

## MAY

- 14<sup>th</sup> **Crusaders** L&D TL H 2 p.m.start  
**Steamers** L&D TL A 2 p.m. start
- 16<sup>th</sup> **Quorn** A
- 17<sup>th</sup> **Evington Park** A  
**Evington** H
- 19<sup>th</sup> **Sibley** H  
**Loughborough Granby** A
- 21<sup>st</sup> **Kegworth** L&D TL A 2 p.m. start  
**Saints** L&D TL H 2 p.m. start
- 23<sup>rd</sup> **Aylestone** A
- 24<sup>th</sup> **Melton Town** H
- 25<sup>th</sup> **Rothley** A *Triples League*
- 26<sup>th</sup> **Belvoir Vale** A  
**Keyworth** H
- 28<sup>th</sup> **Conways** L&D TL H 2 p.m. start  
**Shepshed B** L&D TL A 2 p.m. start
- 30<sup>th</sup> **Melton Mowbray** A
- 31<sup>st</sup> **Loughborough Granby** H

## JUNE

- 2<sup>nd</sup> **Countesthorpe** H  
*No Away game. Queen's Diamond Jubilee Party on Central Park.*
- 3<sup>rd</sup> **Mixed Jubilee Celebration Match**  
*(See noticeboards for further details)*
- 4<sup>th</sup> **GeeBees** L&D TL A 2 p.m. start  
**Quorn** L&D TL H 2 p.m. start
- 6<sup>th</sup> **Market Overton** A
- 7<sup>th</sup> **Birstall** A  
**Keyworth** A
- 8<sup>th</sup> **Wolds** H *Triples League*
- 9<sup>th</sup> **Brookfield** H  
**Quorn Mills Park** A
- 11<sup>th</sup> **Hawks** L&D TL H 2 p.m. start  
**Riversiders** L&D TL A 2 p.m. start
- 14<sup>th</sup> **Belgrave** A
- 16<sup>th</sup> **Loughborough Granby** H

Colour key: **Men:** **Ladies:** **SBC:**  
**White Plums:** **Green & Royals**

## Ladies fixture rescheduled

LADIES please note that the Home fixture with **Keyworth**, originally scheduled for 1st May, has been rearranged, at their request, to **Tuesday 14th August**

## Gardening Group news

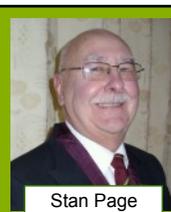


Christine Dodge

**THIRTY** Garden Group members and friends travelled to Chatsworth House, Derbyshire, in what turned out to be an awful old coach, in pouring rain. We were therefore very surprised to find that from the moment we arrived until we departed several hours later we had pleasant - if cold - weather and a very enjoyable day. We had a good walk around the gardens before having lunch, followed by a tour of the house where all the staff were very knowledgeable and helpful. We then returned home in pouring rain. If we are to have more trips by coach in future, we must have better transport and, to keep the costs as economical as possible, we need a few more people interested in joining us on these occasions.

The next Group meeting will be held in the Clubhouse on 8th May at 2.00 pm when we will be planting hanging baskets to be displayed outside the Clubhouse for the Diamond Jubilee celebrations and, later, for the Syston in Bloom competition.

The next excursion will be on Friday, 8th June to Glaston near Uppingham. This is a lovely garden, well worth seeing, and non members are welcome to join us. Meet at the Clubhouse at 11.30am for lunch at Wetherspoons before we travel to Glaston.



Stan Page

MEN'S  
PRESIDENT'S  
DAYFriday 1<sup>st</sup> June

2.00 p.m. for 2.30 p.m. start

"Spider"

followed by

President's Mixed Invitation Team

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Vice-President's Mixed Invitation Team

(Dress Code: Whites)

Availability sheets and details of post-match meal now posted in Clubhouse

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Men

SYSTON



GREEN



Ladies

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## Coloured shirts

*The end of the search is in sight!*

Following exhaustive (and exhausting!) efforts to find a supplier of bespoke coloured shirts, following agreement on an acceptable design, the Men's Executive Committee have finally approved an order for 50 shirts. Sadly - and surprisingly - no local supplier could be found. Through current **LBA** President, **Terry Whiteside**, an order has been placed with a Chinese company!

As a result of a canvass of Members, conducted by Men's Club Secretary, **Rob Wilbourn**, just over 30 Members (*Men and Ladies combined*) have already agreed to order these shirts and have supplied details of sizes. In order to meet the minimum order requirement at the unit price quoted, it has been agreed that "spare" shirts in a range of sizes should be ordered. The new design incorporates the Men's badge but does not feature individual player names.

Shirts will therefore be available for anyone who decides later that he/she would like to purchase one or who is recruited to play in League matches on an occasional basis.

Unfortunately, without incurring significant extra cost for air freight, there will be an 8-10 weeks delivery period following the manufacturer's receipt of the confirmed order. Shirts cannot therefore be expected before mid-July at the earliest.

While the Executive Committee are anxious to implement the decision taken at the AGM, that coloured shirts should be worn for all League fixtures, they have been obliged to agree to defer implementation until the order has been fulfilled. In the meantime, it has been decided that white shirt and Club tie should be required Dress Code for all League games. Special thanks are due to **Pete Murray** and **Rob Wilbourn** for all of the efforts they have put in to solving this difficult issue in the months since the AGM.

And what a sorry reflection on British manufacturers that we could find no-one to take our business!

## Grant award for disabled access ramp

*Formal approval from Council to proceed expected shortly*

**THE CLUB** has been awarded a grant of £2000, from the Derbyshire Landfill Trust, towards the cost of the installation of an asphalt ramp between the clubhouse and the green with gently sloping "shoulders" to minimise inconvenience to pedestrian traffic across the Park between Melton Road and St Peter's Street.

Club Chairman, **Colin Grimes**, says: "The Derbyshire Environmental Trust has strong links with Lafarge Aggregates, based in Syston, who originally suggested the Trust as a possible source of financial assistance.

Formal approval from the Syston Town Council for the work to proceed is expected shortly. The ramp, which will facilitate disabled access to the clubhouse and green from all directions, should be in place well before the end of the Season. Special thanks are due to Club Director, **George Dodge**, for his efforts on this important project.

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

## Lady President's piece



Sheila Parker

**THE** Ladies started the 2012 Season on Opening Day with a very enjoyable faith lunch. We managed to play a few ends of bowls, but the clouds were gathering so we decided to call it a day before we got wet! Thanks to those volunteer ladies who cleared everything away whilst we were bowling. Unfortunately, at the time of writing, the weather has forced a couple of early Season fixtures to be cancelled. Let's hope by the time you read this we will have managed to play a few more matches. I would like to ask for a few more ladies to volunteer to help with the provision of Men's teas, please. *(The men, themselves, are much more involved this year making the job much easier. Any help we can give will be greatly appreciated.)* **Happy bowling.**

## The Club coach column

*This month, Des looks to the subject of etiquette*



Des Eggitt

- DURING** the measuring process, Leads and Seconds should allow the Number Threes plenty of room and be ready to offer assistance with measuring equipment, if required and requested. Although agreement on the score is a matter solely for the Number Threes, others should not hesitate to (politely) draw the attention of a Number Three to what might be a scoring wood.
- If your opponent plays a poor or unlucky shot, do not show any outward sign of satisfaction at the misfortune. It could be your turn next!
- Don't hesitate to applaud/praise a good shot - whoever plays it.
- Keep conversation to a minimum while the mat is occupied. Chatter serves only to break a player's concentration and spoil delivery.
- Any conversation should be confined to players within your own rink. Engaging players on other rinks or speaking too loudly to those on your own rink - can be particularly disturbing and annoying to others.
- Simple courtesies on the green should be extended towards others in the clubhouse both before and after the game.
- After the game, remain in uniform while visitors remain in the clubhouse and offer hospitality to your opposite number - without *expectation* of a return offer (*although this will usually be made*).
- Give as much notice as possible to the Captain of the day - or directly to your opponent if it's a competition or informal game - if you are unexpectedly prevented from playing as arranged.
- Read and acquaint yourself with the other rules of etiquette as published in the Men's Handbook and posted in the changing room.

**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.**

## Men's contact changes

**MEMBERS** please note that the correct telephone number for **Noel Evatt**, is **0116 260 7960**.

Also please note a new mobile number for **George Dodge**: **07757897205**

**LATEST WINNERS** are **Bev Wright** (40), **Arthur Calver** (30), **Aideen Talbot** (6) and **Aif Newman** (36)

## 49 Club update

## Club Patronage

**WHILE** discussions with other potential Patrons continue, the first of a maximum of eight display panels has now been erected to demonstrate just how effective the service can be for advertisers.

### Ladies Fashions and Lingerie



Gift Vouchers available

Jennings

15 HIGH STREET, SYSTON  
Tel: 0116 260 6747



## Club strongly represented at Civic Reception

*Recognition for Club's contribution to community life*

**CLUB** Chairman, **Colin Grimes**, his wife **Norma** (representing **Rothley & Soar Valley Lions Club**), Men's Club President, **Stan Page**, his wife **Maureen** and Ladies' President, **Sheila Parker**, were guests at a Civic Reception hosted by the Chairman of Syston Town Council, Councillor **Howard Midgely**, held in the Community Centre on Friday 20th April. The Reception is an annual event giving the Council an opportunity to express thanks to all those whose efforts enhance the quality of life in the local community.

## need a helping hand?

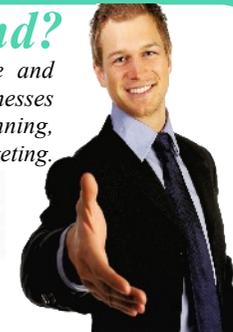
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### Club library

**OFFERS** are invited for a complete collection of 25 historical novels with naval themes written by **Alexander Kent** kindly donated by **Aif Newman**. See **Norma Grimes** or **Rolf Meyer**

## Laughter lines!

\* The Grim Reaper came for me last night, but I beat him off with a vacuum cleaner. Talk about Dyson with death!

\* I saw a poor old lady fall over today on the ice! At least I presume she was poor - she only had £1.20 in her purse.

\* I woke up last night to find the ghost of Gloria Gaynor standing at the foot of my bed. At first I was afraid...then I was petrified.

\* I saw an RAC van parked up and the driver was sobbing uncontrollably. I thought to myself, "That guy's heading for a breakdown."

\* I went to the cemetery yesterday to lay some flowers on a grave. As I was standing there I noticed 4 undertakers walking about with a coffin. An hour later and they were still walking about with it. I thought to myself, "They've lost the plot."



**OPENING** Day, Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April turned out to be dry and sunny but with a cold breeze. However, there was a good turnout of ladies and we started with a faith lunch after which, 14 ladies (see picture right) went out for a roll-up. Unfortunately, after only six ends, it started to rain so play was abandoned.



The match on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> April was cancelled due to heavy rain all day. Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> April against Blaby was a cold miserable day and we lost the match.

It was the first time many of the ladies had played outside and conditions were tough but I am sure we will do better in the coming weeks.

**Thursford - 11<sup>th</sup> December 2012**

We still have 4 seats available on the coach, so if you know of anyone who would be interested, please ask them to give me a ring (01664 424813)

Janice

*I told my friend that I was thinking of buying a Labrador. "Really?" he said. "Have you seen how many of their owners go blind?"*



President **Sheila Parker** delivers the first wood of the Season

**Club looks to possible TV promotion!**

A proposal has been submitted to **London ITV** for the Club to participate in a special programme showcasing a wide range of sports from abseiling to yachting (*Can you name a sport beginning with "z"?*) The idea is that each sport, within the limits of a 90 seconds video, has the opportunity to show a studio audience what it has to offer and what makes it special. Very much on the lines of programmes like *"The X Factor"*, the audience votes for the sport which has done most to impress.

A prize of £100,000 will be awarded to the eventual winner!

While it would be wildly optimistic to believe that bowling could compete with more visually exciting and thrilling sports (*think of trampolining, skateboarding or paragliding*) any TV exposure would be a great bonus for the sport, in general, and for our Club in particular.

One concept under consideration is to highlight the last two woods to be delivered in the (*fictional*) Club Mixed Triples competition. The introduction will make it clear that after successfully battling through preliminary rounds, the two teams are level after 17 ends with the Skips to deliver their final woods. In the video we see Skip A (a Lady) deliver a wood which takes shot. Skip B (either **Mike Foster** from the wheelchair or **Kieran Jordan**) delivers the final wood which edges in to take the match and the Championship. Of course by careful editing, the apparent accuracy of each shot can be "fixed" for visual effect.

The whole "message" of the piece is to show how bowls is truly a sport for all where men, women, young, old and disabled can compete on equal terms. The six "stars" of the show will represent that mix.

Of course, our application to participate has yet to be accepted but, in the course of several telephone conversations with the programme Producer, our proposal appears to have been very favourably received.

If we are accepted, filming will take place in June.

**Future Club funding**

*Some facts to aid discussions*

**1. Participation in fixtures (90% to allow for cancellations)**

	Fixtures	Rinks	Players	90%	%
<b>MEN</b>	113	450	1680	1550	76
<b>LADIES</b>	43	150	550	495	24
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>2230</b>	<b>2045</b>	

**THESE** figures are intended to inform everyone about the facts of the current situation.

As explained at the Club AGM, we need to look at ways in which we can relate membership fees more directly to the core Club activity of bowling, to reduce our dependence on non-bowling revenues, to establish a fair and equitable fee structure which reflects actual usage of the green and clubhouse facilities and, at the same time, enables us to re-build modest cash reserves to put us in a position to meet any future need for repairs, maintenance or other Club development that might present itself.

**2. Costs of running a Bowling Club**

	£
Green maintenance	<b>7500</b>
Rates & utilities	<b>2500</b>
Buildings & equipment	<b>2000</b>
Fees, insurances, licences	<b>2000</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>14000</b>

All options are open for discussion by all Members.

**3. Anticipated membership subscription revenue in 2013**  
(*"Frozen" @ £90 per Member with no growth/fall in membership assumed.*)

	Members	Fee	Total
<b>MEN</b>	50	90	<b>4500</b>
<b>LADIES</b>	30	90	<b>2700</b>
<b>TOTALS</b>	90		<b>7200</b>

Any ideas or suggestions should initially be put to your Section Committee where further discussion will identify well-supported proposals that can be put to the Board in time for 2013 policy to be decided. One suggestion already made is that with effect from 2013 a green fee of .50p per match (Home & Away) should be charged in addition to the annual membership subscription set at the time. For simplicity of accounting, the Men's Section would be billed in advance for £1250 and the Ladies for £250 leaving them to collect and recoup the funds through green fees per player/match throughout the Season. Roll-ups and competitions would, presumably, be exempt from this arrangement which would apply to recognised fixtures only.

**4. Additional bowling-related income**

	£
Bar profits	4500
Coffee mornings	1000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5500</b>

**What do you think? Do you have any other ideas?**

**5. Anticipated shortfall (2-(3+4)) =**  
**£1300**  
**per annum**

Whatever your views and ideas, please do not hesitate to make them known. Play your full part in the democratic process to secure the long-term future of **YOUR** Club.

**Further 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. Support for these off-green activities not only enhances your experience as a Member but also safeguards the future of **YOUR** Club.