

Diary Dates

April to July 2008

MARCH

8th Coffee Morning
 17th Joint Club AGM
 22nd "Who Wants to be a Millionaire?"
 with sausage & mash supper
 Official Opening of the green

31st

APRIL

4th "Meet the (Men's) President" Night
 5th Men v Ladies
 12th Coffee Morning
 Scotlands (H)
 Belgrave (A)
 17th Holwell (H)
 19th Western Park (H)
 Little Bowden (A)
 21st L&D Triples Lg - Swallows (A)
 24th Oakham (A)
 26th Closing date for Men's Competition
 entries

Birstall (H)
 Holwell (A)

L&D Triples Lg - Wolds (H)

MAY

1st Enderby (A)
 3rd St Margarets (H)
 Knighton Victoria (A)
 L&D Triples Lg - Trophy Prelims
 8th Leicester Banks (Mixed) (H)
 10th Coffee Morning

Aylestone Hall (H)
 Sileby (A)

L&D Triples Queens (H)

15th Evington Park (A)

17th Sileby (H)

Loughborough Granby (A)

19th L&D Triples East Leake (H)

22nd Melton Town (H)

24th Melton Town (H)

Keyworth (A)

26th L&D Triples - Trophy Round 1

29th Loughborough Granby (Mixed)(H)

31st Countsthorpe (H)

TBA (A)

JUNE

2nd L&D Triples - Trophy Round 2

4th Market Overton (Mixed) (H)

5th Birstall (H)

7th Brookfield (H)

Quorn Mills Park (A)

9th Lighthouse (A)

12th Belgrave (A)

14th Coffee Morning

Did you know?

1. **EACH KING** in a deck of playing cards represents a great king from history:

Spades - King David

Hearts - Charlemagne

Clubs - Alexander the Great

Diamonds - Julius Caesar

2. **Fun with numbers:**

(a) 111,111,111 x 111,111,111

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12,345,678,987,654,321

(b) If you were to spell out all the numbers starting from **one**, you would have to reach **one thousand** before you would need the letter "a"!

3. **Q.** What do bulletproof vests, fire escapes, windscreen wipers and laser printers have in common?

A. All were invented by women.

4. **Statues**

If a statue of a person on a horse shows the horse with both feet in the air, the person died in battle. If the horse has only one front foot in the air, the person died from wounds received in battle. If the horse has all four legs on the ground, the person died of natural causes.

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PLEASE NOTE (*Diary opposite*) that the "Who Wants to be a Millionaire?" evening originally scheduled for 15th March has been postponed until 22nd March. Those Members who have already signalled their intentions to support the event are asked to re-confirm their commitment via the main noticeboard in the Clubhouse. Please tick or delete your name(s) as appropriate.

Club AGM 17th March. BE THERE!

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THE SYSTON GREEN



Official Newsletter of the Syston Joint Bowling Club

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Ladies' 75th Anniversary year

Added honour of County Ladies' President from the Club

Secretary of the Ladies' Section, **Chris Biddles**, reports:

"**WE HAVE** a very busy Season ahead of us which will entail a lot of hard work. We would like to thank President, **Ian Oxman**, for his assurances that the Men's Section will offer their full support in this important year.

Ten years ago, we had the honour of having a County President in our Club - **Doreen Payne**. Now, in our 75th Anniversary Year we have gained that honour once more following the election of **Diana Lewis** to the prestigious position.

Diana joined the Club in 2002 and, following three years of sterling service on the Committee progressed to the position of President in 2005.

When the County Association confirmed a vacancy in the post of Junior Vice-President, **Diana** expressed an interest in offering her services although she was due to serve as President of our Club at the same time. Following discussions with the Committee, it was agreed to support her in her application for the County post.

She admits that the last two years have involved a very steep learning curve but, at the same time, she has enjoyed the opportunity to put something back into bowls from which she has derived great pleasure.

In this special year for herself and for our Club, **Diana** knows that she can rely upon the full support of us all.

The Committee would like to make this a very special anniversary year and have several special events planned. We host the **Leicestershire Ladies County Bowling Association** against **Olney** on 21st May. We have an **Executive** match on Sunday 22nd June and host the "**Non-Leamington**" **Finals** on Saturday 6th September.

Our own President, **Anita Lowder** will



Diana Lewis,

hold her **President's Day** on Friday 13th June and the **County President's Day** will be held on Friday 21st September.

We are taking a team of Ladies to play against the **Royal House of Windsor** on Thursday 3rd July and we hope to end our year with a **Celebration Dinner** at the Masonic Hall, Syston,

on Saturday 4th October. This event will be open to Members in both Sections of the Club.

Watch out for further details of these - and other - events, in this Newsletter and on the Club noticeboards.

We look forward to an exciting year and offer all Members our sincere best wishes for the coming Season and hopes for success on the green.

JOINT CLUB AGM - Monday 17th March 2008 starting at 7.00 p.m. BE THERE!

*Your views, opinions, news and any other material of interest to Members would be welcomed for publication in future editions. Please send to **George Dodge**, as Editor, by the first Monday in every month*

MORE THAN 20 Members of the Club have participated in a 6-week computer skills development course at **Ratcliffe College**. The course, which catered for all levels of computer skill, from a basic introduction to word processing through to web site design and development, was specially devised, designed and offered by Ratcliffe College, under the supervision of **Graham Sharpe**, Head of Sixth Form, as a gesture of appreciation for the developing relationship between the Club and the College.

The coaching sessions given to students from **Ratcliffe** by Members last Season were so enthusiastically received and supported that the programme will be repeated this Season when the green opens for play at the beginning of April.

Greeting the bowlers at the well-equipped IT Department in the College 6th Form Centre, Deputy Head of Ratcliffe College, **Darryl Wideman**, welcomed the opportunities presented by the reciprocal coaching sessions for the College to engage with the local community - an important part of the College's remit. He was delighted by the strong response from the Club to the College's offer of training and thanked the Club for taking the original initiative to offer coaching to the students who were already looking forward to the start of the 2008 Season.

Speaking on behalf of the Club, Chairman **Colin Grimes**, expressed gratitude to the staff and students involved in the computer training course and offered the promise of a warm welcome to those students who took up the offer of coaching on the green. "Bowling is a great sport for all ages and one where the sexes can participate on an equal basis.

In the Season that lies ahead, we hope to be able to develop additional links with Roundhill and Wreake Valley Colleges. Our offer of coaching to interested students would appear to provide an answer to many of the calls being made upon educational establishments to encourage greater participation in physical/sports activities to improve the health and general fitness of our young people.

In the meantime, our Members are deriving great personal benefit from the generous support of staff and students at Ratcliffe. Learning, too, is an activity for all ages!"

Roundhill gives the thumbs up to coaching offer

FOLLOWING discussions between Club Chairman, **Colin Grimes**, and **Megan Harris**, Head of PE at **Roundhill College**, it has been agreed that students will be invited to take part in regular weekly coaching sessions to be held on Tuesday afternoons between 3.30 and 5.00 p.m.

While actual numbers cannot be guaranteed at this stage, the College is optimistic about attracting strong support from students of both sexes.

Colin Grimes says: *We are planning to start after the Easter break with a visit to the College on 8th April to explain what we have to offer. Once numbers are known, we expect to be able to offer the first coaching session on Tuesday 15th April, when support from Members in both Sections of the Club would be very greatly appreciated.*

Ms Harris has agreed to talk to her opposite number at **Wreake Valley College** and we remain quietly confident of gaining their participation before too long.

An end of Season competition between the three Colleges this year looks very likely. I appeal to all Members to get involved in this important initiative which can only strengthen our Club and lay the foundation for the next generation of players."



"Hang on to these. I have to go back for the wife!"

The battle of the sexes (Continued)

The Seven Dwarves of Menopause



Itchy, Bitchy, Sweaty, Sleepy, Bloated, Forgetful & Psycho

Oops!

A DRUNK staggers into a church, enters a confessional box, sits down but says nothing.

The priest coughs a few times to get his attention but the drunk continues to sit there.

Finally the priest pounds three times on the partition wall.

The drunk mumbles, "Ain't no use knocking, there's no paper on this side either."



Rothley & Soar Valley Lions Club

BEER FESTIVAL

Thursday 17th April (5.00 to 11.00 p.m.)

Friday 18th April (5.00 to 11.00 p.m.)

and

Saturday 19th April (4.00 to 11.00 p.m.)

Rothley Community Centre

All proceeds to charity

TLC for the green

THE JOINT Committee have sought advice from the the Green Management County Administrator, **Carl Haines**, in an attempt to ensure that the green is in the best possible condition for the important games scheduled for the coming Season.

Driving in Germany?

THE INTRODUCTION to Chinese featured in our November edition was so well-received that we've decided to offer further linguistic support - this time for anyone planning to drive around Germany.

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| Indicators | Die blinkerleiten Tickentocken |
| Bonnet | Pullnob und Knucklechopper |
| Exhaust | Spitzenpoppenbangentuben |
| Puncture | Die Bluddyeffinphlatt |
| Learner | Die Twatten mit Elplatz |
| Footbrake | Der Edbangeronvindskreen Stoppenquicken |

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| Breathalyser | Die Puffinterbag fur pistonarsen |
| Seatbelt | Die Klunkerklikker |
| Headlights | Das Dipperdondzazellubastad |
| Exhaust fumes | Der Koffenundschpittpoluter |
| Fog warning | Die Puttenfutdown und dammit |
| Traffic Jam | Die Damundblasten |
| Juggernaut | Der Effinggreet Trukken |
| Accident | Die Bluddimesse |
| Near miss | Der Dammennir Schittenselfen |
| Cyclist | Der Pedalpushink Pillocken |
| Garage | Die Heiway Robberink |

Thought for the day

George Dodge shares his favourite poem

WHAT is this life if, full of care
We have no time to stand and stare?

No time to stand beneath the boughs

And stare as long as sheep or cows

No time to see, when woods we pass,
Where squirrels hide their nuts in grass.

No time to see, in broad daylight,
Streams full of stars, the skies at night.

No time to turn at beauty's glance
And watch her feet, how they can dance.

No time to wait till her mouth can
Enrich that smile her eyes began.

A poor life this if, full of care,
We have no time to stand and stare.

W H Davies