

■ Going downhill -
fast: Skiing star
Florence Bell



British team call up for Florence

Bowling

MERE Green Bowling Club is inviting anyone interested in giving bowls a go to get in touch.

It's a mixed crown green club catering for all ages and experience, and normally meets on Sunday afternoons at Mere Green Community Centre.

Further information is available on 0121 308 7702 or by calling at the green between April and September.

STREETLY ski starlet Florence Bell has been selected for the British Children's Alpine team.

The 14-year-old is already recognised as one of the best British prospects in her age group. Having spent the past winter skiing in the Alps, Florence also found time to race all over Europe including at Val D'Isere.

Proud mum Jane Bell admitted: "I'm sure some of her schoolfriends think Florence is on an extended holiday - but it's extremely hard work!"

Florence already excels at slalom, giant slalom and Super G while proving a force to be reckoned with at the British Alpine Championships which took place in Méribel during April.

When she isn't skiing, Florence attends King Edward VI School in Handsworth and Jane said: "The school have been absolutely fantastic and incredibly support-

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ive. I can't thank headteacher Dr Insch enough. I've also got an elder daughter Victoria at the school, who is also an excellent skier. They've both been skiing since they were two years old and must have nerves of steel. It takes considerable guts to stand at the top of a mountain and then fling yourself off".

David Edwards, chief executive of British Skiing and Snowboarding, said: "Some of the skiers in the squad will push for a place in the team that competes at the 2014 Olympic Winter games in Sochi but many of them will be reaching their peak in eight years time.

"Our role is to ensure the talent which the group possess is nurtured appropriately so that we have genuine British medal contenders in eight years time."