

Junior Academy News: April 2019

With the bowls season now under way, let me first of all wish all young bowlers every success this season, above all enjoy your sport.

While the outdoor sport is just starting its new season, much work has been going on over the winter months to prepare for a full programme in 2019.

- In the middle of the County, Henry Beach continues to develop his Junior section and will be bringing many of its members to the County's first Junior Academy event on the 12th May.
- Newport Pagnell are launching their own Junior Section, after much hard work by Howard Jones and his team on the 6th May.
- Clubs in the north of the County are establishing a Junior League for under 18s, based on monthly competitive matches
- Chandos are launching an initiative focused on recruiting young bowlers from their local schools
- Rowland Cleverley and David Waddell gave a terrific presentation at the County's recruitment workshop, explaining how they established their Junior Section and the value it has brought to their club at Olney.

Additionally: I know that you will all want to join with me in congratulating our very own Terri Keen who has been elected to be BOWLS ENGLAND Junior Vice President this year. Terri as you will know jointly manages the County Junior Academy with myself, and wishes you to know that she intends to continue in that role, despite the heavy workload that the new National role will bring.

The first of this year's County-wide Junior Academy events takes place on 12th May. The focus of the event is to develop the skills of our bowlers and allow them to meet other young bowlers from Bucks, while having a fun day of bowls. Further details are to be found elsewhere on this site, but all young bowlers are welcome.

This year the Junior Academy Finals Day will be held on Saturday 7th September, when for the third year running the two championships for Under 14s and Under 18s will be closely fought for once more. Make a note in your diary.

Should you have additional questions or comments please contact either myself or Terri Keen as indicated below.

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