

From George Jordan's Booklet:

Founded circa 1930

It can be reasonably assumed, that together with their leading members Kineton were instrumental in the forming of the League. They certainly played an important part during those early days, and Kineton has always been the home of the League. The club's own history can be traced further back to the 1930's at least. A green of sorts was played on where the junior school is now situated, and it is almost certain that the game was played behind the Swan Hotel before that time. A green behind a pub was a favourite haunt, no doubt landlords were keen to encourage this pastime and enjoyed the profit from the ale consumed.

The club appears to have been formed by the Conservative Mens Club which met in the upstairs of the old building in the centre of the Market Square. In 1931 a rent of £3.10s.0d was paid to the Coles family for the green in their garden, which was behind Greenhills Stores and the Carpenters Arms. Note the nearness of the public house, and a convenient gateway was formed to give access to the rear entrance.

The green was laid by Ron Brown's grandfather, Mr Edden, with turf from the field behind the allotments. The green was very sporting, like the majority in those days, and woods would often leave the outside rinks and finish amongst the vegetables close by. A wooden shelf was attached to the boarded fence at one end of the green too enable glasses to be placed on it. The after match bread and cheese was laid out on a wooden trestle under a plum tree in a corner. The bread was particularly good, being freshly baked by Fred Baker, a long time member of the club, who lived at his bakery in Manor Lane, and Horce Cook always supplied the cheese and butter.

Below is a list of names of Kineton Conservative Club Bowlers in 1931/2 - 39 given to George Jordan by Reg Eborall, another long time member.

Fred Langely	Harry Penn	Fred Townsend
Cocker Townsend	Jack Townsend	Ernie Rawlins
Archie Hancock	Mr Winter	Jim Freeman (Gas House)
Jack Hone	Nudger Green	Mr Summers (School Master)
Ernest Coles	Mr Cook	Harry Freeman
George Baldwin	Len Baldwin	Fred Askew
Sammy Grimes	Hughie Brown	Vic Knight
Walter Franklin (Painter)	Charlie Hunt (Police Sergeant)	
G.B. Saunders (Station Master)		

The club moved to its present position in 1973, having a new six rink green laid, and became a section of the Kineton Sports and Social Club. Over the following years the club has seen many extensions and improvements, including a large function room, used for badminton, skittles and dinner dances. The league have used this venue for a number of years for their annual event, being very suitable and placed conveniently in the centre of the area of most clubs.

The club's jubilee was celebrated in 186 with visits from the E.B.A. the Warwickshire County President and the Warwickshire Vice President and, of course, the Kineton League. Shields bearing the club badge were presented to all the clubs who played Kineton that year.

The Club badge, though its history is not complete, is an interesting story. Horace Cook had in his possession a china ornament in the shape of a grandfather clock, about six inches high. On this piece was a coat of arms crest showing a tower, church and the sun and moon. A Shakespearian quotation appears on the base saying "*Make use of time, let not advantage slip*" It was suggested this quote could be used as a club motto, but it was never taken up. Warwick museum could throw no light on the badge design, there being no coat of arms for the village. The piece was made by Arkinstall & Sons Ltd, Arcadian Works, Stoke-on-Trent, between 1904 and 1924, and bought in Chandler's Store in the village, which is now Kineton Country Pursuits. This type of ware was very popular at this time and there may well be others in the village. Now, of course, these items are much more collectable. The church and tower in the design are obvious, but the sun and moon are somewhat of a puzzle. A lapel badge was introduced into the club in 1985.

The club has been very successful in the League over the years. They have won the League eight times, and have been successful in the Cotton Cup eleven times, the Joe Edkins Knockout Shield six times, and the Charles Bell Pairs four times.

The club became affiliated to the County in 1953, and supplied the County President, Bill Lewis, 1962/3. Bill had the honour of being E.B.A. President in 1966. In county competitions Kineton won the triples in 1977, were Wardrop Cup finalists in 1979 and Ivens Cup winners in 1984.

They became affiliated to South Warwickshire in 1973 and numerous honours have been won since then including the Read Trophy in 1974 and 1983.

The club competes annually for their own trophies, which include the Eborall Singles Cup presented by Reg in 195; the John Wixey Cup for handicap singles, presented in 1967; the Baldin Triples Cup began in 1972 and the Grinter Pairs Cup in 1966. The ladies play for the W.G. Stone Ladies Championship Rosebowl, Bill Stone was a Past President and presented this trophy in 1985. In 2005 this was won by Sylvia Henman who is the daughter of the late Bill Lewis, so bowls obviously runs in the family.

The club remains a popular venue and much respected member of the League.