

# the SYSTON GREEN

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## CAPTAINS LOG

### **Saturday 12th June**

It was great day for bowling again and the green was in tip top condition good to see friends we have not seen for a while.

### **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> June**

Instead of the usual Spider we played closest to the ditch, which seems popular and a good way of honing our skills. A good afternoon was had by all and thanks to Ken for putting the draft beer on

### **President v Captain**

I would love to say it was a close game, but it was not, three game wins for the President one win for Captain overall win for President well done.

A good time was had by all

Good food good, company for 30 plus people. A fun afternoon

It has been decided that friendly **Home** matches we will be played in **GREYS** and **TRIPLES** will played instead of the usual **Rinks**. Please keep an eye on the notice board each week for info and duties thank you.

In line with previous guidelines may I remind members of the policy to refrain from choosing to put their name down for specifically at home and away for Saturday matches, makes it very difficult for me, as Club Captain to please everybody.

I am aware that it is not always possible there will be occasions when members need to specify why they need to play at home etc.

If this is so, will you please let me now personally.

I will be as fair as possible to give matches home and away to everybody when necessary

Thank you for your continued support

**Derek Renshaw**  
**Club Captain**

## **THEATRE SEATS FOR SENIORS**

**An old man lay awkwardly sprawled across three entire seats in the movie theatre**

**When the usher came by and noticed this, he whispered to the old man,**

**"Sorry sir, but you're only allowed one seat."**

**The old man didn't budge.**

**The usher became more impatient.**

**"Sir, if you don't get up from there, I'm going to have to call the manager."**

**Once again, the old man just muttered and did nothing.**

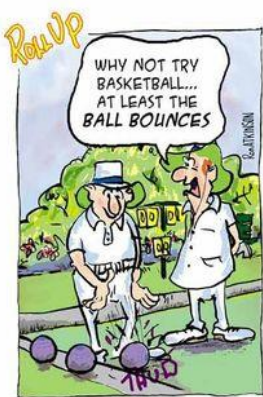
**The usher marched briskly back up the aisle, and in a moment returned with the manager.**

**Together the two of them tried repeatedly to move the old dishevelled man, but with no success.**

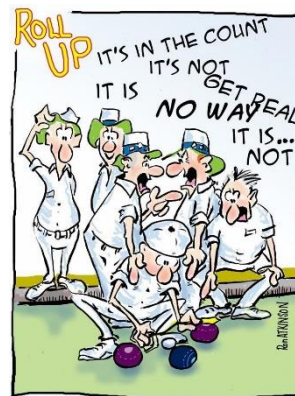
**Finally, they summoned the police.**

The officer surveyed the situation briefly, then asked, "All right, buddy, what's your name?"  
 "Fred," the old man moaned.  
 "Where you from, Fred?" asked the police officer.  
 With a terrible strain in his voice, and without moving, Fred replied;  
 The balcony".....

Thanks, you to John Lamble



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If the mountain seems too big today  
then climb a hill instead.  
If the morning brings you sadness  
it's ok to stay in bed.  
If the day ahead weighs heavy  
and your plans feel like a curse,  
there's no shame in rearranging,  
don't make yourself feel worse.  
If a shower stings like needles  
and a bath feels like you'll drown,  
if you haven't washed your hair for days,  
don't throw away your crown.  
A day is not a lifetime  
a rest is not defeat,  
don't think of it as failure,  
just a quiet, kind retreat.  
It's ok to take a moment  
from an anxious, fractured mind,  
the world will not stop turning  
while you get realigned.  
The mountain will still be there  
when you want to try again,  
you can climb it in your own time,  
just love yourself til then.



— Laura Ding-Edwards

### **A Reflective POEM**

## GARDENING TIPS

New build housing estates or terraced homes are known for having awkward shape plots. And in these neighbourhoods second story windows often overlook neighbours' gardens. If you own a one of these homes this will be all too familiar to you.

A well-placed structure can screen a patio from view. As you can see from this garden, we designed a timber shelter with roof which blocked the line of sight to this family's patio dining area.

The location for their outdoor kitchen was chosen precisely to help shield the family's private dining spot from the overlooking windows next door.

Thinking carefully about placement of structures and patios in your garden can mean the difference between the haven you crave and an exposed outdoor experience to really don't want to spend time in.

Removing all plants from the garden doesn't reduce your maintenance. It can actually cause more.

Plants make a garden feel like how a garden should. Relaxing, peaceful and calming.

Without plants your garden runs the risk of looking like a car park.

And it can lead to a reduction in wildlife and cause more surface water.

**Large areas of paving = more jet washing.** Dirty and tired paving makes your garden look untidier than a few unkempt borders.

So don't be tempted to pave the lot

It's actually the wrong choice of plants which causes you the headache when it comes to maintenance.

### **You need to consider:**

The plant's mature height, mature spread, pruning requirement, sunlight requirement and soil requirements when deciding on your planting palette.

The right plant in the right

place will save your hours of maintenance.

## **Who Needs Portugal Any Way?**

### **Destination: Back Garden**

The uncertainty is stressful - Not knowing where your holiday destination will be on the traffic light system from one week to the next.

There's ONE thing for certain. The safest place to stay is always at home.

We've got some great tips to create that holiday destination in your own back garden.

And a bonus – your garden can be enjoyed at any time of the year not just for the summer!

## Our Top Tips That Create the Ultimate Holiday Vibes



White render is classic in gardens designed for warmer climates. Adding render to your garden reflects the light keeping particularly hot gardens cooler and more pleasurable to be in. Not only is render practically great but it makes you feel you could be in a cocktail bar in Lanzarote!

It goes without saying, palms, evergreen shrubs and grasses scream the tropics. You can achieve this look in your own back garden using hardy palms, phormiums and festuca so when temperatures do dip, they'll still thrive in our cooler seasons.



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**Thanks to Jeff Randall and his team**

Please let me have any items for the next edition by Monday 26<sup>th</sup> July

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BIRTHDAY to...**



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