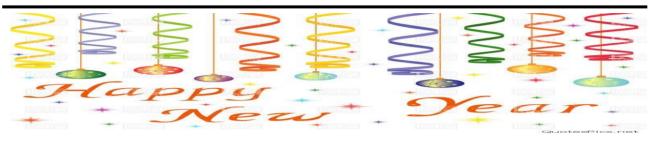
# the **SYSTON GREEN**

## Official Newsletter of the Syston Bowling Club

## No 167– January / February 2021





#### Presidents Message

I would like to wish everyone a very happy New Year and hope that it is much better than last year. I don't know whether any of our members, other than Gary Kilbourne, have had the COVID-19 virus, but if they have, I hope they make a full recovery. I'm glad to say that Gary, my daughter and my granddaughter are all recovering very well.

I ask that all members of the bowling club follow the guidelines set by the Government and keep safe and well.

We can only hope that with the various vaccines being used by the beginning of April we can start playing some kind of bowls. Please keep safe.

### **Pete Murray**



### Chairman's New Year Message

A Happy New Year to you all, and with it, hopefully, a forthcoming enjoyable bowling season for 2021.

We are all starved of personal interaction, having been unable to participate in our usual winter activities and enjoyable social evenings at the bowling club. I for one, have missed everyone so much and am looking forward to seeing friends again.

**COVID-19** has been a long and difficult time for all, and with most of us being of a certain age, not wanting to sacrifice a year of inactivity, but it has been out of our hands. **There is light** in the near future, let's

joyously embrace it when it comes!

I hope all members will re-join us for the coming season, let's make it a good one.

My personal thanks go to George Dodge and Val Foreman who have helped me, as the new chairman, with a number of procedures already in place, and have offered their support should I need it in the future. I hope I can live up to your expectations!

In last month's Newsletter there was a small error regarding my contact details which are as follows – 78, Barkby Road, Syston, LE7 2AH, 01162604477. E mail : <u>systonbowling@btinternet.com</u>

Finally, a message to Ken Renshaw Get the Bombay Sapphire Gin in please !! Regards

Kate Williams x



May I wish everyone a happy, Healthy new year.

Thinking what we could do to help us for the next bowls season myself I keep my right arm flexible by lifting a glass preferably full!

I like to think by starting with my arm straight then lifting the glass bending my arm to my mouth is like a bowls delivery. I have had a lot of practice lately. Seriously Let's Hope that this latest lockdown and vaccine will get us nearer to our season start. There are some great bowls video streams /matches etc on U tube which are very interesting just put bowls in the search. I hope we have some good News for the next Newsletter in March till then stay safe

Derek Renshaw. Club Captain

Hi all.

## **Gardening Tips**

Pruning Wisteria to Maintain a Perfect Vine



Wisteria can be allowed to grow unencumbered and become a beautiful sprawling vin

However, most of us have limited space and prefer to keep the plant contained while maximising abundance and visibility of the flowers

We have some tips on how to maximise blooms on your wisteria vines

## Starting with a prune now!

**1.** In late winter prune shoots to a length such that three to five buds are left. This will enhance flower production. In addition, remove any unwanted long, whippy shoots.

2. In summer, after flowers fade, cut the long main vines hanging off the trellis to about 6 inches.



We've gathered some tips on how to be prepared to protect your plants as temperatures continue to dip

We've seen a few cases of hoar frost this past week, even snow in some areas!

Frost injures plants by causing ice crystals to form in their cells damaging cell structure. So, it's important to protect your collection of half-hardy and frost tender shrubs and perennial

**1.** Use stakes and coverings such as horticultural fleece to cover vulnerable plants especially tropical varieties. This keeps the frost off but allows light to penetrate through.

2. Remove coverings the next day to keep the sun from over-heating them.

**3.** Low plantings can be covered with straw or leaf mulch to prevent damage. Just make sure to remove the mulch when temperatures rise.

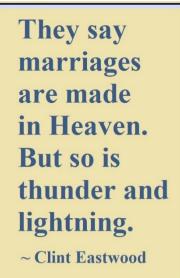
- 4. Group potted plants closer to the house where they will be sheltered.
- 5. Wrap potted plants in bubble wrap to insulate the soil, protecting the roots from damage.

## Thanks to Jeff Randall and his team for providing these tips



A few things to reflect on and smile about





Bizwaremagic's Funny Quotes

The quickest way to double your money is to fold it over and put it back in your pocket.

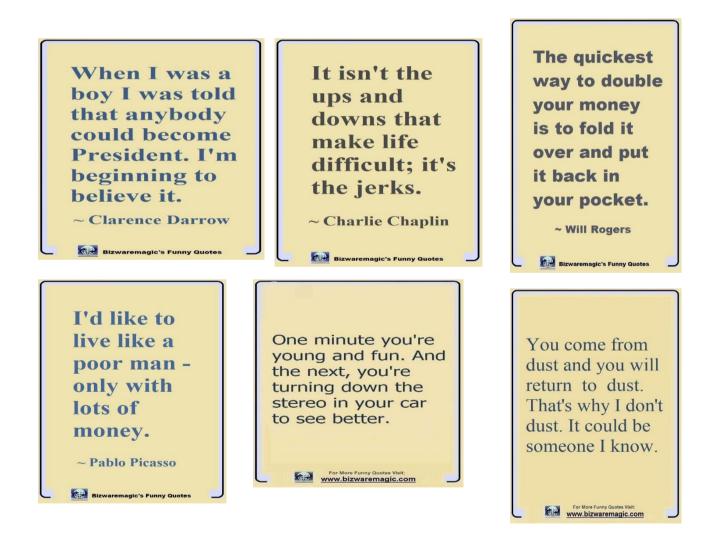
~ Will Rogers

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It isn't the ups and downs that make life difficult; it's the jerks.

~ Charlie Chaplin

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Thanks to John Lamble for these

## Please let me have any items for the next edition by Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2021

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## HAPPY January BIRTHDAY to...



Dave Hudson John Woodward Peter Adams Marion Hegginson Robert Aitken Julie Faver Mick Whatley

