

## A Piece of Kendal Bowling History

The Kendal Corporation Challenge Shield was played from 1908 to 1985 and the Alexander Cup, from 1933 to 1985. Although they were played at Abbot Hall green, they were open to all bowlers from within the Kendal area and many of the winners are still bowling in our league today. The same family names appear many times and it seems a shame that the records for these competitions should be lost forever. The honours boards for these competitions used to hang in the bowls room at Abbot Hall before it was taken into the Coffee Shop area of the Art Gallery and the bowling club evicted. The boards have recently been discovered and are now in my safekeeping. There follows a list of the winners which I hope will be of interest to many of the long standing bowling families of the Kendal area.

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### Kendal Corporation Challenge Shield

Year	Winner	Year	Winner
1908	J.Senagles	1951	D.Edmundson
1909	J.Makereth	1952	B.Gilpin
1910	J.W.Howie	1953	J.Cummings
1911	R.Rooking	1954	J.Dixon
1912	R.B.Hill	1955	D.Edmundson
1913	J.D.Beswick	1956	W.J.Bland
1914	F.Carradus	1957	D.Edmundson
1919	R.Rooking	1958	B.Gilpin [Jnr.]
1920	F.Carradus	1959	D.Edmundson
1921	J.Allen	1960	W.Hayes
1922	T.Holmes	1961	J.Strickland
1923	A.Greene	1962	N.Carradus
1924	F.Carradus	1963	B.Gilpin
1925	J.S.Crossley	1964	D.Kinley
1926	T.Holmes	1965	D.Edmundson
1927	J.Allen	1966	N.Carradus
1928	F.Howarth	1967	G.Askins
1929	J.Allen	1968	W.R.Fairbairn
1930	J.Armstrong	1969	R.Dacre
1931	W.B.Hutton	1970	A.Langhorn
1932	G.King	1971	J.Sowerby
1933	S.Hooton	1972	D.Edmundson
1934	G.King	1973	M.Gilpin
1935	G.Shepherd	1974	K.Brookshaw
1936	C.Rigg	1975	B.Nicholson
1937	D.Edmundson	1976	G.Askins
1938	S.Hooton	1977	B.Nicholson
1939	J.S.Bowness	1978	N.Nevinson
1944	F.Fitzgerald	1979	D.Edmundson
1945	G.King	1980	D.Edmundson
1946	J.Storey	1981	M.Gilpin
1947	J.S.Bowness	1982	D.Rowlandson
1948	J.S.Bowness	1983	D.Edmundson
1949	J.Strickland	1984	I.Nicholson
1950	N.Carradus	1985	A.Brindle

### Alexander Cup

Year	Winner	Year	Winner
1933	J.S.Bowness	1968	J.Sowerby
1934	G.Daley	1969	R.Blacow
1935	H.Kinley	1970	D.Kinley
1936	F.Davis	1971	A.Langhorn
1937	D.Daley	1972	R.Blacow
1938	J.Harper	1973	B.Nicholson
1944	E.Kay	1974	N.Carradus
1945	J.King	1975	B.Nicholson
1946	W.Hayes	1976	N.Carradus
1947	S.Hooton	1977	K.Brookshaw
1948	J.S.Bowness	1978	E.Mackie
1949	J.King	1979	B.Nicholson
1950	D.Edmundson	1980	Martin Gilpin
1951	J.Strickland	1981	D.Rowlandson
1952	J.F.Underhill	1982	D.Rowlandson
1953	J.King	1983	Martin Gilpin
1954	J.S.Bowness	1984	R.Blacow
1955	G.Sedgwick	1985	Martin Gilpin
1956	B.Gilpin	2011	Jimmy Oswald
1957	N.Kinley	2012	Alan Gilpin
1958	N.Kinley	2013	John Capstick
1959	N.Carradus	2014	Alan Gilpin
1960	N.Carradus	2015	Alan Gilpin
1961	J.S.Bowness	2016	Alan Medcalf
1962	N.Carradus	2017	John Strickland
1963	B.Gilpin	2018	Peter Shepherd
1964	D.Edmundson	2019	Mark Ashburn
1965	N.Kinley	2021	Alan Sanderson
1966	W.J.Miller	2022	Sam Blackstone
1967	J.King	2023	Paul Crossland