

the **SYSTON GREEN**



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Presidents Message

April is here and the Gardens are in full Bloom. With the hope of the season to come. It was a shame the opening friendly match had to be cancelled but, for the sake of the green it is better to have a good green for the upcoming matches.

A great night was had at the races and a big thank you to all those who helped.

Sue and myself as bookies paid out some high paying bets with the highest winner at the end of the night going to Janet Russell receiving a bottle of Prosecco.

Over £500 total in the night was made for the club.

A great evening was enjoyed by all

See you all on the green.

I Hope you all have a wonderful Easter with lots of eggs and hot cross buns and fun over the holidays.

Derek Renshaw



There is an error on the fixture page in the Handbook we are shown as playing West Bridgforth on the 1st of August this an error and this needs to be deleted.

For information we are due to play them on the 1st of September.

Thanks Dave

Dave Anderton

Fixtures Captain

For those Bowlers who don't yet know we have had quite a good indoor season at Melton. We have won the Tuesday Triples and the league Warren Saturday night.

These two leagues (with the exception of Phil Hopkinson from Melton were made up of Syston bowlers

I would like to give a big thank you to everyone who turned up for these games
Good consistent bowling lead to these results.

Kate Toon

Team Captain



Forms have now been put on the match availability board for you to select the games you are able to play, up to and including the 7th of May.

As with previous seasons, I would ask you not put down your preference for a home game, unless for a special reason. It's important that everyone has the same opportunity to play at home.

I look forward to seeing you all on the green for a full season of matches.
Good luck!!

Kate Williams
Saturday Captain



It is a very sad month the Club with the passing of John Woodward and Rob Wilbourn.

John was a quite gentle man, a big man with a big heart a friend to everyone and who will be missed by all who knew him.

Rob Wilbourn was the nicest, kindest man I knew, never had a bad word for anyone and would help when he could. Those of us who have been at the Club for a lot of years can still remember him riding his motor bike with Janice riding pillion. He was a very accomplished bowler winning trophies not only at Syston Bowling Club, but also at Evington Park. Most of all Rob was a gentleman in every sense of the word and will be sadly missed by all who knew him.

Our sincere condolences go to Janice and the family. God bless Rob rest in peace.

I am sure you are all aware the Club is going through a difficult period both financially and player wise. It is very important that you support the Club as much as possible by playing as often as you can and by attending as many social events as possible. The Club officials both Directors and Management Committee are working hard to try and provide the best for every member, all we ask is that you support the Club in every way you can.

Pete Murray
Chairman



FIFTY NINE CLUB
WINNERS

Marilyn Wood
Stan Page
Kate Williams,
Janice Wilbourn
Chris Meynell.

We have 5 spare

Thanks Val Forman

HAPPY APRIL
BIRTHDAY to...



Tiena Abutt
Sheila Aindow
Dave Lander
Pete Murray
Margaret Trigg
Colin Wilkinson



GARDENING TIPS

April in the garden

April is the busiest time in the garden, but don't panic, take things one step at a time and you'll get it all done. It's important to take a few moments to sit in the sun, listen to the birds and admire any colour you have in the garden. Make a note of any gaps in your spring planting to order any bulbs in the autumn for next year.

Sowing & growing

1. Start to sow hardy annuals eg marigolds, poppies, dill, cerinthe, nigella, etc.
2. Harden off seedlings that have been started off indoors on warm still days. Place them outside during the day, but take them in again late afternoon, and do this for about a week or so. This way they will get used to the cooler conditions before being planted outside. Start planting out half-hardies, e.g. cosmos, in sheltered spots at end of the month.
3. Prick out seedlings. Remember to get as much root as you can by pushing your dibber right down to the base of the seed tray and lifting from there.
4. Sow perennials – these could include hollyhocks, delphiniums, *Linares purpurea* 'Canon Went' and Echinacea's. Fill a seed tray with peat-free compost and dampen with water. Sow seeds spaced at least an inch apart in a grid across the compost surface. Then scatter (or sieve) a fine covering of compost over the seeds. You don't need to water again immediately. Place in a light, cool spot, eg a window ledge or, if you have one, in a propagator in a cold frame, greenhouse or polytunnel with basal heat.
5. Later in the month, thin out hardy annuals sown in drifts or rows to allow plants to reach optimum size.
6. Pot cuttings of tender perennials, eg pelargoniums, arctotis, verbenas, penstemons and argyranthemums, taken late last summer or autumn. They'll be well rooted now and will benefit from some fresh compost and more space for root formation before planting in their summer position.
7. Plant out sweet peas – two plants to each upright. Dig a good, deep hole and fill the base with farmyard manure. Tie them in to the base of the arch or frame and water them in well.
8. Create new plants from last year's pelargoniums – take cuttings now and they'll be ready to be replanted in a couple of months and be in full flower in a couple of months

Bulbs & Tubers

- If you have Dahlia tubers, now is the time to get them potted up.
- Finish planting summer-flowering bulbs. This includes Eucomis, Crinums and the deliciously scented cousin of the gladiolus – Adan Thera. Plant them in pots or in the ground.
- Plant lily bulbs straight into the ground. Give them plenty of room and, on heavy soil, add grit for drainage to their
- Any indoor forced bulbs – hyacinths or Narcissi 'Avalanche' and 'Cragford' – can be planted into the garden when they've finished flowering. (NB paper whites are not hardy, but don't chuck – keep the bulbs for planting again next autumn inside). I plant all my forced hyacinths together in a partially-shaded bed so they don't create a dotty effect all-round the garden for years to come.

Perennials, shrubs & trees

Pruning & tidying

- Keep on top of the tiny annual weeds emerging with a hoe. Only hoe on dry days – this way any weeds that you hoe will die off and wilt quickly. Run the blade back and forth over the soil to break it up and cut down any of the newly sprouting weeds. You can save so much back-breaking work later on if you do this every other day for a few minutes.
- Perennials such as bindweed will start to appear big-time now. Dig them out, tracing the roots as far as you can, or train the tip up a bamboo cane and then treat with a suitable weed killer.
- Cut back the last of the perennials and lightly fork over the soil carefully without damaging emerging shoots.
- To keep your roses growing healthily and for the best flowers this summer, make sure that your climbing roses are well tied down. Bend over any upright stems to encourage more flowers – you will normally only get flowers at the top of an upright, but if you bend them you will get more flowers along the stem. Tie them in so they are lying horizontally. This will also create a thicker screen, if you are using the rose as cover or to beautify a not-so-pretty wall or fence.
- Lavender plants need cutting back now to prevent them from looking sparse. Give the plant a short back and sides with secateurs to snip off old flower stems and shoot tips. Don't prune hard into old wood, as this will prevent new growth. While you are pruning, shape the plants into domes and remove any leggy or unwanted stems. Give the plants a weekly liquid feed during the summer, to encourage growth.
- Tidy up tussock-forming grasses with a shaping haircut

- Now is also the time to divide and replant species such as *Stipa gigantea*, which struggle when newly planted in the wet and cold of winter
 - Last chance to cut back shrubs, especially those grown for colourful winter stems (eg dogwood or willow). Cut back to buds about knee height, then feed and mulch. Also cut back winter flowering jasmine when flowering has finished. Prune back to within 5cm of the old wood to promote branching.
 - The late summer flowering *Varicella*-type clematis need pruning now. Cut them back to about knee height, above a clutch of growth buds. Spread the stems as much as you can on their support or frame for greater impact. Feed and mulch with a general-purpose organic fertiliser.
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