whilst the green and pavilion was taking shape the necessary organisational and administrative requirements were being tackled e.g. Club Colours, dress, team arrangements, possible fixture, stewards duties, and the writing of the Club's Constitution. A major issue was funding and in this we were most successful as we applied for grants from various authorities and charities, ran local "bring & buys" jumble sales, and held coffee mornings. The cash came flowing in.

As you can imagine we had to face various problems, but they were solved mainly due to our overwhelming desire to having our own village bowling club, built to our specifications which would be a great asset to the village.

I believe we did a "good job", made many lasting friendships, and it's great to see that other members have taken over the baton in the same spirit of friendship----- it was all worthwhile.

Pat Lee



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Preface

The inaugural meeting of the Denmead Bowling Club

Set out below are the minutes from the very first two meetings which eventually formed the Denmead Bowling Club.

Following a feasibility study and a report by a working party, which was accepted by the parish council, a meeting was held on 12th June 1990 to form the Denmead Bowling Club. More than 60 people attended and paid an initial subscription of £2. Interest has been expressed by a total of 100 people, a number of whom, were unable to attend. Mr Peter Goodman, who chaired the opening, explained the purpose of the meeting, but first paid tribute to the late Mr Dave Banting, who had been responsible for recruiting a considerable number of those present, but sadly would not see the plans to fruition.

The election of Officers then took place and were as follows:

Chairman	Mr Stan Cadman
Vice-Chairmen	Mr Pat Lee
Treasurer	Mr Ron Thomas
Corr. Secretary	Mr Ken Morgan
Minute Sec.	Mrs Pat Kilner
Comm. Members	Mrs Margaret Thomas
	Mr Fred Butler
	Mr Dennis Elliott
	Mr George Hazzard

Mr Cadman then took the chair, and explained his thinking about the way forward. Much of the preliminary work on costing has been done by the working party, and therefore the first essential task was to raise the necessary finance. He then invited Mr Goodman, in his capacity as District Councillor, to give some idea as to the possible source of funds. Mr Goodman explained ways of obtaining grants from public funds, but cautioned that these had to be applied for well in advance.

He hoped that there could be sponsorship and donations. The Meeting was then opened for questions and ideas from the floor. These included questions as to how the membership would be kept in touch with progress, the timing of the completion of the green and various other proposals for funding.



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The Inaugural Meeting of the Denmead Bowling Club (contd)

The chairman would not commit himself on time, but the most optimistic forecast given by Mr Thomas, who had made the investigations into the cost and plans for the construction, was that if it was commenced in the autumn it would be available for summer 1991.

This start would however be entirely dependent on the availability of the necessary £40,000 required. It was agreed by the editor of the Parish scene, the Parish Councils thrice yearly publication, that progress would be reported in this and it was also suggested that the Meon Valley News would be useful for publicity of widening the catchment area, to include other villages in the Winchester District which might assist in attracting funds from the District Council. This matter was left to the committee, but one of the constraints was the playing membership should be restricted to 150: after which a waiting list would be kept. It was also suggested that an A.G.M. should be held in the Autumn which would approve a constitution, the writing of which would be one of the first tasks of the committee. The meeting concluded with the committee identifying themselves and meeting briefly to arrange the first committee date for 26th June 1990.



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Minutes of a Special Meeting held in the Church Hall on 9th October 1990

Apologies:

Mrs Lehmann, Mrs Colman, Mrs Cross, Mr and Mrs Poole, Mr and Mrs Barnes, Mr and Mrs Walden, Mr Hibberd.

The Chairman opened the meeting, welcoming the 65 members and introducing the executive committee. He then went on to present the proposed Constitution of the club and asked for comments from the floor. A few items were discussed and agreed upon. A proposal was made by Mr Styles and seconded by Mr Jenkins that the Constitution be accepted, it was agreed by the members and the Constitution now stands.

The chairman then went on to comment on the proposed site in King George V playing fields, which has been accepted in principle, but the Parish Council will not confirm it until "Bloors" officially hand over the ground. This should be in the near future.

Two members were required to serve on Executive Committee, the two members were:

Keith May

Fred Ketley.

They were welcome to the Executive Committee by the Chairman.

The treasurer then gave his report to the membership:

99 paid-up Members, together with a further 11 from the special meeting, made a total of 110 paid-up members.

The NatWest Bank account stands at £118 in the current account and £225 in the deposit account.

Monies given as donations are kept in the Deposit account and £182 was paid in at the Inaugural meeting. A member asked if we could keep the money in a Building Society account to earn more interest, this will be considered when the donation start to come in.



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Minutes of a Special Meeting held in the Church Hall on 9th October 1990 (Contd)

Mr Ron Thomas then gave the intentions of the club to construct the Green:

Self-help should be considered as this would greatly lower cost, - the costs incurred from start to finish would be in the region of £19,000 and the contractor's price is £40,000, - a diagram of the construction with times and program was displayed.

In answering questions from the floor Mr Thomas replied that we have quite considerable professional experience to call on in the club, together with the promise of expert help from Winchester City Amenities and Havant Council. We would like to make a start in April 1991, looking towards October 1991 for the Green to be laid.

Questions were raised as to:

How the green would be protected -- it was envisaged that fencing would come early in the programme.

How the green would be maintained -- the members were then asked if they would be willing to offer help in making a start in April.

The Chairman then closed the meeting with a request, -- would the members consider Colours and a Badge and Tie design for the Club.

The meeting closed at 8:45 PM when Tea and Coffee were served. A raffle was held with a profit to the club of £25.



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Special executive meeting 18th December 1990

Present:

S Cadman, P Lee, R Thomas, M Thomas, S Killner, G Hazzard, K May, F Ketley.

Apologies:

K Morgan.

A special meeting was called to discuss the proposal put forward by Peter Goodman at a meeting Stan Cadman, Pat Lee and Ron Thomas had with him on 12 December 1990. This meeting covered the letters received from Simon Cook of Winchester City Council which indicated that they considered us to be a private club and although they viewed us sympathetically, they were unable to fund us at the present time. Peter Goodman advised we approached the Parish Council to come under their umbrella. This would effectively mean that the executive committee would become the Denmead Bowling Club Management Committee and would then be answerable to the Parish Council for the costs and construction of the green.

Estimates, giving a breakdown of costs of the green, are to be submitted to Winchester City Council by 20th of December 1990.

We, the club, will clear the ground and put up security fencing and the contractor will submit for the laying of the green. Three contractors will be asked to submit their tender to the Parish Council.

The breakdown means that the club's contribution would be for clearing the land, providing fencing, landscaping and clubhouse. The Parish Council will provide the land for the club at King George V field. The meeting ended at 6:30 PM.



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How it all started

For five years David Banting and Stan Cadman, in the mid-1980s, went around the village, talking to the inhabitants and asking for names that might be interested in having a bowling green in Denmead.

Meanwhile a steering committee was set up comprising of Peter Goodman, Col. Vernon-Harcourt and Ron and Margaret Thomas, who met in November 1987 at Peter Goodman's premises. The outcome of the meeting was to try and obtain land, approach the Parish Council and Winchester County Council for financial backing, and to determine the interest of the village in building the green.

Finally, all their hard work was rewarded, when a meeting was called on 12th June 1990 to discuss the project.

Over 60 people attended the meeting, which turned out to be a big success, with a decision being made that to pay for administrative expenses, everyone that attended paid £2.00 pound into a fund.

A mixed committee was also formed, with Stan Cadman being elected the Chairman, and so it was that on that Denmead Bowling Club became a reality.

The project was a joint venture to start with, between Denmead Bowling Club and the Parish Council, who had also set up a sub-committee with Peter Goodman as Chairman, and he was assisted by a permanent member of the Council, namely Doug Hill.

And so the hard work was just about to commence, by a comparatively small band of people determined to finish what they had just created, a chance to have a bowling green for the villagers of Denmead and the surrounding areas.

How proud they must have been when it was finally completed and the first wood was bowled.



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How the money was raised

As with all projects money is of an essence, and Denmead Bowling Club is no different. Several months after their inaugural meeting Denmead Bowling Club produced a News Sheet updating "The Way Ahead", these are extracts from that News Letter:

Green and site work by contractors, through Havant Borough Council would cost £42,000, providing the land was available and certain task could be completed on a self-help basis.

This was funded by a grant of £25,000 from Winchester City Council. Contribution from land endowment (through King George V Field) £10,000 and the remainder of £7,000 made up through Denmead Bowling Club fundraising and business grants and donations, - after Vice-Chairman Pat Lee had written 57 letters to various firms. A local Plant Hire firm had also agreed to supply "free of charge" the necessary plant for the initial levelling and removal of earth prior to the laying of drains etc.

The committee of Denmead Bowling Club did their bit by organising Coffee Mornings, Skittles and Supper Evenings, Trash and Treasurer Sales, Raffles and Whist Drives as well as tables in the local Thrift Market and in all had raised a magnificent total of £1,000.

Many other people and companies were extremely generous. Waterlooville Football Club provided "free of charge" their premises for the Skittles evening. Mr R Carr gave a magnificent banner advertising the Trash and Treasure morning.

HCS offered the use of their showroom along with a donation and many kind people made donations, - the Committee wished to thank them all.

With a suitable site having been found, the Parish Council agreed to lease the land for 99 years at a peppercorn rate, and by July 1991 sufficient funds had been raised, by one form or another, to make a start on laying the green.



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How the money was raised (contd)

At a meeting held on 9 October 1991 the Memorial Hall the Chairman announced that it was his pleasure to inform the members present, that the bowling green had been laid, and should be ready for play in April/May 1992. It will be known as a Denmead Bowling Club.

He also stated that the club would be self-supporting involving maintaining the green, landscaping, general management, provision of a pavilion and the running of a public rink.

By this time membership had risen to 100 and Vice-Chairman - Pat Lee spoke on the possibility of a pavilion being purchased. A case study had been made on a purpose-built brick construction, a Portakabin and a mobile home, but a semi-permanent building had been priced at approximately £8,600, sized at 45ft x 25ft and this would not include electric.

Financing of the building could be obtained by requesting a loan from the Sports Council; which would be interest free and payable at the rate of £1,500 per year over five years. He also stated that the facilities were available to them in the pavilion on the King George V Playing fields.

The secretary - Margaret Thomas, gave the cost of joining the club and the yearly membership fee, which was:

Joining fee	- £20
Yearly membership	- £30.

After various questions were asked and answered, Col. Vernon-Harcourt thanked the Committee for setting up the club and enabling the bowling green to be built for village.



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From a caravan to a clubhouse

At the executive meeting, held on 11th May 1992, it was stated that 164 had paid a joining fee and 93 an annual subscription.

Pat Lee reported on the current situation involving the Pavilion. He said that the Federation of Sports and Arts had not yet considered our application, but we might hear something come June or August. Southern region sports Council were not making grants until March 1993 and the maximum would be £5,000. It was agreed that we must have shelter inside the green perimeter. This had been anticipated, and three members had visited a caravan sales lot and were offered a suitable one, 25 foot long for £250, delivered. It was agreed to approach Parish Council via B.G.P.C. – (Bowling Green Project Committee) - to have this on the site.

The first bowl was bowled at the end of April 1992 by Andrew Pill, Chairman of Hampshire Playing Fields Association, but the official opening of the bowling club had to be delayed until August, due to a considerable amount of work still to be completed. I.e. The laying of pathways within the surrounds of the fence, planting of shrubs, the installation of the main and side gate, erection of a small brick building to house the equipment and work associated with the Pavilion. The extra time that was allowed to complete the work greatly enhanced the appearance of the club when the formal opening took place.

In the April 1992 newsletter, it was stated that volunteers would be required to carry out daily duties during the playing season. It continued that 24 volunteers would be ideal, comprising six teams of four members and it could be three male and one female. This would involve three weeks covered by each group, with a maximum of two days duty during each of three weeks. Fundraising was still an essential part of the club's activities and that task fell to organiser Jack Marks. The coaching responsibility fell to Ken Morgan.



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From a caravan to a clubhouse (Contd)

In 1992 a caravan was purchased and a machine store was also built. During this time a key was borrowed from the Council for the use of the cricket site Pavilion toilets.

Before applying for league membership, priority had to be given to the main drainage.

Quotations for installing the main drainage by Winchester County Council meant trenching to the opposite side of Ashling Park Road had to be carried out for a connection at a cost of over £10,000, at the time.

Permission was applied to Southern Water to install a septic tank and after several ground tests it was granted. This involved excavating over 20 m³ of soil to a depth of 12 feet, concrete base and shingle infill. Adjacent builder "Bloors" lent the club two operators and machines after their working day, and work was carried out during the evening under floodlights. When completed a portable toilet was bought and a second toilet was hired for six months to connect to the mains, and with self-help the job was completed for under £1,500. The club was then able to register and be affiliated to the ruling associations and start entering teams for league matches.

Planning permission was also applied for in 1992 for the building of the Pavilion. Original quotation for a wooden one was for £8,300 plus cost of found foundation and services. With the cost of site preparations, the subcommittee was convinced, by Cliff Atkinson, that with self-help, a brick pavilion could be built within our budget.

How right he was!

The adjacent builders were very helpful. They loaned us the scaffolding and boards for the initial building, this meant collecting on a Saturday morning.

A working party of 20 men carrying all the boards and polls across King George V Playing fields, nearly a four-hour job, ***was a sight to see!***



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From a caravan to a clubhouse (Contd)

All the fittings were collected in a trailer, and the club had enough equipment to do the complete job. The building subcommittee was very grateful for the expertise of Jim Tompkins, being a retired scaffolder he managed that side of the job professionally, with Health & Safety in mind at all times.

Following completion of the first building project and brick built storage sheds, the site behind the club was developed with 14 residences. The building subcommittee was able to obtain permission from the S.E.B for the main services to be installed into our own meters.

We also tendered to the tennis club, to lay on the main drainage as a project for £1,420, which covered the cost of installing the septic tank.

When planning permission was applied for the extension, a leaflet was received from a Southampton building firm who had just built a Pavilion for a new Forest Bowling Club costing £260,000 and would be willing to supply a quotation.

WE DID WELL FOR £58,000!

In 1993 a Portakabin was installed as a temporary pavilion with separate sections for the ladies, lockers built in as seats for members bowls. Calor gas cooking facilities for refreshments at a cost of £1,400. Toilet facilities were required for league recognition.

Cost of mains sewer connection was prohibitive, after application and tests planning permission to install septic tank and two toilets at a cost £1,500 all from club funds and fund raising contributions.

Application to Foundation Sport & Arts, (Littlewoods and Vernons Pools) for a grant towards a Club pavilion. (£2000) Winchester county council £800 part grant for disabled toilets and ramp.

Price and layout of Pavilion received, but extra cost for foundations and services costs equivalent to a brick building.



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From a caravan to a clubhouse (Contd)

Cliff Atkinson convinced the building subcommittee, that with self-help, we could build a permanent brick building within our budget.

Still awaiting results of grant application, but ordered the bricks and arranged a loan from the Parish Council, to be paid back with interest. The grant from Foundation Sport & Arts of £18,500 was received just before the loan was to be signed. The £18,500 was used to pay all the building material costs through the Parish Council, the labour being organised on a voluntary basis under the control of site manager, Cliff Atkinson, with some help from construction firms building the local housing estate.

The caravan was used throughout the first season but was eventually replaced the following season by Portakabin.

In the September 1992 Newsletter the following observations were recorded:

Since 25th of May we accepted responsibility for a 42 yard green with ditches, a water cock and a 4 foot perimeter fence. To be able to bowl we added a paved surround, all essential green maintenance and playing equipment, a brick structure to house the most valuable, a wooden shed for materials and a caravan as a temporary pavilion. Useful chairs and tables have been donated and tea making facilities rigged up. To these add a green-keeper and materials for him to work with.

In the area around the Green, the laying out of flowerbeds, planting of shrubs, cutting of grass, installation of two sets of gates and erection of a flagpole have enhanced the site.

Early prospects for a permanent pavilion with all services remained in the balance, but, optimism reigns.

What is factual is that since 25th of May, Denmead Bowling Club has been actively bowling on a green in Denmead. Many members, men and women, have been bowling for the first time, often with more experienced players, and enjoying it.



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From a caravan to a clubhouse (Contd)

For season 1993, affiliation to the ruling associations were being pursued.

Clubs within reasonable distance were being approached for fixtures and a full range of club competitions were being arranged.

The Green closed on 26th of September so bringing the first season of bowling at Denmead to an end. Social events continued through the closed season bringing in much needed funds for the club.

Below are extracts from the Minutes of a General Meeting held on 24th of November 1992.

Sue Kilner reported that the club had 167 members, which includes 20 social members and a waiting list of 26. The president related the current situation of getting a Pavilion and essential services within the perimeter. Our grant allocation to the Foundation for Sports & Arts would not be considered before April 1993 with no commitment that it would be successful.

He then referred to the subcommittee of K. May, M. Hibberd, F. Ketley and C. Atkinson set up to investigate and propose alternatives. Arising from this, approval was obtained from the Parish Council to replace the existing caravan with a Portakabin and in addition a Portaloo. The subcommittee had obtained an option on these, the former would be on site early in December. The treasurer confirmed that finance was available.

For a permanent pavilion they had advised that since the foundations would be the same for either a wooden or a stone building, we should concentrate on the latter.

With a Portakabin on site and ideas for loans in hand, a start on the stone pavilion might be possible in 1993. Additional paving will be added to two sides of the green and also around the Portakabin and loos. Working parties will be required on site for these tasks.



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From a caravan to a clubhouse (Contd)

The secretary reported that the men's section had been accepted for affiliation to the Hampshire County Bowling Association. This gave the automatic affiliation to the English Bowling Association. We have been allocated to the County Eastern Division, which is what we required. He will now make an application for membership to the Portsmouth and District B.A. When the Portakabin and loos are on-site and the additional paving is down, the ladies section will qualify for similar consideration.

Jack marks reported that 112 members and guests had paid to attend the dinner/dance and he asked for assistance in respect of raffle prizes and table decorations.

In A.O.B. the President reminded the meeting about the Tuesday and Thursday working parties.

Ron Hanson thanked the members for plants and shrubs for the landscaping project.

Forthcoming events:

Bingo 24th of February in the church Hall

Trash & Treasure 20th of March again the church all

Extracts from the Management & Executive Committee meeting on 11 January 1993.

Portakabin. It will remain in its present location. K. May and M. Hibberd, with assistance will progress conversions to its function as a temporary pavilion. Though not essential, the need for lockers or similar stowage to accept bowls and shoes were stressed. A quality portaloo will cost £900 plus, a basic one £500.

Enquiries will be made into the cost of hiring two units for six months and the cost of laying on a water supplied to the above.

The offer of a detachable awning to fit on the side of the Portakabin facing the green has been accepted.



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From a caravan to a clubhouse (Contd)

A hole, approximately 2 ft. Square, has been dug to assess any problems in laying foundations for the pavilion, but progress will depend on finance for materials.

Note: With a programme of friendly matches, consideration must be given to the convenience of our visitors concerning excavations and building materials on site.

Below are extracts from the minutes of a ladies meeting held on 4th March 1993.

Dorothy Cadman, would like to step down from the presidency, and Betty Foster from the captaincy. Dorothy to approach Margaret Thomas and June James in the first instance to see if either of them would like to take over for next year, using this current year as a handover period.

With the bowling season starting on 10th April 1993, it has been very busy behind the scenes, and many matches have been arranged. This includes 26 mixed rink friendly matches, the Petersfield knockout cup, Reflex evening league and the usual interclub matches.

The Portakabin is now ready for the start of the season and net curtains and other curtains will be put up in the ladies section. Joan Banting is able to supply a carpet to fit.

The question of teas at the ground was discussed. Tea, sugar, orange etc. will be bought at Cash & Carry and should always be readily available. It was thought a good idea if they could always be someone there to make the teas, perhaps a social member, as this would avoid a member coming of the green to make the teas.

Dorothy to go forward with application for affiliation.



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From a caravan to a clubhouse (Contd)

An extract from the AGM held on 9th March 1993:

Stewarding by groups of four members on a weekly roster was proposed. The content of each group would be left to the individuals, who would enter them on the duty roster sheet. Each group would make their own arrangements for manning the green. The need for a member in attendance while the green is open for play is vital.

Extract from the Ladies Spring Meeting prior to the 1993 season.

Dorothy Cadman opened the meeting by welcoming all the ladies present. She continued by thanking all the ladies for their support in the first year at Denmead Bowling Club.

This coming season offers a range of fixtures, both competitive and friendly, which will provide the opportunity for playing on other greens and broadening everyone's experience.

The Portakabin is a great improvement and we have a ladies section partitioned off.

Betty Foster spoke of the competitions for the coming season including a two wood's competition consisting of 15 ends. Phyllis Morgan will be kindly donating a cup for this match, grey skirts to be warm.

Roll ups will be on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. Please put names in the ladies room book. We hope to be able to claim two rinks every week from the men.

A roster will be drawn up for making teas and cleaning the Portakabin. Jean Maurice has undertaken this role and two ladies will be required each week, with the milk, sugar and biscuits being provided by the club. Also responsible for friendly matches though not Reflex matches. The men will look after themselves, if this is not possible, perhaps the ladies will help out!



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From a caravan to a clubhouse (Contd)

Joan Banting (and on behalf of Dorothy) thanked Pam Atkinson for all her untiring work in weeding the surrounds of the green. The green was now looking very smart. Joan also thanked Pam and June for their knitting of club pullovers and waistcoats for members.

Sue Kilner reported that there were 200 members. 119 had renewed their subscriptions, there were still 37 possible members but these had still to make their subscriptions.

Below are extracts from the Minutes of a Management and Executive Meeting held on 21st June 1993.

The secretary said that it was time to make our application for affiliation to the Portsmouth & District League and read out his draft letter to the P & D. It was agreed that this letter be sent.

Dorothy Cadman reported on the visit of the County Officers following the Ladies application for affiliation to the HCWBA. The visiting officers advised on the structure that the Ladies Committee should follow. They also looked at the accommodation and measured the green. The Ladies will have to wait for formal acceptance until after the HCWBA meeting in September 1993.

Keith May, in response to the President's query on the bricks and planning permission, informed the committee that outline planning permission had been granted for the brick Pavilion, following the 28 days general notice to which, Winchester County Council had received no objection. The type of brick and tile we intended to use has been given to Winchester Planning Department who had accepted and given us clearance to order. The order has now been placed with "Burrows" and it is hoped that they would delay delivery until October.

Phase 1 building, - footings up to damp course are estimated to be £2,350 maximum: less if work can be disposed locally.

Keith recommended that finance for the full job should be available before work is started. It was resolved that the possibility of a loan should be pursued at the next BGPC project meeting.



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From a caravan to a clubhouse (Contd)

Extracts from the Management and Executive Committee Meeting on 13th September 1993.

Stan Cadman reported that he had made an application to the Portsmouth & District to enter one League and one Combination League team for the 1994 season. An answer is expected shortly.

Jack marks proposed that a numbered Membership card, separate from the Fixture list, be issued next year. This was agreed and it would enable fixture list to be sent to all opponents.

The President explained that we would know more about the way we can draw on the money allocated to us by the Foundation of Sport & Arts, when we meet their professional representative, who will monitor the construction of the Pavilion.

In A.O.B. it was stated that a mince pie and coffee morning would be at Peggy and George Hazzard's abode, probably late November/early December. The committee also asked that their thanks be recorded to Ron Thomas for all his work in drawing the revised plans for the Pavilion, all done at short notice and at great speed.

Extracts from the ladies committee meeting held on 28th January 1994.

The President opened the meeting welcoming Rachael and Gladys as catering officers. They agreed that the duty list would stay at last year and that extra help would be needed at matches when teas are served. They would purchase tea, sugar and biscuits from the wholesalers, milk to be provided by duty ladies.

The official opening of the Pavilion is to take place on 11th June, it is suggested that refreshments and a roll-up in the afternoon would be put to the Executive Committee.



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From a caravan to a clubhouse (Contd)

In the following a Ladies Meeting held on 8th February 1994, it stated that the President inform the members present that their application to join the P&D Ladies League was still in abeyance because the AGM had been rearranged for the 9th of February.

The Captain also stated that the Evening league would be starting this season, and that there were nine ladies who would be interested.

In A.O.B. the President gave members a progress report on the building of the Pavilion, which is nearing completion. The Ladies had been able to choose the kitchen units and fittings, which has now been purchased. It has been suggested that to help with the costs of lockers, that two members contribute to the costs, by sharing one locker at the cost of £13, if at any time a member gives up their share, the club would then reimburse them.

The Secretary informed those present, that the revised constitution would be sent to all members, together with the rules, and these would be up for discussion and acceptance on the evening.

And so the big day had arrived at last.

Under the building subcommittee of Keith May, Morris Hibberd and Cliff Atkinson, many, many hours were put in by the band of volunteers who gave their Labour with one thing in mind. – “A new Pavilion”. The project was completed in early 1994 and in June the official opening was carried out by Mike Read, Chairman of the Parish Council, and also Councillor for Winchester and District Council.

At the Executive Committee meeting on 20th July 1994, in the NEW Pavilion under A.O.B. Keith was asked to press on with the sale of the Portakabin, as it was now surplus to requirements. NB: (At Executive Committee Meeting on 23rd August 1994, it was recorded that Denmead Bowling Club had received a cheque of £500 for the sale of the Portakabin)



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And so the big day had arrived at last. (Contd)

Frank Mills stated that he had a small cup, which he would like to designate to one of the club's competitions. It was suggested that this should be the "7-UP" competition.

Peggy Hazzard suggested that the time had come to put up some Honours Boards. George Hazzard will investigate this.

Extracts from Executive Committee held on 23rd August 1994.

Ken Morgan stated that the green had yielded to treatment.

A.O.B.

Jack Marks wants it to be recorded, that he thinks a fundraising committee should be set up possibly 4 to 6 persons, one of whom should be the Catering Manager and one member of the Executive Committee.

Ken Morgan announced that he was holding a coaching session this week for Lady skips. Keith May asked that a letter of thanks be written to Margaret Hills, for the video she had made of the construction of the Pavilion, which includes the official opening. She will copy the video on members own tapes.

Financial statement:

We have received the cheque from Denmead Tennis Club for £1420. The barbecue yielded a profit of £333 including £120 from the raffle and £40 from bingo.

Extracts from the Ladies Meeting on 8th September 1994.

The president, Betty Foster, welcomed all the members present to their first meeting in the NEW Pavilion. Betty said that on the whole it had been a most successful year. It was a new experience for them in joining the P&D and County etc. and the wearing of grey skirts, cream skirts etc. and hats! Betty thanked all the ladies for working so hard.



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And so the big day had arrived at last. (Contd)

A special thanks to our catering officers, Gladys and Rachel. Betty was sure that Rachel would not mind her mentioning Gladys wonderful work, and the way in which she organised her ladies roster. Thanks to all the ladies who were on the roster and a special thanks to Trish who always seemed to be in the kitchen or baking cakes.

Thanks to Margaret Charlton, our almoner, who made sure that anyone sick in hospital, was sent a card, or at times, even paid a visit by herself or one of our ladies.

June James, Ladies captain, gave her report, which included that the lady bowlers had taken an active part in the Reflex and friendly matches during the season. Also the evening league team did very well against very experienced players.

Six ladies played in P &D friendly matches and Peggy Hazzard received her badge as it was her third game.

The membership secretary reported that there were 167 members which is really too many. 150 would be the ideal number. There are 25 waiting to be playing members, she continued.

In A.O.B. it was suggested that for next season, a roster be drawn up, as well as for the tea ladies, for cakes to be made to save this job always landing on the same few. It is hoped that the men can be persuaded to wash the floor, as this is a very large area and very heavy work for the ladies. Also the urn is very dangerous, so much so that Gladys had a nasty burn, so we will hope for a new urn for next season. Sheila Findlay has kindly offered a bookcase for our books, the total amount collected for the sale of books during the season was £13.05.



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And so the big day had arrived at last. (Contd)

The club AGM was held in the Pavilion for the first time on 31st October 1994.

This item was taken from those minutes:

Keith May reporting on the Pavilion.

What a difference a year makes. This time last year we were reporting on the recently purchased Portakabin and were installing the septic tank main drainage system together with the portaloos, which should be completed in time for first competitive match.

We also reported at last year's AGM our plans to go for a permanent brick Pavilion instead of the original plan for one of wooden construction.

A Building Project Subcommittee was formed to plan the work schedule and purchasing, with the Treasurer keeping a watchful eye on the budget. Work started on 19th September 1993 and apart from a wet spell in the early days, it all went like clockwork. Completion was estimated to be at the end of March and we are right on schedule.

Keith had said at the previous meeting, that if we all work together, the club will be able to afford a Pavilion to be proud of, and it is very satisfying to be able to say, that we haven't skimped on any of the costs. PVC double glazed windows, PVC fascia boards, PVC Verandah roof all being maintenance free, and the Artex ceiling together with the inlaid lights, enhances the interior decoration. There is a 10ft lintel built in the North wall ready for any future extension. This was made possible because fundraising efforts provided the extra cost needed above the grant.

Keith went on to pay tribute to all the helpers, who were too numerous to name, but who played their part, often in adverse weather conditions, with the daily building operations and included the ladies who kept the supply of tea and cakes going. He did however, single out Ron Thomas, whose early contribution in drawing up the plans and meeting with the Winchester Building Surveyor proved the usefulness of having the right contacts.



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He also thanked, on behalf of the club, our debt to Maurie Hibberd, who came out of retirement to provide his building expertise. Also to Cliff Atkinson, who not only managed the project but kept everyone going with his dry sense of humour, but also convinced us in the early days that a permanent brick Pavilion was financially possible.





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The ensuing years

With the Pavilion in place, and the club up and running, it went from strength to strength, and by 1996 applications for grants were made to Winchester City Council, the Foundation for Sports & Arts, the National Lottery and the Hampshire Playing Fields Association. Thanks to Keith May, who was the prime mover, a total of £38,000 was received for the building of an extension to the Pavilion. This was made up of the following: As grants were no longer available from F.S.A a request to the lottery, due to circumstances, was made, and they increased their grant from an initial 45% to 65% the maximum allowed £24,700, Winchester County Council allocated £7,000, Hampshire Playing Fields Association £2,000, self-help labour cut the cost to just £3,530. With professional fees for plans and building inspection, charges £820, a total of £38,050. Again with members "mucking in" the project was completed by the start of the 1998 season and was officially opened by the Mayor of Winchester on 18th April 1998.

Successful Denmead Bowling Club members were received on a regular basis, as you will read later, not only individually, but also as a team, and they were gradually building up a reputation of being a sought after club to belong to. The membership is a constant 150+ with new and experienced bowlers always enquiring about joining the club. With 5 men's league teams and 3 ladies league teams plus a mixed league team and friendlies to select every week the captains are kept on their toes.

Denmead Bowling Club has a unique environment, nothing is too much trouble, and they all work for each other. As soon as you walk through the gates you are met with a friendly and warm welcome, and long may it continue.

In 1999 a short mat section was introduced to the club, thanks to the extension being built, and that too is enjoying some success. With 3 league teams being put out each week and friendlies now being arranged, it is becoming a popular game at Denmead Bowling Club both for the serious and not so serious player.



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The ensuing years (Contd)

On the playing side Denmead tasted their first success on the bowling front, when the Men's first team won the P&D Division 4 League title in 1996, and were promoted to Division 3. In 2003 the first team were again celebrating success, this time being promoted as runners-up, from P&D Division 3 to 2, and the following season, 2004, they gained the ultimate prize, winning the Division 2 Championship and joining the elite in the P&D Division 1.

In season 2000 Denmead Gold (2nd team) were promoted from P&D Combination of 3 to Combination 2 as runners-up, but were unfortunately relegated the following season. In season 2004 they were again successful, gaining promotion for the second time to Division 2, and again as runners-up. In season 2001 the Denmead Green (3rd team) gained promotion from P&D Combination of 5 to Combination 4 by finishing as runners-up. Two years later they were moved up to Division 3, by finishing in third place, due to the P&D league reducing the divisions from 6 to 5.

On the Midweek Triples front Denmead have two sides, one in the Midweek Triples (East) Division and one in the Midweek Triples Combination. The latter was formed in season 2002. Although the club entered a team in the Hampshire & District Reflex league just after the club was formed, they have yet to win the title, although no doubt their turn will come.

The Ladies have also gained success on a steady basis since being affiliated to HCWAB in 1993 and to the P&D for competitions in 1994. 1995 saw them enter a team in League Division E, where in 1996 they were promoted to League D. The Ladies entered an additional team in League F in season 1996 and by 1998 both teams were promoted and were then in Division C and D. 1999 saw the C League team promoted to the B League but D League team was relegated to the E League. In season 2000, the B League team was relegated but returned the following year with promotion. In season 2003 the first team gained the ultimate, by being promoted from the B League to the A League. The Ladies also brought a trophy to the club by winning the Havant Ladies Evening League in season 2002.



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Venues for meetings etc

During the early years, and even when the club was up and running, meetings and fund raising events had to be held off the club premises, and below are some of the places that were kindly made available for such purposes.

Memorial Hall (Denmead Bowling Club Meeting) 9th October 1991

Church Hall (Annual General Meeting) 10th March 1992

43, Mead End Rd. (Management & Executive Meeting) 13th April 1992

3, Park Road (Ladies Committee Meeting) 17th March 1992

3, Kidmore Lane (Bring & Buy Sale) 8th April 1992

3, Park Rd (Management & Exec. Committee Meeting) 11th May 1992

Memorial Hall (Trash & Treasure) 17th October 1992

17, Anthill Close (Mgmt & Exec Committee Meeting) 9th November 1992

Waterlooville Football Club (Dinner/Dance) 4th December 1992

3, Park Road (Coffee Morning) 17th March 1993

Heath Room, Denmead (Ladies Spring Meeting) 30th March 1993

Club House (Mgmt & Exec. Committee Meeting) 21st June 1993

21, Anthill Close (Ladies Committee Meeting) 28th January 1994

And finally the NEW Pavilion (Executive Committee) 20th July 1994



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Members Who Made It All Possible

Below is a list of Denmead Bowling Club Members who gave up their precious time to make a dream become a reality.

Name	Name	Name
P. Atkinson (Mrs)	R. Bishop	R. Blythe
D. Brooks	S. Buckett	B. Charlton
R. Daughtry	H. Davies	A. Gardner
R. Hanson	R. Hastings	D. Hills
R. Jackson	B. Johnson	F. Ketley
P. Lee	F. Lovell	A. Matthews
J. Marks	K. Morgan	I. Moy
R. Smith	R. Stern	K. Schillimore
J. Tomkins	J. Watts	G. Tuffs
B. Windebanks	R. Bailly	L. Bond
J. Breaks	S. Cadman	G. Cotton
B. Cleaver	J. Turner	L. Jones
R. Wakely (N/M)	A. Farrant (N/M)	

All the above were ably led by the Building Construction Committee Consisting of Cliff Atkinson (Foreman), Maurice Hibberd, Keith May and Ron Thomas.



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Known refreshment providers during the long days

Name

M. Charlton

P. Jackson

Name

J. James

M. Coleman

Name

P. Atkinson

Other contributors to the Club are:

Main Sign & Pavilion Electric Clock:

Maurice Hibberd

Dormer Motif:

Louise & Reg Hastings, Wendy & Frank Lovell

17 Bench seats:

Various Club Members

Automatic watering system:

Club Funds

Flag and Flag Pole:

Stan & Dorothy Cadman

Presidents chain of office:

George & Peggy Hazzard



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If anyone, anywhere, think that they have been omitted from this booklet, it is completely unintentional by myself.

I can only go by the records available and the information provided.

Adrian Gaediner