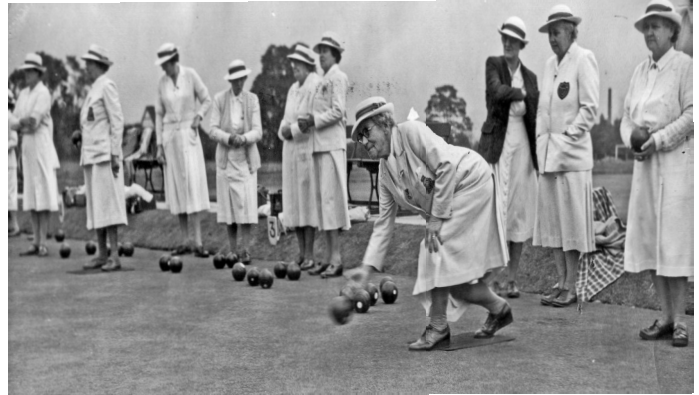


# Club History

The Club was formed at a meeting held in the Packhorse Hotel (now Thames Lodge), Thames Street, Staines on 24th December 1919. The club was initially for Gentlemen only but a Ladies Section was established in 1923.

The first Bowling Green was opposite what is now the Thames Lodge in Thames Street, Staines although newspaper records indicate that there was an earlier bowling green located behind the Angel Public house in the High Street



The site in Thames Street was owned by Ashby's Brewery of Staines, and the club paid £25 per annum in rent to them. During World War Two the Club was pleased to allow members of the Whitehead Torpedo Sports Club, who had been relocated to Staines, the use of their facilities. In the autumn of 1962 it became apparent the Club was likely to lose the Thames Street site to the proposed Staines Central Area Redevelopment Scheme. Take-over of the site was confirmed by the then Staines



Negotiations with Staines U.D.C. and later with Spelthorne Borough Council had already commenced to find an alternative site for the Club to continue its activities. . After various sites were investigated the Club commenced using Fordbridge Park, Ashford in 1973. They continued there until 1976, when Spelthorne Council granted them the use of their present site in Staines Park