

## Diary Dates 2011

### JUNE

11th	Coffee Morning Brookfield H Quorn Mills Park A
13th	Willows A Wolds H
14th	SBC Board meeting 10 a.m. Wymeswold A
16th	Belgrave A
17th	KO Trophy Prelims Thringstone A
18th	Loughborough Granby H Oakham A
20th	Weavers H
21st	Management Group meeting 10 a.m. Oakham H
23rd	Loughborough Granby H
24th	Lions H
25th	Holwell H Mowmacre A
30th	Narborough A
<b>JULY</b>	
1st	Lambs A
2nd	Fosseway H Scotlands A
4th	Woodpeckers A Brookfield H
7th	Wymeswold A Oadby H
8th	KO Trophy Round 1 New Lount A
9th	Coffee Morning Countesthorpe H Soar Valley A

Colour key: Men: Ladies: Mixed: SBC

## Results to date

A FULL summary of the results for the first half of the Season will be featured in the July edition of "Syston Green". Apologies that shortage of time has not made an analysis possible in this edition.

### The wisdom of age

My wife's 90 years old and I'm 93.  
We never argue. We can't hear each other!

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If I marry again, now that I've reached 90, I'll  
honeymoon at Viagara Falls

## Welcome back! - and Congratulations

WE offer a warm welcome back - from his trip to America - to Club Chairman, **Colin Grimes**, who, with wife **Norma**, travelled to Wisconsin to welcome **Lenora Grace** ("Lennie") (pictured below), their fourth grandchild, who weighed in on 25th April at 9lb 1 oz! **Congratulations!**



### Betty's birthday bash concluded

This was a "first" for the waiters who had never experienced eight bowling ladies cruising to celebrate a 90th birthday. Nevertheless, the care and attention we enjoyed throughout was superb.

A certain person (J.L.) recounted many of her worldwide travelling experiences and disasters, so it was decided that should any misfortunes arise during our cruise, **Janet** would be held responsible!

Whilst we had the opportunity to go ashore at several very interesting locations, Le Havre, Honfleur, La Rochelle, Bilbao and La Corunna, the highlight of the week was the celebration of **Betty's** birthday at dinner on Tuesday evening, when the waiters sang "Happy Birthday", complete with cake and candle - a moment which she will no doubt treasure for a long time.

Overall the cruise was a great success with too many laughs to mention here. Many thanks **Betty** for inviting us along. **JW**

### STOP PRESS!

**Men's President's Day postponed**  
Due to unforeseen circumstances, the President has decided that a more suitable date for this event will now be **19th August 2011.**

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## May promotion Fair voted a success

**THANKS** to all the helpers who contributed to make this day successful.

Unfortunately it was a cold, grey day and several other events were also taking place at the same time, but, all things considered, we did very well to raise over £420 for Club funds. This was thanks to everyone who made a cake and particularly to **Anita Lowder** who sold them, **Marlene Murray**, for her handicraft stall, **Ray Wood** for manning the *bric à brac* stall. **Pete Murray** and **Dave Hudson** the bar, **Rod** and **Eileen Heggis**, **Colin Smith** and team for refreshments, **Chris Dodge** for the plant stall and everyone who brought plants to sell. Also attending were **Argent Jewellery**, **Withers Sports Equipment** and **Intercare**.

All the invited guests attended and these included **Paul Goodman**, Community Area Forum, Charnwood Borough Council, Councillor **Dave Houseman**, Leicester County Council and **Yvonne Smith**, Charnwood Borough Council and the reporter from *Syston Town News* took several photographs of **Mike Foster** in the wheelchair.

The main object of the day was to recruit new members and **Des Eggitt**, **Pete Murray**, **Dave Hudson**, **Janice** and **Rob Wilbourn**, **Myles Clare** and **Kate Toon** were kept busy showing prospective bowlers the ropes, with the result that four ladies and one gentleman are currently being coached by **Des** and will hopefully join as full members soon.

In addition to the usual band of volunteers who regularly turn up for duty on non-bowling occasions, it was very pleasing to welcome a number of others. I'm sure they all enjoyed the experience. Let's hope that as the Season progresses more Members can be persuaded to lend a hand when help is needed rather than simply turning up to bowl when selected and leaving the rest of the organisation and work to the minority. **GD**

## Betty's birthday bash

WE all arrived on time at Leicester Forest East Services to board the coach taking us to Southampton. **Josie** dropped her suitcase on her big toe (*blood everywhere!*) but, apart from this, the journey was uneventful and the rest of us arrived at the terminal in good shape. A minor crisis arose when **Betty** was unable to produce her E ticket (*which took the place of normal boarding cards*) but she eventually found it and all was well.

After boarding, we were shown to our cabins and readied ourselves for "lifeboat drill". Our muster point was appropriately one of the bars, the "Yacht & Compass". We cast off and set



sail at 15.45 hours with a magnificent brass band send-off. On arriving at the Adriatic Restaurant for dinner, we were shown to our table at which we were to take our meals for the duration of the cruise. (To back page)

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' President's Piece



I would like to thank everyone who took part in "Guess the Weight of the Dundee Cake" kindly baked by **Carol Allot**. The cake weighed 6lb 15oz and was won by **Aideen Talbot** who guessed within 1oz. A total of £61 was raised for my Charity, Syston Community Centre.

**Margaret Abbott** celebrated her 80th birthday on 6th May and held a party in the clubhouse four days earlier. It was lovely to see all **Margaret's** family, especially grandson **Daniel** who suffered a life-threatening

accident two years ago. It has been a long and slow recovery with still a long way to go. Our best wishes go to all of the family.

**Margaret Dexter** celebrated her 80th birthday on 2nd June with a lovely holiday in Portugal. **Margaret** isn't bowling at the moment because of eye problems. We wish her well and hope that any treatment will be successful.

We played **Goodwood** away on 11th May, which happened to be **Betty Wheatley's** 90th birthday. They presented her with a lovely plant which was totally unexpected. We all sang "Happy Birthday" and **Betty** read an amazing and thought-provoking poem portraying life as it used to be. On our return to the Club, we celebrated the occasion with nibbles, drinks and a large cake depicting a photo of **Betty** on her cruise.

**Betty** is a remarkable woman - an inspiration to us all. She has been Club President three times and served on the former Joint Committee (*now the Board*). She actively supports everything within the Club, does tea duty and still bowls a good wood. She is a "thinker" and a "doer". Her only daughter lives in America and **Betty** considers the Club as her "other family". She is a keen gardener and definitely has green fingers. On Tuesday 5th July, continuing her 90th birthday celebrations, she is holding a "Pimms and Things" party between 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. in her garden. Tickets are available at £6 including raffle ticket, drinks and food. All proceeds are to be donated to my charity. I urge you all to support her efforts.

I am sorry to end this report on a sad note. Life Member, **Kath Bourne**, has passed away. **Kath** moved from Syston to Boston, Lincs, to live with her daughter before moving into a retirement home. Most of our current Members would not have known her. She was President in 1983 and also held the post of Treasurer. She organised Sunday Galas with my late husband, **John**, and I helped her daughter, **Judith**, with the teas. I have sent our condolences to Judith and family.

## Ladies' Captain reports



**FROM** our first nine games of the season I have to report sadly that two had to be cancelled as we were unable to raise a team for one match and opponents cancelled another. Of the remaining seven, we have only won one, our opening game. However, in the losing matches we have only lost by a very few shots and the ladies selected to play have given their all.

Unfortunately, it seems that it always falls upon the same members to enter their names for selection and henceforth, due to a depleted squad, it would appear that we will only at best be able to compete with three rinks for the majority of forthcoming matches, and possibly reduced to triples for some events, which is most unfortunate. But, as mentioned above, this is solely due to the limited number of playing members.

Could I please make a request for the ladies to make a special effort to play whenever possible **Janice**

**My idea of exercise is a brisk sit down!**

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## The Club Coach Column



### 1. Getting the best out of roll-ups

Bowling to the same length (long or short) during roll-ups does **NOT** help you to adjust to different lengths in competitive games.

How often in matches do you see players struggling to bowl to a short end or when the mat is taken up the green?

So, in roll-ups, don't kick the bowls to the end of the green but place the mat where the head finished. This will help in adjusting to and finding different lengths.

If you have any faults, the roll-up gives you the opportunity to eradicate them. Take advantage of the opportunities presented by roll-ups to address any weaknesses in your game.

(Please also remember that I'm always ready to offer you any help you might need to improve any aspect of your play.)

### 2. Teamwork

Remember that, in competitive matches, the Skip must have teamwork from every member of the rink. All must be involved in deciding a vital shot to win a match. Each player may read the head in a different way - but the Skip must take the right shot. Quite often the head will have changed since the Skip was at the head making it impossible for him to read it from the mat. So, if No 3 gives him the right and positive guidance he must be prepared to listen and to play the shot as suggested in order to try to win the end or the match.

A good Skip will re-visit the head to discuss the situation with the No 3 if he is not convinced of the accuracy of the reading of the head or if the No 3 is unsure about what to advise.

If a Skip chooses to ignore guidance and/or not to listen simply on the grounds that "I'm in charge! It's my responsibility!" this is not teamwork.

No 3, whose sole responsibility it is to agree the score in each head with his opposite number, insisting on a measure if he has any doubts, also has a duty to the rest of the rink by ensuring that these responsibilities are thoroughly executed. While Lead and No 2 must not interfere with any

measuring process, if either of them clearly observes that a bowl has been wrongly identified or, perhaps, overlooked in the process, they have a duty to draw the error or omission to the attention of the No 3 in order to ensure an accurate score. On such fine details do the outcome of any match often depend.

### 3. Congratulations!

I would like to congratulate **Kieran Jordan** (pictured) on his first game with the County Under 25s. He acquitted himself very well and is now looking forward to another two games with the County side.

**Kieran's** success makes me very proud as Club Coach and gives me a very satisfying feeling of reward for my efforts.

I am sure that I speak on behalf of the whole membership when I wish him the best of luck in his future in this fine game of bowls.

**If you have any particular problems on which you would appreciate the advice of our Club Coach, please do not hesitate to contact him at any time.**

## Gardening Group news



**THE** summer planting has now been completed under the scoreboard area and all the plants were provided out of Garden Group funds. Many thanks to Roger Bentley for carrying out all the watering. The next

outing will be to Cottesbrooke Hall and Gardens in Northamptonshire. Full details of date and time will be displayed on the noticeboard. Non-members are always welcome.

## 49 Club update

**WINNERS** in April and May were **Sheila Parker, Doreen Payne, Alan Collins, Gerry Baker, Alan Ward, Dave Hudson, Roger Bentley, Margaret Abbott** and **Len Smith**