

the SYSTON GREEN

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At this time of year, the garden is full of wonderful colours, don't waste this vista, get your deckchair out and just sit and enjoy the fruits of your labours, perhaps with a nice cup of tea or maybe a gin and tonic.

So, when you feel like it lets get on with gardening. Plants which are putting all their energies into growing require constant supply of food and water at this time. Supplementing these food supplies can have dramatic results, particularly where the plants' roots area is restricted when they are confined in containers or growing bags. However, do make sure you apply the right fertilizer, at the recommended dosage, as specified in the manufacturers' instructions, printed on the packet.

If you are growing tomatoes, once the first truss of flowers has set and you can see the first pea-sized fruits, give the plant a feed of high-potash fertilizer. Any of the proprietary brands of special liquid fertilizers would be ideal. But again, read the instructions on the container before you use it. Plastic or rubber gloves are a good idea when using any fertilizers whether liquid or dry.

Climbing roses will be putting on a good deal of growth and some will have started to flower. New growth should be tied into a trellis or other support before it gets too untidy and difficult to manipulate. Use a strong twine or rose ties to secure the stem, but make sure they are not too tight otherwise further growth may be constrained. Also make sure the trellis or other support is strong enough for the job, otherwise the whole lot can land face down in the ground, breaking the main stem and ruining the plant.

Weeds will still be germinating rapidly at this time, so keeps the hoe moving among the plants in the beds and borders or hand weed where you can't get the hoe in. If you can pull up your weeds before they flower and seed all the better as you know, one year's seeding can mean Severn years weeding.

With the holiday season coming up, keep on top of routine jobs such as cutting the lawn and tidying beds and borders, so that you do not come back to a neglected looking garden. Just a few minutes a day on these jobs before you go will be well spent and ensure that you do not have loads of work getting it back into shape as soon as you return home.

Ideally, ask a friend or neighbour to water containers and hanging baskets and return the favour when they go away. If this is not possible, water very well and then remove to a shady spot and stand in a large saucer or tray of water and this should suffice, and don't forget your house plants, these always want watering with water at room temperature.

As the weather gets dryer, the grass in your lawn grows more slowly, don't worry if it looks yellow or brown it will soon revive when the rain does come again, but when it does it will need frequent trimming. Don't let the grass become too long as this will make it more difficult to cut in the long run. The ideal length for grass in most lawns is between 1.25" (30mm) and 1.75" (45mm). It can be shorter if not used very much or longer if you have children running on it.

Dead-heading makes rose bushes and most other flowering shrubs look tidier and encourages the plants to continue flowering for longer. This simple chore really is worth the little effort it takes. If you do not dead head at this time of year the roses may begin to revert back to their natural state and produce seed heads which are better known as rosehips. Dead heading also gives you an opportunity to check for signs of pests and diseases, both of which can

spread rapidly. It is especially important to get the plants clean before you go away on holiday, or you may come back to thoroughly infested plants.

Feed and water your containers, dry fertilizers are generally applied earlier in the year and are usually slow acting over a period of weeks and months. At this time of year feed is best given in quick-acting liquid form. After regular watering, feeding is the other key to success with plants in containers and baskets. It really is worth the effort, and those in powder form that you mix with water are very economical, but do read the instructions for the right proportions. Hanging baskets will need abundant watering and twice a day is not too often in very hot weather. More failures are due to water shortage than any other reason. Although some plants, like pelargoniums will tolerate a degree of neglect if they have to, others like Lobelia can be ruined if you let the basket dry out for a single day.

Don't forget that your garden should give you pleasure, so take another look at the top of this article and take some time out to enjoy the fruits of your labours, you can simply keep things looking tidy, and spend as much time as possible relaxing in that deckchair, with a cup of tea, a pint or a G&T.

Chris Dodge

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CALLING ALL MEMBERS!

A specially convened joint meeting of the Board and Management Committee, the first since March, was held on 14th July, in an attempt formulate and publish plans to maximise the use of the clubhouse and green for the remainder of the Season.

Although the Club finances remain in good shape, following the receipt of a £10,000 grant from the Charnwood Borough Council small business relief scheme, a measure of rates relief and other cost reductions, it was felt that we should not rest on our laurels but try to generate additional revenue from activities organised for the membership.

It was also recognised that there was a danger that, unless individuals could be successfully encouraged to continue to make the effort to bowl under current circumstances, their commitment to the game might permanently wane leading to non-renewal next year, thereby threatening the future viability of the Club.

Following a detailed review of the possibilities, within the necessary Covid-19 safeguards, a number of important decisions were taken.

A. GENERAL COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS

1. Safeguarding Director, Gary Kilbourne, will produce a Covid-19 Risk Assessment for the Club (*now available, on request, from Val Foreman*).
2. The toilets in the new changing room must remain out-of-bounds. Members should use either the "old" Men's and Ladies toilets or the external Disabled facility using the radar key available in the clubhouse.
3. Antiseptic wipes are to be provided in the toilet areas and Members are required to wipe toilet seats, flush handles and any other surface touched.
4. The one-way system of entry and exit must continue to be observed, except for the last person to leave the clubhouse.
5. Hands must be sanitised on entry to the clubhouse
6. Jacks, mats and any other equipment used, must be sanitised immediately after play, using materials provided, and be stored in the main changing room where indicated.
7. The Bar, tables, chairs and other furniture used are to be sanitised after each session.

8. The clubhouse will be “deep-cleaned” on a weekly basis by Jan Holmes.

B. PLAYING ARRANGEMENTS

1. All Members are reminded that, subject to booking through Green Ranger Roger Stone, not more than one week in advance, three rinks of the green are now open throughout the week - morning, afternoon and evening sessions - for self-organised singles, pairs and triples roll-up sessions.
2. All Members are urged to consider joining in **pre-booked organised** roll-up sessions every Wednesday and Saturday afternoon. Anyone wishing to attend should contact Roger Stone in advance and be at the Club by no later than 1.30 p.m. on the day.
3. Places will be allocated on a “first-come, first served” basis.
4. If the numbers applying to attend exceeds the number of available places on Wednesdays, Roger will allocate teams and rinks to those involved.
5. If the numbers applying to attend exceeds the number of available places on Saturdays, Gary Kilbourne will allocate teams and rinks to those involved. It is hoped that an informal series of matches can be organised every week in this way.

C. COMPETITIONS

1. Every effort will be made to organise the Mick Hughes 4-wood Singles Club Championship with First Round ties scheduled to be played on Saturday 1st and 8th August.
2. Competitions Secretary Andy Savage will contact all Members to encourage entries.
3. Entry this year will be free of charge. Fees already paid will be carried forward to the 2021 Season.
4. Bowls Leicestershire have confirmed that they will “combine” Club Champion winners from 2019 and 2020 for the purposes of entry to 2021 County Competitions.

D. SOCIAL ACTIVITY

1. The Club Bar will be open immediately after the close of Wednesday and Saturday sessions, remaining open for as long as Members are making use of the service.
2. Ken and Hazel Renshaw plan to organise a Saturday social evening (maximum 30 people @ 1 metre plus apart) early in August. Details to be announced in due course.

E. MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

1. It was noted that 5 Members have failed to renew their membership, and payments of the second instalment of the subscription was overdue from a further 10.
2. Administrative Secretary, Val Foreman, will contact all of these people to seek to rationalise the situation.
3. The committee re-affirmed the basic principle that the annual subscription covered Club membership generally. The fact that an individual had not played bowls was not a valid reason to withhold membership subscriptions. Operational overheads continued to be incurred to be met from subscriptions. Anyone who failed to pay the annual fee in full would be regarded as having resigned his/her membership and be obliged to re-apply for membership the following year.

F. COMMUNICATIONS

1. As a matter of urgency, Club Secretary, Colin Grimes, will notify all Members for whom email addresses are held of the committee’s decisions and plans.

COLIN GRIMES

Club Secretary/Development Director
15th

Thank you

Janet Russell would like to thank all members for the cards and messages received after the loss of Mick.

He died suddenly on 24th May in Lingdale Lodge following the failure of his lungs.

It has been a very difficult time for us all as a family, especially with the lockdown restrictions.

The funeral was very challenging with only 14 people allowed in the crematorium, but we hope to hold a thanksgiving service when restrictions are finally lifted

Janet Russell

Message from the Editor

Thanks to everyone for their contributions to this edition.

Please continue to provide me with regular updates of club activities, by email, as a Word Document

Please let me have any items for the next edition by Saturday 5th September 2020

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Quiz Night

I wanted to report on our first attempt at opening up the bar, on the 25th July, for our first social event of a quiz night.

I am pleased that we had 21 people attempting the quiz, which had been set by Hazel.

This was a great opportunity for us to spend time with those we haven't seen or spoken to since the lockdown.

What was good is that it showed us that we could open with up to 30 people for social gatherings whilst, still complying with social distancing.

A night welcomed by all although, some of the questions were not that easy There were 10 rounds of 10 of 10 question,

The winners were Dianne, Steve Rudkin Terry Denton and Roger Stone, with a score of 83.

The bar did very well bring in a welcome revenue.

We will be looking at another Social in a couple of weeks.

Hoping a few more will feel safe enough to socialise.

Ken Renshaw

The Next Social Event will be on the Saturday 15th

August and is Win Lose or Draw

Please contact Ken or Hazel Renshaw on:

01162606743

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to...



Gillian Allen
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