

Hong Kong Junior Academy visit to Bucks

On the 7th of August a team from Hong Kong's Junior Academy visited the County as part of a visit to Britain centred on Leamington. The 15 strong party were hosted at short notice by Newport Pagnell Bowls Club, who laid on a very demanding set of skills tests in the morning, before the visitors played a competitive match with Junior Academy members from our own County.

Many of you will have seen the Television coverage to be seen on BBC Look East. This was a really good advert for the Sport in general and young bowlers in particular. [I believe some of our bowlers are rather star struck after their television appearance].

Newport Pagnell's Juniors Coach, Howard Jones, together with Richard Potton the clubs Chairman worked at top speed to ensure that Bucks could host this prestigious event; with a full bowls programme on the day with excellent catering facilities to make the day go with a swing.

The visitors enjoyed their visit at all levels, with the young bowlers enthusiastically taking part in the challenges, and with their managers gaining an insight into how we provide bowls for young players in this country. They will be taking back happy memories of playing bowls in a beautiful setting in England.

The County extend their thanks to Newport Pagnell for hosting the event so successfully at short notice. It is a credit to our County that the event was supported not only by the young bowlers of Newport Pagnell but those of Olney, Wolverton Town, Wolverton Park, Stony Stratford and Gerrards Cross who comprised the Academy team.

A photograph of the Bucks and Hong Kong young bowlers is to be found on the website, accompanied by Howard and Richard together with Walter of the Hong Kong Academy.