

# THE SYSTON GREEN

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## Garden Group News

The Garden Group spent an enjoyable afternoon listening to a talk and slide show on the History of the Walled Garden, followed by tea and cakes. Kate and John Ward visited us last year and said how much they had been looking forward to seeing us all again as we are such a friendly group.

They insisted on reducing their usual fee and hope they will be invited back again. All the money raised from admission and plant sales—a grand total of £60—went to the Vista charity.

Members recently visited Eastern Walled Gardens near Grantham. This is an enormous renovation project to eventually restore the gardens to their original glory. There was also a shop with many interesting items and a very good tea room serving a variety of food. We enjoyed this visit very much and will certainly return, maybe in July for their special Sweet Pea week.

One of the items covered at the May meeting was a demonstration on how to plant a hanging basket for summer. This was raffled off and the winner was Janice Wilbourne. The latest visit was to Coton Manor which was absolutely lovely, with bluebell woods, spring flowers and lots of ducklings, chickens, flamingos, etc. The next meeting will take place on 7th June at 7.0pm.

## New Directors Welcomed

The April meeting welcomed two new Directors, namely, **Val Foreman** and **Kate Toon**, who attended for the first time, and the Board had a very full agenda. The submission of an application to the Co-operative Society for a grant of up to £2000 under their Community Vote 2011 scheme, was confirmed. Following a post-Budget review, a decision not to increase Bar prices for the time being, in the hope that current forecast profit margins could still be achieved, was agreed. Following the suggestion made at the Club AGM, an initial report on a feasibility study, covering the possible purchase and installation of a 20ft x 8ft steel container at the eastern end of the clubhouse, as a possible means of easing current inadequacies in changing room/storage space, was presented.

The Board are still awaiting a response from the County Highways Dept to a proposal to install a tarmac ramp between the Clubhouse and the gate to the green across the public footpath.

Discussions on the work being undertaken to improve the green, including the need for re-turfing of some areas, and on the problems currently being experienced with the automatic watering system, took a deal of time. Members can be assured that every effort continues to be made to create one of the best playing surfaces in the County. Shortly after the meeting, a cheque for £250 was received from the Coventry Building Society (through the good offices of the daughter of Marjorie Clowes) as a grant towards the purchase of a second wheelchair.

## The Club Coach Column

Some of my comments after watching some of our players during weekend matches. Players were just going through the actions without any concentration and.

- 1 Learn from the first few ends, the speed of the green and be able to adjust line and length.

- 2 Remember the 2 lines in bowls Jack line and bowl line, it is difficult to deliver your bowls when standing on the Jack line.

- 3 Laying the mat properly but also use the mat ie stand on the line with your feet slightly apart to maintain a good balance on the bowl line

- 4 Learn from your first bowl, if short on a heavy green, look for a yard beyond the Jack.

- 5 Remember what ever the shot. The speed of arm delivery and smooth release of the bowl, with a follow through. Remember the 3R's Relax, Routine and repeat.

If you want any particular problem on bowling sorting and you would appreciate the advice on a one to one coaching session please contact me.

## TOP CLUB

The Mens Section are through to the next round and will play Birstall away.

The game will be on

Monday 16th May starting at 6-00pm.

Some support will be appreciated

Fancy a few days away  
What could be nicer !  
4 Bedroom Cottage (sleeps 7)  
All Mod Cons, including C.H.  
Cromer, Norfolk.  
From £40 per night  
Contact Janice or Rob  
(01664424813)

## A report on the first match of the season

Our first match of the season took place on 9th April, which turned out to be a glorious, sunny afternoon.

The green was in very good condition, thanks to Roger Bentley's hard work. And everyone played very well.

There were 34 players using all six rinks, with five triples and one pairs match. The pairs match was between the Ladies President, Chris Biddles, and Vice President Kate Toon, and Mens President George Dodge, and Vice President, Bob Dunlop. This was a good evenly balanced match, with the Ladies winning by just one shot.

George Dodge tried out his new idea of recording how many touchers were achieved over the match, and was somewhat surprised to find that there were 82 touchers recorded over all six rinks. Either we are more skilled than we thought or just lucky on the day. It must be the former—all of us are good players and getting better, thanks perhaps partly because of the camaraderie of this wonderful club of ours, and partly because of the good offices of our Club Coach Des Eggitt.

The faith tea was as usual, excellent, with a great selection of both savoury and sweet dishes to choose from. The winning rink members all received a Presidential pen from the Mens President George Dodge.

## Mens Competitions 2011

### Four wood Maidens (21 shots)

S Page	V	D Crouch
N Evatt	V	R Heggs
B Arnold	V	R Dexter
P Hancoch	V	R Wilbourn
C Grimes	V	J Lester
R Meyer	V	R Wood
D Anderton	V	K Jordan
G Dodge	V	G Kilbourn

### Triples (18 ends)

P Hancock, D Creasey, J Lamble V  
C Smith, R Dexter, B Arnold

C Grimes, K Renshaw, D Hudson V  
R Meyer, G Pell, R Heggs

R Wood, R Hill, M Clare V  
N Evatt, P Murray, G Kennell

## Men's Competitions 2011 continued

### Four wood singles (21 shots)

D Hudson	V	C Wilkinson
T Jordan	V	J Lamble
G Stone	V	G Dodge
R Heggs	V	R Dunlop
G Kennell	V	R Wood
P Murray	V	R Meyer
K Renshaw	V	G Pell
M Clare	V	P Hancock
D Eggitt	V	E Hall
J Lester	V	C Kilbourn
B Arnold	V	N Evatt
D Anderton	V	R Wilbourn
C Grimes	V	R Hill
A Calver	V	Bye

### Two wood singles (21 ends)

A Calver	V	R Mayer
G Dodge	V	G Kennell
P Hancock	V	D Eggitt
D Hudson	V	P Murray
K Renshaw	V	R Wood
G Pell	V	G Stone
K Jordan	V	E Hall
T Jordan	V	C Grimes
M Clare	V	N Evatt
D Crouch	V	G Kilbourn
J Lamble	V	D Anderton
G Heggs	V	Bye

### Four wood pairs (21 ends)

G Kilbourn & P Murray	V	R Hill & C Grimes
M Clare & R Wood	V	A Calver & R Heggs
D Hudson & P Hancock	V	R Meyer & J Lamble
R Wilbourn & N Evatt	V	B Arnold & D Eggitt
K Renshaw & G Pell	V	C Smith & T Jordan
G Kennell & R Dunlop	V	Bye

### Two wood pairs (21 ends)

R Dexter & D Anderton	V	D Crouch & D Hudson
R Meyer & G Stone	V	J Lamble & P Hancock
G Kennell & G Pell	V	P Murray & N Evatt
K Renshaw & A Calver	V	R Hill & B Arnold
K Jordan & G Kilbourn	V	S Page & M Clare
R Heggs & R Wood	V	C Smith & R Wilbourn

### Four wood mixed pairs (21 ends)

G Dodge & B Wright	V	G Kilbourn & S Andow
G Pell & J Wilbourn	V	R Hill & K Williams
K Renshaw & M Abbott	V	C Grimes & K Toon
D Crouch & A Lowder	V	C Smith & M Wood
J Lester & V Forman	V	N Evatt & S Parker
R Meyer & H Rayns	V	R Wood & J Hubbard
K Jordan & C Biddles	V	E Hall & J Lowe
D Hudson & M Page	V	B Arnold & R Wheeler

### S T N Mixed Pairs

D Hudson & J Wilbourn	V	R Wilbourn & M Abbott
M Clare & K Toon	V	J Lester & A Lowder
R Wood & M Wood	V	J Lamble & J Hubbard
K Renshaw & C Biddles	V	R Hill & J Lowe
P Hancock & R Meyer	V	G Stone & D Eggitt
E Hall & A Calver	V	M Newman & D Crouch

## CLUB DIARY

### MAY

- 14th Coffee Morning 10.30 am  
Aylstone Hall H  
Silby A
- 16th Crusaders A  
Ringers H
- 18th Quorn H
- 19th Evington Park H  
Evington A
- 21st Sileby H  
Lough Granby A
- 23rd Finches H  
Conways A
- 25th Aylstone H
- 26th Melton Town A
- 27th Rothley H
- 28th Melton Town H  
Keyworth A
- 30th Hawks H  
Swallows H

### JUNE

- 1st Melton Mowbray H
- 2nd Lough Granby A
- 3rd Lough Granby A
- 4th Countesthorpe H  
Whissendine A
- 6th Greenfields H  
Saints A
- 7th Rothley H
- 8th Market Overton A
- 9th Birstall H
- 10th Wolds A
- 11th Coffee Morning 10.30 am  
Brookfield H  
Quorn Mills Park A
- 13th Willows A  
Wolds H
- 14th Wymeswold A
- 16th Belgrave A
- 17th Thringstone A
- 18th Loughborough Granby H  
Oakham A

### Editorial Request

Your views, opinions, news and other material of interest to members would be welcome for publication in future editions. Please send to George Dodge as Editor by the first Monday in every month. The editor apologises for this edition of the Syston Greens format, but this is due to unforeseen circumstances beyond his control.

## Green in fine fettle

Our green ranger Roger Bentley is pleased to report that the green is on its way back to becoming one of the best in the county thanks mainly to Chris Mews and his team.

The watering system is again up and running with just a few minor adjustments left to attend to.

Thanks to our working party the seats and rubbers are in place

### Special Notice

#### Tell your friends

Sunday 22nd May 2011 starting at 10-00 am, your club will be holding a Plants, Crafts, Cakes, Jewellery and Knick-knack Fair. Also in attendance will be **Withers** the sports equipment supplier, will have a range of bowling clothes and equipment on offer at special discounted prices  
Come early to secure a bargain!

Coffee, tea and refreshments will be available plus a full Bar service  
Anyone interested in becoming a member is cordially invited to attend this event or any Coffee morning or to contact any existing member of the club to discuss membership.

Non-members are always welcome to try the game and to receive coaching before deciding whether to join. All equipment, other than flat shoes, can be provided.

Do not hesitate to get in touch if you would like to try.

Thanks to Leicestershire County Council South Charnwood Area Forum, the Club now has a specialist wheelchair which gives disabled players the opportunity to take part in the great sport of bowling.  
It is currently expected that senior representatives from the County, Borough and Town Council will be present, together with a photographer, to publicise the success of the grant from the Area Forum which enabled us to buy the specialised wheelchair.

All members are urged to spread the word about this important "Open Day" event around the local community in the hope that the various stalls—all offering great bargains—will attract plenty of buyers to raise money for Club funds and that we might attract a number of new members by offering everyone the opportunity to try their hand on the green.

**Brain Teaser.** This is quite an old one but, if you have not seen it before, it will get you thinking.

3 people go to a hotel after a night out on the town. They ask the receptionist if they have a room available. The receptionist says "Yes I do. It's the only one available and its £30.00 for the night".

The people accept the room and pay £10.00 each and retire for the night. The next day, the receptionist realises she has made a mistake on the price of the room. Instead of £30.00 she should only have charged £25.00. She gives the porter £5.00 and asks him to refund the 3 people. On his way up, the porter thinks "How on earth am I going to split £5.00 ...3ways?" So, for sake of simplicity, he gives £1.00 back to each of the three guests and keeps £2.00 for himself. Now, each of the guests has paid £9.00 for the room.

Question:

£9.00 X 3 = £27.00 + £2.00 that the porter kept = £29.00.

WHERE HAS THE OTHER £1 GONE