

YOUR DIARY FOR THE MONTH AHEAD

MAY

Saturday 9th
Coffee Morning 10.30 a.m.
Sileby A
Monday 11th
Wymeswold Steamers H
St Margarets Saints A
Wednesday 13th
Sileby A
Thursday 14th
Evington Park H
Evington Park A CANCELLED
Friday 15th
Wymeswold H
Saturday 16th
Sileby A
Loughborough Granby H
Monday 18th
S Bonnington Riversiders A
Sileby Finches H
Wednesday 20th
Soar Valley A
Aylestone H

Friday 22nd
Melton Town H
Saturday 23rd
Belvoir Vale H
Keyworth A
Wednesday 27th
Melton Mowbray H
Thursday 28th
Evington Park A
Friday 29th
Shepshed Lions A
Saturday 30th
Countesthorpe H
Little Bowden A

JUNE

Tuesday 2nd
Quorn H
Wednesday 3rd
Kirby Muxloe H
Thursday 4th
Birstall H
Keyworth A

Friday 5th
Thringstone H
Saturday 6th
Brookfield H
Quorn Mills Park A
Monday 8th
St Margarets Saints H
Loughborough Pandas A
Wednesday 10th
Brookfield Electric A
Belvoir Vale H
Thursday 11th
Belgrave A 2.00 p.m. start
Friday 12th
Sileby A
Saturday 13th
Coffee Morning 10.30 a.m.
Loughborough Granby H
Oakham A

PLEASE CHECK NOTICE
BOARDS AND HANDBOOKS
FOR STARTING TIMES FOR
ALL EVENTS LISTED HERE

Colour Key: Men Ladies Green & Royals White Plums Leicester League

Birthday Bumps

Happy Birthday wishes to:
Margaret Abbott, Arthur Calver,
Allan Disney, Pete Hancock,
Marjorie Clowes, Win Collins, Julie
Warrington
Congratulations to you all!

NEXT NEWSLETTER

Last copy date for the next
Newsletter is
Monday 1st June 2015

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Où sont les plumes?

At the start of the Season, each clipboard sited on the new Team/Competitions noticeboard was supplied with a pen. *Almost half of these have already disappeared!* Come on, chaps! Play the game! Please return any pen that might have been taken away in error.

49 CLUB UPDATE

Most recent winners are:
Rod Heggs (19) **Alan Collins** (10)
Ken Renshaw (47)
and **Alf Newman** (36)

Congratulations to them all.

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the SYSTON GREEN

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Healthwatch Welfare policy part of "Syston Spirit"

Sad to report that a number of our Men are experiencing poor health at the moment. The conditions of *Alan Collins Dick Crouch Rolf Meyer, Mark Newman* and *Colin Smith* are currently being monitored by Welfare Officer, *John Lamble (not 100% fit himself)*. John, who does an excellent job, makes great efforts to ensure that those who are not "up to scratch" - for whatever reason - are left in no doubt that they are not forgotten by their friends in the Club and that we are available to offer help and assistance should it be needed. This is an important factor in the special "Syston Spirit" which has often been mentioned.

We offer all those involved, our very best wishes and thanks to John for his selfless commitment to his role. John asks that Members keep him informed of any Member who falls ill so that no-one is left feeling isolated through illness.

LATE NEWS!

Visitor Parking back on the Agenda

The Town Council have invited the Club to accept an offer for them to engage a Solicitor - at their cost - to arbitrate between the Club and the Council on the issue of visitor parking within the confines of Central Park.

Subject to the acceptance of the terms of this offer by the Board at their meeting on Tuesday 12th May, an initial meeting can be expected early in June (*when, following the elections, there is a strong possibility of some changes to the make-up of Council representation*). Watch this space!

Ladies off to a bright start

This report comes from your Vice Captain as Captain Sheila is currently in hospital recovering slowly following knee surgery. We all wish her well and look forward to seeing her back in action. A further item of bad news concerns ex member Barbara Herbert who sadly passed away recently.

28 Ladies turned out for Ladies Opening Day on 14th April and proceedings got under way with a Faith Lunch where a fine array of food was provided. This was followed by a Raffle. At 2 pm 14 Ladies and 6 Men went on to the Green for a game of Bowls. Janet Lowe put the first wood down on the Green. The sun shone all the way through the afternoon.

The highest scoring rink was Gill Allen, Rob Wilbourn and George Dodge - winning by 9 shots.

The following afternoon we had our first match against Glenfield. Good Result. Overall Score Syston 60 Glenfield 48. I would like to thank Carol for stepping in to help with teas on that occasion.

The next 3 Games we also won. Scores : Syston 59 Blaby 37.

Syston 46 St Margarets 37
Syston 65 Keyworth 48 .

Results for the next two matches were not so good. A heavy loss against Belgrave 49-73 and a narrow defeat by Shepshed 44-49. The sun has shone on all these matches but at times there was a very cold wind.

Can I please remind the ladies to check the notice board to see if you are on green duty. Sadly, the game on 14th May has had to be cancelled due to lack of available bowlers and drivers.
Janice

Men seek to dispose of green Berylware crockery

Efforts are currently being made to dispose of the stock of green, Woods Berylware crockery belonging to the Men's Section. The following are on offer:

110 Tea cups

155 Saucers

71 Small side plates

42 Medium dinner plates

17 Large dinner plates

16 Fruit dishes

3 Oval meat plates

6 Sugar bowls

2 Milk jugs

3 Cream jugs

425 pieces in total. All in "perfect" condition.

We are about to advertise these on eBay, GumTree and Streetlife, the new, local social media site.

If you are aware of any local church, club or other social group who might be interested in taking the stock off our hands in return for a contribution to Club funds, please contact Colin Grimes with full contact details.

Competitions 2015

Details of both Men's, Ladies' and Mixed Competitions have now been published.

All Members are asked to make special efforts to adhere fully to the deadline dates for each Round and to do everything possible to ensure availability for Finals Weekend (Saturday/Sunday 12th/13th September).

Please acquaint yourselves fully with Competition Rules published in the Membership Handbook & Fixtures List.

Please report any problems to the respective Competitions Secretaries - Margaret Abbott and Gary Kilbourne - at the earliest possible opportunity.

Be Prepared- Be pre-paid!

Thinking about purchasing a pre-paid funeral plan can be an uncomfortable thing to do. But pre-planning your funeral is actually a thoughtful and responsible way to show that you care for your family.

"What is a funeral plan?"

A funeral plan is a secure and cost effective way to organise your arrangements in advance, to specify your wishes and to take care of the costs.

"Why should I consider pre-planning?"

Pre-planning means you can choose the funeral you want and and pre-pay everything (including the Director's fees) at today's prices - no matter how prices rise in the future. Perhaps even more importantly, your family are spared the emotional and financial burden of organising your funeral, with all the decisions and problems this can entail, at a time when they might least be able to cope. Your money is invested in a secure and independent Trust both for its protection and to ensure future growth. So, however much the actual costs rise in the future, your funds are secure and all of the services outlined in your chosen arrangements will be fully funded. You are guaranteed that no matter how much costs might increase by the time the funeral Director is actually needed, your loved ones will have no more to pay.

A pre-paid funeral plan also offers you a chance to have a real say in how you want to say goodbye, including, if you so wish, the opportunity to compose a final message from you to your family and friends.

If you would like more information about pre-planning and/or pre-paid funeral plans, please contact our Club Patrons, Chris at Chris Meynell & Family, Funeral Directors
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The lottery of life - We're all "winners"?

Connected to the worldwide web and through social media, we regularly receive messages which are intended to be spiritually uplifting. Sadly, most of them are just too cloyingly sentimental to be taken very seriously. Now and again, however, one arrives which touches a chord and appears to be worth passing on. What follows is one of these.

Imagine that you had won a prize in a competition which guaranteed that each morning your bank would deposit £86,400 in your private account for your private use. However, this prize has rules which are:

1. Everything that you didn't spend during each day would be taken away from you.
2. You may not simply transfer money into some other account. You may only spend it. Anything left at the end of the day is lost to you.
3. Each morning, when you wake, the bank opens your account with another £86,400 for that day.
4. The bank can end the game without warning; at any time, saying "Game Over!" closing the account immediately with no second chance.

What would you personally do under these circumstances?

You would buy anything and everything you wanted, right? Not only for yourself, but for all the people you love and care for. Even for people you don't know, probably, because you couldn't possibly spend it all on yourself, family and friends, right?

You would try to spend every penny, and use it all, because you knew it would be replenished the next morning, right?

Actually this "game" is real! Each one of us is already a winner of this "competition". We just can't seem to see it. The "prize" is TIME.

Each morning we wake to receive 86,400 seconds as a gift of life. And when we go to sleep at night, any remaining time is not credited to us. What we haven't used up that day is lost forever. Yesterday is forever gone. Each morning the account is refilled, but the "bank" can dissolve your account at any time without warning.

So, what will you do with your 86,400 seconds? Those seconds are worth so much more than the same amount in £Sterling - or any other currency. Think about it and remember to enjoy every second of your life, because time races by so much quicker than you think. So take care of yourself, family, friends and others. Be happy, love deeply and enjoy life! Start "spending"

Above all, don't complain about growing old. Some people never get the privilege!

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Operating as a Unit

Once a head has been altered, you often hear a No3 advising the Skip to bowl "as you see it". How can a Skip see and assess the head from his position on the mat? All he can see at the head is a group of bowls with the jack somewhere in the head. In 2-hour Leagues,

the Skip is not allowed to view the head, so he has to guess the line and weight which he hopes will give him a result. It is literally "bowl and hope" unless the No3 has given clear and specific advice. Let's be clear. At the start of the head, the Skip is in charge and is fully responsible for building the head. He makes all the decisions and gives clear instructions to his team. But once he has left the head and is on the mat, the No3 is now in control. If the head is not changed, he can remain silent, leaving the Skip to deliver in accordance with his memory of the head. However, if the head is changed, No3 must give clear instructions on what shot to play, the one likely to produce the best outcome and give the Skip the opportunity to change the head to advantage. The Skip must be able to trust his No3 implicitly to take these decisions and guide the shot.

A Skip who plays his/her own game, regardless of advice, is a bad Skip. A Skip's primary role is to get the Rink playing as a unit. He/She achieves this by giving clear instructions as the head is built up and then by listening and taking heed of any advice offered by the No3. Anyone who feels strongly that he knows the best shots under all circumstances should not be a Skip - he should play Lead, the individual in the rink who is left to play any length and line when delivering the jack and his own bowls!

When a Rink operates as a unit, with each one playing for the other, the game is much more enjoyable, is more likely to bring success and enable defeat to be accepted far more readily than if one member of the rink has "gone his own way".

If you have any particular problems on which you would appreciate the advice of one of our Club Coaches, please do not hesitate to contact either Des on 0116 269 6548 or Ken on 2606743.

Welcome to Furnley House staff

Staff at Furnley House - whose car park facilities are made available to us on Saturday afternoons - have expressed an interest in holding a social function, including a game of bowls, at the Club on either Friday 19th June or Friday 17th July. Naturally we would like to do everything possible to encourage them. Whichever date is selected, we will need support from Members to make woods available and to coach those involved on the green.

Please watch out for the appropriate notice and volunteer your services if you would like to be involved. You never know, we might get a couple of new Members from the experience.

Register of Visits

Thank you to everyone who has continued throughout the year to register their visits to the clubhouse - an essential condition of the Sport England/Lottery grant.

We still have another year to go, during which we are required to make regular reports on attendance, hopefully demonstrating that the new changing facilities are helping to increase visitor numbers.

Please keep up the good work! The figures to date are very impressive!

APPOSITE ANAGRAM

ELECTION RESULTS :

When you rearrange the letters:

LIES - LET'S RECOUNT

FINANCE MATTERS

The key stages of wealth management

Wealth management is a relatively new profession, so it's not surprising that most people are vague about what wealth managers actually do. A wealth manager can help you with such issues as: investing a lump sum, deciding how much you need to save in order to retire comfortably, estate planning and saving inheritance tax, getting the right types and amounts of life and health insurance, planning to pay school or university fees, deciding how much to borrow and providing a general financial health check.

It's generally best to look at the whole of an individual's financial affairs across the board, not just the issue that is of most immediate concern. It can sometimes be hard to deal with one particular issue in isolation because most areas of financial planning are interconnected. Initially the wealth manager and client must get to know each other well enough to decide whether to take the relationship further and the best way for it to work. Either in the initial meeting or soon after, this will involve agreeing the broad content and scope of the service. The chemistry will need to be right - as a potential client, you should be asking yourself: do I trust this person and can I work with them? And it's important to settle the practicalities: does this adviser and the firm have the right expertise and can they provide what I am looking for?

There's likely to be an enormous amount of information to be gathered together about a person's financial circumstances: savings, investments, borrowings, property, mortgages, wills and other documents, pensions, life and health insurances, income and expenditure, tax and much more.

The planner's job is to find out what the client wants to achieve with their money, both now and in the future. That means gaining a thorough understanding of their views about such issues as investing, spending now and in the future, retirement and estate planning.

Most people do not think about their future very much - at least not in a very organised way and not from a financial perspective.

In investment terms, there will be specific questions about the level of risk the client is prepared and able to take on. And that will lead to discussion about how various asset classes have behaved in the past and what they might do in the future. The aim is to build a portfolio of investments that will provide the returns the investor wants and needs and with which they are comfortable.

An important aim of the analysis stage is to identify financial gaps or shortfalls. These could be between income and expenditure now or in the future, pension or insurance provision and where some action is needed to bridge the gap between aspiration and reality. You might need to change your goals and aspirations and you may also need to adjust some of your current patterns of behaviour such as spending and saving. A very important issue is clarity about priorities - what might have seemed to be a high priority at the start of the process might have to be replaced by another need.

There's the planning part of the process, where the end result is a plan of action; and then there's the implementation, where the outcome is a set of actions that carry out the plan.

Most clients want their adviser to keep an eye on their investments and other financial arrangements; you could, for example, receive periodic valuations, attend meetings or have phone calls on a regular basis, or as and when needed. The review process is intended to act as a catch up with what has changed - either in your own circumstances or in the financial world generally. Much of the groundwork has already been done earlier, and so the review is likely to be shorter and easier to carry out than the initial meeting and report.

It is possible to carry out your own wealth management if you have the knowledge, time, patience and self-discipline. But there are good reasons why you probably won't want to - even if you have all these characteristics. You may also find it hard to make these big decisions alone.

Any member wishing to discuss any of the issues raised in more detail, please do not hesitate to contact me on 0116 319 0084 for a free no obligation meeting.

Pardeep Narwal

A Gentle Reminder.

Men's Club Secretary, Rob Wilbourn, writes: "Recent new members are reminded that in the event of their not completing an official membership application form, they should submit their personal details, (*address, telephone no. and date of birth*) to me as Men's Secretary (01664 424 813) and/or Club Finance Director, Rolf Meyer, (0116 2697 213) so that Club records can be kept fully up to date."

Christine Dodge

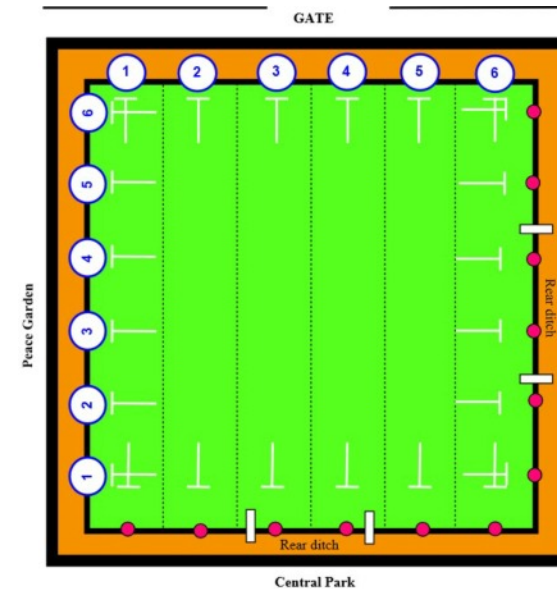
GARDEN CLUB

13 Members and friends of the Garden Group visited Gates Garden Centre which has been extended and refurbished to include even more stock than before. There is a fantastic selection of garden furniture and equipment as well as giftware, games, stationery, clothing and shoes. Several people were jigsaw enthusiasts so were delighted to find an enormous selection to choose from. There is also beautiful glassware, silk flowers, children's toys and many other items too numerous to mention.

Last, but by no means least, there is a wonderful selection of healthy plants and shrubs.

Another important feature is the new restaurant which has an extensive menu and looks out on to some of the beautiful scenery of Rutland.

Setting out the green - Let's all get it right!



Thanks to Roy Hill, the "Direction of Play" board has been renovated. Nothing has been changed but it has become clear that not everyone knows how to "read" it. The top of the board represents the entrance gate or Front Ditch. The bottom of the board is the Rear ditch. So, when play is directed "From the Gates" Rink 1, on the right, is closest to the Peace Garden.

It therefore follows that when play is directed "From the Peace Garden", the whole plan moves through 90° and Rink 1, is again on your right and is now closest to Central Park.

In accordance with good practice, it is recommended that the direction of play should be changed every two days and colour every day in order to give even wear across the green.