



Season 2025

O60's Mixed Inter-County Championship

The Honours for Worcestershire keep coming as we report the team representing Worcestershire, in the Over 60's Mixed Inter-County Competition, has won its way through to the Finals at Leamington.

This competition was introduced this year, as a new competition, by Bowls England. The County side had to consist of 6 rinks of players (two men and two women per rink). The matches were scheduled to start in the morning, at 11.30 or unless mutually agreed. Each game consisted of 21 ends with the side with the highest aggregate score, across all six rinks, being the winner.

Worcestershire were not in the preliminary round, but faced a first round match against Gloucestershire, (who had beaten Herefordshire). The match was played at The Cotswold Bowling Club in Stroud on 15 July. It was a damp, wet morning but fortunately the weather cleared and saw Worcestershire win the game by one shot 98 -97. A VERY close finish.

The team went on to play Cornwall, at Vivary Park, in Taunton on the 6 August again winning by one shot 105 – 104. Again, a VERY, VERY close finish.

It means that we are now in the semi-finals of this competition, to be played at Leamington. Our opponents are Hampshire and, if we win the semi-final, we will play the winners of the other semi-final which is between Durham and Northamptonshire. The final is also on the 29 August.

The draw has been made and is on the Bowls England website, but we play the semi-final on:

Date – **Friday 29 August**

Time – **9.00am**

Rink D.

Please be there if you can as supporters, cheering you on, makes all the difference to the team.

The Squad of 26 players who have got this far are as follows:

Alison Cartwright – Pershore

Marje Crowe – Gilt Edge

Sue Davies – Broadway

Judy Drewer – St Dunstans

Ali Foote – Pershore

Anne Green – Broadway

Viv Hall – Broadway

Julie Howell – Pershore

Liz Law – St Dunstans

Joan Parfitt – Broadway

Deb Sherriff – Lilleshall

Jackie Stafford – St Dunstans

Lesley Wood – Pershore

Mark Atkins – Worcester

Stephen Banks – Vines Park

Chris Barton – Vines Park

Alan Clarke – St Dunstans

Neil Clarke – Gilt Edge

Mike Dooley - Bredon

Andy Jones - Pershore

John Oliver - Broadway

Mike Peirce - Pershore

Chris Sherriff - Lilleshall

Rick Sippitts - Hewell

Ian Taylor – Hewell

Gary Tomkinson – Hewell

There were others who due to other bowling commitments, holidays or family commitments would have been part of the squad but were unavailable on the dates of the matches.

We want to thank everyone who nominated.

Alison Cartwright and Alan Lerry

Ladies Team Manager

Men's Match Secretary