

AUGUST

- 8th **Coffee Morning**
Batram (H)
Wymeswold (A)
- 10th **Wolds** (H)
Humberstone (A)
- 11th **Men's Executive Committee** 7 p.m.
- 12th **Syston Rotary Club** (H)
- 13th **Belgrave** (H)
- 14th **Knighton Victoria** (A)
- 15th **Knighton Victoria** (H)
Thringstone (A)
- 16th **Knock Out Cup Day** (Oakham)
- 17th **Pandas** (A)
- 18th **SBC Board Meeting** 10 a.m.
- 19th **Leicester Banks** (H)
- 20th **Enderby** (H)
- 21st **Ladies' Patrons Day**
- 22nd **Wymeswold**
Birstall (A)
- 23rd **Men's President's Day** from 10.00 a.m.
- 24th **Sands** (A)
- 26th **Keyworth** (H)
- 27th **Nuneaton** (A)
- 29th **Greenwood Cup**
- 30th **Rearsby Village Fayre** (See feature)

SEPTEMBER

- 2nd **Belvoir Vale** (H)
- 3rd **Melton Town** (A)
Sileby (H)
- 5th **Kirby Muxloe** (H)
Leicester Banks Trips (A)
Syston Carnival (See feature)
- 6th **Tom Brown KO Trophy** (M. Overton)
- 8th **Keyworth** (A)
Birstall (H)
- 9th **Leicester Ladies** (A)
- 10th **Countesthorpe** (H)
- 12th **Coffee Morning**
Soar Valley (H)
Batram (A)

Colour key: **Men:** **Ladies:** **Mixed:** **SBC**

The season, so far,

Summarised results at the end of July are as follows. Full details can be found on the Club web site.

Men's Saturday fixtures
P22 W11 L11 **Shots Diff: +61**

Men's Midweek fixtures
P10 W3 L7 **Shots Diff: -205**

Ladies' fixtures
P14 W6 L8 **Shots Diff: -111**

Letter to the Editor

SOME time ago I (raised) my objection to certain "amusing snippets" which appeared in **The Green**, namely ones with sexual innuendoes or misinterpretation of religious quotes. I note from the July copy of **The Green** we have again been treated to what I feel are unnecessary sexual innuendoes, mostly this month directed at ladies and the double meaning of a biblical quote is to me very strongly objected to. I may be thought prudish but I am sure that I am not the only lady who feels these jokes and quotes are best left to be shared with anyone with that sense of humour and not included in our bowling club newsletter. Many of the articles in **The Green** are interesting to all members of the Club and we may wish to share the reading with bowling friends, but with comments and inclusions which I have mentioned I would hesitate to show them to anyone. As you know we have a policy of Child and Vulnerable Persons Protection and with this in mind sexual and religious innuendoes should not be printed in our bowling literature

Doreen Payne

Editor: Comments from Members - for or against - the viewpoints expressed in this letter would be very warmly welcomed and will be used to inform future editorial policy. We continue to strive to achieve a balance between the serious and the not-so-serious in the content of the newsletter. If **YOU** think we could improve in any way, please let us have your views.

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Loughborough Triples League

P11 **Shot Diff: -93 Points: 27**(out of 88)

Melton & District Triples League

Rinks P16 W6 D1 L9 **Points: 13**

Our efforts - especially in the Leagues - need to be re-doubled if we are to achieve a respectable end of season position. **Go to it!**

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Syston Carnival and Rearsby Village Fayre

*Club extends its charity
fundraising efforts*

BOTH SECTIONS of the Club have agreed to collaborate in fundraising activities centred around the **Rearsby Village Fayre**, which will be held on Sunday 30th August, and the **Syston Carnival**, scheduled for Saturday 5th September.

On both occasions, the Ladies' Section will organise a cake and preserves stall. The Men's Section plan to arrange both a fundraising Draw and, with the co-operation of the Leicester Cobras Wheelchair Basketball team, a "Wheelchair Challenge" in which participants will be challenged to score a basket while seated in a wheelchair. A prize will be awarded for each basket scored.

Volunteers are required to help on both occasions. Any men not involved in the fixtures arranged on the date of the Syston Carnival are asked to help to supervise the Men's section of the stall, on a rota basis, from 1.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. The help of wives and partners would also be greatly appreciated to help spread the workload involved on a day when the men are tied up with matches.

For the Rearsby event, when there is no fixture scheduled, it is hoped that there will be no shortage of volunteers from the Men's Section to help with the setting up of the stall and its manning throughout the afternoon from 1.00 to 5.00 p.m.

Lady President's cheese and wine evening

12th June 2009

WELL how do I start!! First I would like to thank all the people that helped this evening go so well, and special thanks to **Derek Clowes** for doing the Raffle.



We began with the Spider which was won by **Margaret Abbott** then followed by a 12 end game with all the Ladies' and Men's Sections in mixed teams. Every team had their own score card and as three teams ended with 16 Shots, **Marjorie** suggested that the winning rink should be the one with the most ends won, and that rink only happened to be the rink that I was playing on! So well done to **Gerry Baker, Ray Dexter** and my Skip, **Myles Clare**.

After the game we all retired to the clubhouse for our cheese & wine. The evening ended at about 10 p.m.

So many thanks once again! It is something that I will always remember.

The money raised for **Arthritis UK**, my nominated Charity, that evening amounted to £105.

All proceeds from both events will go to the respective President's nominated charities.

Please do everything you can to help.

Please register your willingness to help on the notices posted around the clubhouse. A great deal of fun and satisfaction from "doing good" is guaranteed! **(And see panel on p2)**

*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*

Men's President's Day

Your chance to show appreciation

MEN'S PRESIDENT'S DAY, scheduled for Sunday 23rd August, offers you a chance to show your appreciation for the work undertaken, on your behalf, during the Season, not only by the President, but by all who serve on the Executive Committee, and to say thanks to our Ladies' Section who contribute so much to the success of our fine Club. At the same time, of course, the day's competition, involving both Sections, offers the opportunity for a great deal of enjoyment and fun.

Section President, **Colin Grimes**, says: "While attendance at the Charity Gala Day is in no way compulsory, I would like to think that all Members will make every effort to support some part of the day's programme. If you can't participate in the "round-robin" Pairs Championship starting at 10.30 a.m., you can always register to join us for the closing Supper starting at about 6.30 p.m. when spouses/partners are welcome to join us.

At the Supper, I will be taking the opportunity to review the past year and pay special tribute to the great set of colleagues on the Executive Committee who have worked so hard to ensure the smooth operation of all aspects of the Club. I will also speak about the very special relationship between the two Sections of our Club and to thank the Ladies for their support and co-operation throughout the Season.

I will also be introducing **Mike**

Foster, Chairman of the Leicester Cobras Wheelchair Basketball team, who will tell us more about the activities of their Club, which is the beneficiary of our charitable activities over the year.

A strong turnout of Members will help to underline and emphasise the appreciation of the membership in general for the way in which the Club has been managed, and demonstrate to our chosen charity the strength of our support for their worthy cause. Above all, please turn up and have some fun!"

Notices, giving full details of the day's programme and a registration list have been posted around the clubhouse. Please register your intentions as early as possible to help us to plan successfully for the various elements involved.

Volunteers needed

Outside caterers have been retained to provide the Supper, but we do need a number of volunteers to help with the organisation of other parts of the programme.

In an attempt to minimise the demands made on our lady Members, to help and encourage



them to take part in the competition, it would be appreciated if wives and partners of our Men's Section Members could be persuaded to assist. Notices identifying those areas where help is needed are also posted around the Clubhouse. Please do what you can to fill all the available gaps. If you are in doubt about any of the duties involved, please talk to the Members indicated on those notices as being in charge of that specific task.

"Nottingham Princess" river cruise

Friday 11th September

LIMITED places still available on a three-hour, comfortable, leisurely cruise through glorious countryside to experience the river in all its seasonal glory while being pampered in de-luxe, warm surroundings.

The **Nottingham Princess** is fully licensed and, while cruising, you will be served a "Navigator Dinner", with your choice of chicken breast or crispy battered fish with chips, peas or beans, hot apple pie and cream and a "bottomless" cup of tea or coffee.

Coach pick-up at Aylestone Leisure Centre at 10.00 a.m.

Tickets: £20.50

Interested? Contact **Colin** or **Norma Grimes** (0116 2608412)

Gardening Group update



17 members of the Gardening Group recently met on a sunny afternoon to take lunch at the **Kings Arms**, Hathern, followed by a tour round the gardens at nearby **Whatton House**.

There were about five acres of grounds to



explore and these contained a wide range of trees and shrubs, a very long colourful herbaceous border and rose gardens. There were also some interesting features tucked away amongst the trees, including ponds and various works of art in statue form.

The visit was concluded by taking tea and cake with **Lord Crawshaw** who was available to answer

questions about the gardens.

Future activities

The next outing will be to **Belvoir Brewery** at Old Dalby, and will include a tour of the brewery and an educational video, followed by a buffet lunch and tastings of **Belvoir Beers**.

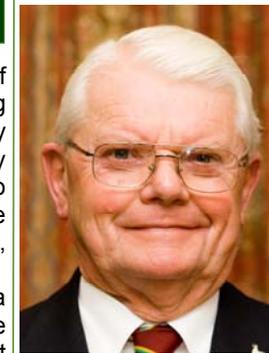


This visit will take place on **Friday 21st August**, meeting at the clubhouse at 11-30 a.m. The cost will be £8.95 each and anyone will be welcome to join us. Please add your name to the list on the clubhouse noticeboard.

The next Gardening Group meeting will be held in the clubhouse on **Tuesday 15th September** starting at 7-30 pm.

80 Years Young.

Rob Wilbourn has a party!



Following a family gathering on the evening of his actual birthday (Friday 19th June), Park Hill Golf Club was the venue for Club Secretary **Rob's** special Birthday Bash on the Saturday evening. Over seventy guests were present and

everyone appeared to enjoy the party atmosphere with music provided by Matt Palmer's Millennium Eagle Jazz Band plus star trumpet player, **Pat Halcox**, a founder member of the great Chris Barber Jazz Band. Granddaughters **Lizzy** and **Sophie** gave renditions of "Happy Birthday" on clarinet and flute respectively whilst 2 year old **Heidi Pip** stole the show singing the same number word perfect and completely in tune.

Following his illness at the beginning of the year, **Rob** invited donations for the Stroke Unit at Leicester General Hospital which played such a vital part in his speedy and complete recovery. To date, the magnificent sum of £720 has been received and sincere thanks go to all who contributed.

WANTED!

HOME MADE cakes, pies and preserves to be sold on the Ladies' Section stall at the **SYSTON CARNIVAL**

on Saturday 5th September 2009.

Those willing to donate, please confirm your offer on the notice in the changing room. **Spouses/partners invited to support this fundraising initiative**

Clearance sale

See the noticeboards for details of surplus bowling equipment currently in store which is being offered for sale to Members.

All proceeds will go to the joint Presidents' charities.