

MAY

- 8th Coffee Morning
St Margarets (H)
Knighton Victoria (A)
- 10th Hawks (H) Loughborough League
- 11th Management Group 10.00 a.m.
- 12th Goodwood (H)
- 13th Leicester Banks (Mixed) (H)
- 15th Aylestone Hall (H)
Sibley (A)
Wolds (H) Loughborough League
- 17th Quorn (A)
- 19th Evington Park (A)
- 20th Evington (H)
Sibley (H)
- 22nd Loughborough Granby (A)
- 24th Cygnets (A) Loughborough League
- 26th Aylestone (A)
- 27th Melton Town (H)
- 29th Melton Town (H)
Keyworth (A)
- 31st Queens (H) Loughborough League

JUNE

- 2nd Melton Mowbray (A)
- 3rd Loughborough Granby (Mixed) (A)
- 5th Countesthorpe (H)
TBA (A)
- 7th Sands (A) Loughborough League
- 8th Rothley (A)
- 9th Market Overton (Mixed) (A)
- 10th Birstall (H)
- 12th Coffee Morning
Brookfield (H)
Wissendine (Triples) (A)
Quorn Mills (Triples) (A)

Colour key: Men: Ladies: Mixed: SBC

Wheelchair & equipment - Concluded

us when we complete the planned clubhouse extension. The ongoing improvements to the green, our new responsibilities for the maintenance of the green, the addition of this new equipment, the planned extension - all these factors make for exciting times for our vibrant Club. We look to each individual Member to play a full part in the challenges that lie ahead."

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Pub Quiz arrangements

Give full support

BECAUSE of holiday commitments, it has not been possible to decide the winner of the April-May "Daily Telegraph" Pub Quiz Competition. Copies of the May-June Competition sheet are available (£1 each) from Social Director, **Anita Lowder**. Closing date for receipt of entries will be **Monday 7th June**.

Winners of both competitions will be announced at the June Coffee Morning to be held on **Saturday 13th June**.

All Members are urged to lend full support to this monthly **FUN**draising activity. Why not involve your friends and family? Use the internet or library to research any answers that you don't know. Keep your "little grey cells" active.

50% of all entry fees received will be awarded to each month's winner.

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LATEST lucky winners are:

Len Smith, Pete Hancock & Ray Dexter. Following consideration of the replies to the survey on future prize money, the Board is happy to confirm "**No change**" in the £40 per month currently offered.

It's a strange world!

WHO is the "odd man out" and, more important, **why?**

- Lord Stevenson former chairman, HBOS
- Sir Fred Goodwin former chief executive, RBS
- Andy Hornby former chief executive, HBOS
- Sir Tom McKillop former chairman, RBS
- John McFall MP chairman of Treasury Select Committee
- Alastair Darling Chancellor of the Exchequer
- Gordon Brown Prime Minister and former Chancellor of the Exchequer
- Sir Terry Wogan former presenter of Radio 2's Breakfast Show

Sir Terry - He's the only one with any kind of formal banking qualification!

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THE SYSTON GREEN



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An encouraging start

Men's President, Pete Murray, reviews the opening of a new Season

Two weeks into the new season and most of our members seem satisfied that the decision to have a professional company maintain the green was a correct one. It is still far too early to see the full benefits of using **Chris Mews (Green Machine)** but the early indications are that the green is already bowling faster than in previous seasons.

It will get a lot better when we get some warm sunshine on it, then the efforts of **Chris** and all those working on it, especially our Green Ranger, **Roger Bentley**, will be rewarded. I have spoken to **Chris** and he is satisfied with the condition of the green and if he is happy with it then so should we be.

As we have said before, there will be more help required over the season to maintain the green and the surrounds at an acceptable standard, so maybe every member should ask himself one question: "What can I do for the club during the season.?" Let's not leave it to the



the jack! It wasn't long, however, before normal service was resumed with **Syston** starting to build a lead and eventually winning three out of the four rinks. The fourth rink achieving a well earned draw with the club Captain, **Myles**, getting three shots on the final end.

same Members who carry out most of the other tasks that make our Club so special. It was obvious during the first few ends of the opening Home match against **Scotlands** that a lot of us had bowled indoors during the winter, the woods only reaching halfway to

The Away side was not so lucky, losing to **Belgrave** on what was described as a "pushy" green. After a couple of matches and a few roll-ups I am quietly confident that we can do well this season. **Time will tell!**

Wheelchair & equipment delivered

LCC Charnwood Borough Area Forum grant award

MEMBERS will have noticed that the specialist wheelchair, purchased with a generous grant from the **Leicestershire County Council, Charnwood Borough Area Forum**, is now available for use by anyone with a serious mobility problem. Also purchased with the grant is a full set of mats and jacks together with a "target" mat to assist with coaching. The availability of this equipment has already enabled us to recruit our first wheelchair-bound Member. **Mike Foster**, together with his wife **Kathy**, sister **Sue** and her husband **Rob**, are all planning to become increasingly active Members of the Club. **Mike** was first introduced to the Club in his capacity as coach for the **Leicester Cobras' Wheelchair Basketball** team, which was the nominated charity for last year's Men's President, **Colin Grimes**.

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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**

Ladies' Opening Day



AS the green was still "resting" following its winter treatment, our Opening Day was planned minus the game of bowls. However, the event was very well supported and it was good to see the sparkling white uniforms again! We now feel summer is really on its way.

As usual, everyone contributed towards an excellent spread of food for the buffet. **Chris Biddles** had prepared some games for us to play after we had paid our Club dues and, following

lunch, somehow time ran out without that happening, so I don't know how we would have fitted in a game of bowls as well!

I am encouraged, in talking to some of our ladies, that the Christmas shoe boxes for my charity "Operation Christmas Child" are being filled. Some are asking for more empty boxes. **Verna Kennell** is able to supply these, if needed.

I hope you all enjoy the new Season of outdoor bowls.

RW

Gardening Group update



SIXTEEN

members of the Gardening Group started the new season with a visit to **Barnsdale Garden Centre** after having lunch in Oakham.

In spite of the fact the spring flowers were definitely much later

blooming this year, which was a bit disappointing, there was still plenty to see, and everyone enjoyed the visit and the uninterrupted warm sunshine.

The following week we held our monthly meeting when most of the regular members were able to attend and we welcomed four new members. Various items were covered including planting hardy annuals, growing on and hardening summer bedding, salad and vegetables grown in containers and how to deal with pests and diseases.

We again discussed planters for enhancing the area around the Green and had a questions and answers session and plant sales.

The next meeting will be held at the Clubhouse on Tuesday, **11th May** starting at 7.00 p.m.

Loughborough Monday Triples League



THANKS TO the excellent response from Members, we have decided to enter a second team for next year - it being too late to register both team and players for this Season.

This second team will run independently with its own Captain and registered players who will decide on a team name, select its own players for each match from the registered list and decide policy on a team dress code.

It is impossible to play all the players who have expressed an interest this year since not all are currently eligible and, in order to maximise our chances of success in the League, the policy of fielding the best possible team from available players will continue.

The **Loughborough League** encourages mixed teams so, if any Member - from either Section - would like to discuss this further, **Brian Adams** (pictured above) will be only too pleased to provide whatever information might be required.

Those magnificent men!

Sunday lunch re-launch voted a great success

THE MEN'S Section surprised everyone with the quality of the food and service at the re-launch of Club Sunday lunches on 11th April.

A team of willing and expert helpers, led by "chef" **Colin Grimes**, successfully catered for 50 people with a menu of braised beef (cooked with onions, mushrooms and carrots) served with Yorkshire pudding, new potatoes and garden peas followed by apple pie and custard.

In the face of strong scepticism about the ability of the men to meet the standards set and maintained by the Ladies over recent years, the meal surpassed all expectations in terms of quality, service and value for money.

Roger Bentley, George Dodge and **Bob Dunlop** gave great support, as cooks, in the kitchen while a 4-strong team of waiters (**Noel Evatt, Mark Newman, Colin Smith** and **Ray Wood**) ensured the smooth service of hot food to tables elegantly laid by **George Stone** and **Pete Murray**, who also provided his usual high quality Bar service.

So good was the food quality, that a small queue formed at the kitchen service hatch when a takeaway service of leftovers was offered at the end of the meal.



Sincere and unsolicited compliments were paid by many diners and the event raised more than £150 for Club funds



and a further £50 for the Men's President's Charity **Wishes4Kids**.

The Club Social Committee, under the direction of Social Director, **Anita Lowder**, are currently considering

incorporating a number

of Sunday lunches into the annual Club social programme which will be announced shortly.

Thanks are due to Club Director, **Marjorie Clowes**, for her suggestion that we should once again offer Sunday lunches, which had previously proved so successful, as a way of increasing Club funds and giving Members an improved range of services.

Apology

SINCERE apologies are offered for the omission of the name of **Derek Clowes** from those formally remembered at the opening of the AGM held in March during the traditional minute's silence to honour those who had passed away since the previous General Meeting.

LCC Charnwood Area Forum grant ... Continued



Club Coach, **Des Eggitt**, has given a warm welcome to the new equipment which will be extremely useful - especially with the development of coaching with the **Syston Project** (the drop-in centre for local disabled people) which was started last year.

Chairman of the Club Board of Directors, **Colin Grimes**, says: "This new specialist equipment opens up new recruitment and coaching possibilities for the Club and enhances our place within the local community. As a registered Community

Amateur Sports Club we are anxious to play our full part in developing sports opportunities for all members of the local community - including the disabled.

The completion of the disabled toilet adjacent to the Clubhouse is also very timely and we are now looking forward to the additional disabled facilities that will be made available to