

Women's bowls team success throughout the 1960s

Violet Watson, captain of Reepham Women's Bowls Club, was the wife of Clifford Watson, licensee of the Sun Inn in Reepham's Market Place, who had taken up the licence in 1922. Previously, his father, Frederick Watson, had been the licensee from 1905.

The women's bowls team had many successes throughout the 1960s. In 1968 Mrs Symonds, Mrs Wyand and Mrs Eglington (also in the July picture in the Reepham Life 2018 Calendar) were runners-up in the Women's National Triples. Four of its players in the 1960s represented Norfolk at national level.

Another successful bowler in the team was Daisy Mole (née Burton), who was born in 1892, grew up in Kerdiston and in November 1913 married Alfred Morris Mole, a Reepham postman for many years. They lived in Whitwell Street and had a smallholding, showing their goats and livestock at local competitions and fairs. Daisy was widowed in 1933 and later moved to Station Road.

Daisy's niece recently donated a number of photographs of Daisy and Alfred Morris Mole to the Reepham Archive. The photographs below are of Daisy with her husband around the time of their marriage, and one from the 1960s with her bowling trophies.



The women's bowls team played on the Sun Inn's own bowling green, which is still in use by Reepham Town Bowls Club today.

(The King's Arms also had a bowling green on the Dereham Road and Dr Perry may have had a green within the extensive grounds of Eynsford House.)

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