

On May 1st the ground was formally opened. Mrs Stoop sending down the first jack, and Mr Stoop the first bowl. An exhibition match was played against Mr Edney's team. (He was a member of the county bowling association). Parish Councillors played on another rink. There followed a tea, and a 'smoking concert' in the village hall. There does not appear to be any performance fees for the artistes, but their refreshments cost 11/-.

A Ladies Committee was formed, but I can find no details, except in the accounts. It seems their main (if not only) function was to make the tea! They provided accounts and prizes for the runners' up of club competitions

The subscription for 1926 was 2/6d although thirteen members also donated 2/6d. One vice president donated an additional guinea, another 15/- and a third 10/6d. At the end of the year, 10¹/₂d was carried forward to 1927. There was' apparently, a cash flow problem. Seven members loaned amounts varying from 10/- to 2/6 totalling £1.12.6. This was all repaid or 'written off' by November. The club had its priority and had the first Annual Dinner in this year. There were 41 members, including presidents.

The Stoop Cup was known as the Handicap and was won by J. Simmonds

The club affiliated to the Surrey County Bowling Association and the English Bowling Association in their first year.

In 1927 the membership had risen to 56. The secretary was W.R. Evans.

In 1928, the Club Handicap and was won by J.H. Elms. There was a runner up prize given by H. Harnett (of Guildford Road Woking). The club championship was The Holroyd Rose Bowl, won by W. Martin. The runner up prize was given by the Ladies Committee. The loosing semi-finalists were all given silver spoons. The first record I have of the captaincy is dated 1928 when A.J. Way was elected.

Mr. W.H. Tickel – a founder member – was elected secretary and treasurer for 1929 – 1940. He was re-elected 1940-54, but T.H. Edmonds became treasurer in 1941.

By 1930, the membership had reached 61. In addition there were no less than 10 Vice Presidents, whilst Mr. Stoop was still President. The subscriptions were still 2/6 and the donations from the President and Vice Presidents amounted to £8. 9s. £12. 7s 1p was brought forward from 1929 and £12. 10s 9p, was carried over to 1931.

Mr. Stoop had now become Vice President, whilst Mr. Holroyd was now President. The membership now numbered 67. There were three club competitions – The Stoop Cup, The Holroyd Rose Bowl and the Stevens Shield. Captain Macgeorge donated a novice cup. (He was a captain in H.M. forces – I know not which).

Transport to away matches was supplied by Howards Coaches of West Byfleet. In the event of a coach not being available they sent two cars. Howards complained that the price was too low to provide the two cars. They were reminded of their guarantee to provide transport.