

SEPTEMBER

11th Coffee Morning
Kirby Muxloe H
Leicester Banks (Mixed Trips) A
12th Men's Competitions Finals Day
14th Birstall H
Keyworth A
15th Leicester Ladies H
16th Countesthorpe A
18th Soar Valley H
Batram A
20th Western Park H
22nd Ladies' Closing Day H
23rd Holwell A
25th Oakham H
Rothley (Mixed) A
29th Market Overton H
30th Barlestone (Triples) H

OCTOBER

2nd Mowmacre (Mixed) H

NOVEMBER

3rd Ladies' Section AGM
6th Presentation Night

Colour key: Men: Ladies: Mixed: SBC

Clubhouse extension update - Concluded

In planning for the worst possible outcome - i.e. we fail to gain any grant-aid/sponsorship support - the Board is inviting both Sections seriously to consider the possibility of going ahead with the extension project during the coming close Season on a self-build basis (as the Club did with the existing building), inviting the respective Committees to consider how far they could support such a move and to consider how much they would be prepared to commit from existing cash reserves and from future fundraising efforts to help in the completion of the project. Based on the commercial estimates already received, it is estimated that the cost of materials for the extension will be in the region of £15000 to £20000. If we could supply the necessary labour on a voluntary basis from within the membership - and that is a "big ask" - we could possibly complete the project with the minimum of further delay using existing reserves.

I can read your mind!

WHY not try this on your grandchildren neices or nephews. You will impress them.

Think of a number between 1 and 10
Multiply that number by 9

Add the two figures of your total
Subtract 5 from this new number

If A = 1; B = 2; C = 3 etc, through the alphabet, convert your current total into a letter.

Think of a European country that begins with the letter of the alphabet that you have just identified.

Now for the clever part!

Think of an animal that begins with the last letter of that country.

Finally, think of a fruit that begins with the last letter of that animal's name.

I now know what you're thinking! Look at the foot of this column to see if I'm right!

If you have a view on this idea, or would like more information about the planned project, please contact either **George Dodge**, Premises Director, or any member of the respective Section Committees. In any case, it can be expected that the matter will be formally raised for full discussion at the Men's AGM scheduled for early December.

Syston Carnival

THANKS to everyone who helped in the setting-up of the stalls and to those who donated craft work and *bric à brac* which helped the Men's Section to raise **£117.50** for **Wishes4Kids**, this year's nominated charity. Special thanks to those ladies left to clear up because the men were all engaged in away Greenwood Cup matches. **PM**

**I can read your mind
Am I correct?**

Denmark?
Have you seen an orange kangaroo in

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Let's finish on a high note!

says Men's President Pete Murray

We are in the last month of the season already. As with anything that we enjoy, time goes by too quickly and this season has flown by because it has been most enjoyable.

I said at the beginning of the season that I was optimistic regarding the standard of our players and the results so far have proved this. While it was sad to see the last of our County competitors go out of the 2 wood Triples last week, we offer our congratulations to **Ken Renshaw, George Dodge** and **Gerry Kennell** for getting so far in the competition and "flying the flag" for our great Club.

A thought for the future

It has always puzzled me as to why the green is very rarely used on Sundays. We get a lot of warm sunny Sundays but, apart from the odd round of a competition and finals day, the green stands empty. I would like to put forward the idea of a Sunday League just for our own Members, men and ladies. This could be in the form of singles, pairs, triples or rinks depending on how many members are interested.

I know a lot of people like to keep Sundays for the family or church etc., but there are also those who do very little after Sunday lunch. This is just an idea, I would like everyone to think about it and let me know over the next few months whether you think it is viable.

With this being the last month of the season let us all try to finish on a high and put a smile on the faces of our poor overworked Captains, "Bless 'em!"

**Membership growth welcomed**

IT is gratifying to report that the club is still attracting new members. Latest "recruits" to the Men's Section are **John Hack** and **Michael Cooke** who is disabled and our second wheelchair bound member. Others who have joined the club since the beginning of the season are **Mike Foster** (Chief Coach of the Leicester Cobras Wheelchair Basketball Team), **Dennis Freer, Rob Harrison** and **Rod Heggs**. These names are in addition to **Colin Wilkinson** who returned to the club prior to the opening of the season, after a break of several years, bringing a wealth of experience and increasing our playing strength.

We welcome them all and hope they enjoy many years of happy bowling and friendship.



Eye-catching Church notice

49 Club update

LATEST lucky winners are: **Anita Lowder, George Dodge, Len Smith & Margaret Morris**

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

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Proposed Clubhouse extension

Update report



AT their meeting held on 8th September, the Board of Directors received a report from the Chairman, **Colin Grimes**, detailing the applications for grant aid which have so far been submitted to potential donors during the past month. These include the **Co-operative Membership Community Fund** (£1000), **Tesco Charity Trust Community Awards** (£4000), the **Trusthouse Charitable Foundation** (£15000) and **Wilkinsons, Aldi, Dunelm** and **Asda** who, as local suppliers, have been invited to offer either a cash contribution or "goods in kind" to help with the furnishing and decoration of the extension. Work is continuing on the preparation of

applications to **East Midlands Airport Community Fund** (£1200), the **Leicestershire, Leicester & Rutland Community Foundation Fund** (£15000) and **The Big Lottery Fund - Awards for All** (£10000), **Charnwood Borough Council** (£15000) and **Loughborough Building Society Community Matters Awards Scheme** (£1000). (Figures in brackets indicate the maximum available grant from that source.)

Sadly, we have already received our first rejection. **Biffaward Main Grants Scheme** (£30000) have notified us that our proposal has not sufficiently demonstrated a community-wide benefit to be derived from the development to be considered under the terms of their scheme. *Concluded on back page*

Situation Vacant for Catering Manager



SAD to report that **Gerry Kennell** has given notice that he will be retiring from the above position at the end of the current Season.

I am sure the Mens' section of the Club would like to join me in thanking both **Gerry** and **Verna** for the brilliant job they have done over the last few years, and wish them all the best for the future. **Gerry** will be a hard act to follow but we must make new arrangements for next Season.

This important position calls for a great deal of commitment as regards time and responsibility and it may well be easier to divide the job between two or more people.

If any members from either section of the Club, wives or partners, or Associate/Social members feel they would be interested in finding out exactly what is required, please get in touch with **George Dodge**. **Gerry** is very willing to help with advice in any way he can.

Gardening Group news



Christine Dodge

THE August meeting of the Gardening Group welcomed two potential new members and discussed jobs to be carried out in Autumn, including taking cuttings of tender perennials and shrubs and tidying borders. More discussion was held concerning planting under the scoreboard and **George Dodge** produced a drawing and sample of the timber to be used in constructing the framework.

Details of the next outing were also discussed and **Betty Wheately** suggested visiting **Coton Manor** in Northamptonshire. This proved to

be the best garden we have visited so far and we were lucky enough to have chosen a lovely summer day. We also enjoyed a very good lunch and will definitely be returning there in the Springtime.

As the nights are getting darker and colder much earlier now we have decided to hold the meetings on Tuesday afternoons until further notice. Would members please note, therefore, that the next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 28 September at 2.00 p.m.

The Season so far in summary

as at 4th September

AS we enter the final month of the current Season, the performance of our teams can be summarised as follows:

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Shot Diff
Men's Saturday	39	26	0	13	+204
Men's Weekday	19	9	0	10	+55
Ladies	23	9	0	14	-101

The **Loughborough Monday Triples League Division 2** final placings:

	P	Shot Wins	Shot Diff	Rink Wins	Points	Position
White Plums	16	9	-59	22	62	6/9

Lady President's piece

Ruth Wheeler reviews a busy month of fundraising



TWENTY six ladies turned up on Monday 23rd August to help with our project for "Operation Christmas Child". Some had already filled their shoe boxes, while others brought all manner of small items and Christmas paper.

It was a very organised morning. While one group covered the shoe boxes and lids with Christmas paper, two other groups filled boxes - one selecting items suitable for girls and other concentrating on gifts suitable for boys. A fourth (*equally important*) group kept us supplied with tea and coffee! Everyone worked so hard that by 11.30 a.m. sixty two boxes had been completed.

In addition to the items donated, a further £195 was raised towards the cost of organisation and transportation. (*None of the volunteer drivers and others who deliver the shoe boxes personally to the children is paid.*)

All the boxes will now be kept in my garage until October when they will be delivered to a central collection point.

"**Thank you!**" to everyone who has contributed for your generosity and hard work.

Syston Carnival

As part of our fundraising efforts for Operation Christmas Child, the ladies agreed to organise a cake stall at the Syston Carnival on 4th September.

On the morning of the event, a volunteer crew from the Men's Section kindly erected two gazebos and carried tables and chairs from the clubhouse.

Our ladies then dressed and laid out the display of cakes which had been previously labelled and priced in the clubhouse kitchen. There were so many cakes that they

completely filled two long trestle tables. We had, by far, the best cake stall at the event - a great credit to all who took part in one way or another.

Sales started so slowly at first that we were discussing the possibilities of freezing some to be used at future match teas. However, once the Syston Band started playing, more people arrived and, by 3.00 p.m., we had completely sold out which generated a wonderful total of **£165.10!**

Once again, a very big "**Thank you!**" to everyone involved.



Another eye-catching Church notice