

# Diary Dates 2012

## MARCH

- 12th Melton Indoor roll-up 11.30 a.m.  
Club AGM 7 p.m. start  
14th Ladies' Lunch 12.30 p.m.  
17th Beetle Drive 7.00 p.m. £5.50  
includes Fish & Chip Supper  
19th Melton Indoor roll-up 11.30 a.m.  
21st Quiz and Social afternoon 2.30 p.m.  
23rd "Meet the President" from 7.00 p.m.  
26th Melton Indoor roll-up 11.30 a.m.  
28th Quiz and Social afternoon 2.30 p.m.  
31st Quiz Night 7.00 p.m. Faith Supper

## APRIL

- 2nd Green officially opens for 2012  
Season  
7th Men v Ladies 2.30 p.m.  
Batram A  
12th SBC Board Meeting 7.00 p.m.  
14th Coffee Morning  
Scotlands H  
Belgrave A NB: 2.00 p.m. Start  
17th Ladies' opening Day

Colour key: Men: Ladies: Mixed SBC

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MONDAY 12<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2012  
starting at 7.00 p.m.

**BE THERE!**

Play YOUR part in the  
running of YOUR Club

## Club library

New titles are regularly added to our  
stock. Thanks to all of our donors.

Keep checking to see if there's  
something you'd like - and keep your old  
books coming in.

*Norma Grimes*

## Gardening Group news



Christine Dodge

**MEMBERS** of the Garden Group recently visited Wheatcroft's Garden Centre which not only had a great selection of plants and tools but also food, books, clothes and many lovely

items for the home. We also had a good lunch there. Everyone agreed it had been a very enjoyable visit.

Plans for a possible visit to Chatsworth are still being considered - it all depends on how many people are interested. There is a poster on the main notice board for names. Non members and friends and family are also invited to join us.

The next Garden Group meeting will be held in the clubhouse on Tuesday, 13th March starting at 2.00 pm.

## Modern last words:

"I wish I'd recycled more."



## VOLUNTEERS WANTED

to form a

## Working Party

to

clean and line ditches, cut grass on the apron, replace benches around the green, repaint string markers and other tasks needed to prepare the green for the opening of the playing Season.

Please play your part in setting up the Club for a successful Season on a green of which we can be justifiably proud

See noticeboard for  
details of date & time



Men

SYSTON



GREEN



Ladies

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## Men serve up another Sunday lunch success

A FULL house of Members and guests, on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February, were treated to an excellent two course meal prepared and served by the Men's Section. In the kitchen, **Colin Grimes**, ably assisted by *sous chef*, **George Dodge**, produced the meal, consisting of pork loin, apricots and mushrooms cooked in a white wine and fresh cream sauce served with rice and garden peas, followed by hot apple pie and custard. Clubhouse table settings had been prepared earlier by **Pete Murray** who, together with **Dave Hudson**, also provided the Bar service. Led by **Ray Wood**, **Len Allen**, **Noel Evatt**, **Rod Higgs** and **Mark Newman** formed an efficient team of waiters for the 47 diners present.

After the meal, **Kate Toon** offered an impromptu vote of thanks and congratulated the team on an excellent meal. (She confessed that as someone who has a strong preference for "plain" cooking, she had been rather nervous about facing a somewhat unusual and "fancy" main course. However, she had found the meal to be very tasty and enjoyable.) The applause which followed appeared to indicate strong support for her views.

Men's Vice-President, **Rob Wilbourn**, offered a formal vote of thanks to everyone involved, reminded everyone about the range of social events remaining in the close Season calendar, urging as much support as possible.

He concluded by making a special appeal to Members of the Men's Section to generate as much support as possible from their wives/partners to assist in the provision of teas on match days for the approaching Season. If the Club was to sustain its high reputation for the quality of its hospitality, it was vital that additional support should be made available since the Section was no longer able to rely on the continued support previously provided by playing Members of the Ladies' Section.

With the added benefit of the proceeds of a raffle, drawn at the close of the event, a total of £160 was passed over to Club funds.

In response to the number of requests received, the recipe for the pork meal is produced on **Page 3**

## Welcome back, Mr President

A warm welcome back to Men's President **Stan Page** and his wife, **Maureen**, recently returned from an extended holiday in Goa - a country which they have regularly visited over several years. Hopefully batteries have been fully charged for the exciting year ahead.

## Food for thought

Drinks from the bar, raffles, social functions, Coffee Mornings, library books etc.

**EVERY** penny you spend on these is a penny saved from next year's Membership subscription.

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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

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## Visiting former Member

Janice Wilbourn reports



ON Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January, five ladies (President **Sheila**, **Marjorie**, **Muriel**, **Violet** and I) went to visit **Dot Roberts** who is now in a residential home in Shepshed, following a stroke.

We were pleased to find that she was in good spirits and looked well although she said that she did miss her friends from Syston Bowling Club but was quite happy there.

In the photo there are three Life members, **Dot** (91), **Muriel** (97) and **Violet** (93) - a combined age of 281 years!

I am sure that if any lady members would like to visit **Dot**. She would love to see you.

## The Club coach column

*This month, Des offers a few maxims and pithy statements that, if remembered and acted upon, should improve your performance*



Des Eggitt

1. **EVERY** time you are beaten, look for the cause. More often than not, the reason presents itself. In most - if not all - of your narrow defeats, you will, perhaps, recollect firing when you should have tried to draw - or *vice-versa*. It's

all a matter of bad or good judgement.

2. Silence begets good length. Talk a lot and you'll lose it.

3. An open mind is a balanced mind. Don't close your eyes to your weaknesses but go after them when someone points them out to you.

4. If bowls wasn't the "lucky" game that it is, the poor and indifferent player would never win and would soon drop out. It's uncertainty that gives bowls its charm and attraction.

5. Draw shots are the guilt-edged securities of the game and pay the best dividends. You should think long and hard before playing with pace or firing.

6. If there is any royal road to a successful game in bowls, it can be summed up in two words: systemisation and standardisation. Once you've worked out what suits you best and brings best results, stick with it.

7. A wood will more readily do what is required of it if the fundamental principles of grip, stance and delivery are respected.

8. Remember this especially in all of your draw shots. Arrange face, shoulders, hips and knees to make everything streamlined. This should include the face of the wood, its rings the four fingers and the thumb.

9. In order to avoid bowling "narrow" on either hand, cultivate the habit of starting by facing, with shoulders square to the boundary peg of your rink.

10. Friendships made on the bowling green are too precious to be lost. Sustaining them should make for a pleasant kind of pastime, surely?

11. A good point to remember is that, if you move a wood or the jack when measuring, it is always your opponent who then has to act, not you. So be careful!

*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.*

## 49 Club update

**LATEST WINNERS** are **Aideen Talbot**, **Pete Rawson**, **Val Foreman**, and **Barbara Brown**

**REMEMBER:**

*April sees the start of a new year.*

## Welcome! to Club Patrons

Efforts to recruit Patrons continue. Your support for advertisers is strongly urged

**SADLY**, little further progress can be reported in our search for Club Patrons. Efforts continue with those who have expressed an interest. It is hoped that the opportunity to advertise around the green will prove particularly attractive.

## Sunday lunch recipe

### PORK NORMANDY "A LA QUENBY"

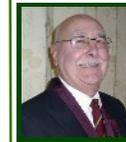
(Serves 6)

#### Ingredients

900 gm/2lb **fillet of pork**  
30 ml/2 level tablespoons **seasoned flour**  
300 ml/ ½ pint **dry white wine**  
225 gm/½ lb **button mushrooms**  
225 gm/½ lb **dried apricots**  
40 gm/1½ oz **butter**  
30 ml/2 tablespoons **brandy**  
30 ml/2 tablespoons **chopped parsley**  
142 ml/¼ pint **double cream**  
**Salt/pepper** to taste

#### Method

Cut the pork into pieces about the size and shape of potato chips (2in x ¼in x ¼in) and toss these in the seasoned flour. Bring the wine with mushrooms and apricots to the boil and then simmer, covered, for 10-15 minutes. Brown the pork in the hot butter then pour the brandy over the browned meat in the hot pan. Set it alight. When the flames die out, add the wine, mushrooms and apricots and simmer, covered, for about ½ hour (until the meat is tender). Strain the pork, mushrooms and apricots, place and keep these warm in a serving dish. Add the parsley and cream to the juices left in the pan and check the seasoning. Simmer, without boiling, until the sauce thickens and pour it over the pork. Serve immediately with rice and green salad.



## Men's President appeals for support for Captains

**FIRSTLY** I would like to thank Vice-President, **Rob**, for taking up the reins whilst **Maureen** and I were on holiday.

As the new Season is about to start, I would like to make a special plea for everybody to give full support to the Captains, who have the difficult job of team selection.

When it comes to the League games, the Captains will always tend to pick their strongest team as they will want to win. In fixtures that are officially designated as "Mixed", some available men may be left out in order to accommodate the required number of ladies (up to 2 per rink). Also, this year, we face the additional problem of a rota for kitchen duties to help in the provision of match teas. If you should find that, for one reason or another, you have not been selected to play, in spite of declaring your availability, please do not go around grumbling, but have a **quiet** word directly with the relevant Captain to ask him to explain his reasoning.

So some of us are inevitably going to be disappointed. As for League selection, there is a solution. Get on the green with other club members for roll-ups and practice.

And always remember that our excellent Club Coach, **Des Eggitt**, is on hand for coaching. Even a little wrinkle, once identified and ironed-out, could improve your game 10 fold.

Have a great - and friendly - Season.

*Grandmas are mums with lots of frosting.*

**Anon**

*What a bargain grandchildren are! I give them my loose change, and they give me a million dollars' worth of pleasure.*

**Gene Perret**

*Grandmothers are just 'antique' little girls.*

**Anon**

*Perfect love sometimes does not come until the first grandchild.*

**Welsh Proverb**

*A grandmother is a babysitter who watches the kids instead of the television.*

**Anon**

*Never have children, Only grandchildren.*

**Gore Vidal**

*Becoming a grandparent is wonderful. One moment you're just a mother or father. The next you are all-wise and prehistoric.*

**Pam Brown**

*Grandchildren don't stay young forever, which is good because grandfathers have only so many horsy rides in them.*

**Gene Perret**

*When grandparents enter the door, discipline flies out the window.*

**Ogden Nash**

*Grandmas never run out of hugs or cookies.*

**Anon**

*Grandmas hold our tiny hands for just a little while, but our hearts forever.*

**Anon**

*If I had known how wonderful it would be to have grandchildren, I'd have had them first.*

**Lois Wyse**

*My grandkids believe I'm the oldest thing in the world. And after two or three hours with them, I believe it, too.*

**Gene Perret**

*If becoming a grandmother was only a matter of choice, I should advise every one of you straight away to become one. There is no fun for old people like it!*

**Hannah Whithall Smith**

*It's such a grand thing to be a mother of a mother - that's why the world calls her Grandmother.*

**Anon**

*Grandchildren are God's way of compensating us for growing old.*

**Mary H. Waldrip**

*You do not really understand something unless you can explain it to your grandmother.*

**Proverb**

*An hour with your grandchildren can make you feel young again. Anything longer than that, and you start to age quickly.*

**Gene Perret**

*The best baby-sitters, of course, are the baby's grandparents. You feel completely comfortable entrusting your baby to them for long periods - which is why most grandparents flee to Florida*

**Dave Barry**

*Grandparent/grandchild relationships are simple. Grandparents are short on criticism and long on love.*

**Anon**

*Grandmother - A wonderful mother with lots of practice.*

**Anon**

*A grandparent is old on the outside but young on the inside.*

**Anon**

*One of the most powerful handclasps is that of a new grandchild around the finger of a grandfather.*

**Joy Hargrove**

*If your baby is "beautiful and perfect, never cries or fusses, sleeps on schedule and burps on demand, an angel all the time" You're the grandma!*

**Teresa Bloomingdale**

*Grandparents are similar to a piece of string - handy to have around and easily wrapped around the fingers of their grandchildren.*

**Anon**

*Grandchildren don't make a man feel old. It's the knowledge that he's married to a grandmother.*

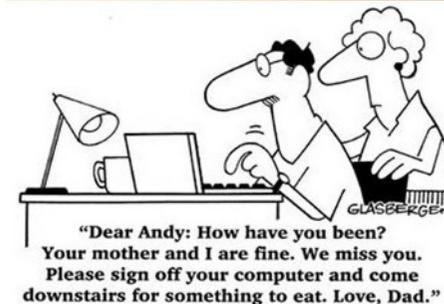
**Norman Collie**

**Of course, most of the above can apply to some aunties & uncles too!!**

A **PARAPROSDOKIAN** is a two-part statement which presents you with a surprising or unexpected second half.. Here are some examples:

1. The last thing I want to do is hurt you. But it's still on my list.
2. Since light travels faster than sound, some people appear bright until you hear them speak.
3. If I agreed with you, we'd both be wrong.
4. War does not determine who is right - only who is left.
5. Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit. Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.
6. They begin the evening news with ' Good Evening' then proceed to tell you why it isn't.
7. To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism. To steal from many is research.
8. Buses **stop** in bus stations. Trains **stop** in train stations. On my desk is a work station!
9. I thought I wanted a career. Turns out I just wanted pay cheques
10. In filling out an application, where it says, ' In case of emergency", I put 'DOCTOR'.
11. I didn't say it was your fault. I said I was blaming you.
12. Behind every successful man is his woman. Behind the fall of a successful man is usually another woman.
13. You do not need a parachute to skydive. You only need a parachute to skydive twice
14. There's a fine line between cuddling and holding someone down so they can't get away.
15. I used to be indecisive. Now I'm not so sure.
16. You're never too old to learn something stupid.
17. To be sure of hitting the target, shoot first and call whatever you hit the target.
18. Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine.
19. Going to church doesn't make you a Christian any more than standing in a garage makes you a car.
20. Where there's a will, there are relatives.
21. I'm supposed to respect my elders, but its getting harder and harder for me to find one nowadays.

## This computer age!



## Perfume

