

DIARY DATES 2014 JANUARY

Saturday 11
Coffee Morning 10.30am

Monday 13
Melton Indoor Roll-up 11.20am

Wednesday 15
Quiz & Social afternoon 2.00pm

Saturday 18
Who Wants To Be A Millionaire
7.00pm £3 inc supper

Monday 20
Melton Indoor Roll-up 11.20am

Wednesday 22
Quiz & Social afternoon 2.00pm

Monday 27
Melton Indoor Roll-up 11.20am

Wednesday 29
Quiz & Social afternoon 2.00pm

Friday 31
A game of Boccia
Faith Supper & Raffle - Tickets £5

Saturday 1 FEBRUARY
Indoor Bowls Game - Warren Triples
6.30pm

Monday 3
Melton Indoor Roll-up 11.20am

Wednesday 5
Quiz & Social afternoon 2.00pm

Saturday 8
Coffee Morning 10.30am

Your friends and family are welcome to all of the above social activities, so bring them along.

NEXT NEWSLETTER

Last copy date for the next
Newsletter is:
Monday 3 February 2014

FORTHCOMING ATTRACTIONS FEBRUARY

SATURDAY 15 FEBRUARY

**CALL MY
BLUFF**



7.00PM

£3.00 INCLUDING

**LASAGNE &
FRENCH BREAD**

RAFFLE



SATURDAY 22 FEBRUARY

**40s
NIGHT**

Tickets £5

Singing Duo

**Faith Supper
& Raffle**



the SYSTON GREEN

Official Newsletter of the Syston Bowling Club

No.92 January 2014

HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE



Janice Wilbourn



Rod Heggs

Lady President's New Year Message

I hope you all had a good Christmas and wish everyone a very happy and healthy New Year.

There's not a lot to report at present but please keep your eyes on the notice boards for details of social events during the closed season.

The ladies held their New Year Luncheon on Wednesday 8th January to be followed by "Who Wants to be a Millionaire" on Saturday 18th January at 7.00pm. £3 including supper.

At the end of the month on Friday 31st we have an evening with "Boccia" (similar to carpet bowls), admission by ticket only, £5 with faith supper.

Please support these events which bring in much needed funds for the running of the club.

Men's President's New Year Message

Once again old Father Time has come around to put another year on our account.

But if it's a year with a summer like last year, at least it will be something to look forward to.

As usual, the club have a very good and willing number of officers to help me throughout the coming season, especially the men and ladies who help behind the scenes preparing the splendid teas, without them we would be lost!

On behalf of all the members I thank them all.

So with that, and good health and happiness, this is what I wish you all for the New Year.

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THIS IS A **MUST** FOR EVERYONE
SO DO COME ALONG AND JOIN
IN THE FUN

FRIDAY 31 JANUARY

A GAME OF

BOCCIA

**THIS IS SIMILAR TO
CARPET BOWLS**

Faith Supper & Raffle

TICKETS £5

Top tips to help keep you on the road:

- Check tyre tread and screen wash levels before you set off, and always ensure windows, mirrors and roofs are clear.
- Only accelerate gently - use low revs and change into a higher gear as soon as possible to help reduce wheel slip.
- Leave a gap between you and the car in front ten times greater than normal.
- Steer, brake and make gear changes smoothly and slowly, so allow more time for your journey.
- Don't leave accessories on charge overnight, such as phone chargers or iPods.

NEW YEAR PARTY

The festive spirit was still very much in evidence at the New Year Party in the clubhouse which was beautifully decorated with the magnificent best ever Christmas trimmings, supplemented by Dave Hudson's very tasteful "electronic fireworks".

Equally magnificent was the faith supper which started the evening's proceedings. This was followed by the first party game, the Syston version of "Husband and Wife" which provoked much frivolity and was won by Men's Vice-President Ken and wife Hazel with Past President Rob and Janice runners-up. Thanks must go to Marilyn Wood for putting the game together.

This was followed by a picture quiz organised by Pauline Wright, on the floor dancing for the "young at heart" members and friends.

Whilst the evening ended with a raffle raising £77.

A good time was had by all.

Throughout the close season regular social afternoons will again be held in the clubhouse every Wednesday, starting at 2pm with a Pub Quiz. Also starting in October will be our fortnightly series of Saturday evening entertainment. These programmes help to raise much-needed cash for the Club. We therefore urge all Members to give the events their fullest possible support.

Please watch the club noticeboard and future editions of the Newsletter for programme details, signing up to signal your attendance in appropriate cases.

Jennings



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CLUB COACH

Des Eggitt
Club & County Coach

Things to Remember . . . To be Confident

1. Retaining confidence is an art, dress well for your games, be afraid of no opponent, regard no shot as beyond you, box on till the numbers are up, and confidence will always be in your game.
 2. A bowl at the back is to cover if the jack is moved.
 3. There is usually a good hand to a bad rink, it pays to play it even though the opponents short bowls block the way. Many matches are won or lost by forcing opponents to the bad hand.
 4. Whatever your object is in taking green, look for the shoulder where it starts to turn, play at it, not to it.
 5. Every player should have a set policy after three or four ends they should know what hand is best and what to avoid. Don't fight a bad hand, it's a losing game.
 6. One of the negative things in bowls is we can't do this or can't do that. Be positive, choose your shot and play it.
 7. Congratulating an opponent following defeat is a courtesy in the game.
 8. No game is lost till the final numbers are up, it is a good thing to keep that in mind.
 9. When you are playing well on a good hand, and if your opponents have a short bowl in the draw on the good hand, don't do as some bowlers do and change their hand, changing your hand can give your opponent the advantage.
- So remember, don't change your hand, if you keep to your line and a good length, you can draw past the short bowl.

10. Don't let it upset you if you have a bad end, relax and look forward to the next end to play two good bowls.

If you have any particular problems on which you would appreciate the advice of our Club Coach, please do not hesitate to contact him at any time on 0116 269 6548

Birthday Bumps

January

Happy Birthday wishes to:
Peter Rawson, Kate Toon,
Violet Whittaker, John Woodward,
Marion Heggison, Gerald Horobin,
& Dave Hudson.

Congratulations to you all

49 CLUB UPDATE

Most recent winners are:
Sheila Aindhow (8), Hazel Rayns (17),
Ray Wood (49), Sheila Aindhow (8).
Congratulations to them all!

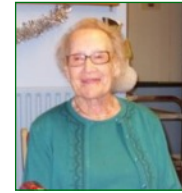
DO YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY?

Your views, opinions, news and any other material of interest to Members would be welcomed for publication in future issues.

Please send your copy to Alan Collins by the first Monday in every month.
email:alancollins338@gmail.com or
telephone: 0116 260 9835.

'LEST WE FORGET'

This month Doreen Payne remembers . . .



MURIEL GIBSON

2014 – A new year and a very special year for one of our Life Members. Muriel

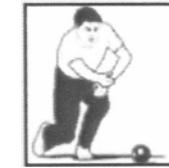
Gibson will be 100 years old during the coming year - I am sure this must be a record in our club to have someone who is still able to come along to social events.

Despite having a sight problem Muriel is a regular at our monthly winter lunches and last month she was at our Christmas Party where she was given a gift from the County and as is customary, given a gift from the ladies club.

Muriel has been a member of the club for as many years that I can remember and I have very clear memories of her on the green playing lead – her brown woods with a star engraved on were never far from the jack when she was playing.

Muriel was on the ladies committee for several years during which she was the competition secretary. On the green Muriel was as she is now, a rather reserved lady but she was always there to congratulate a good shot or encourage any that were not so good. Despite not being able to see very well Muriel is always interested in what is going on and really enjoys being told of any hopes and plans for the future. We appreciate all that Muriel has done for bowling in the past, and we all wish her well in her coming special year.

MONDAY ROLL-UPS



On the Monday just after Christmas I joined in the roll-ups that are organised by John Lamble at Melton Bowling Club.

Although not so many bowlers turned up, possibly because of the holiday, but those who did, really enjoyed the session.

This was my first time I had played in this roll-up and I must say I found it not only enjoyable but also so instructive in the game of bowls.

Our rink were playing triples and we found that the opposing skip (who shall be nameless, but one of his names is in the title of a favourite Christmas Carol!) took the art of wicking to a higher level, it was called 'Super-Wicking', Des Eggitt would have been proud of him!

Not content to wick off just one bowl, he used several bowls to wick off on many occasions (he even put down a wrong bias, wow!).

But we managed to overcome his expertise and we won by the odd shot.

Great time was had by all of us on our rink. I may join in again for further lessons!

Ed.

John organises a Roll-up every Monday from 11.20am.

He and his helpers do a great job and we are all very grateful for the work they do.

Thank you John and we wish all our bowlers A Very Happy New Year.



THE GARDEN CLUB

28 members and friends of the Garden Group enjoyed a very good Christmas lunch at the Toby Inn at Loughborough.

During the last year we have had some interesting meetings in the clubhouse discussing all manner of gardening problems and new venues for future outings. This year we have ventured further afield for some of the outings and these new venues proved to be popular and worth a second visit in the future at another time of year.

We were pleased to be awarded a 'Highly Recommended' certificate from the judges when they judged the hanging baskets and containers during the Syston in Bloom competition.

The next meeting will be held on 21st January 2014 at 2.0pm when we will discuss future plans and any gardening problems members may have.

PAST PRESIDENTS' THANKS

Immediate Past Presidents, Rob and Kate wish to thank all members for supporting the various charity events which were held during their year of office and which resulted in a sum of £1171 being raised.

A further £355 was donated by Marlene Murray following monies raised by the sale of her craft work and two bumper hamper raffles, giving an impressive final total of £1526 which will be allocated to club funds for future developments and improving club facilities.

HEALTH TIPS

This month, in the first of two articles, we stress the importance of a safe home environment

With just a small investment in time and money, you can make your home safer and more comfortable by following these do-it-yourself tips. All of the home modification suggestions below are easily implemented by you, the homeowner, and do not require the services of a professional contractor. So why wait? Modify your home today and feel happier and more secure.

All Rooms

Keep emergency numbers (NHS Direct, doctor, relatives, neighbours) in large print near each phone.

Arrange furniture to create unobstructed pathways and strategically place heavy, sturdy furniture pieces for resting and support.

Try to create bright, uniform lighting by adding lights to dark areas and changing light bulbs to a higher wattage (without exceeding manufacturer's recommendation).

Ensure ample reading and task lights in the bedroom, kitchen and living room; consider under-counter lights and natural spectrum *desktop or magnifier floor lamps*.

Keep floors, tables and other surfaces clear of clutter.

Clean out and reorganize contents of closets, cabinets, shelves and pantries for easy access of the most frequently used items.

Remove rugs from your floors, but if you can't part with them, secure with double-sided tape, tacks or a non-skid mat.

Part 2 to follow when space allows.

BUMPER HAMPER RAFFLE WINNERS

The winner of the Bumper Hamper raffle was David Anderton, pictured here below, with his grandson, Jack.

As one who saw the size of the hamper, David had a job on his hands to even lift it! Your editor did suggest he could lighten the load for him by taking the bottle of whisky off his hands, but for some reason he rejected the idea!

Well done David.

Myles Clare won second prize with a hamper and Chairman, Colin Grimes, auctioned off a further hamper which was secured by Kate Williams, once again well done.

Our thanks goes to all the members who bought the raffle tickets and making the amount of money raised such a resounding success.



THE OUTCAST CLUB!

Did you ever think of those men who were left out in the cold and had to defend for themselves against hunger and cold, whilst their womenfolk were gorging themselves on wonderful, wholesome food at their lunch club in the clubhouse?

No, I didn't think you did!

They had to go to a local hostelry, where the only food they could get was steak and chips and a variety of other such food and not only that, the only beverage they could drink was beer and whiskey, how would you like it ladies!

In this photograph the men were compelled to smile for the camera and look as if they were enjoying themselves - is this equality of the sexes one would have to ask ourselves?

But are they despondent?

No of course not, they are putting on a brave face and making the most of it, they know their place in the pecking order of life!



SATURDAY 18 JANUARY



**WHO WANTS TO BE A
MILLIONAIRE**

7.00PM £3.00 including SUPPER