

## DIARY DATES 2014 APRIL & MAY

### APRIL

- 12 Scotlands H  
Belgrave A
- 15 Opening Day
- 16 Glenfield A
- 17 Holwell (Mixed) H
- 19 Western Park H  
Little Bowden A
- 21 Fosseyway A  
Soar Valley Conways
- 23 St Margarets A
- 24 Oakham H
- 26 Birstall H  
Holwell A
- 28 Sibley Finches A  
Sutton Bonnington Riversiders H
- 29 Keyworth H

### MAY

- 1 Belgrave A  
Enderby H
- 2 Shepshed H
- 3 St Margarets H  
Thurmaston A
- 5 Soar Valley Conways  
Brush Hawks
- 7 Goodwood H
- 8 Leicester Banks H
- 10 TBA H  
Sibley A
- Coffee Morning 10.30

Colour Code:

Men, Ladies, SBC, White Plums,  
Green & Royals,

TUESDAY 15 APRIL

## LADIES OPENING DAY

SAVOURY  
FAITH LUNCH

12.30 - 1.00PM

followed by a game of  
bowls

The men are also invited  
to join in the game of  
bowls

Tea will be provided by the  
committee after the game

### LATEST ON THE EXTENSION

Our Extension is progressing well now. The roof trusses are now in place and the remaining brickwork is complete and the scaffolding is down and away from site. The roof tiling has been done thanks to Nick & Myles Clare assisted by George Dodge. The finished floor screed has been laid, timber stud walls have been built, 1st fix electrician has done his bit and the 1st fix plumbing is in place thanks to Colin Smith and George Dodge. The plastering to walls and ceiling should be completed by this coffee morning, leaving the 2nd fix electrics, carpentry and plumbing, then it will be ready for decorating.

Noel Evatt, as you will have noticed, has painted all the outside paintwork to the clubhouse, including the windows. Thank you Noel. His next task is to paint the inside of the extension sometime within the next week or so.

### NEXT NEWSLETTER

Last copy date for the next  
Newsletter is:  
Monday 5 May 2014

# the SYSTON GREEN

Official Newsletter of the Syston Bowling Club

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## SUCCESSFUL CHALLENGE TO "SENSELESS" & "ILLEGAL" BAN

***Making a mountain out  
of a molehill (or ramp).***

***The issues leading to the locking -  
and unlocking - of the Park gates.***

In seeking to justify their ban on all vehicular access to Central Park following the installation of a disabled ramp running between the clubhouse and green, the Town Council argued that the installation was illegal and, in any case, represented a serious risk to public safety! The decision by the full Council, at their meeting on 25th March was taken in spite of assurances from the Club that the access ramp, which had been designed and installed by the County Council Highways Department with full planning permission from Charnwood Borough Council, is fully covered by the Club's public liability insurance. and the Club has a legal obligation to provide disabled access to its facilities.

At the subsequent meeting of the Development Committee held on 1st April, Club Chairman, Colin Grimes, in a powerful speech, re-emphasising the points he had already made in a letter to the Council, pointed out that without

access, it would be impossible to maintain the green and the future survival of the Club was thereby threatened. While accepting that the Council had been right to raise the issue of safety, he claimed that they had no rights unilaterally to deny vehicle access for the purposes of servicing the clubhouse and green - a right enshrined in the Club's lease agreement. He described the ban as "senseless, illegal and invalid". He argued that continued lack of access, caused by changing the locks on the Melton Road gates and withholding a spare key from the Club, would also cause the Club to be in breach of its obligations under planning law and building regulations, which require the Club to ensure adequate means of access to the emergency services at all times while the clubhouse is in use. He said: "It is clear to us that the installation of the ramp has been used as an excuse to attempt to manipulate the Council into a complete ban on vehicles in the Park which has been the long-time declared aim of an unrepresentative minority within our community".

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## SYSTON BOWLERS BEAT BAN

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At the conclusion of an extended debate, witnessed by a packed public gallery, comprised of Club Members and others, during which the Club's position received especially strong support from Councillors Lilley and Vardy, it was eventually agreed that, provided the we delivered a copy of the Club's public liability insurance cover certificate and a copy of the Licence issued by the County Council, we should be supplied with a key for the Melton Road gate to permit resumption of our normal activities.

In spite of an overnight/early morning attempt to overturn the Committee's decision, with the approval of the Chairman of Council, the key was eventually handed over and the Park gates were re-opened at 2 p.m. on Wednesday 2nd April.

The County Council have subsequently issued a statement saying "It is the County Council's view that, as the ramp does not physically impose on the Village Green itself, notwithstanding that its construction constitutes works for which the consent of the Secretary of State is, strictly speaking, required, the ramp has otherwise been constructed lawfully and in accordance with a Licence granted by the County Council and is of benefit to the public."

*Copies of the Chairman's letter and full text of his speech are available, on request or can be downloaded directly from the Club web site at [www.systonbowlingclub.org](http://www.systonbowlingclub.org)*

## SYSTON SUCCESS AT MELTON

John Lamble and Kate Toon reached the final of the Novice pairs at Melton Indoors Bowls Club.

The match took place on Sunday 9 March against K. Bradshaw and J. Bradshaw grandfather and grandson, and after a very close game, John and Kate came out victorious winning 18 shots to 15.

Congratulations to both of them, and this was certainly a boost to Syston Bowls Club for indoor bowling, well done.



## MESSAGE FROM THE LADIES CAPTAIN

Well it's hard to believe the winter has passed and the new summer season is here.

I am looking forward to seeing all of you enjoying yourselves on the green.

Wishing you all a happy and successful season both in your matches and competitions.

*Captain Sheila*



## 49 CLUB UPDATE

Most recent winners are:

Dave Hudson (44); Stan Page (48);  
Dave Hudson (44); Ray Wood (49);  
Pete Hancock (45).

Congratulations to them all!

*Ladies Fashions & Lingerie*  
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## CLUB COACH

Des Eggitt  
*Club & County Coach*

### Power of Positive Thinking

In competitions a player may be prepared physically, but still susceptible to the most crippling of conditions - self-doubt!

Putting it simply, if a player has any doubts in his performance, he won't perform. Handling pressure is also absolutely crucial in a player's performance. The number one issue we encounter is around confidence.

Stress manifests itself in many ways, but we pay particular attention to what is contributing to the lack of concentration. To concentrate is to be clear of other thoughts, as too much talking, as I have said before, when you pick up your bowl, that should be the start of your concentration.

Anyone who has watched bowling on the TV, if one of the bowler's are about to bowl and they are distracted by someone, they sometimes changed their bowl and pick up another one, so they bring their concentration again.

When playing in a match and you start playing badly, the more you try the harder it gets for you, then you start thinking it is one of those days, and you will not play any better and can't wait for the 21st end and the finish of the match!

This is where the 'Power of Positive Thinking' comes in.

Firstly, clear your mind that it is one of those days and that you can't play any better.

Relax and forget the bad bowls, look forward to the next end for your first good bowl. which will come if you think back to basics.

Relax and be positive that you can come into your normal game, to feel you can cope with the pressure and still put in a good performance up to the 21st end.

Your first good bowl could start you getting your confidence back and concentrate on that smooth delivery.

When I first started playing bowls, I used to think it was just one of those days when I played badly.

With the years of experience playing bowls, I still can start playing badly, but I can still finish a match playing well up to the 2st end, win or lose.

So always be positive when playing bowls, you will have bad bowls so don't worry about them, you will have the next end to improve your game.

PS: At the start of the outdoor season and playing on heavy greens, if the lead and number 2 are the first to get a bowl on the Jack, then they give their rink the advantage of winning the end.

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

## A MESSAGE FROM THE CAPTAIN OF THE WHITE PLUMS

I am really looking forward to the start of the new season.

The White Plums had a pretty good season last year, missing out on promotion by one point!

Come on lads let's try that bit harder this year.

Concentrate on be focused, but above all enjoy your game of bowls.

*Colin Wilkinson*

## TUESDAY AFTERNOON ROLL-UPS

Commencing on 8 April I will be continuing to organise weekly roll-ups, similar to those played on Monday mornings at Melton Bowls Club.

After the games tea and biscuits will be provided at a cost of 50p per head.

If you are interested please arrive no later than 2.15pm to give me time to pick the sides for a 2.30pm prompt start.

If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me on 0116 292 1619.

*John Lamble*

## MELTON TRIPLES LEAGUE

The 25th June is the first match of the new season, against Melton Town.

Although we do not play many matches I do need the support of all the men bowlers to put their names on the availability sheet.

I will pick what I think will be the strongest side for a particular game. which will mean that not everyone will get a game but I need you to put your name on the availability sheet so that I have a good choice to choose from.

This year there will be a few changes in playing positions as I try to strengthen the side for each game, so let's hope we will have some good results, once again thank you for your support.

*David Hudson.*

## WORDS OF WISDOM

Did you know that it is unlucky to be superstitious?



## THE GARDEN CLUB

Members and friends of the Garden Group travelled further afield

than usual to visit Trentham Gardens, thanks to Stan Page, Dave Hudson and George Dodge who were willing to go the extra mile. The gardens were full of spring bulbs beginning to come into flower and are part of a renovation plan of the whole estate which will take years to complete.

There was also a huge garden centre and a large shopping precinct containing many interesting shops. There was also a good choice of restaurants. Although it was quite a chilly day everyone enjoyed themselves.

The next Garden Group meeting will be on Tuesday, April 22nd at 7.00 pm. If anyone has any plants to spare, please bring them for the sales table.



*Our picture shows a group of hardy visitors from SBC to Trentham Gardens recently.*

## Birthday Bumps April

Happy Birthday wishes to:  
Sheila Aindhow, Brian Arnold,  
Des Eggitt, Keiran Jordan, Pete Murray,  
Margaret Porter, Margaret Trigg,  
Colin Wilkinson,

Congratulations to you all



## LADY PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As we enter another outdoor season, I would like to wish all members happy and healthy bowling and hope you all do well in club/county competitions.

Remember to stay focused on your game and I'm sure you will do well and above all enjoy it.

A reminder for you to check when you are helping with teas. If you are unable to assist on the date specified on the list, remember that it is your responsibility to rearrange a date suitable for you.

Also please remember to check the lists for men's teas on Saturdays and Thursdays.

Finally, a note for your diaries, later in the year, we hope to arrange a game with the Sunday Tourists, probably in late August and also a "Candlelight Match on October 1st.

Looking forward to seeing you all on opening day, Tuesday 15th April  
*Janice*

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

*Sir*

I joined the club in 1980 and have played every year since, and I have thoroughly enjoyed the company and the atmosphere in the club.

I am now aged in my mid-eighties and I am not as fit as I was.

I would therefore like to take this opportunity to say thank you.

*Yours E. W. Hall*



## ROGER BENTLEY WRITES . . .

The green is looking in very good shape, also Dean is working on the water system which should all be completed by the time you read this.

I would also like to thank everybody who turned up for work on the green, the painters Noel, Dave and Kate, the mashers Eileen and Dot, the grafters Pete, Dave, Ges, Ray and Rod.

The roofers Myles, Nick and George, what a brilliant job by everybody.

I hope you all have a great season.

*Roger*

## DO YOU KNOW WHY THIS HELICOPTER LANDED ON CENTRAL PARK?



Roger Bentley took this photo of a helicopter (believed to be an Air Ambulance) on a Saturday morning in March.

No one seems to know why it landed on the park, if you think you know - answers on a postcard please to the Editor. Thank you.



## A NEW BREAK-THROUGH FOR BOWLERS

According to a well known bowling magazine, a bowls manufacturer, also well known, are experimenting with a project that will help all bowlers to be more accurate when bowling to the head.

Although this project is in the early stages of development it is claimed that the days of sending down a heavy bowl or for that matter a bowl that is too short, will be a thing of the past.

In a leaked memo the device will be a small disc that will be inserted into the bowl so that it will be flush with the side of the bowl.

On the disc will be a dial with metric measurements on it, that can be set to the approximate distance that the bowl is required to travel.

The manufacturer realises that nearly all bowlers have their own bowls so they will either convert your bowls for you at a modest price or one will be able to go to an approved bowls retailer near you.

If this device is approved by the EBA and the EIBA then it could be on the market later in the year.

Watch this space for more information as and when it is released!

*For the more enquiring mind the disc is using the latest Gyro Internal Technology (GIT) which contains micro gears, which in turn controls the friction of the bowl's surface on whatever surface it is being bowled on.*

## 'LEST WE FORGET'

*This month Doreen Payne remembers . . .*



## WYN COLLINS

Although Wyn is no longer a playing member, she is a Life Member of the Ladies Club and continues to support and take

an interest in all aspects of Syston Joint Bowling Club.

She regularly comes along to the Ladies Winter lunches and the monthly Saturday coffee mornings.

In her day as a playing member she was one of a rare breed who would play in any position and gave her full support to the rest of her rink.

Off the green Wyn was for many years a member of the Ladies Committee and was Captain, also she was awarded her County Badge for both outdoor and indoor bowls.

Wyn was twice Club President, the years being 1994 and in 2000 when her husband Alan was also President of the Men's Club.

## FOR SALE

Wheeled Bowls Carrier £8  
Metal Measure £2 String Measure £3  
Wood Web Bowls Carrier £2  
Grey Bowls Skirt, size 18 £5  
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