

DIARY DATES 2014 OCTOBER - NOVEMBER

Saturday 11
Coffee Morning

Men's Presentation Evening

Monday 13
Melton Indoor Roll-up 11.20am

Tuesday 14
Ladies Presentation Lunch

Wednesday 15
Quiz and Social afternoon 2.00pm

Friday 17
Curling Evening - Faith Supper
Tickets £5

Monday 20
Melton Indoor Roll-up 11.20am

Wednesday 22
Art Group 10.30am

Monday 27
Melton Indoor Roll-up 11.20am

Wednesday 29
Art Group 10.30am

Friday 31
**Men's President's Day followed by Rod
Heggs Birthday Celebration 7.00pm**

NOVEMBER

Sunday 2
Ladies Sunday Lunch

Monday 3
Melton Indoor Roll-up 11.20am

Wednesday 5
Art Group 10.30am

Saturday 8
Coffee Morning

**New Who Wants to be a Millionaire
Pizza/Quiche & Salad £3.50**

THANK YOU . . .

I would like to thank everyone who helped me when I slipped and fell against a kerb at M&S Food Hall, Queniborough, on Friday 26th September.

I had been to Potters with a party from Melton Indoors BC and we the Syston bowlers were being dropped off when I fell, also thanks to everyone who have wished me well. I am feeling better now and promise to take more water with it in future.

PS: No damage was done to the kerb.
Alan Collins

Birthday Bumps October

Happy Birthday wishes to:
Sheila Parker, Kate Williams, Peter Adams, Trevor Allen, Don Creasey, John Hack, Rod Heggs, Ken Renshaw.

Congratulations to you all

49 CLUB UPDATE

Most recent winners are:
Dave Hudson (44); Jean Ward (43);
Marjorie Clowes (15); Alan Collins (10).
Congratulations to them all!

NEXT NEWSLETTER

Last copy date for the next
Newsletter is:
Monday 3rd November 2014
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the SYSTON GREEN

Official Newsletter of the Syston Bowling Club

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SYSTON BOWLING CLUB FORMALLY OPEN THEIR CLUBHOUSE EXTENSIONS



The latest phase in
developing as one of the
best Clubs in the County

In a short but impressive ceremony, attended by the Mayor and Mayoress of Charnwood Borough Council, Councillor Paul Day and his wife Pauline, Syston Bowling Club officially opened their £50,000 extension to their changing room and toilet facilities together with the disabled access ramp running between the clubhouse and the green. Also in attendance at the ceremony held on 13th September were Aileen Rowden and Deepak Tanna, Joint Presidents of Bowls Leicestershire (*pictured above*). Club Chairman, Colin Grimes, after welcoming a packed clubhouse and the special guests, thanked National Lottery, Sport England *Inspired Facilities* fund, part of the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic legacy programme, for the grant of £40000 to

help meet the cost of the extension project. He also praised all those within the membership who had responded in such a positive manner both to the appeal to meet the balance of funds needed for completion and the call for voluntary labour to carry out a deal of the construction and internal fittings work. He paid a very special tribute to the selfless contribution made by Premises Director, George Dodge and Club Captain, Myles Clare whose unstinting and selfless commitment to the project had exceeded all reasonable expectations.

He also thanked Lafarge Tarmac, through the Landfill Communities Trust Fund, whose grant enabled the installation of the disabled access ramp.

He spoke of the Club's desire, as current custodians of a very important community recreational resource, to

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develop into one of the best Clubs in the County. He explained that Syston had traditionally been admired for the warmth of the hospitality offered to visitors.

Over recent years a great deal of money had been invested in bringing the quality of the green up to standard. The opening of the clubhouse extension and the disabled ramp had successfully addressed two further problems of comfort and access which had previously diminished the visitor experience.

Only one serious hurdle now remained – the lack of visitor parking within the confines of the Park close to the clubhouse. He pointed out that this lack of facility, unique among Clubs in the County, causes difficulties in persuading teams to visit Syston.

“Those that do are left with a less than flattering image of the Town as a result,” he said. *“Our more elderly players and ladies’ teams, in particular, find the task of carrying heavy bags from street parking spots - when they can be found - to the clubhouse, often over quite considerable distances, quite exhausting.”*

He went on to express the hope that in the immediate future, based on a common desire to make Syston an attractive place to visit and shop, and to develop high-quality recreational facilities, the Club and the Town Council could continue to work closely together to find a mutually acceptable solution to this problem which seriously inhibits Club growth and development and does nothing to enhance the reputation of Syston as a town.

He went on to stress the Club’s commitment, as a registered Community Amateur Sports Club (CASC), to an “open door policy” and to the “Three F’s” - Fitness, Friendship and Fun - that the sport of bowling offers to both sexes of all ages. He stressed *“Bowling is a sport where men and women, the young and the not-so-young can truly compete on equal terms. With the benefit of two specialised wheelchairs, purchased with grants from the Charnwood Community Forum and Red Nose funds, we are enabled to open the sport to those whose disabilities prevent them from becoming involved in other sports.”*

“Our sport suffers from a general lack of positive media exposure, which makes our task of promoting the sport - especially to the younger members of our local community - very difficult. In line with Government policy, to motivate our youngsters into getting involved in sport, we are very keen to engage with local youth groups, schools and Colleges to stimulate interest. This will be a priority in the year ahead.”

In conclusion, he issued a warm invitation to all members of the communities of Syston and neighbouring villages, irrespective of age, to come forward and join with the Club in the great game of bowls, guaranteeing everyone who responded the warmest of welcomes.

Following brief supportive addresses from the Mayor Paul Day and President Deepak Tanna, Club Life Member, Marjorie Clowes, made a short and emotional speech recalling those who

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SO CLOSE, YET . . WELL DONE

On Sunday 7th September three rinks from Syston were invited to play in the Market Overton Gala Day. On a beautiful summer day 24 rinks played 4 games each during the day with a lunch and a tea provided by the home club. I’m pleased to say one of our rinks managed a joint runner-up place, that rink was T. Jordan, K. Renshaw, R. Heggs and P. Murray (*pictured*).

A prize of £40.00 was presented to the rink which the lads gave to the President’s Charity, many thanks for that lads.

Our congratulations must go out to Market Overton for the work they, as a club put in to the day, they deserve everything they got out of the day. We look forward now to an invite to next year’s Gala, if you get the chance to play, take it, I can really recommend it.



Rod Heggs

Jennings



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 Ladies Presentation Lunch - Tues 13 October

**LOUGHBOROUGH
TRIPLE LEAGUE
END OF YEAR
REPORT -
WHITE PLUMS**

First of all I wish to thank all 12 players who participated this year, We started the season quite well, winning 4 and losing 2, but we didn't manage to keep it together.

At the end we had played 14 games: won 7 and lost 7, shots for 728 and shots against 651, finishing in fourth place out of eight.

Last year we finished in third place, so I was disappointed. It was also disappointing for me that we lost the services of Des Eggitt due to his ill health.

Towards the end of the season I was pleased to see him start to make progress, back to his old form.

Next season I would like to think we will all make a bigger effort and press for promotion.

Colin Wilkinson

had been closely involved in the building of the original clubhouse in 1984 and expressing the deep sense of honour she felt at being invited to launch this next stage in Club development. After the cutting of the traditional red ribbon, visitors were invited to inspect the new facilities before moving on to the green to watch the first of the games in the Club's Competitions Finals Weekend. *Colin Grimes, Club Chairman*

Christine Dodge **THE GARDEN CLUB**



The Syston in Bloom Competition
 Presentation evening was held recently and once again the Bowls Club baskets and containers were awarded a Highly Recommended Certificate.

We have been trying to find new venues to visit to add some variety but this is proving to be difficult as most of the gardens within easy reach have been visited quite a few times. Also providing enough vehicles and drivers has been a problem this year. However, we have arranged to go to Bosworth Field which is surrounded by beautiful countryside, with easily managed walks and an excellent information centre for anyone wishing to find out more about the history of the period and the battle itself. There is also a shop and a beautiful old barn that has been renovated which provides meals. We can also visit Woodlands Nursery which is nearby. The visit takes place on Thursday, 23rd October, meet at the Club at 9.45am. Full details on the notice board.

The Christmas meal will be at the Toby Inn in Loughborough on Thursday, 18th December. Details for this event are also on the notice board.

The next Garden Group meeting will be on Tuesday, 4th November at 2.00pm.

Letters
To the Editor



"Big Brother at Work" - Not so !!
 The content of Gerry Kinnell's letter to the Editor in last month's *Syston Green* regarding kitchen staffing for Men's Teas was discussed at length at the September Management Group meeting and overall, it was felt that the efforts of the Catering Manager and the Management Group had been belittled.

It was unanimously agreed that Gerry had worked extremely hard and successfully during his time as Catering Manager but over the years, times change, as do people's attitudes.

The current policy of members working to a rota created by the Catering Manager carries the full support of the Management Group and was strongly influenced by the reluctance of members to volunteer for kitchen duties.

Apart from the odd "blip", the latest policy ensures that a satisfactory level of staffing is available in advance and avoids any last minute panics.

The "sanctions" against any member failing to arrange for a replacement in his absence would be subject to review at the time but in extreme cases might ultimately result in being omitted from team selection in a future match.

Rob Wilbourn

LETTERS: Members are invited to write in and express their views and opinions through this column, copy required by the first Monday of the month.



..... HE'S ONCE, TWICE, THREE TIMES A CHAMPION!

and the 2014 Club "Champion of Champions" is a lady!

Colin Wilkinson achieved outstanding success in this year's competitions at Syston Bowling Club.

20 years since he was first crowned Men's Club Champion (4-Wood Singles), not only did he regain his crown but was also triumphant in the 2-Wood Singles and led the team, involving Dave Hudson and Pete Murray, which won the Club Triples Trophy.

The annual Finals weekend, this year held on Saturday and Sunday 13th & 14th September in fine weather, saw all Club competitions brought to a successful climax.

Another highlight of the weekend was the victory of Marilyn Wood over Rod Heggs, last Season's Ladies' and Men's

Champions respectively, in the "Champion of Champions" play-off.

Marilyn also went on to enjoy further success in the 2-Wood Mixed Triples and 4-wood Mixed Pairs competitions.

This year, for the first in a five years deal, this particular trophy was sponsored by Narwal Wealth Management.

Other results were as follows:

4-Wood Pairs: Rolf Meyer & Ray Wood

2-Wood Pairs: Stan Page & Tom Jordan

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2-Wood Mixed Triples: Roger Eshelby, Noel Evatt & Marilyn Wood

Maidens Trophy: Stan Page

4-Wood Mixed Pairs: Gerry Kennell & Marilyn Wood

CATERING MANAGER'S REPORT

Pete Murray



As catering manager, I would like to thank all those members who helped in the kitchen this season for the midweek and Saturday matches, especially the ladies. Without the ladies help we would have struggled to provide a meal at some of the games. The system we have adopted, whereby we draw out names for the tea rota and anyone who cannot make that particular date can swap with someone

else seems to be working well with only a couple of complaints during the whole season.

Overall I think the catering has been very successful this season and once again a big thank you to all concerned.

SATURDAY 8 NOVEMBER

NEW WHO WANTS TO BE A MILLIONNAIRE

Pizza/Quiche & Salad Tickets £3.50



CLUB COACH

Des Eggitt, Club & County Coach

INDOOR BOWLS

Indoor bowls on Monday afternoons will have started for some of our members.

Remember you don't use body-weight in your delivery. Being a fast surface means that your bowl only needs a slower delivery for it to run down the line to the shoulder, for the long run towards the jack or to a set position. Also your bowl will need a wider draw than it needed when playing outdoor bowls, also the concentration is more intense, you won't get away with mistakes like outdoor bowling, if you miss your line indoors it runs a lot wider from the jack.

You don't need a lot of back swing, if you do it must be very slow when delivering the bowl or you will find it difficult when playing a running bowl, you still have to have a yard of green. Remember also if you have the last bowl and your rink is one shot down with the shot bowl touching the jack and you have a good second bowl with your opponent having three or more shots in the head, you have the option of playing different shots, one is to draw to push your second bowl in for shot, remembering that the weight must be perfect to push your bowl a few inches for shot. The other option is to play your bowl and let the opposition have the shot.

If you have any particular problems on which you would appreciate the advice of our Club Coach, please do not hesitate to contact him at any time on 0116 269 6548

LADIES PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Janice Wilbourn



As I am now coming to the end of my Presidential year I would like to thank all the ladies for their support in what has been a difficult year for the ladies.

On Friday 19th August some our Ladies went to the Presentation of the City & County Competitions which was held at the Tigers Stadium in one of their function rooms.

After an enjoyable meal three of our ladies (Anita, Bev & Marylin) were presented with the runners up plate for the 2 wood triples followed by Kate Toon receiving the runners up cup for the Unbadged singles, it was great to see Syston on the receiving end.

On Sunday 28th August we had a match against the Sunday Tourist which was a Charity match and was enjoyed by everyone.

To close the season on 1st October we held a candle-lit bowls game which provided an amazing scene and a fitting end to the season.

Thanks go to everyone who helped on these events.

Tickets are now on sale for the Jazz Evening on Friday 21st November, which are £10 including a Ploughman's Supper, please contact Rob or Janice

FRIDAY 17th OCTOBER

CURLING

FAITH SUPPER TICKETS £5