

Jim Husband

Jim Husband of the Bowring Bowling Club in Wellington is one of today's unsung heroes. The County Association is honoured to have him with us today.

We all know the Bowring Club and of its first class facilities but in 1950 all that was there in Bowring Park was a Council run, large, flat green. Jim and a few other bowling enthusiasts decided what was needed was a proper Bowling Club. Jim had only been interested in bowls since 1947 so like all good organisers he went to a man who knew how to do it. Wilf Allen a local headmaster was the long-serving County Secretary and he put Jim on the right road. Wilf became Chairman and Jim took the job of Secretary – just for the time being. He held the post for the next 50 years.

Jim is still a member of the Club's Committee and a regular attender of its meetings.. He is a past chairman of the Mid Shropshire League and a life member.

In 1953 Jim organised 2 open competitions to celebrate the Queen's Coronation. The Bowring Open has been held every year since.

Jim arranged for the Club to join the Mid Shropshire League in 1961 and to enter the Reserve League a year later. He has seen the development of a second green in 1972 – this time a crown green . the provision of magnificent club facilities and the transformation of the old flat green into the new excellent second crown green.

From the small beginings 62 years ago (when the county association was quite young!) Jim Husband has seen his club achieve his ambition of winning the Mid Shropshire league division 1 , join the Premier League, win County honours by his teams and by Bowring bowlers. The Club he helped found provides his members with excellent facilities and bowling of every level from novice, junior, senior citizens, ladies and the highest level.

He is truly one of our games unsung heroes