

1930		<p>Bowburn Welfare Scheme was officially opened by Mr. P. Harle, colliery manager and chairman of the Welfare Committee.</p> <p>The opening of this 8-acre site followed 8 years of planning. Joe James was the first groundsman. He was responsible for the installation of all the swings in the playground area, the relaying of the cricket square, the planting of trees, hedges and flower beds, and the supervision of improvements to the football pitch. He also laid the putting green, from almost a bare field.</p> <p>Mr. James told the Advertiser (in 1966): "I had practically no help at all, but it was my life and I enjoyed it."</p>	<p>Mr. James lived at the bottom of Coxhoe. The groundsman's cottage was only built after he retired in 1952 and been replaced by Tim Pragnell, who continued till the colliery closed.)</p> <p>The work was expected in 1928 to cost £6,000, at which time a 16-acre site was to include recreation ground (including cricket ground, football ground and 5 'Webco' tennis courts, putting green, bowling green and lawn skittles), a playground for older children (including chutes, plank swings, hopscotch table, jungle jim or maze), a park (with walks, paths, trees and shrubberies), ground set aside as a fair ground for shows etc., sports and galas, paddling and boating pools.</p> <p>It was to be leased from the colliery company and managed by a committee that included W.F. Gardiner, the colliery cashier, as secretary.</p>	<p>Co. Durham Adv. 20/5/1966 p.16 + 30/8/1928;</p> <p>Beatrice M. Bethel</p>
1936		Bowburn Men's Bowls Team founded	The team won the Durham & District League several times, including 1959, 1960 & 1961.	County Durham Advertiser 20/5/1966 p.16
1947		Thomas Corner (b. 1914) joined Bowburn bowls club and won the Welfare Cup in his first year.	He played for the league team from his first year and participated in many inter-league games.	Durham Co. Adv. 20/11/1964 p.16
1952		Bowburn Women's Bowls Team formed.	The team joined the Darlington League in 1953 and the Central Ladies' League in 1959	County Durham Advertiser 20/5/1966 p.16
1958		Mrs. Freda Bulmer, of 7, Clarence Street, Bowburn, reached the bowling championships at Wimbledon...	...She got through to the final, but lost to Mrs. Beath of Sunderland.	Dur. Co. Adv. 5/9/1958 p. 14
1958	29 Aug 1958	Freda Bulmer, of Clarence Street, Bowburn, reached the national bowling championships at Wimbledon.	She was beaten 14-17 in the final by Mrs. Beath of Sunderland.	Durham Co. Advertiser 5/9/1958 p.14
1959		Bowburn Men's Bowls Team won all 16 matches played in the season.	The team won the Durham & District Bowling League this year (tied with Sacriston), starting a hat-trick (1959, 1960 & 1961). They again won in 1963.	County Durham Advertiser 20/5/1966, p. 16; Durham & District Bowling League Rules & Regulations 2002, p.18
1963	June	Bowburn beat Waterhouses in the Durham & District Bowls League.	The team consisted of: R. Carling, H. Ayton & H. Holmes (S); J. Oversby, J. Humphrey & E. Winter (S); A. Harrison, J. Hughes, F. Jones (S), and H. Raisbeck, W. Whiteman & T. Corner (S).	Dur. Co. Adv. 14/6/1963 p.12
1964		Bowburn Ladies Bowls Club won the Darlington & District League and the Spennymoor & District League.	The Club had joined the Central Ladies League for the first time in 1959.	Co. Durham Adv. 20/5/1966 p.16
1964	11 Nov 1964	Thomas Corner, deputy, of 12, Steavenson Street, was killed at Bowburn Colliery, aged 50 years.	<p>He was operating a Joy Loader in the Brockwell seam, Tursdale.</p> <p>Rev. G. Kemp, of Durham, and Mr. B. Elliott, Bowburn, officiated at his funeral service, Bowburn Methodist Church, before his interment in Bowburn Cemetery.</p> <p>TC was a noted bowls player (see 1947) and a keen cricketer, and a member of the Crowtrees WMC committee.</p>	<p>Durham Cathedral Book of Remembrance;</p> <p>Headstone in Bowburn Cemetery (photo);</p> <p>Durham Mining Museum website;</p> <p>Bill Higgins (13/12/01);</p> <p>Durham Co. Adv. 13/11/1964 p.15 + 20/11/1964 p.16;</p> <p>Bob Bellis</p> <p>BMD Index (c/o Ancestry);</p> <p>Jackie Barker</p>
1994	1 Feb 1994	Fred Jones (78), 29, William Street, died.	Fred, formerly a tailor for Durham Constabulary, was a key member of Bowburn Community Association and of the Bowburn Bowls Club.	Northern Echo (or Durham Advertiser?)
1999	11 Jul 1999	Bowburn Bowls Club won the Durham City Knock-Out Bowls Competition.	The beat Sherburn in the final at Brandon	Bowburn Interchange (10)