

CLUB DIARY

APRIL

- 12th Board of Directors 10 a.m. start
16th Scotlands A
Belgrave A 2 p.m. Start
18th Sileby Finches A 2 p.m. start
Birstall Sands H 2 p.m. start
19th Ladies' Opening Day 2.30 p.m.
Management Group 7 p.m. Start
20th Glenfield A
23rd Western Park H
Little Bowden A
25th Kegworth A 2 p.m. start
Blaby H
27th St Margarets A
Brookfield Electrics A 6.15 start
28th Oakham H
30th Birstall H
Holwell A

MAY

- 4th Art Group 10.30 a.m. start
5th Enderby A
Belgrave A
6th Shepshed H 2 p.m. start
7th St Margarets H
Thurmaston A 2 p.m. Start
9th Wymeswold Steamers A 2 p.m. start
Sileby Finches H 2 p.m. start
11th Goodwood H
Soar Valley A 6.15 start
12th Leicester Banks (Optional Mixed) H
14th Coffee Morning 10.30 a.m. start
Coalville H
Sileby A

Colour code: **Men Ladies**

Birthday Bump

APRIL

Happy Birthday wishes to:

Sheila Aindow, Brian Arnold, Des Eggitt,
Keiran Jordan, Pete Murray,
Brenda Oxman, Margaret Trigg,
Colin Wilkinson

Chris Biddles

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Finance Matters

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The higher rate tax threshold will rise to £43,000 from 6 April 2016, and £45,000 from 6 April 2017. The Upper Earnings Limit for National Insurance Contributions will remain aligned with the higher rate tax threshold.

Class 2 National Insurance contributions for the self-employed will be abolished from April 2018.

Increase in Insurance Premium Tax

The Chancellor announced a 0.5% increase in Insurance Premium Tax to 10%, which will drive up the cost of insurance from 1 October 2016. The increase will affect both individuals and companies.

More information

Should you wish to discuss any of the detail contained in this article, please do not hesitate to get in touch - Pardeep Singh Narwal, Partner of St. James's Place Wealth Management.

Gardener's tribute

I'm sure that I write on behalf of all Members in expressing our appreciation to Chris and George Dodge for their hard work and experience in creating a lovely display of Spring bedding plants in the containers and beneath the old scoreboard. As a keen gardener myself, I always find that Spring flowers seem to lift the spirits after a long Winter.

I would also like to thank them for giving their time to organise meetings and outings which are always enjoyed.

May we hope to see another display of gorgeous hanging baskets similar to last year which resulted in so many compliments from both Members, visiting players and members of the public.

Congratulations to Chris and George.

the SYSTON GREEN

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President Pete offers thanks and looks forward



With the new season about to start, it's time to reflect on the past few months. I'm sure everyone will agree that the winter social programme was first class. Pauline Wright, ably assisted by Jan Holmes, deserves a big thank you for all the hard work involved in putting the various events together. These events during the winter months help to keep everyone in touch with each other and also help to keep the membership fees down. Those Members who do not attend are missing some really great nights. A big thank you also to Colin Grimes for his tireless work providing the questions for the Wednesday social

quizzes as well as his work on various social events. Thanks also to Noel Evatt for helping out John Lambie with organising the indoor bowls on Mondays.

Finally a special thank you to Hazel Renshaw for providing a really great Men's Sunday Lunch. Assisted by Ken, Kiran and Tyler she provided a wonderful meal, which was enjoyed by everyone who attended. Thanks also to those who volunteered to serve the meal - a job well done by all. If I have missed thanking anyone, please accept my apologies.

Like everyone else I am looking forward to a good Season of competitive bowling. I would remind everyone to help the various Captains by making yourselves available for all matches and to respect their decisions regarding selection. Have a great season and, above all, enjoy it!

White Plums Captain Dave seeks team spirit



I am looking forward to my Season as Captain of the White Plums and to the new season in general. I am delighted to report that Pete Murray has accepted my invitation to be Vice-Captain.

The Availability List is up for players to indicate their willingness to play. I am looking for "team players", by which I mean players who will play where they are picked, without complaint, as part of a team. We need to create a strong team spirit and offer encouragement to everyone involved. If a fellow team member puts down a bad wood, let's give him

some encouragement and build a team spirit where the individual seeks to get the best out of the team as a whole. Let's "high five" and give a pat on the back whenever it's deserved. A consoling arm around the shoulder after a less than perfect shot. Other teams do this. Why can't we? Such team spirit will only help us to win promotion this season. So, if you want to be a team player, register with the White Plums.

Visitor Car Parking

The promised written Report from the County Solicitor has now been received. It will be discussed in detail by the Board at their next meeting in readiness for the matter to be raised formally with the Town Council, starting with the next meeting of the Joint Liaison Committee likely to be held in May. A fuller report will be featured in "Syston Green" next month.



CLUB COACH

Des Eggitt, Club & County Coach

We welcome back our Club Coach who resumes his regular series of tips and tactics to improve your game.

“Playing the Right Shot”

I was playing Skip in a fours game. During one end, when we were standing 6 shots down, as the last to play, I inspected the head. Our nearest wood was 2ft away to the right of the head. I had a clear view of the jack with the opposition holding 2 shots - both behind the jack.

A drive shot was a possibility but the result could go either way.

I decided to play a controlled, backhand shot in an attempt to move the jack to the right hand side of the head.

After carefully checking my intended line, I faced down that line and, at the moment of delivery, I concentrated hard on the weight needed to achieve my desired result.

As a result of that delivery, I managed to change the head from 2 shots down to 1

shot up. The opposing Skip failed to change the head with his second wood and I was able to draw a second wood to win the head by 2 shots.

This success was based entirely on making the right choice of a controlled weight wood to start with. This decision was based on a careful reading of the options open to me.

As I have repeatedly said, a good bowler must be able - and be prepared to take the time - to read the head carefully. Such analysis will enable you to identify the range of available options and help you to decide on what shot to play to get the best result.

For coaching advice, ring Des on 0116 269 6548 or Ken on 0116 2606743.



Jan Holmes reports: A pleasant evening was enjoyed by all who attended on Saturday 26th March. Here are the entrants to the Easter bonnet parade which was judged by Kerry Jean, who very capably entertained us for the evening.

Maureen Page won the prize for the prettiest

bonnet, Pauline Wright for the funniest bonnet, Kate Williams for the most sophisticated and the

Message from the Club Chairman

Sincere thanks are offered to all those who turned up to the Club's AGM on Monday 7th March to offer unanimous support to the Board of Directors. Any Club that can attract this number in attendance says so much about the support its members give to that Club. Of course it's not only the AGM that you support but all the out of season activities that are arranged by Members, from the indoor bowling on Mondays to all the social occasions on Friday or Saturdays and the Wednesday afternoon quizzes. Thanks go to all who put so much time and effort into making these things come to fruition.

As the new season starts, you will notice that the green is looking very smart. This is due mostly to the dedication of your Green Ranger Rod Heggs and his willing helpers who should be congratulated on their achievements and hard work. Well done to you all.

And finally, please support your Presidents and help your Captains by putting your names on the Availability Sheets, and tick off on the Selection list. Have a good summer's bowling and, most importantly, have fun.

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Finance Matters

The 2016 Budget

The Chancellor has delivered his Budget Statement in which he outlined measures clearly aimed at supporting those who work, save and invest.

ISAs

The ISA and Junior ISA allowances will remain at £15,240 and £4,080 respectively for the tax year 2016/17. The ISA allowance will increase to £20,000 from April 2017. No mention was made of the Junior ISA allowance beyond 2016/17.

Lifetime ISA

The government announced a new 'Lifetime ISA' to help those under 40 save flexibly for the long term. This will be in addition to existing Cash, Stocks & Shares, and Innovative Finance ISAs, and will form part of the overall annual ISA allowance.

Lifetime ISAs represent a real opportunity for younger people to save and will enable parents and grandparents to gift money that can assist with intergenerational planning.

Contributions to a Lifetime ISA

From April 2017, people aged 18 or over will be able to open a Lifetime ISA and contribute £4,000 personally and receive a 25% 'bonus' (equivalent to 20% tax relief), making a total contribution of £5,000 pa.

There are also a few additional rules:

- Any contributions to a Lifetime ISA will be within the overall £20,000 ISA contribution limit.
- The government bonus will only be paid on contributions of up to £4,000 per tax year but contributions up to the annual ISA allowance will be permitted.
- Individuals will receive the government 'bonus' on contributions made until they reach 50.

Withdrawals from a Lifetime ISA

Funds can be withdrawn to buy a first home, located in the UK and worth up to £450,000, after 12 months without any tax charges. In addition, funds can be withdrawn without any tax charges after age 60 for any purpose (e.g. for retirement planning).

It will be possible to withdraw funds before age 60 for other reasons, but the government bonus and any growth on the bonus will be returned to the government, together with a 5% charge.

Treatment on death

The Lifetime ISA will have the same Inheritance Tax treatment as all other ISAs. Upon the death of the account holder, the funds will form part of the estate for Inheritance Tax purposes. Their spouse or civil partner can also inherit their ISA tax advantages and will be able to invest as much into their own ISA as their spouse used to have, on top of their usual allowance.

Pensions

Pensions tax relief

Although further changes to the taxation of pensions were anticipated, the tax treatment of pension contributions remain unaffected. The key highlights are as follows:

- The planned reduction in the Lifetime Allowance to £1m
- It was confirmed that 25% tax-free cash will not be abolished.
- It was confirmed that salary sacrifice for pensions will continue to receive Income Tax and National Insurance relief.

Capital Gains Tax

The government will reduce the higher rate of Capital Gains Tax from 28% to 20% and the basic rate from 18% to 10% for disposals made on or after 6 April 2016. The 28% and 18% rates will continue to apply for chargeable gains on residential property.

Stamp Duty on buy-to-let and second homes

The government confirmed that it will proceed with the proposed increase to Stamp Duty Land Tax on additional properties from 1 April 2016.

Other key announcements

Income Tax Personal Allowances

The Income Tax Personal Allowance will increase to £11,000 from 6 April 2016, and £11,500 from 6 April 2017. [Back page](#) →

Green Ranger offers thanks



I would invite all Members to join me in thanking the following for their time and trouble in preparing the green and its surrounds and clearing out the rear storeroom in time for the opening of the Season.:

Dave Anderton
Roger Bentley
Don Creasey
George Dodge
Noel Evatt
Dave Hudson
Gary Kilbourne
John Lester
Pete Murray
Ken Renshaw
Kate Toon
Colin Smith
Ray Wood

Thanks to their sterling efforts, we have a green to be proud of from Day 1. Maintaining standards is not a "one-off". We cannot relax our efforts as the Season progresses. Please keep an eye on the noticeboard and in this Newsletter for my appeals for Working Parties as the need arises and volunteer your services to help whenever you can.

Appeal for good home



This is Lexi. She is an 8 week-old German Shepherd. I bought her as a surprise for my wife but it turns out she is allergic to dogs! So we are now looking to find her a new home.

She is 39 years old, a beautiful and caring woman who drives, is a great cook and keeps a good house.

Christine Dodge

GARDEN CLUB



The Garden Group's latest visit to Moores and Notcutts Garden Centres was well attended although we all felt the prices of goods and food were very expensive at Notcutts.

With Spring around the corner, many more gardens, stately homes, etc will be open and we will be able to visit some new venues and revisit old favourites.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, 12th April at 7.00pm.

To ensure that the area around the Green looks attractive for the new Season, we have replanted it with new bedding as the original plants were in very poor condition owing to the amount of rain during Winter time.

All copy for the April Newsletter should be sent to **Colin Grimes** (systonbowling@btinternet.com) by no later than

Monday 2nd May

email:
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59 CLUB UPDATE

Most recent winners are:

Ken Renshaw (47)
George Dodge (01)
Sheila Parker (55)
Colin Grimes (28)
Marjorie Clowes (15)

Congratulations to them all.

THERE ARE STILL SOME UNALLOCATED NUMBERS (4,10,28 and 57) AVAILABLE. PLEASE CONTACT VAL FOREMAN IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO JOIN THE CLUB

Men's Competitions news



As the new 2016 Men's competitions get underway, can I remind everyone involved that the first name out of the draw is the Challenger. As the challenger it is your

responsibility to give the opponent 3 non-consecutive dates as options to play. If no agreement can be made, please refer the matter to me as Competitions Secretary. If no agreement can be reached, the challenger will go through. When your draw for a rink to play on, all rink numbers must be put into the draw. For the appropriate rink colour and direction of play, please see the board near the entrance of the clubhouse. This is set by the Green Ranger, so please abide by his decisions.

The 1st Round deadline for the 4 wood and 2 wood singles is early this year. Please note the date and ensure that these games are played before this deadline as I do not want to have to eliminate anyone!

Gary Kilbourne

Sunday Lunch success

I am sure everyone who attended the above will agree this was a very enjoyable meal shared with good friends. Many thanks must go to Hazel and Ken for producing such delicious food. I have previously helped in the kitchen with this event and know how much work goes into making this a success. Thanks must also go to the backroom staff for volunteering their assistance and especially to Kiran and Tyler for being such efficient waiters and making their family so proud. These occasions always bring out the best in everyone and I thought there was a great atmosphere bringing everyone together.

George Dodge

Car stickers still available



Men's Secretary Rob Wilbourn reports that he still holds a supply of plastic car windscreen decals available, free of charge, on request. All Members are urged to promote Club membership by putting one of these in rear car windows.

Art Group Summer sessions



Members (and potential members) of the Club Art Group are asked to note that Pauline Wright has published the following schedule of meetings through the Summer Season.

Each Session will run from 10.30 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.

6th April

4th May

8th June

13th July

10th August

7th and 28th September

Further details of the Art Group can be obtained from Pauline **Tel:** 2605 787 **or email:** pauline15@lineone.net

Are we nearly there yet? A useful cut-out-and-keep guide to Away venues



Thanks to research carried out by Green & Royals Captain George Stone, in these times when the use of SatNavs is common, the following table is intended to help drivers to travel quickly and safely at away fixtures.

While every effort has been made to ensure data accuracy, please let either George or the Editor know of any problems which might be encountered in using these Post Codes.

| CLUB | POST CODE | CLUB | POST CODE |
|--------------------------|-----------|----------------------|-----------|
| Aylestone Hall | LE2 8SF | Bagworth | LE67 1BH |
| Barlestone | CV13 0JE | Batram | LE67 1GD |
| Belgrave | LE4 2QG | Belvoir Vale | LE14 4JX |
| Birstall | LE4 4EA | Blaby | LE8 4GQ |
| Brookfield Electric | LE2 1LB | Coalville | LE67 3FA |
| Countesthorpe | LE8 5TA | East Leake | LE12 6JG |
| Enderby | LE19 4LX | Evington Park | LE5 6DE |
| Fosseway | LE7 1NE | Glenfield | LE3 8DL |
| Goodwood | LE5 2BE | Holwell | LE14 2RD |
| Humberstone Park | LE5 4DG | Kegworth | DE74 2FH |
| Keyworth | NG12 5AN | Kirby Muxloe | LE9 2EN |
| Knighton Victoria | LE2 3WG | Leicester Banks | LE2 8HA |
| Little Bowden | LE16 8AN | Loughborough Brush | LE11 3YE |
| Loughborough Greenfields | LE11 2HZ | Loughborough Phoenix | LE11 2HH |
| Loughborough Queens Park | LE11 3DU | Market Overton | LE15 7PH |
| New Lount | LE67 8JF | Nuneaton | CV11 6AX |
| Melton Town | LE13 0LR | Oadby | LE2 5HG |
| Oakham | LE15 3JQ | Quorn Mills Park | LE12 8DU |
| Rothley | LE7 7PT | Saint Margarets | LE4 4DE |
| Scotlands | LE67 3SH | Shepshed | LE12 9QF |
| Sileby | LE12 7EE | Soar Valley | LE7 7NL |
| Sutton Bonnington | LE12 5RE | Thringstone | LE67 8LQ |
| Westcotes | LE3 1BJ | Western Park | LE3 0TG |
| Whissendine | LE15 7EU | Wymeswold | LE12 6TY |