

Official Newsletter of the Syston Bowling Club No.177 December 2021





Presidents Message

MERRY CHRISTMAS

I hope you all can get to see your families this Christmas after last year's disappointment. We all need is to have contact to have contact especially with family and friends.

Coffee mornings are now back as usual with social events starting planned starting with the Christmas Party this evening at 7pm, which is a faith supper, cost £5 to help cover the cost of the prizes.

Thanks to Martin for keeping us informed on Face Book but if you don't see us there all details are published each month are in the Newsletter, so please support events whenever you can.

These events helping us keep in touch over the closed season and bring in valuable revenue for the club thereby helping to keeping fees down.

I hope you like the new look to the Club House and want to thank Jan and Pauline for their hard work. The Trophies were given to the winners and runners up at the Presentation evening by Chris Meynell accompanied by his wife. Thanks to Hazel for providing Hot Dogs and Beef Burgers at the end of the evening.

I was able to spring a big surprise on Roger Stone and Ivan Jordan, when I gave them a special award for their outstanding commitment to the club.

I would also like to thank those who provided a guard of honour at Ron Lilley's funeral. Pat and the family have expressed their gratitude for the show of support at this difficult time.

I would like to be the first to offer the season's greetings on behalf of the Board and Committee and look forward to another great year for the club and I am sure with your help it will be.

Derek Renshaw President



Hi everyone,

Thank you to all those people who have signed up to and, follow our new Facebook page. It has been a busy past month with the Club's AGM: Presentation Night: Social Night: Coffee Morning and Roll ups all being announced and promoted on the page. Thank you to all those who have contributed and posted comments about the Clubs activities and hopefully this enthusiastic involvement will continue.

I understand this might not be the first choice of communication for a few of you, but without doubt it is both effective and informative in promoting the Club and is definitely the way forward for the future generation of Bowlers to come.

As a reminder for those signed up to our page we have the Christmas Lunch, Christmas Party and a Christmas Quiz all coming up in the next week or so and details can be found in the Social Events Section of the Newsletter or by contacting one of the Bowlers or Committee members.

Please spread the word and reach out to those who don't use Face Book to make them aware of what we are all about and events other than Bowling that go on throughout the Winter months.

Apologies for the changes and mix ups regarding the changing times and cancellations of the Roll up start times recently but, some of this was out of our control and some was a breakdown in communication on our part so we will endeavour in the future to try to better and a little more organised.

Finally, to all members can I please ask you to share any information you see on our Face Book page with those who would not normally or possibly take part in our activities. It only takes a minute or a quick telephone call to each other and can then be a great help in avoiding problems and misunderstandings regarding changes to our social activities.

Happy Christmas everyone and "Keep Posting".

Martin Warner



Dear fellow bowlers

The Christmas season is almost upon us. I hope you have nearly completed your preparations for our longed-for return to a joyous occasion.

I look forward to seeing you all at the Bowls Club before the 25th.

I wish you all a most enjoyable Christmas and a Happy New year.

Kate Williams Club Captain



SYSTON BOWLERS CELEBRATE 2021 COMPETITIONS SUCCESSES



On 27th November members of Syston Bowling Club paid tribute to the winners of the 2021 series of Club competitions. Club President, Derek Renshaw, welcomed Members and special guests and Club Patrons, Chris Meynell and wife Cathy.

Once again, for the fifth year running, the **Champion of Champions Trophy**, sponsored by Chris Meynell and Family Independent Funeral Directors, was won by a lady. On this occasion, the 2020 Ladies' Champion, Pauline Wright, was crowned following her impressive success against 2020 Men's Champion, Andy Savage..

The Mick Hughes Men's 4-Woods Club Championship this year was presented to Martin Warner. Very impressively, both Ladies' 4-Woods and 2 Woods Singles Trophies were won by Marilyn Wood.

The "Syston Town News"- sponsored trophy for **2-Wood Triples** was presented to Mick Pipes, Martin Warner and Pauline Wright.

Other competition winners were as follows:

Men's 2-Woods Singles: Derek Renshaw; Maidens 4-Woods Singles: Gary Kilbourne; Anita Lowder 4 Woods Pairs: Tyler Johnston and Ken Renshaw; Warner Trophy "Aussie" 4-Woods Pairs: Tyler Johnson and Pauline Wright; Triples: Colin Grimes, Martin Warner and Kate Williams.

Special Certificates of Appreciation were presented to Roger Stone and Ivan Jordan for their exemplary commitment to the Club, both on the green and within the clubhouse, throughout a difficult year.

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Notes to Editor: For further information about this Release and/or .jpg copy of the featured photograph and all other winners identified, please contact: Colin Grimes, Development Director, Syston Bowling Club

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Help to fight Festive Fraud

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- a victim or attempted victim of fraud report to Action Fraud
- have received a phishing email report@phishing.gov.uk
- have received a phishing or malicious text message report to 7726



A big thank you to the bowlers who have turned out for me on Saturday nights. Good results so far keep up the good work

Kate Toon



HAPPY DECEMBER BIRTHDAY TO





Carole Allott

George Dodge

Val Foreman

David Hill

Roy Hill

Neil Marshall

Barbara Robinson

Janet Russell

George Stone

Alan Ward

Norman Webster

Bev Wright

FIFTY-NINE CLUB

CLUB WINNERS:

ROD HEGGS

KEN RENSHAW

SUE RENSHAW

THERE NINE SPARE NUMBERS

Please speak to Val for more details

Thank you



CHRISTMAS QUIZ
COST £1
FOOD AVAILABLE

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SPEND AN EVENING

Friendly Fun

Gardening Tips

pruning & tidying

- If we have a 'white Christmas' remember to shake snow off trees and shrubs after enjoying the sight of them. The weight of snow can damage branches and stems. Don't worry about snow on low plants, it actually protects them against hard frosts, acting as a blanket over them.
- Check newly planted trees and shrubs to see if they have been loosened by winds or lifted by frost. If this happens, gaps form around the roots causing them to dry out. If you see a crack around the plant, firm in again gently with your feet.
- Prune climbing roses now; cut away diseased or damaged growth and tie in any new shoots to their support. Prune older flowered side shoots back by two thirds of their length.
- Prune ornamental vines. Vines can produce growth of up to 10ft in one season so need to be kept in check. Thin out overcrowded shoots and then prune side-shoots to two buds from the main stems that are kept as a framework.
- Keep cutting back dead foliage and keep an eye out for weeds if it is mild.
- Apply dry mulch such as chipped bark around borderline-hardy plants such as agapanthus, phagemids, Hedychium and
- Keep on top of weeding if weather is mild, they will still be growing.
- Plant evergreen shrubs if conditions are good

OTHER JOBS

- Clean paths to prevent then becoming slippery and repair sheds, fences and trellises.
- Repair lawns if weather conditions allow.
- Carry out winter digging, incorporating organic matter so that the action of frost can breakdown the soil before spring making preparing seedbeds easier in the spring.

- Protect plants vulnerable to frosts as the year enters its coldest phase. Either bring in tender plants if you haven't already and put mulch, compost or straw over the top of any in borders.
- Keep an eye on container plants and bulbs. Do not allow them to dry out after freezing.
- Raise potted plants off the ground to prevent them becoming waterlogged.
- If you haven't already done so, aerate your lawn before winter wet really sets in. You can use either a lawn aerator or simply insert a garden fork at regular intervals and rock it backwards and forwards a little to let air in.
- Avoid walking on lawns covered with frost.
- Wash, dry and store any used pots, seed trays and containers to remove overwintering pests and diseases.
- Keep cutting back and clearing up any leaves so that slugs and snails can't shelter beneath them.
- Pests may overwinter on plants, so keep an eye out for infestations of greenfly and whitefly and red spider mite which can soon spread.



This Winter Could Be the Perfect Time to Get Started.

Did you know most homeowners looking to transform their garden space believe the best time to get their garden designed and built is in the spring and summer?

Now, strictly speaking, summer is the best time for landscaping because it's warm, relatively dry and the days are longer. It's a more pleasant time to be outdoors, right?

But actually, that's precisely why you shouldn't be having your garden built during the spring and summer.

In fact, between June and August is our (*The Garden Design Company's*) quietest period. Because you're out enjoying your garden during the summer as you should be, you don't want to be disturbed by landscaping work going on

5 reasons it is the best

- 1. You're not using your garden during the winter So it's the best time to construct!
- 2. Available start dates are much sooner In the springtime, everyone has the same idea... 'I must get the garden sorted this year.' So, availability is much better in the winter.
- 3. Your garden will mature quicker By planting in the winter your garden plants establish much quicker as they have longer in the ground before spring which means; a more mature garden, quicker! (Container plants can be planted anytime in dry and non-frosty conditions).
- 4. **It's ready for when you want to use it** –That's why it makes perfect sense to get your garden transformed this winter so it's ready to enjoy in the spring and summer without any delay whatsoever.
- 5. **Zero maintenance** You won't see any new growth in plants until spring. This means there will be zero maintenance (cutting the grass pruning and cutting back trees) at least until the springtime

Perhaps you've been thinking about transforming your garden for a while, yet you haven't managed to get started maybe you've been putting it off because you've, or maybe you've been putting it off because you've been using your garden this summer





COMPETITION PRESENTATION NIGHT 2021

Copies of any of these photographs can be ordered using the Order Form on the next page. $\pounds 1$ each with 50% going to Club funds



PRESENTATION NIIGHT PICTURES CONTINUED











Editor, *Sue Renshaw*, would greatly appreciate regular contributions from anyone who has anything to say which might be of interest to other Members. As a general guide, copy should be sent (*by email, wherever possible*

SYSTON BOWLING CLUB

All communications should be addressed to the Chairman of the Board of Directors

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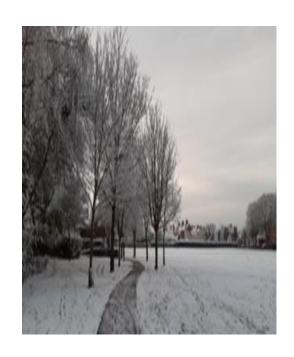
The next Newsletter will be a double edition for January and February which will be published in time for the Coffee morning in February.

Please let me have any items 31stJanuary 2022

I wish you all a Very Happy Christmas and Best Wishes for the New Year.



SYSTON PICTURES IN THE SNOW









MORE SYSTON PICTICTURES







SOCIAL EVENTS

Saturday 11th December Christmas Party Faith Supper -£5 to cover prizes.7pm

Thursday 16th December Christmas Quiz – 7pm

Saturday 8th January Stenson Guiter Duo £8 Soup and Bread.7pm

Saturday 19th February Race Night food to be arranged and cost.7pm

Saturday 26th March Call My Bluff 7pm

MIDWEEK LUNCHES

Tuesday December 14th at the Harrow 12.30pm for 1.00pm £5 deposit please see Pauline.

Friday 14th January at the Bowls Club 12.30pm for 1.00 please see Maureen.

Friday 11th February 12.30pm for 1.00 at Bowls Club please see Maureen.

Thursday 10th March 12.30pm for 1.00pm please see Maureen.

COFFEE MORNINGS

Always Second Saturday of the month:

Saturday 11th December

Saturday 8th January

Saturday 12th February

Tuesday Morning Melton Indoor Bowls –arrive 11.15 am all welcome Dave Lander



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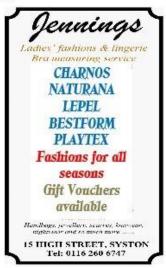












Grateful thanks to all of our Patrons