

## JULY

- 14<sup>th</sup> **Belgrave** H  
**Aylestone Hall** A
- 16<sup>th</sup> **Greenfields** L&D TL A 2 p.m. start  
**Merlins** L&D TL A 2 p.m. Start
- 17<sup>th</sup> **Soar Valley** A
- 18<sup>th</sup> **Loughborough** H
- 19<sup>th</sup> **Nuneaton** A
- 20<sup>th</sup> **Sutton Bonnington** H
- 21<sup>st</sup> **Melton Town** H  
**St Margarets** A
- 23<sup>rd</sup> **Weavers** L&D TL A 2 p.m. start  
**Swallows** L&D TL A 2 p.m. Start  
**Benevolent** H
- 25<sup>th</sup> **Holwell Sports** (Melton Trips) H/A
- 26<sup>th</sup> **St Margarets** H
- 27<sup>th</sup> **Belvoir Vale** (Melton Trips) H/A
- 28<sup>th</sup> **Humberstone Park** H  
**Whissendine** A
- 30<sup>th</sup> **Crusaders** L&D TL A 2 p.m. start  
**Steamers** L&D TL A 2 p.m. Start
- 31<sup>st</sup> **Birstall** A

## AUGUST

- 1<sup>st</sup> **Melton Town** (Melton Trips) H/A  
**Soar Valley** H
- 2<sup>nd</sup> **St Margarets** A
- 3<sup>rd</sup> **Quorn** H
- 4<sup>th</sup> **Humberstone Park** A  
**Kirby Muxloe** A
- 6<sup>th</sup> **Kegworth** L&D TL H 2 p.m. start  
**Saints** L&D TL A 2 p.m. Start  
**Holwell** A
- 8<sup>th</sup> **Whissendine** (Triples) A
- 9<sup>th</sup> **Westcotes** A
- 10<sup>th</sup> **East Leake** A
- 11<sup>th</sup> **Coffee Morning**

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

## Men's Handbook correction

**PLEASE** note that the Men's fixtures scheduled for 21st July (Melton Town - Home; St Margarets - Away) have been omitted from the list published in the Handbook. Apologies for any inconvenience.

## Gardening Group news



Christine Dodge

**OUR** last meeting was on Tuesday evening 26th June, when we discussed how our gardens were affected by the adverse weather conditions and the fact that most of our plants are at least three weeks behind the usual time for flowering. However, some tasks can still be carried out and these were discussed. We then discussed new ideas for future meetings to avoid too much repetition of items previously covered and several helpful suggestions were made. Our next excursion will be to **Belvoir Castle** on Monday, 30th July when, weather permitting, we will be able to tour the gardens as well as the castle. Full details are now on the main notice board and, as usual, non members are invited to join us. The **Syston in Bloom** judging took place on Thursday, 5th July when the hanging baskets were displayed along the front of the clubhouse and the two Syston White plum trees, donated by **Kate Toon** and **Dave Hudson**, were in place on either side of the score board. Information and photographs taken of work carried out by members of the Garden Group featured in the portfolio produced for the information of the judges to be taken into account when they award the points. Last year Syston was given a Silver Gilt award and it is hoped that we can do equally well - if not better - this year.

## Green Ranger's report

I would like to thank **Rod Heggs** for helping me with maintenance on the green clearing and weeding of the ditches also he carried out maintenance work on the pushers, making them easier to manoeuvre.

The green will be closed all day on 31<sup>st</sup> July for urgent maintenance.

I would also like to thank **Dave Hudson** for arranging the loan of a blower for the green.

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Men

SYSTON



GREEN



Ladies

Official Newsletter of the Syston Bowling Club

No. 75 July 2012

## Jubilee joy!

## Ladies' President, Sheila Parker congratulates everyone involved



Sheila Parker

**WHAT** a wonderful Jubilee weekend we all enjoyed, starting with **Stan's** President's Day on the Friday. The weather was very kind to us and the event was a huge success. Congratulations to **Stan**. On the Saturday, we were honoured to host the party of Civic dignitaries, including the Chairman of Leicestershire County Council and the Chairman of Syston Town Council as part of the Syston Chamber of Trade Jubilee Fair on Central Park.

Then came our own Jubilee Party. What a wonderful occasion that was - in spite of the weather which prevented any play. Once again it made me very proud to

be part of Syston Bowling Club. Thanks to everyone for contributing and a special thanks to **Kate Toon**, and to **Sheila Aindow** for the lovely cake. (*Kate's own "take" on the day's celebrations can be read on page 3.*) The next big occasion will be my President's Day on August 17th. The list will be going up shortly and I hope to see as many of you as possible.



Jubilee montage designed by  
**Chris Biddles**



Chairman of LCC, Councillor **Peter Lewis** with his wife, **Jean**, relax in the clubhouse after a tree-planting ceremony in Central Park as part of the Jubilee celebrations



Town Manager **Allan Clarke** and his wife **Alison** enjoy a refreshing cuppa in the clubhouse as part of the group of civic dignitaries

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

## The Club coach column

In a "double bill", Des advises on teamwork, from the perspective of Number Three and the Skip, and getting the best out of roll-ups

### TEAMWORK - The role of Number Three



Des Eggitt

The third player in a fours team should have the forceful shots to change the head, for the Skip to have a way open to the jack. While the forcing bowl should be the speciality of a Number Three, he/she should nevertheless be a versatile player, capable of a delicate drawing shot or a yard-on shot, even, on occasion, a blocking shot. The Number Three, however, should never try to intervene once the Skip has decided on his/her shot. Nothing is more irritating to the Skip, or more likely to disturb his/her concentration, than a Number Three who will persist in gesticulating at the head.

Don't be dominated by your opposing Number Three. If he/she is asking for shots and you have any doubts, ask him/her to get the measure out to confirm the claim.

### Skip.

A Skip is generally chosen for his/her all-round bowling ability, but also, in part, because of his/her ability to get on with the members of the team. After all, the success of his/her own performance depends in large measure on what is done by those who bowl before. A really good Skip is an individual of pleasant personality who has the ability to get the most out of the team. A Skip's signals are very important. There is little point in merely throwing out an arm to indicate what hand should be used. Given precise instructions, a player will know what is expected. The Skip can indicate the route he/she wishes the player's bowl to take in coming into the head. If the Skip desires a yard-on shot to remove a bowl, he is more likely to get what he wants if, after indicating the bowl in question, he further points to the spot at which a drawing shot would come to rest - a yard through.

Finally, a Skip is in command of the rink, but that does not mean he/she makes all the decisions on what shot to play from the mat when the head has been changed by the opposing Skip. He/She must wait for instructions from the Number Three. Also he/she must allow the other players to help a player who is not playing well, to give him or her the confidence to get back into their game.

This is what teamwork means within the rink.

### GETTING THE BEST OUT OF ROLL-UPS

1. The bread and butter shot is the draw shot, and every member in a team should be able to draw but in roll-ups, don't be afraid to try other shots. Use the occasion to try or to practice all the shots in the game.
2. Keep the competitive element in roll-ups but not at the expense of the fun element.
3. Don't keep bowling long lengths all the time. Keep placing the mat at different lengths. or lay the mat where the last end finished.
4. Alternate playing positions within the rink to get practice on the delivering of the jack and the draw shot.
5. Our green is now bowling better so you are looking for touch bowling, in other words trying to feel the weight
6. Don't forget you are bowling to the shoulder of the line, that is where your bowl starts to slow down and turn towards the jack.

**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.  
Tel: 2696548**

## 49 Club update

**LATEST WINNERS** are **Marilyn Wood** (20), **Sheila Parker** (22), **Pete Hancock** (45) **Marjorie Clowes** (15), **Arthur Calver** (30), **Ruth Wheeler** (35), **Roger Bentley** (5) and **Roy Hill** (41)

## 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.

**Jennings**  
**Sale**  
from 10<sup>th</sup> July  
**Reductions**  
on  
**fashions and lingerie**  
15 High Street, Syston  
Tel: 0116 260 6747

## Birthday boys!

"HAPPY BIRTHDAY" wishes to the following who celebrate birthdays in July:

**Ray Dexter, Noel Evatt, Dennis Freer, Colin Grimes, Gary Jones and Colin Smith.**



"3 little kitchen maids are we"

### Reminder



ALL Members are reminded that in accordance with Club By-Laws and Health & Safety (Food Hygiene) regulations, no dogs - other than guide dogs - are allowed in the clubhouse at any time.

### need a helping hand?

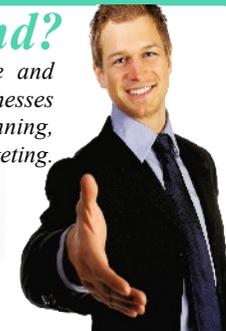
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**Blessed  
are the  
cracked -  
for it is  
they who  
let in the  
light**

## Radio Leicester "Clueless"

ON 8th July, how many of you heard Directors **Val Foreman** and **Pete Murray** together with Ladies' President, **Sheila Parker**, on "Clueless", a regular Sunday morning programme on Radio Leicester?

The programme, which is a clue-solving treasure hunt that puts the listener in the driving seat to solve cryptic clues, is broadcast each Sunday from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

And how many of you rang in to direct programme presenter, **Julie Mayer**, to Syston Bowling Club?

**Famous at last!**

## Mid-Season Statistics

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General all-round improvement puts us on track for best Season for years

### 2012 Mid-Season Summaries (2011 figures in brackets)

	P	W	D	L	+Pts	-Pts	Diff
<b>Men - Saturday</b>							
2012	21(21)	14 (9)	1(1)	6(11)	1630(1611)	1451 (1578)	+179(+33)
<b>Men - Weekday</b>							
2012	10(10)	8(5)	0(0)	2(5)	823(873)	684(813)	+139(+60)
<b>Ladies - Friendlies</b>							
2012	8(11)	4(3)	0(0)	4(8)	423 (550)	421(725)	+2(-175)
<b>Ladies - Trips League</b>							
2012	5(5)	1(2)	0(0)	4 (3)	112(122)	206(168)	-94(-46)

### Loughborough & District Triples League

White Plums: Played : 10 Shot diff: -29 Points: 30 Pos: 10/10

Green & Royals: Played: 8 Shot Diff: -32 Points: 29 Pos: 7/10

In spite of the poor weather, we have been very fortunate to have to cancel or abandon very few matches. While in friendlies we appear to be on course for a strong performance, the best start for many years, both Men & Ladies appear to be struggling in their respective Triples Leagues.. (Full comparative figures for the past five years can be found on the Club web site.) At the time of going to Press, Ladies report that **Marilyn Wood & Kate Toon** are through to the Third Round in the County Pairs competition. (**Kate Williams** and **Janice Wilbourn** unfortunately lost in the Second Round to Oakham .)

## Hidden talents revealed at Jubilee party



**TO** all the members of Syston Bowling Club I would like to give a heartfelt thank you to all who attended the Queen's Jubilee Celebrations. As a result of these activities,

various opportunities have opened for a few of our members.

**Barbara Brown** has been asked to conduct the Philharmonic Orchestra in the "Last Night of the Proms", and **Jan** (keep your finger on it) **Holmes** to assist with the acoustics at the Albert Hall.

**George** and **Chris Dodge** (after seeing the hanging baskets) have been headhunted by **Alan Titchmarsh** to help at the Chelsea Flower Show. The words "dustpan and brush" did come up in the conversation. Maybe a new concept for a garden.?

**Noel (Pavarotti) Evatt** has been contacted by the Management of "Caesar's Palace" in Las Vegas to ask him to please return the Dobbers as they are short for the Wednesday Bingo Session.

**Sheila Aindow** who made the fantastic Jubilee Cake will be taking orders from members of the public (She did state that she will remove the greenfly from the flowers on future orders).

**Pete Murray** has been contacted by **Lord Sugar**, who offered to give advice and guidance on "supply and demand".

Could anyone please tell us what Captain Superman **Ken Renshaw** had down his underpants? Answers on a postcard please. Finally, because of the success of the day, I have received, through the post, my much coveted "Blue Peter Badge".

Many, many thanks to everyone (too many names to list) for their support in making it a special day.

KT



Ray Wood shows how to get a quart into a pint pot

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## Intercare gets Queen's Award for Voluntary Services



**INTERCARE**, the charity we support by saving used stamps and ink cartridges, has been awarded major national recognition.

The Queen's Award was founded to mark the Golden Jubilee 10 years ago and is the equivalent of an MBE for charities.

**Diane Hardy**, the General Manager, is delighted that their 50 volunteers, including **Pat Plowman**, who volunteered to help with office duties following the talk at our Club's coffee morning, have been recognised in this way.

Please keep collecting for them as every £1 donated enables them to send out £4 worth of medical aid to 121 health units in several parts of Africa.

You can also take any unused, up-to-date drugs to Dr Roper's Health Centre in Syston.

GD

## Laughter lines!

### More puns to make you smile/groan

- \* When chemists die, they barium.
- \* Jokes about German sausage are the wurst.
- \* How does Moses make his tea? Hebrews it.
- \* I stayed up all night to see where the sun went. Then it dawned on me.
- \* This girl said she recognized me from the vegetarian club, but I'd never met herbivore.
- \* I'm reading a book about anti-gravity. I just can't put it down.
- \* I did a theatrical performance about puns. It was a play on words.
- \* Why were the Indians here first? They had reservations.
- \* I didn't like my beard at first. Then it grew on me.
- \* Did you hear about the cross-eyed teacher who lost her job because she couldn't control her pupils?
- \* When you get a bladder infection, urine trouble.
- \* Broken pencils are pointless.
- \* I tried to catch some fog, but I mist.
- \* What do you call a dinosaur with an extensive vocabulary? A thesaurus.
- \* England has no kidney bank, but it does have a Liverpool.
- \* I used to be a banker, but then I lost interest.
- \* I dropped out of communism class because of lousy Marx.
- \* All the toilets in New York's police stations have been stolen. The police have nothing to go on.
- \* I got a job at a bakery because I kneaded dough.
- \* Velcro — what a rip off!
- \* A cartoonist was found dead in his home. Details are sketchy.

## Ouch! The art of insult

- 1 Don't let your mind wander. It's too small to be let out on its own!
- 2 Why don't you slip into something comfortable? Like a coma!
- 3 If you have something to say, raise your hand. And put it over your mouth!
- 4 Would you like some cheese to go with that whine?
- 5 You're not yourself to-day. I noticed the improvement immediately!
- 6 Did you eat an extra bowl of stupid this morning?
- 7 At the time you were circumcised, the surgeon threw away the wrong piece!

