

the SYSTON GREEN

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President Jenny Dewick

This month we remember with fondness and love our fellow bowlers past President Margaret Abbott and fellow bowlers Jean Ward and Sam Eames who have sadly passed away. They will be sorely missed by one and all.

RIP Margaret, Jean and Sam.

On a lighter note, thank you to everyone who helped out at our recent craft fair, it was a real team effort from the usual suspects. After a long and exhausting day we made £301.05p and a trolley token!!! towards Club funds. The cakes everyone made were lovely and helped to swell the total amount.

THANK YOU.

Thank you to Martin Warner for your supervision of the works on the surround of the green, over the closed season, it looks great.

Thank you to all your little helpers for setting out the green ready for play.

Martin will need help on the maintenance of the green surrounds throughout the season, so please give generously; all help will be much appreciated

George Dodge



Gardening with Chris Dodge.



April is a wake-up call in the garden, as plants are producing shoots, buds are opening and blossom is creating a haze of beauty and attracting bees. It is the beginning of a transformation from winter, as days become longer and there's no better time to get to work with spring jobs as many plants are now waking up. They will need feeding to boost sturdy new growth by sprinkling the root area with a balanced organic fertilizer such as blood, fish and bone or chicken pellets. Lightly hoe in and water it in. If you accidentally sprinkle some onto a plant, don't leave it on the plant, you must wash it off or the fertilizer will burn the plant. Always read the instructions on the packet and follow the manufacturer's instructions for the right quantities to apply, and always wear gloves when handling fertilizers. Feed roses now with a proprietary rose fertilizer before their leaves unfurl fully. Now is the time to divide crowded clumps of herbaceous plants into well rooted portions. Use your hands or a pair of hand forks to tease the roots apart, taking care not to damage them. Soft new growth on your plants is easy prey to infection and needs particular vigilance to keep troubles away. Small infestations of aphids can be controlled by picking them off by hand or washing off with soapy water. Similarly, local outbreaks of disease can be kept in check by pinching out and disposing of affected shoots. Do not put these in your compost bin, but dispose of if you can by burning them. If attacks persist

or are widespread then you may use an appropriate chemical control. Protect early seedlings and tender growth from slug attack by sprinkling slug and snail pellets around them.

Hanging Baskets and Containers.



First decide where the hanging basket will go and what size basket is required. Also make sure the bracket is strong enough to hold the container when fully planted. The traditional wire basket is the most popular and the flat bottomed ones are easier to plant up. Diameters range from 10-26" the 14" being the most popular. There are lots of different types available now including solid plastic baskets, self-watering baskets, fibre and wicker, etc. The closed baskets have a number of advantages. No liner is required and filling and planting is easier than with the open ones. However, it is much more difficult to achieve an overall planted effect, where the flowers will eventually completely cover the basket, as all planting is from the top, the sides of the solid containers cannot be planted. An open basket needs a liner to retain the compost and traditionally Sphagnum moss was used but this is difficult to find now and rapid water loss is a problem. The recycled wool liners with slits in the side for all round planting are now the most popular and usually can still be used for the next season's planting.

Multipurpose compost should be used as the soil based ones will make the basket too heavy when fully planted and watered. A good variety of suitable plants are available from March onwards in garden centres and nurseries and these are small enough to make planting quite easy. There is usually a central taller plant such as Geranium or Fuchsia surrounded by shorter upright plants and a ring of trailing plants round the edge with more trailers set into the sides. Plants for summer displays usually include upright Geraniums and Fuchsias, Lobelias, Impatiens, Petunias, Begonias. For the edges and sides, trailing Geraniums, Fuchsias, Lobelias, Bidens, Nemesia, Bacopa and of course, the many brilliant varieties of Surphinias. Impatiens (busy Lizzies) and Begonia Semperflorens (small bedding begonia) can be tucked into spaces on top of the basket or into the sides to give a full effect. When planting is complete, sprinkle a good handful of chicken pellets into the compost and water.



MATCH DAY CATERING

Recognising the advisory views of the membership expressed at the AGM and concerned by the lack of volunteers for the post of Catering Manager, to take responsibility for match day catering, the Board held a special meeting on 15th March in an attempt to agree a policy for the upcoming Season.

It is pleasing to be able to report that Hazel Renshaw has now accepted the role of Catering Manager and has agreed to operate in accordance with the following policy guidelines.

Additional help

Following a long and detailed discussion of the range of issues involved, it was decided that in order to increase the numbers available, an appeal would be made by the Chairman to all Social members to volunteer to help with match day catering. It was recognised that a number of these already offer help at times when their husbands/partners are involved and it was hoped that a number of others might now come forward to help the Club at its time of need.

Saturday fixtures

Looking specifically at Saturday fixtures, the Board had no difficulty in agreeing that teas should continue to be provided in accordance with current policy. In collaboration with the Club Captain, the Catering Manager will publish a rota identifying three Members each week to be responsible for preparing the meals. The Catering Manager will be responsible for the purchase and delivery to the clubhouse of the necessary supplies. On the Team Selection Sheet, the Club Captain will identify two Members to be responsible for the setting of the tables before each game. The use of beakers instead of cups and saucers will be introduced, together with paper/recyclable plastic plates. A basic charge of £4 for a two course meal will be introduced. Under normal circumstances, teas would be served at "half-time". However, subject to prior approval by the Catering Manager, Members on kitchen duty could volunteer to provide a hot meal, rather than a salad, to be served at the end of the match.

Midweek fixtures

Turning to midweek fixtures, the Board agreed that, with the exception of those fixtures with clubs such as Nuneaton, Oakham and others who traditionally offered a "full" tea, for whom special arrangements will be made, sandwiches, purchased by the Catering Manager at an estimated cost of around £2 per head should form the basis of the midweek service. A basic charge of £3 for tea and sandwiches will be made. The Midweek Captain will be responsible for making arrangements for the setting out of tables and for arranging for tea to be brewed in time for a half-time break. During the speeches during the tea break, before the raffle draw, the Midweek Captain should draw, at random, a rink number identifying those Members to be responsible for clearing up and kitchen duty at the close of proceedings. The use of place mats, without tablecloths, will be permitted. The use of beakers instead of cups and saucers will be introduced together with paper/recyclable plastic plates.

Throughout the extended discussions the Board were conscious of the range of strains placed on the Membership by the provision of a "full tea" service. However, these concerns had to be taken alongside a desire to maintain the currently high reputation of our Club as a hospitable place to visit, where a quality catering service is to be expected.

We offer a huge vote of thanks to Hazel for volunteering to act as Catering Manager and ask that she be afforded the 100% support of the whole membership throughout the Season. Of course, should any individual Member have any problems or difficulties in discharging his/her catering duties or responsibilities, Hazel can be relied upon to provide a sympathetic ear.

As usual, Members are asked not to make any changes to the published rotas or duty lists without prior consultation. And remember - any Member unable (or unwilling) to fulfil the rota duties must accept full personal responsibility for finding a replacement.

MEMBER SUPPORT FOR FRIENDLY FIXTURES

At the same meeting called to discuss catering arrangements for the coming Season, the Board also reviewed selection policies for evening League fixtures.

As a result, Members are reminded of current Club policy that in order to be eligible for selection to play in League matches, they are expected to demonstrate regular support for friendly fixtures. The Club Captains have been asked to take appropriate steps to counsel any Member observed to be in breach of this commitment without good reason (e.g. full-time employment) advising that they ran the risk of being declared ineligible for selection for League fixtures.

CLUB SHIRTS

A fresh delivery of Club shirts is expected early in May. In the meantime, anyone wishing to purchase a shirt should contact Club Finance Director, Brian Arnold, to place an order.

CLUB PATRONS

It is pleasing to be able to report that all existing Patrons have agreed to sustain their support for the Club for another year and to welcome an addition to their ranks in the shape of chiropodist Ruth Cranmer, whose company, Feet Aid, offers to solve our foot problems.

Regrettably, while remaining as a Patron, Pardeep Narwal has withdrawn his annual support for the Champion of Champions Trophy. If any Member has any contacts within the local business community who might be interested in filling this gap in our support (or other potential Patrons), please contact Club Development Director, Colin Grimes, who will happily make the necessary approaches to give full details of the costs and benefits involved.

Colin Grimes

End of Season Social Event

A huge thank you to Hazel for organising this year's winter social programme. The final evening was a Karaoke, with a faith supper, which proved to be a fun time for us all. There were a few surprises with some of our members being really able to carry a tune. Here are a few pictures showing the talent on offer.



Sue Renshaw



BONUS BALL

Lucky Winners for March are: Colin Wilkinson (2) Josie Hubbard (38) Jenny Dewick (27) Maureen Page (24)



Congratulations to the winners!!!

Sorry, it's that word BREXIT again.

Physicians were unable to reach a consensus: Should Brexit take place? The Allergists were in favour of scratching it, but the Dermatologists advised not to make any rash moves.

The Gastroenterologists had sort of a gut feeling about it, but the Neurologists thought the Brexiter's had a lot of nerve.

Meanwhile, Obstetricians felt certain everyone was labouring under a misconception, while the Ophthalmologists considered the idea shortsighted.

Pathologists yelled, "Over my dead body!" while the Pediatricians said, "Oh, grow up!" The Psychiatrists thought the whole idea was madness, while the Radiologists could see right through it.

Surgeons decided to wash their hands of the whole thing and the Chemists claimed it would indeed be a bitter pill to swallow. The Plastic Surgeons opined that May's proposal would "put a whole new face on the matter."

The Podiatrists thought it was a step forward, but the Urologists were pissed off at the whole idea. Anaesthesiologists' though it was all a gas and those lofty Cardiologists didn't have the heart to say no.

In the end, the Proctologists won out, leaving the entire decision up to a**holes in Parliament.



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The next Coffee Morning is Saturday 11 May 2019

Message from the Editor

Thanks to everyone for their contributions to this edition.

Please continue to provide me with regular updates of club activities, by email, as a Word document.

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Please let me have items for the May by Friday 26th April 2019

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FIXTURE LISTS AND CLUB GUIDE 2019

Corrections and omissions

Please note the following changes to the information published in the Guide:

1. Apologies to Terry Denton whose name and telephone number have been omitted from the Club Membership listings on Pages 12 and 13. Please add on Page 12:

" Denton, Terry 2602 036"

2. The final line of Page 18, explaining "Aussie Pairs" should read "throughout the game for 21 ends.

3. The final entry on Page 4 "Welfare Director" should read "Maureen Page, 2 Tailors Link, East Goscte LE7 3ZW Tel: 2600 446

4. On Page 16 the West Leics Mixed Triples fixtures can be confirmed as follows:

April 29th	Western Park	A
May 6th	Narborough "A"	H
13th	South Wigston	A
20th	Leicester Banks	H
June 3rd	Thurmaston	A
17th	Glenfield	H
24th	Narborough "B"	A
July 1st	Western Park	H
8th	Narborough "A"	A
15th	South Wigston	H
29th	Leicester Banks	A
August 5th	Thurmaston	H
12th	Glenfield	A
19th	Narborough "B"	H

Copies of these fixtures for insertion into your copy of the Guide are available on the Fixtures noticeboard in the main changing rooms.

5. The note at the foot of Page 10 should read, "..... please see Page 16"

6. On Page 18, Rule 15. of the COMPETITION RULES should refer to Page 20 (not Page 11)

7. On Page 21 in STORAGE OF EQUIPMENT the final sentence should read "The Facilities Director "See p 4" (not p 2)

8. Also on Page 21, in the Section on GREEN MAINTENANCE, the 6th line should refer to p 4 (not p 2)

Sincere apologies for these inaccuracies and any inconvenience caused

Colin Grimes