

2023 John's Trophy and Middleton Cup - Update

The John's Trophy is an inter-county ladies competition organised by Bowls England, featuring teams of 6 rinks. The early stages are played in a series of leagues, and the competition culminates in finals played at Leamington during the National Championships.

Following an extensive selection process over the past few months, no less than five of our club members have been selected for the squad to represent Warwickshire in this year's competition - Anita Cowdrill, Caroline Edwards, Dawn Horne, Janice White and Jenny Wickens. The first round of league matches took place on Saturday 3rd June, when Anita, Dawn, Janice and Jenny all featured as part of the Warwickshire team that defeated 2021 champions Devon by 16 points to 6. The second round of matches takes place on Saturday 17th June, when Warwickshire travel to take on Gloucestershire. Anita, Dawn, Janice and Jenny have again been selected to be part of the team and Caroline is a travelling reserve.

The equivalent men's competition is the Middleton Cup and Bill Claridge was part of the Warwickshire men's team that played Worcestershire in the first match of this year's competition, which Warwickshire lost 3-19. Bill will again be playing in the team that faces Somerset this coming Saturday (17th June), in the second round of matches.

Many congratulations to Anita, Dawn, Janice, Jenny, Caroline and Bill on gaining their places in the teams for these prestigious competitions. It is a great achievement and the club wish them all the best for their next games.