u3a Members Bowled Over at Wharfemeadows Bowling Club



Ilkley & District u3a members, new to bowling, received a warm welcome at Wharfemeadows Bowling Club in Otley. The club is 92 years old, with a membership of approximately 100 who range in age from 10 to 90. Some just play socially, others progress to friendly fixtures normally played on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. There are also internal club competitions and for the more competitive, the club has teams in the Airedale & Wharfedale and Harrogate Veterans' Leagues.

Over the last few years Garrie Bolton, Club Chair, has arranged some tuition sessions specifically for u3a members. With the bowling season running from the end of March to the end of September (weather permitting!), it's been a good opportunity for u3a members to learn and practise together and form social groups during this time.

llkley & District u3a members Shirley and Samantha met at the Wharfemeadows tuition sessions: "I found Wharfemeadows Bowling Club a super place to learn how to play bowls. Besides the expert tuition and friendly atmosphere, the green is just beside the river giving it a wonderfully relaxed ambiance." (Shirley Layfield) "My grandad used to be a bowler, but I'd never had a go myself. It's not as easy as it looks. The leg muscles receive a good workout! so it's been great to have the tuition support of Garrie and other experienced members. I was pleased to play in the 'Lads and Lasses' internal competition, at the end of the season and meet other bowlers who were all very helpful and friendly." (Samantha Hill)

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