

## YOUR DIARY FOR THE MONTH AHEAD

### NOVEMBER

**Saturday 14th** Coffee Morning 10.30 a.m.  
Indoor Bowling - Warren Triples League  
Melton Indoors Roll-up session 11.20 start  
**Monday 16th** Men's Management Group 7.00 p.m. start  
**Tuesday 17th** Art Group meeting 10.30 a.m. start  
**Wednesday 18th** Pub Quiz/Social 2.00 p.m. start  
£1 for tea and biscuits  
**Saturday 21st** "Scattergories and Music" 7.00 p.m.  
Sausage & Mash supper £4  
**Monday 23rd** Melton Indoors Roll-up session 11.20 start  
**Wednesday 25th** Pub Quiz/Social 2.00 p.m. start  
£1 for tea and biscuits  
**Saturday 28th** Indoor Bowling Warren Triples League  
**Monday 30th** Melton Indoors Roll-up session 11.20 start

### DECEMBER

**Wednesday 2nd** Art Group meeting 10.30 a.m. start  
Pub Quiz/Social 2.00 p.m. start  
£1 for tea and biscuits  
**Saturday 5th** Casino Night Faith supper  
£6.00 for betting chips. Tickets from Pete Murray  
**Monday 7th** Melton Indoors Roll-up session 11.20 start  
Men's Section AGM 7.00 p.m. start  
**Tuesday 8th** Board Meeting 10.00 a.m.  
**Wednesday 9th** Pub Quiz/Social 2.00 p.m. start  
£1 for tea and biscuits  
**Saturday 12th** Coffee Morning 10.30 a.m.  
**Monday 14th** Melton Indoors Roll-up session 11.20 start  
**Tuesday 15th** Men's Management Group 7.00 p.m.  
**Wednesday 16th** Art Group meeting 10.30 a.m. start  
Pub Quiz/Social 2.00 p.m. start  
£1 for tea and biscuits  
**Saturday 19th** "Name That Tune" 7.00 p.m.  
Soup and French bread  
**Monday 21st** Melton Indoors Roll-up session 11.20 start

**Birthdays Bumps**

#### DECEMBER

Happy Birthday wishes to:

Barbara Brown, George Dodge, Val Foreman, Roy Hill, George Stone, Alan Ward, Ruth Wheeler and Bev Wright  
*Congratulations to you all!*

PLEASE  
CHECK  
NOTICE  
BOARDS  
FOR  
STARTING  
TIMES AND  
FULL  
DETAILS OF  
ALL EVENTS  
LISTED

## Bowls England Newsletter

Any members wishing to refer to Bowls England Newsletters are advised that they are now lengthy documents and can be viewed by visiting [www.bowlsengland.com](http://www.bowlsengland.com)

## Men's Section AGM

The Men's Section AGM will be held in the clubhouse on Monday 7th December starting at 7 p.m.

Nominations are invited by 26th November for all positions on the Management Group. While some nominations have been made by the current Group (See noticeboard) there are still vacancies for Vice-President, Catering Manager and Captain of the White Plums Triples Team playing in the Loughborough League. If YOU would like to get involved, please contact Men's Secretary, Rob Wilbourn, as quickly as possible. Nominations may be made at the AGM itself. *See you there at this VERY important meeting!*

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# the SYSTON GREEN

Official Newsletter of the Syston Bowling Club

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## Men's President Ken celebrates in Black & White George Dodge reports



What a good time we all had at the Games Night held on Friday evening 6th November. In the absence of Pauline, George took

over as MC to run the evening. 35 members, partners and friends enjoyed playing the usual 6 different games which were set in 10 minute time slots. The winning team this time was the Orange team with more than 5000 points scored. Kate Toon and Jan Holmes brought the fish and chips which were delivered just on time



for the last round of games to finish. After supper we had a couple of entertaining quizzes just to finish off the evening. Everyone said that they had had a good evening's entertainment. Thanks must go to Pauline for her forward planning, to Kate and Jan for the supper; Pete and Dave for keeping the queue at the bar to a minimum and George for having a good loud voice.

*See also page 4*

## A tribute and Congratulations

Doreen Payne reports from the Ladies' Section

On 2nd November, President Sheila and several Members of the Ladies' Section attended the Memorial Service held at Syston Parish Church to pay tribute to one of our oldest Members, Jean Hemming. Jean had been a Member for many years and, although she was never President, she enjoyed playing bowls and was always willing to help and support the Ladies. Even when she was no longer able to play, Jean would come along to the social functions – especially the Winter lunches. Sadly, for the past year, Jean's health meant that she was no longer able to come to the Club but she will always be remembered as a model Member. RIP

Chris has served the Club in so many ways and continues to be a valuable asset to the whole Club.

She has held many offices – Lady President, Ladies' Secretary (for 12 years) and member of the Board of Directors of the Club, to name but a few. Chris's family ties with the Club go back many years, to the time of the building of the present clubhouse. Chris's late husband, John, and their son, Ian, were among the men who helped with the brickwork. In later years, John was Men's President and served for several years on the Men's Executive Committee. *Congratulations, Chris!*



At the recent Ladies' Section AGM, Chris Biddles was made a Life Member – an honour which she so richly deserves.

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# Ladies' Presentation Lunch

25 ladies attended the Presentation Day on Tuesday October 20<sup>th</sup> at Birstall Golf Club. An excellent meal was appreciated by everyone. Trophies were presented by President Janet. A big "Thank you!" to all who helped with the transport.



**4 wood Singles Club Champion 2015**  
**Pauline Wright**



**2 wood Singles Champion**  
**Chris Biddles**



**4 wood Singles r/up**  
**Lin Horobin**



**2 wood Singles r/up 2015**  
**Janet Lowe**



**4 wood Maidens Singles winner**  
**Edna Loder**



**4 wood Maidens Singles r/up**  
**Hazel Rayns**  
*(Presented later)*

**4 wood Pairs winners**  
**Lin Horobin & Edna Loder**



**2 wood Pairs winners**  
**Josie Hubbard & Edna Loder**



**2 wood Pairs r/up**  
**Bev Wright & Pauline Wright**

Not shown: 4 Wood Pairs r/up:  
**Chris Biddles & Maureen Page**

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*(See p 7)*

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## FINANCE MATTERS

Cash is still the preferred home for ISA savers but for how much longer?

As we count down to next April and the introduction of the tax-free Personal Savings Allowance announced in this year's Budget, figures released by HMRC reveal that cash is still king for Britain's ISA savers. But is that going to change?

The total amount saved into ISAs rose to £79 billion in the last tax year – an increase of £20 billion on the previous year. Tellingly, the amount deposited into Cash ISAs jumped 60% in response to last summer's changes, which saw the annual allowance increase to £15,000 and the removal of restrictions to allow the full ISA allowance in a Cash ISA.<sup>1</sup> Just under 80% of ISA accounts subscribed to in the last tax year were Cash ISAs, and over £237 billion is now deposited in these tax-advantaged saving accounts. Latest figures from Moneyfacts show that the average Cash ISA rate is currently 1.51%, significantly better than the average instant access account rate of 0.675%<sup>2</sup>; but will that represent the best use of an individual's valuable ISA allowance once the Personal Savings Allowance is introduced?

The new Personal Savings Allowance applies to regular bank and savings accounts and will enable basic-rate taxpayers to earn £1,000 interest free of tax, saving a maximum of £200 compared with now. Higher-rate taxpayers will be able to earn interest of £500 before tax is paid, which will also save a maximum of £200. Anyone with taxable income over £150,000 a year will not get an allowance.

Of course, the likelihood is that interest rates will start to rise slowly next year – Bank of England governor Mark Carney recently suggested that base rates might get back to 2% over the next three years – but once the Personal Savings Allowance is introduced, at the current average rate, a basic rate taxpayer would be able to deposit over £148,000 in a standard instant access

savings account and receive all their interest tax-free. For higher-rate taxpayers the figure is just over £78,000.

HM Treasury claims that the change will abolish tax on savings for 95% of people.<sup>3</sup>

Clearly, cash is the right home for money that might be needed in the short term, but the introduction of the Personal Savings Allowance may well lead savers to review whether it makes sense to continue to use their ISA allowance for their liquid funds.

Despite the popularity of ISAs, only 8% of individuals actually maximised their allowance last tax year. The average subscription was £6,064 – 40% higher than the previous year and a reflection of the increased allowance, but well below the £15,000 limit that applied in that tax year.<sup>1</sup>

Whilst ISAs have been an undeniable success in helping build the savings culture, next April will reveal how many more people fail to make the most of their ISA opportunity.

Those looking to maximise the tax benefits on offer, and to build capital and create income for the future, might consider that investing their ISA allowance in stocks and shares instead presents a better option for achieving their longer-term financial goals.

*If any member would like to discuss any of the issues raised in more detail, please do not hesitate to contact Pardeep Singh Narwal on 0116 319 0084 / 07956 972 789 for a free no obligation meeting.*

<sup>1</sup> HMRC, September 2015

<sup>2</sup> Moneyfacts, September 2015

\* HM Treasury, April 2015

**All copy for the December Newsletter should be sent to Colin Grimes**  
([systonbowling@btinternet.com](mailto:systonbowling@btinternet.com))

**by no later than**

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November**

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## Security of Club Premises

It is sadly apparent that recommended safety and security procedures are not being observed by a minority of members. The clubhouse and rear store are not being secured by the last person leaving the premises. So PLEASE, will EVERYBODY make a special effort to ensure that YOUR clubhouse is not left vulnerable to opportunist burglars and thieves. PLEASE double check that ALL external doors are secure when leaving. NOTE! There is no longer any need to use light switches. Lighting *in all areas* is now automatically controlled by sensors.

### CLUB LIBRARY

*Please keep your donations of books to the Club library coming during the close Season. Reading tends to increase during winter months and a good selection of books on our shelves provides a valued and valuable service.*

### 59 CLUB UPDATE

Most recent winners are:

*Sheila Aindow (08)*

*Alf Newman (36)*

*Edna Loder (11)*

*Kate Williams (16) and*

*Josie Hubbard (38)*

*Congratulations to them all.*

**THERE ARE STILL THREE UNALLOCATED NUMBERS AVAILABLE.**

**PLEASE CONTACT VAL FOREMAN IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO JOIN THE CLUB**

Christine Dodge

## GARDEN CLUB

In October, members of the Garden Group travelled to Ullesthorpe near Lutterworth to visit Palmer's Garden Centre.

We found a wonderful selection of goods to tempt us and we took the opportunity to search for Christmas presents before having lunch. There was a good selection of food at very reasonable prices so we all enjoyed a delicious meal.

We then travelled on to The Barn which stocks an amazing assortment of goods before making our way home. Everyone agreed we'd had a very enjoyable day.

At our November meeting, we began by discussing how to keep our garden and house plants healthy during the long winter months and how to raise new plants by taking cuttings, storing dahlias and protecting evergreens and shrubs in outdoor containers. We then discussed having a speaker for the meeting early in the New Year and full details will be given later. Hopefully this will be well supported as it has always been a pleasant afternoon with tea and cakes to finish off the event.

We then made arrangements for the next few outings, which are as follows.

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November: Gates Garden Centre.

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas Tree Festival at Melton Mowbray.

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas meal at the Toby Inn, Loughborough

The next meeting of the Group will be held in the clubhouse on Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> January starting at 2.00pm.

Watch out for full details of all these events on the main clubhouse noticeboard.

**"Scattergories and Majority Rules"** Join in the fun with Mike Foster.

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> November**

See Diary and Noticeboard for full details



# CLUB COACH

Des Eggitt, Club & County Coach

1. Never throw the Jack. Take your normal stance on the mat as if you were bowling a wood and endeavour to bowl the jack to the distance at which you hope to gain maximum advantage.
2. Don't run off the mat after the delivery of your wood. Take your time and wait for your Skip's reaction to your shot.
3. Too many bowlers deliver narrow woods. Don't be one of them. A slightly over-greened wood invariably produces a better result.
4. Don't allow your eyes to wander. Keep them fixed on the shoulder of the intended arc of delivery.
5. Don't allow yourself to be distracted by shadows or movements. Wait until everything is still before you bowl.
6. Don't relax when you build up a big lead. The time will surely come when you regret it.
7. Don't be too hasty in deciding which shot to play. Study the head carefully for there are usually many more options available to you than a first glance might suggest.
8. Don't fire unless you have studied the head carefully and are absolutely sure that no better alternative exists. Indiscriminate firing when the position is against you can - and often does - cost you the match.
9. Don't interfere in the head. Stand clear, while No 3s decide on the outcome.
10. Don't interfere with play on other rinks when walking from end to end. Stay within your own rink at all times.

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

## IN MEMORIAM

It is with deepest sadness that we record the sad and untimely passing of Alan Collins on Saturday 7th November.

Alan was a long-standing member of the Club having served as President (2000-2001) and, more recently as Editor of this Newsletter. Alan was well-known and respected in Syston as previous Editor of the "Syston Town News"

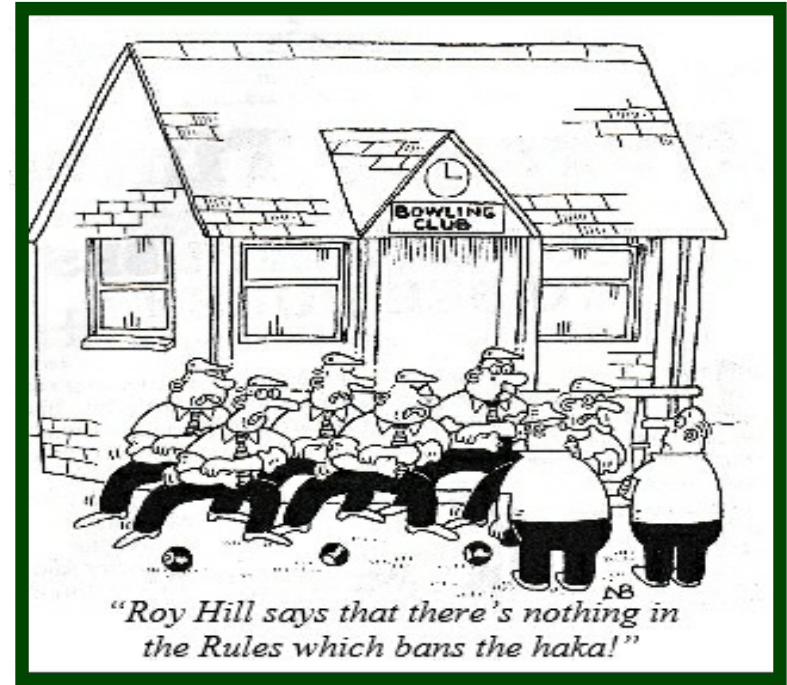
Our thoughts are with his family, especially his wife Win at this time of their sad loss.

News has also just been received of the death of Member-at-Large, Joe Evans, whose funeral was held in Loughborough on Friday 13th November.

Members will recall that Joe left Syston to take up residence in the Royal Chelsea Hospital as a Chelsea Pensioner.



With acknowledgements to "Private Eye"



"Roy Hill says that there's nothing in the Rules which bans the haka!"

## RESPONSES TO ISIL THREATS

*The English* are feeling the pinch in relation to recent events in the Middle East and have therefore raised their security level from "Miffed" to "Peeved." Soon, though, security levels may be raised yet again to "Irritated" or even "A Bit Cross." The English have not been "A Bit Cross" since the blitz in 1940 when tea supplies nearly ran out. Terrorists have been re-categorised from "Tiresome" to "A Bloody Nuisance." The last time the British issued a "Bloody Nuisance" warning level was in 1588, when threatened by the Spanish Armada.

*The Scots* have raised their threat level from "Pissed Off" to "Let's get the Bastards." They don't have any other levels. This is the reason they have been used on the front line of the British army for the last 300 years.

*The French* government announced yesterday that it has raised its terror alert level from "Run" to "Hide." The only two higher levels in France are "Collaborate" and "Surrender." The rise was precipitated by a recent fire that destroyed France's white flag factory, effectively paralysing the country's military capability.

*Italy* has increased the alert level from "Shout Loudly and Excitedly" to "Elaborate Military Posturing." Two more levels remain: "Ineffective Combat Operations" and "Change Sides."

*The Germans* have increased their alert state from "Disdainful Arrogance" to "Dress in Uniform and Sing Marching Songs." They also have two higher levels: "Invade a Neighbour" and "Lose."

*Belgians*, on the other hand, are all on holiday as usual. The only threat they are worried about is NATO pulling out of Brussels.

*The Spanish* are all excited to see their new submarines ready to deploy. These beautifully designed subs have glass bottoms so the new Spanish navy can get a really good look at the old Spanish navy.

*Australia*, meanwhile, has raised its security level from "No worries" to "She'll be right, Mate." Two more escalation levels remain: "Crikey! I think we'll need to cancel the barbie this weekend!" and "The barbie is cancelled." So far no situation has ever warranted use of the last final escalation level.

**PLEASE REMEMBER: Donations of raffle prizes and contributions to the Christmas Hamper Draw are always welcome at all Club events during the close Season**