

*Jim Brown joined Princes Risborough Bowls Club at the 1998 AGM, alongside Rowley Hill and me. As residents of Lacey Green and Naphill, we had all known each other for many a decade. Jim died at 3.30 a.m. on Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> Feb 2003 in Hammersmith Hospital, where he was convalescing following a heart bye-pass operation. In the following year, dear old Rowley also passed away*

*This little verse is meant to reflect the intensity of our friendship and was written to be included with the many other heart felt messages left in the book of condolence set up by Jim's family. Ted Stratford*

## **Three Friends.**

*To the memory of James Philip Brown*

They played with the Toffs, most often together  
At Risboro' Golf Club in all sorts of weather.  
Went on Away Days - and using one car  
Shared stories of shots taken, relative to par

Years took their toll and bodies started to falter  
'Twas time for seniors their lifestyles to alter  
"It's no good!" they cried - "let's take things more slowly"  
They joined the Bowls Club - did Jim, Ted and Rowley

With equipment to buy and a new sport to tackle  
It wasn't too long before things started to crackle  
Matches were won and trophies brought joys  
These friends showed the enthusiasm of hopeful young boys

Drinks were served and the bar was kept trim.  
They were long happy days for Rowley, Ted and Jim.  
Now Jim has gone to a better club - it would seem  
But we're sure he's remembered to register his team

For find him we shall when we too take that trip  
And argue still more, over whose going to Skip  
Three friends reunited and with help from Him  
The scorecard will still read Ted, Rowley and Jim

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