

the SYSTON GREEN

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

It was a welcoming sight to see so many members at the Presentation evening and I'm sure everyone enjoyed themselves although it was a pity that not many stayed later for the Disco.

A big thank you to Hazel Renshaw for arranging it and a big thank you to Andy Savage for arranging the Presentation Evening.

I'm sure the Chairman of Syston Town Council, Ken Pacey, was impressed by the turnout and enthusiasm of the members.

The Club's AGM was also well attended and all officers were returned to office unopposed. I would like to thank everyone for having faith in me as President for a further year. I would ask that all members have faith in the Officers and support and respect any decisions that they make during the year.

The £35.00 from the Presidents Day spider was Donated to Visually Impaired Bowls England (VIBE) and we have received a letter of thanks from the President of VIBE, Clive Robinson.

Please give your support to the various activities during the close season especially the social events, I know you will enjoy them.

I'm sure I speak for every member of the club in offering sincere condolences to Jenny and Paul Dewick over the sad loss of Jenny's Mother, our thoughts are with them and the family.

Pete Murray



Gardening in November

Dark evenings and dull weather will not encourage you to go out and garden, but it is worth the effort, because even ten minutes a day can help to keep the garden looking smart. Jobs done now can ease the pressure during the busy spring next year.

Borders tidied up in the autumn will benefit from another going over with the hoe. Some of the weeds that can become a nuisance, such as chickweed, groundsel and bitter cress, these can germinate and make a lot of growth during the sometimes-warm days of late autumn, they may even start in to flower and seed around the garden, depending on weather conditions. Chop off any lingering weed with the hoe and loosening the soil will also improve the look of what is sometimes an expanse of bare soil at this time. But remember that some of your bulb shoots are only just below the surface of the soil, so don't go too deep with the hoe.

Tidy up, and if possible, burn any fallen leaves from around your roses, then loosen the soil to keep down the weeds. This is more than just a cosmetic job as many rose diseases such as black spot, can over winter on fallen leaves and debris. Check the ties of standard roses, as these plants are vulnerable in winter winds. Make sure climbing roses are also tied in and that the ties are not too tight, if necessary, remove the old tie and use a new one. Protect your tender potted shrubs, don't let them succumb to the ravages of winter. Plants in pots and containers are much more vulnerable than those in the ground. If you can't put them in a porch, greenhouse or conservatory for the winter, there are things you can do to protect them. For instance, you can, if you have space, dig a hole and temporarily bury the pot to its rim, this will give protection to the roots, and then rap the plant in fleece

two or three rounds and tie with garden twine, this should help. If the container is too large to do that, then rap the whole thing in fleece and support the upper part to protect the plant with canes.

The cheery and cheeky robin is a year-round visitor to all gardens, but can be more frequent during the winter, they seem to appear from nowhere once you start to till the soil, they will often keep you company, pecking at grubs etc as you are working. They will sometimes eat fruit and berries, but they prefer grubs and insects, so they should be encouraged. They will also accept crumbs and scraps, so you should be able to keep them as regular visitors.

Woodpigeons are also regular winter visitors to the garden, and they can cause devastation among vegetables such as cabbage and Brussels once the weather becomes harsh. They will also damage many other garden plants if they become very hungry. If they have been a problem in other years, net vulnerable plants now. You could try bird scarerers in your garden, such as stringing up old or unwanted CD discs these will spin in a light breeze, which gives movement and when the sun shines, sends shafts of light whizzing around the garden, and they don't like that.

Other things in brief

Continue to clear fallen leaves, especially in borders.

Bare rooted roses and hedging plants can be planted now.

Shrubs which are in the wrong place can be moved while the ground is still relatively warm.

Make sure newly planted trees and shrubs are well watered during a dry spell.

Plant hyacinths and tulips now.

Lift and store dahlias once the foliage has turned black due to frost.

When a really hard frost is forecast, protect newly planted evergreens with either sacking or old net curtains, etc. Wrap sacking or similar insulation around outdoor containers to protect roots of the plant from freezing.

Chris Dodge

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A New Garden From £250 Per Month

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From November 1st 2019 on the company's 7th anniversary, we'll be introducing a brand-new payment option for anyone you know who would like to design and build their garden.

You can now choose to pay for your garden transformation by monthly instalment. The best part is you can choose anywhere from 12 months to 10 years. And as a valued customer there's an incentive for you to tell your friends, family and neighbours about it.

For example; our garden builds start from £15,000 including all the material, labour and clearance of waste. So, using that as an example instead of paying all of the money upfront you can pay just £250 per month for 60 months.

So, for every new customer we build a garden for that comes directly from your recommendation we'll give you £250 worth of John Lewis vouchers to say thank you. A handy gift at Christmas time (you can even have 10 x £25 vouchers to give as presents if you wish).

Wait, as it's the season of goodwill approaching, and no one wants to profit from a friend or family member (we certainly wouldn't want that to come between you and the recommendation) so we'll give them £250 in John Lewis vouchers too.

£500 of vouchers for a recommendation... there must be a catch

I completely understand why you would think that... and the straight forward answer is NO, there's no catch. When you read why you'll understand.

Allow us to explain.

Historically our customers always came from word of mouth and then the company grew in size to a total of 39 employees. Which changed the way we had to advertise for our customers. Over the past year or so our advertising investment has increased to the point where we are investing £12,000 - £15,000 per month in Google and Facebook advertising to build our diary of work for our team, and, we prefer word of mouth

Two reasons for giving you money

1. You make business a pleasure... therefore, unashamedly we want to work with clients like you, people who appreciate great service, have an affinity with our business and believe in the same values we do. Without the support of previous customers no one new will know how to differentiate us from anyone else.

2. Advertising is expensive... and when you advertise you have to see lots of potential customers to find actual customers, whereas word of mouth allows us to put more time and effort into fewer people. Resulting in them getting an outstanding service. Something we're constantly trying to improve upon.

Amongst many other reasons these are the ones that are dear to us.

This service is not just for new clients

Absolutely not.

If YOU want to add some additional features to your garden, we would be very happy to offer you the finance options to get what you want for your new garden.

Plus, as an added bonus, we'll treat the new work as a recommendation and give you the £250 John Lewis vouchers, or simply reduce your investment by £250... the choice is yours.

2 opportunities rolled into 1

Do you know anyone who would benefit from an extended payment plan?

Someone who has just moved into a new home with a tight budget?

Someone who has had a design and not had the build yet?

Tell them to call Claire on 0116 2100 760 now. It's important for them to tell us you gave them the number, otherwise we won't know and you'll both miss out on the John Lewis vouchers for Christmas.

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you for being part of our journey over the first 7 years and look forward to.

Regards Jeff



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MOTIVATIONAL WORDS OF WISDOM

Pessimism and resignation are the enemies of the "elderly". Here are a few tips for maximising your potential – whatever your age!

"You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream." – C S Lewis

"The way gets started is to quit talking and begin doing." – Walt Disney

"The pessimist sees difficulty in every opportunity. The optimist sees opportunity in every difficulty." – Winston Churchill

"Don't let yesterday take up too much of today." – Will Rogers

"It's not whether you get knocked down, it's whether you get up." – Vince Lombardi

"If you are working on something that you really care about, you don't have to be pushed. The vision pulls you." – Steve Jobs

"Knowing is not enough; we must apply. Wishing is not enough; we must do." – Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

"We generate fears while we sit. We overcome them by action." – Dr Henry Link

"Security is mostly a superstition. Life is either a daring adventure or nothing." – Helen Keller

"The man who has confidence in himself gains the confidence of others." – Hasidic proverb

"The only limit to our realization of tomorrow will be our doubts of today." – Franklin D Roosevelt

"For every reason it's not possible, there are hundreds of people who have faced the same circumstances and succeeded." – Jack Canfield

A husband and wife had been arguing all day. They pass a herd of jackasses. The wife says "relatives of yours?" Husband says, "yep in laws."

**Wife: Look at that drunk guy.
Husband: who is he?
Wife: 10 yrs back he proposed to me & I rejected him.
Husband: Oh My God! He's still celebrating...**

I'm proud of myself. I finished a jigsaw puzzle in 6 months, and the box said 2-4 years!



COMPETITIONS SUCCESS CELEBRATED

A packed clubhouse gathered on 11th October to pay tribute to the winners of the 2019 series of Club competitions and to honour a number of external successes. Club President Pete Murray welcomed special guests which included Councillor Ken Pacey, Chairman of Syston Town Council, who presented the prizes



Once again, for the third year running, in the Champion of Champions Trophy the Men's 4-Woods Champion (Ken Renshaw) had to concede to the Ladies' 4 Woods Champion (Marilyn Wood). The new sponsor of this trophy, Chris Meynell of Chris Meynell and Family Independent Funeral Directors, presented the trophy to Marilyn who is now an established County player, who also received the Ladies' 4-Woods and 2-Woods Championship cups.



The Men's 4-Woods Club Championship - this year, re-named The Mick Hughes Championship Trophy, in memory of a highly respected Member who had made a major contribution to Club development over the years while enjoying outstanding success on the green at County and National levels in the late 70's and early 80's – was presented to Ken Renshaw by Mick's widow, Irene.

The "Syston Town News" sponsored trophy for 2-Wood Triples was presented to Tyler Johnston, Ken Renshaw and Martin Warner by Editor Fiona Henry



Congratulations! to all winners and commiserations to all other participants. Competitions are for **ALL** - not just the few – irrespective of experience. Make an effort to enter next Season.

Other competition winners were as follows



Pete Murray
2 woods pairs singles



Ken Renshaw & Martin Warner
2 Woods Pairs



Brian Madelin Maidens

The "Aussie" 4-Woods Pairs was won by **Dave Anderton & Andy Savage**



Pete Murray & Derek Renshaw

4 Woods Pairs

Rod Heggs, Dave Hudson & Andy Savage

Triples



Special guests at the event also included representatives from new Club Patrons, Leicestershire Garden Design Co. Congratulations were extended to a team comprising Roy Hill, Derek Renshaw, George Stone and Martin Warner who had emerged as winners of the Potters Open Indoor Bowling Competition in September and to the Green & Royals side who had achieved promotion in the Loughborough and District Monday Triples League.



A special Certificate of Appreciation was presented to Martin Warner for his exemplary commitment to the role of Green Ranger, supervising the major improvements which had been commissioned over the past two years, leading to the green currently being recognised as one of the best in the County.



Finally, a special Award was made to Jenny and Paul Dewick in appreciation of their catering for evening League matches throughout

RUGBY WORLD CUP

On Saturday 2nd November a group of about eager Bowling Club members headed down to the Club House with great expectations to watch the England Rugby team play South Africa in the Final of the Rugby World Cup. Spirits were high as the England team had not been beaten across the tournament.

We were able to enjoy freshly prepared bacon baps, with or without tomatoes together with either tea, or coffee. These were cooked by Hazel Renshaw assisted by Tyler Johnson and served by Ken Renshaw.

There were lots of gasps of expectation, followed by groans of disappointment, as the hope of winning slipped from the team's grasp, in many ways the same as the ball failed to be caught by various members of the team.

The result was, of course, disappointing and now history. It was great to get together with a group of friends and enjoy the experience.

Thank you to Hazel, Ken and Tyler for setting everything up and cooking us breakfast.

Sue Renshaw

The next Coffee Morning is Saturday 14th December 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.

Please let me have any items for the next edition by Sunday 1st December

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A few words of wisdom

Larry Hardiman suggests

The word 'POLITICS' is derived from the word

'POLY' meaning MANY, and the word

'TICKS' meaning 'BLOOD SUCKING
PARASITES'.

And from H L Mencken

A good politician is quite as unthinkable as
an honest burglar.

Paul Fix thinks

The only reason some people get lost in thought
is because it's unfamiliar territory.

Mark Twain remarks

It is better to keep your mouth closed and let people
think you are a fool
than to open it and remove all doubt.

And from George Bernard Shaw

When a stupid man is doing something, he is
ashamed of,

he always declares that it is his duty.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to.....



Andy Savage
Chris Meynell
Dick Crouch
Muriel Gibson 105
on 5th Nov

Bowling Songs

HOME ON THE RANGE

Oh, give me a green where the bowling is
keen
And the young and the old bowlers play,
Where never is heard an unsporting word
And the skips do encourage all day.

Bowl Bowl on the green,
Where the young and the old bowlers play
Where friendships are made and troubles
fast fade,
And the skies are not cloudy all day

Thank you, Roy Hill,

The Dates for the Social Calender for 2019/20

Events to be confirmed

- 15th November Jazz Night
Hot Food
- 6th December - Xmas Party



**Fun Night – Bingo, Games
Faith Supper
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**See Notice Board for
Details**

- 4th January New Year Celebrations

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Hot Food

See notice board for more details

- 8th February To Be Confirmed
- 21st March To Be Confirmed

**LOTTERY BONUS
BALL**

No. 58 – Nigel Croft

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No. 13 – Pauline Wright

No. 32 – Peter Adams

**Congratulations to the
winners**

BOWLING SONGS

Roll A Roll Bowl Roll A Bowl

(to the tune of lovely of bunch coconuts)

We've got some luvrly sets of bowling woods
See them all a- lying on the ground

Brown ones, green ones and some as heavy as
lead. Give them a twist and a flick of the wrist.

Always into the head.

We've got some luvrly sets of bowling woods.

They're the best and there we all agree.

There stands the skip telling us where to put it
Singing a roll, a bowl a bowl but not in a ditch.

Chorus:

Singing roll a roll a bowl, but not in the ditch.

Singing roll a roll a bowl, but not in the ditch.

Singing roll a roll a bowl, but not in the ditch.

Singing roll a roll a bowl, but not in the ditch.

This tour is a happy band of bowlers.

You have seen us bowling on your green.

Cheerful when we lose, more so when we win.

Any time you see, you will always find a grin

As we our woods with great ability

Never giving ourselves a chance to slack

Entering in the game with all our might and main

Singing Roll a roll a bowl, we're on the jack

Chorus:

Thank you, Roy Hill

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