

the SYSTON GREEN

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Looking to the future



Development Director, Colin Grimes, encourages a positive attitude to change

A great deal of work has been undertaken during the close Season to upgrade the green and the clubhouse. Sincere thanks are to everyone who has contributed to these major tasks. It is now the duty of every Member to take the greatest of care of the enhanced facilities and to play a full part in their maintenance and development. From time to time, the Green Ranger will seek support in keeping the green surrounds in tip top condition. When such an appeal is made, please respond positively. Alternatively, don't wait to be asked. If you see a small job around the green that needs attention, deal with it. There are plenty of tools in the main store at the rear of the clubhouse.

Inside the clubhouse, the usual plea to keep the changing room clear of all equipment at all times still stands. In what used to be the Men's changing room, new storage cupboards have been fitted in order to ensure that all materials that do need to be stored inside can be kept out of sight and in good condition. The Club computer and printer, with full WiFi access to the internet, are now fully operational and available for use by all Members. A few simple rules governing their use will be found posted on the inside of the cupboard door. Spare ink cartridges are kept in the drawer under the monitor and printer and supplies of paper, white and tinted, will be found in the stationery trays beside the monitor. If supplies run short, please inform either Val Foreman or myself and we will take the necessary steps to replenish stocks. For members of the Board and Management Committee, letterhead stationery, Availability and Team Selection Sheet files are now stored and can be easily downloaded and printed. I will be very happy to give help to any Member who would like guidance and support in using the equipment.

The revised arrangement of the main notice boards in the changing room might take some getting used to. Details of all friendly games will be found on the long board to the left as you enter the changing room (adjacent to the fire door). Details of all League matches and Competitions are posted on the smaller board (*formerly the Ladies' board*) on the right of the door adjacent to the Ladies' changing room. Since all fixtures (*apart from League games*) will be mixed and the former Ladies' fixtures have been amalgamated with the Men's, Availability and Team Selection Sheets now cover up to 6 days a week. Our Lady Members will now enjoy the opportunity to play in Thursday and Saturday matches while the Men now have the flexibility to play on those days which have not been traditionally available. All Members now enjoy greater opportunity to play in accordance with their personal preferences and availability bearing in mind family and other competing demands on their time. I urge everyone to take advantage of this new flexibility and to be prepared to adapt to the new pattern of fixtures on offer, helping us to secure a full fixture list in the future.

Obviously, and in spite of our best efforts, the unification process is bound to throw up unforeseen problems. I urge everyone to respond to any such difficulty with patience and understanding, reporting incidents coolly and calmly giving those responsible within the new

structure time and opportunity to consider how best to address them. Team selection, catering arrangements, match timings – and others – are the most likely issues to generate differences of opinion. The views and opinions of all Members will be appreciated. Please remember, nothing is set in “tablets of stone”. Your Board and Management Committee are fully aware of the need to remain receptive to the possibility that change will be needed. We know that we can’t please everyone all of the time. We are committed to making a success of the unification process and to carrying the vast majority of Members with us as we face and deal with any challenges that lie ahead of us. All we ask, at this stage, is for your sympathetic understanding and patience and full co-operation and guidance as we strive to develop our fine Club through the next stage of its successful development.

Have a great Season!

COLIN GRIMES

Development Director



Presidents Message

I would like to give a massive vote of thanks to Pauline and Jan and everyone involved in the closed season Social programme which is such a valuable source of income to our Club, as well as giving us a lot of enjoyment.

Thanks also to George, Myles and Mick for transforming the old men’s changing room into a smart new office and giving us valuable storage space. They’ve done such a good job I’m thinking of asking for a quote to refit my kitchen.

Special thanks go to the “girls” Kate Williams, Jan Holmes, Kate Toon and Janice Wilburn, who have cleared out cupboards and repainted the ladies changing room. The room now looks stunning.

We are very lucky to have such a smart Clubhouse for the 2018 season, so dust off your “thermals” and enjoy your bowling.

Jenny Dewick

CLUB CAPTAINS REPORT



Hello everyone

First of all, I would like to give you an update on the ladies changing room, which has been completely emptied and cupboards removed. In doing so this has given us much needed extra space for additional seating, courtesy of Miles Clare and George Dodge.

Kate Toon, Jan Holmes, Pauline Wright and I have spent a couple of days painting the walls etc, which we hope you all approve of. Additional foam cushion pads are being sourced and Eileen Heggs has kindly agreed to make the covers. Coat hooks will be screwed in to the rails around the room.

The Ladies Honours Board and the original wooden badge have been re-located to our refurbished room. The green baize notice board has been retained and will be used for Ladies County Competitions only. All other competitions will be displayed in the large changing room in the appropriate section. I know I can rely on you all to keep the room tidy and the walls clear. I would like to thank Miles, George, Kate T, Jan, and Pauline for their hard work with all of the above.

Before the season starts, I would like to advise you of a few changes in procedures in an effort to create a less formal and relaxed atmosphere.

All club competitions will be played in greys / club shirts, except for the finals day when whites will be worn. County competitions should still be played in whites unless otherwise stipulated by the County.

For Home matches there will be no formal greetings to the visiting team when they arrive at Syston, and no formal introductions to individuals on the green. Just introduce yourself! The Captains will of course do the usual welcome and rinks call.

At tea time, prayers will no longer be observed, and skips will encourage their visitors to eat and drink as soon as they sit down.

For the Ladies in particular, raffles prizes will now be provided by the club, and cakes will be included in the daily shop, so no rotas!! The ladies china has been stored and will be used for special occasions.

For away matches there is no hard and fast rule regarding petrol expenses, it is up to the individual to talk to their driver. Whilst it has been agreed that blazers are not compulsory, if you feel more comfortable wearing yours, please do so.

Finally, whilst the rules have been relaxed for home matches, when playing away, we must abide by the opposing teams preferences.

Club shirts are available in the Club House, just ask either: - Rolf Meyer, Gary Kilbourne, Janice Wilbourn or Kate Williams.

If you have any other questions, please feel free to ask me.

See you on the green!

Kate Williams



Green Rangers Diary.

You will have noticed the green baize around the edges of the green has not yet been replaced; this is due to the rising estimated cost of the proposed new green baize. This now needs to go back to the board for their permission to spend the extra costs.

However this has given us the chance to look at other materials that may be available at perhaps a lower cost.

As you know the edges of the green have been re-turfed, please do your best to keep away from the edges for the time being to allow the grass to knit properly.

Myles Clare.

Catering Information

To assist in the safe preparation of Food and to maintain a standard of cleanliness in the kitchen we are asking our Members when on Tea Duty to:-

- (a) Wear rubber gloves when handling food
- (b) No food to be left in the fridge by the end of day (crib players please note)
- (c) Kitchen floor to be swept and mopped
- (d) Aprons to be worn (casual Dress)
- (e) Tea towels dish cloths etc. to be taken home and laundered

Table setting will be the responsibility of the members who are on Tea Duty that day.

The Menu for the Day will be left on the work surface in the kitchen (not out the back)

I trust we will have your full co-operation

Our Aim is to make Teas as easy as possible. Any concerns please feel free to contact Myself, Janice and Kate

Kate Toon.



Gardening Group News from Chris Dodge

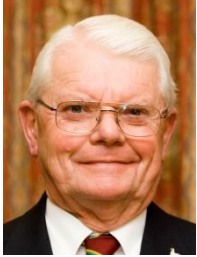
Garden Group members and friends recently spent a very enjoyable day at Dobbies Garden Centre near Atherstone. This venue is a little further away than some of the places we visit, but it is well worth making the extra effort to be able to see the wonderful selection of plants, tools and equipment on show. The food in the restaurant is also very good and tasty, with some very nice cake on offer, much appreciated by some members of the group. I am sure we will want to visit here again later in the year.

Spring is a busy time in the garden, so try to do a little work every day, if the weather allows. It pays dividends later on if you give some regular attention to it now. Clear weeds from beds and borders. Tidy underneath hedges and remove debris caught between woody stems, this is a favourite hiding place for slugs and snails.

Repair damaged edges of your lawn. Simply use a spade to cut out a square of turf containing the broken edge. Lift the turf up, by sliding the spade under the turf, leaving it thick enough to support its self, then turn it round so that the damaged edge is now on the inside of the lawn and lay it down again, it should fit perfectly. Finally fill in the damaged part with soil and sow some grass seed.

If planting a new tree, water it well before planting. Stand the tree in a bucket or large container and fill with water and let it stand. When digging the hole for the tree, keep things separate – turf in one place, top soil in another and subsoil in another. When the hole is dug, chop up the turf and put it at the bottom, grass side down. After settling the tree, now is the time to place the stake if one is needed, then fill up the hole with a mixture of compost, top soil and as much subsoil as you need treading down as you go, then a final watering.

If you want more information about gardening you are always welcome to our Gardening Group meetings, our next meeting should be on Tuesday 1st May starting at 7-00pm, but keep an eye on the notice board.



Welfare Report – April 2018 (or the woes of Ladies Past Presidents)

Sad to say that news of several members and ex-members over the recent period has not been good.

Margaret Morris passed away on 18th March at the venerable age of 95 after spending the last years of her life in a care home following the death of her husband Tom, who was a long serving member of the Men's Club. Our condolences have been sent to Margaret's family.

Ex Lady President Janet Lowe is currently undergoing a course of intensive and distressing hospital treatment and our thoughts are with her wishing for a speedy recovery.

Other ex Lady Presidents who have not been enjoying the best of health are Diana Lewis and Doreen Payne who both have complications following hospitalisation to set broken legs after falls.

Marjorie Clowes has recently become a resident of Northfield House in Syston.

The latest casualty is Margaret Abbott who had the misfortune to trip down the bottom two steps of a hotel staircase resulting in cracked/broken ribs which will preclude her from taking part in any matches for the first few weeks of the new season.

On a brighter note, pleased to say that social member Carole Abbot has made an excellent recovery following a stroke in January. She doesn't like sitting around and can't wait to start working in her massive garden!

At the time of writing there is no news of any serious complaints from Men members, so they must all be in the pink of health or keeping their aches and pains to themselves!

Can I once again ask you to let me know if you are aware of any members who are unwell or indisposed so that the Club can offer support and take appropriate action to help in any way.

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**Des Eggitt, Kieran Jordan, Pete Murray, Colin Wilkinson,
Margaret Trigg, Sheila Aindow**



Bonus Ball Winners



Lucky Winners for March are: Ann Gale(39), Ray Wood (49), Ann Gale (39), Hazel Renshaw(50), and Alf Newman (36)

Congratulations to the winners!!!

FINANCIAL MATTERS

The monthly advisory feature supplied by Club Patron, Pardeep Narwal

Tune out to the noise

Market downturns are normal, but it's also common for a recovery to soon follow, which is why investors should remain cool-headed when volatility hits.

The recent correction in global stock markets may have looked like a wild card, but only because it came as such a shock to investors after the exceptionally long period of low volatility that preceded it. Last year was the calmest year on markets in more than half a century (Source: Bloomberg, 28 February 2018).

The fall triggered the usual sensationalist headlines about the tens of billions of pounds wiped off the value of pensions and investments. Equally predictably, the headlines failed to follow the story through to report how much was regained in the subsequent recovery.

It was certainly a sharp shock. Over nine trading days from late January, the benchmark S&P 500 index in the US suffered its swiftest ever correction when starting from an all-time high. (A correction is defined as a fall of more than 10 %.)

The danger of paying too much attention to such short-term noise is that it increases the likelihood of reacting to it. And many investors drawn into the momentum-driven markets of recent years did just that. In the first week of February, the world's biggest exchange-traded fund, a passive investment fund that tracks the S&P 500 index, suffered outflows more than twice as large as any in its history (www.seekingalpha.com, 21 February 2018).

The return of volatility was sparked by fears about rising inflation, but it also indicates a market ready to face up to reality. A return of inflation would show that the global economy is at last back to something like normal. Central banks, after years of easing, are finally cutting back on their post-crisis policies in favour of quantitative tightening; which ultimately means less money flowing into markets.

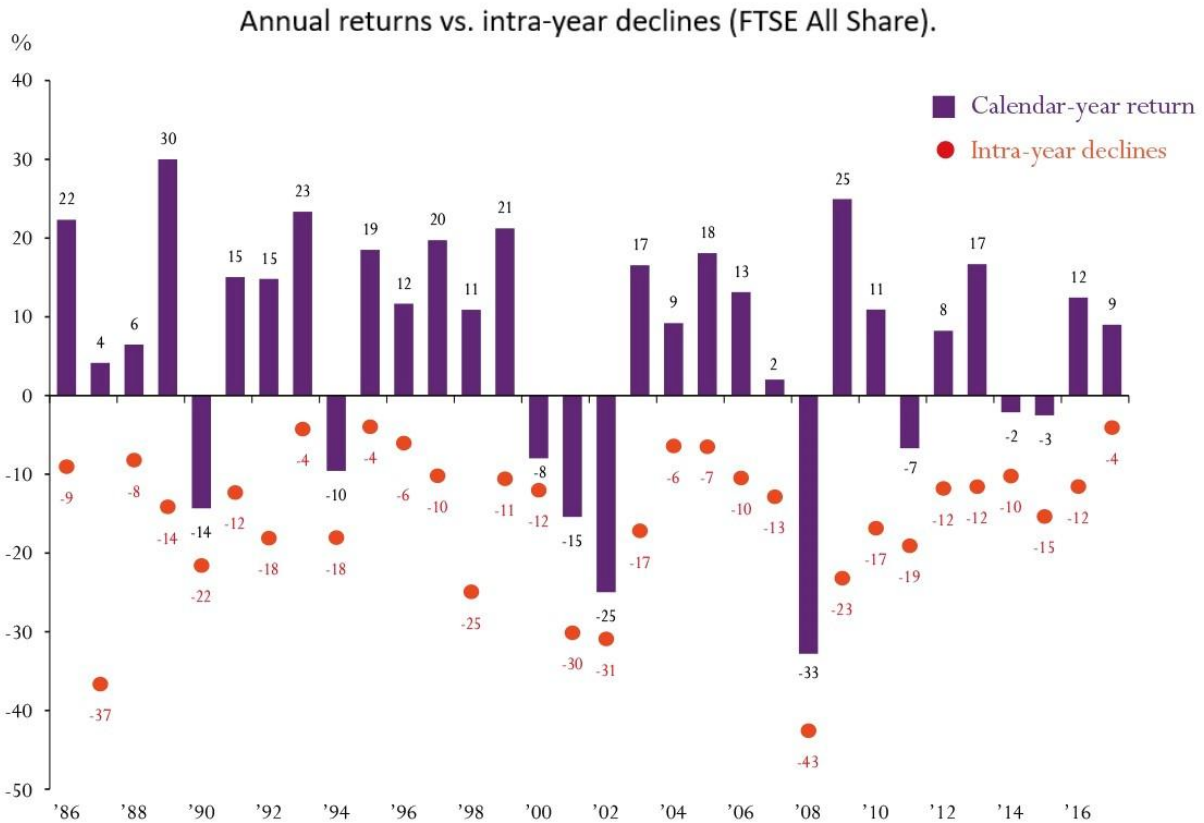
Since early February's spike, stock market volatility has dropped close to its long-term average. There is every chance that volatility is here to stay, as the market remains likely to alter its opinion wildly on the significance of these and other macroeconomic developments over the coming months.

A quick look at stock market history shows the value of staying invested, rather than running for cover at the first whiff of volatility.

Data for the FTSE All-Share Index shows that short-term falls during any given year are normal and can be precipitous. Despite average intra-year drops of over 15%, however, the market recovered to register positive returns in 23 out of 32 calendar years.

In 2003, for example, the UK market fell 17% at one point, yet still gained 17% over the calendar year.

The message that investors need to keep in mind is that market downturns are normal and not a reason to panic.



Source: J.P. Morgan Asset Management, The Guide to the Markets, January 2018

When the market suddenly falls, it is understandable that some investors take fright. Yet the recent turbulence serves as another reminder that in times of uncertainty, the safest option can simply be to tune out to the noise and keep focused on your long-term objectives.

Should you wish to discuss any of the detail contained in this article, please contact - Pardeep Singh Narwal on 0116 242 6 777 or email narwalwealthmanagement@sjpp.co.uk

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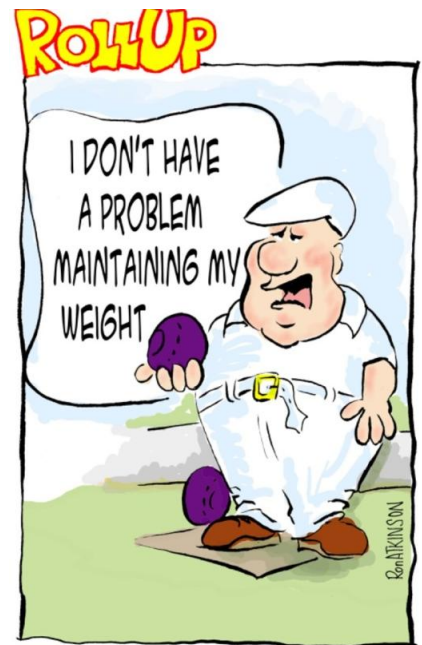
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Message from the Editor

Thanks to everyone for their contributions to this edition.
Please continue to provide me with regular updates of club activities.
Thanks Sue Renshaw Tel: 01162741755 email: suerenshaw22@gmail.com
Due to the Bank Holidays Please let me have your items for the May edition by midnight on the 28th April 2018. Thanks Sue

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