

## The Easingwold Open Triples 2025 Report

The 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Easingwold Open Triples Short Mat Bowling Competition took place on Saturday 1st February playing for the Jack Freeman Trophy and prize money of £60, £30 and £15 for the first three places.

Over a hundred bowlers from all over North Yorkshire and Durham as well as two teams from Norfolk travelled to the excellent facilities at the Galtres Centre to take part.

Each of the 34 teams played 5 games of 40 minutes duration in alternate sessions with 2 points awarded for a win and 1 point for a draw. If there was a tie at the end of the day then shot difference over the 5 games would decide the winner. There were lots of closely fought games throughout the day and at the halfway stage only 5 teams remained unbeaten. Going into the final matches this had reduced to just the triples of Steve Duffin and Dennis Thornburn although there were 5 other teams with only one defeat waiting for them to slip up. However, both teams withstood the pressure to remain undefeated throughout the day and, after calculating the shot differences, the first three places were awarded as follows:

Winners:	Steve Duffin, James Clark, Lilly Duffin.	10 points	+ 42 shots
Runners Up:	Dennis Thornburn, Elaine Thornburn, Vi Garbut.	10 points	+ 27 shots
Third place:	Steve Finch, Janet Clark, Jill Hall.	8 points	+ 33 shots

After presentation of the Jack Freeman Trophy and prize money, Club chairman Freddie Alnutt thanked everyone who set up the equipment in the sports hall late on Friday night, ran the excellent raffle and maintained the constant supply of refreshments. He also thanked Joyce and Keith Hughes for organising the competition and running it on the day.

First and second prizes this year were kindly sponsored by The White Bear Inn, Stillington for which the club is very grateful.

As usual the tournament was played in a very friendly spirit and we look forward to welcoming everyone back to compete again next year.

Keith Hughes