

OCTOBER

- 13th** Coffee Morning 10.30 a.m.
15th Melton Indoor roll-up 11.30 a.m.
17th Quiz and Social afternoon 2.30
20th "Call My Bluff" 7.00 p.m. £4 at door to include Shepherds pie supper
- 22nd** Melton Indoor roll-up 11.30 a.m.
24th Quiz and Social afternoon 2.30
29th Melton Indoor roll-up 11.30 a.m.
31st Ladies' Presentation Day & Lunch

NOVEMBER

- 3rd** Quiz Night 7 p.m. Faith supper. £2 at door Raffle prizes please. (Have you any quiz questions to suggest?)
5th Melton Indoor roll-up 11.30 a.m.
7th Ladies' Section AGM 2.00 p.m. start
10th Coffee Morning 10.30 a.m.
 Men's Presentation Night 7.00 p.m.

During the Close Season

YES, as the Diary dates above show, October marks the launch of our out-of-season programme of social events. Full details can be found on the main Club notice board and on the Club web site.

Wednesday afternoon socials

The usual Wednesday afternoon Quiz and Social will start on Wednesday 3rd October at 2-00 pm. So come along and have some fun, a chat and a cup of tea and a biscuit or two.

2. Indoor bowling at Melton

For Members who wish to continue bowling in the winter months, as in previous years, **John Lamble** will be booking rinks for the 11.50 Monday morning session on a weekly basis.

If you wish to participate, please arrive no later than 11.20 a.m. In order to allow plenty of time to arrange the teams and for the green fees to be paid.

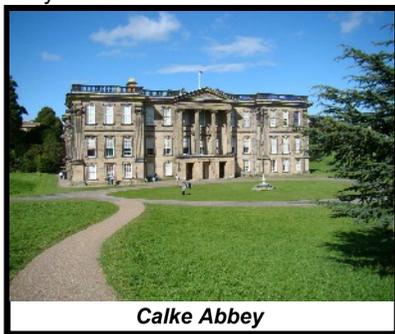
If any of your friends wish to join us - whether or not they have any previous experience - they will be made very welcome. Hopefully, this will encourage them to join our Club for outdoor bowling in seasons to come. Please do not hesitate to contact **John** on **0116 292 1619** should you require any help or further information.

Gardening Group



Christine Dodge

THE latest Garden Group outing was to Calke Abbey in Derbyshire. This is referred to in the National Trust book as 'An Unstately Home' and it certainly proved to be quite a surprise. It showed the decline of many of the great country houses rather than the grandeur and opulence of a bygone era. We began by having lunch in the restaurant, which had originally been the old coach house, and then proceeded through to the old stable yard and stables and onto the house itself. This proved to be very interesting and is well worth a visit. Later we looked round the gardens, most parts of which were well kept with immaculate lawns and flower beds containing many exotic plants and greenhouses, potting sheds, a stable for the working donkey and a large vegetable garden. A great many people must have been employed as indoor and outdoor staff. This place is well worth a visit for anyone interested in these old estates.



Calke Abbey

Syston in Bloom

The results of the competition have now been published and Syston was awarded a Silver Gilt once again. The winners of the Gold were Oakham. The judges spent quite some time looking at the planting around the scoreboard and the hanging baskets and asked about future plans. Members of the public have also made complimentary comments about the baskets so hopefully we will be able to contribute again next year.



Men

SYSTON



GREEN



Ladies

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Lady President Parker's piece



Sheila Parker

WELL it is hard to believe the season has ended. It has been a very enjoyable season, in spite of the weather.

Well done to the winners of the competitions. I have really enjoyed marking the Singles finals and the standard of bowling has been excellent.

Our last Charity event is on November 2nd, which will be an evening of curling at Syston Social Club followed by a faith supper. I still have plenty of tickets left so please see me as soon as possible to buy yours. The cost is £5.

I close by looking forward to seeing you all at our winter social events.

A day out learning

Ladies' Captain, **Janice Wilbourn**, reports

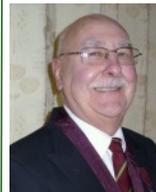


ON Saturday 1st September, eight ladies from our Club went to spend the day at Market Overton where **Tony Allcock** gave a talk and demonstration on reading a head of bowls. **Tony** was very helpful and it was a most enjoyable day, particularly as it was a charity event in aid of **Vista** and a very useful sum of £500 was raised.

We were advised that Tony only organises two such events each year. The people at Market Overton made all of us most welcome with coffee before the talk, followed by an excellent lunch, and the day ending with four of our ladies playing a friendly game against a team from Greetham.

STOP PRESS!

QDOS Contractors, with offices on the corner of Albert Street and Melton Road (on the far side of the zebra crossing) have indicated their willingness to allow the Club use of their staff car park on Saturday afternoons. Discussions are due to take place on details of this exciting development.



President Page's Piece

THE bowling season for 2012 is over, all too quickly. It has been a very good season with good results but alas, the White Plums have been relegated from Div 2. Let's hope that they can reverse the situation next Season

and win promotion. I wish them luck! Green and Royals came 5th in Division 3. With a little more effort they may also get promoted.

The end of the outdoor bowling does not mean that your Club comes to a halt and goes into hibernation. As you will see elsewhere in this Newsletter, there is the opportunity to bowl indoors, organised by **John Lamble**, and a full and regular programme of social events organised for your pleasure. These events give everybody the opportunity to stay in touch, keeps the clubhouse and Bar in regular use and certainly helps the winter to pass pleasantly and quickly.

The friendly bowls match that was played on Wednesday 26 September went rather well. Every body seemed to have a good time. I personally would like this to become a fixture

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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

The Club coach column

This month, Des talks more about "elevation"



Des Eggitt

LET us assume and accept that a wood requires 86 revolutions from delivery to the jack. Here, we need judgement, according to the state of the surface, as to how high or how low the bowl should be held from the ground. Jerkiness in delivery will not produce good, consistent bowling. The point to focus on is that the weight does it and it is therefore important to standardise the regulation of weight in your delivery.

If a full length demands a higher elevation of the bowl - as it does - then the weight of swing increases accordingly.

Make yourself into a human chute and thereby allow weight to control length (as a testing chute does to a fraction).

Length in relation to delivery

If you know that you must get 86 revolutions out of your bowl to reach a full-length jack, you know - or should know- that the correct "non dump" delivery of the bowl, only, will get there. Making that correct delivery embraces several considerations. The take-off in front of the mat must be smooth and the speed of the arm swing sufficient to enable the bowl to reach the jack.

You cannot expect to control the weight of your delivery if your action is not smooth, rhythmical and balanced. Here, on the vitally important question of length, I would stress this point: On fast-running surfaces, dispense with the full swing delivery for all lengths up to three-quarters - and especially on very short ends. Hold the bowl at a low elevation about 18ins in front of your knees and don't bring it further back than the side of the leg. Use a fingers and thumb, wrist, half-arm action - as a sort of scoop - in order to achieve the necessary control of your delivery.

Next month: Preparation and temperament before a match.

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

On a lighter note

A married couple were celebrating their Ruby wedding anniversary in a quiet romantic restaurant. Suddenly a tiny fairy appeared at their table. "In recognition of your exemplary record as a happily married couple, I will grant you each a wish."

The wife answered, "I want to travel the world with my darling husband."

The fairy waved her wand and - poof - two tickets for a world cruise appeared in her hands.

The husband thought for a moment before saying, "Well this is all very romantic, but an opportunity like this will never happen again. I'm sorry my love, but my wish is to have a wife 30 years younger than me."

The wife and the fairy were deeply disappointed but .. A wish is a wish. So, the

Fairy waved her magic wand and - poof - the husband became 92 years old!

The moral of the story?

*Men who are ungrateful b*****s should remember that fairies are female!*
(Submitted by Jean & Alan Ward. Do YOU have a favourite joke or story to tell? Ed.)

President Page's Piece Concluded

every year at the end of the season.

To those members who I will not see till next year, I wish you "Good health!" and look forward to seeing you in 2013 at the beginning of the new Season. In fact, let me be the first to wish them "Merry Christmas!" To the others that I will see - "Let's have some fun!"

The Paralympic spirit lives!



Club Coach, **Des Eggitt**, is currently coaching two disabled men, one of whom is blind, the other physically disabled. **Terry Harrison** and His

nephew, **Bob**, enjoy weekly sessions on the green with **Des** whose dedication to his sport is exemplary and an indication that the Paralympic spirit is alive and well in Syston Bowling Club.



49 Club update

LATEST WINNERS are:

Colin Grimes(29), **Val Foreman** (33), **Dave Hudson** (44) **Tony Hunt** (39) and **Anita Lower** (4) Congratulations to them all.

Ladies fashions and lingerie



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A penny for your thoughts!
Let us know what you think of your Club in general and the Newsletter in particular

Birthday boys!

"**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**" wishes to the following who celebrate birthdays in October **Peter Adams, Trevor Allen, Don Creasey, John Hack, Rod Heggs, Tom Morris** and **Ken Renshaw**.

Apologies to President, **Stan Page**, whose name was omitted from last month's list of celebrants!

Men's Finals Day in pictures

Dave Hudson crowned Club Champion 2012



2012 Men's Competition Finals, held over the weekend of 14th to 16th September, culminated in **Dave Hudson** (pictured left) being crowned Club Champion 2012. In a closely fought match, he edged out **Rod Heggs** (pictured below) in the **4-Wood Singles** to claim the crown.

This year's competition honours were evenly spread across the membership, with no individual dominating the field, signalling strength in depth which has been reflected in the Club's overall performance during the whole 2012 Season.



In another high quality contest for the **Maiden's Trophy**, **George Dodge** proved victorious against **John Lester** (pictured far right)



Roy Hill and **Tom Jordan** (pictured far left) emerged as winners of the **4-Wood Pairs** competition against **Myles Clare** and **John Lamble**.

Runner-up in the 4-Wood Club Championship, **Rod Heggs** (pictured right), had more success in the **2-Wood Singles** where, in another close-fought game, he narrowly defeated defending Champion, **Tom Jordan** (extreme right).



Mixed Pairs honours went to **Ken Renshaw & Kate Williams** who, sporting the new Club coloured shirts, overcame the strong challenge of **George Dodge & Pauline Wright**.

This year's Triples winners are **Colin Grimes**, **Rod Heggs** and **Gordon Pell** who defeated **George Dodge**, **Roy Hill** and **Stan Page** (pictured extreme right) in the final game on Sunday



The Season in summary

2012 results are cause for satisfaction - all round!

2012 Season in summary (2011 figures in brackets)

| | P | W | D | L | Shot Diff |
|------------------------|--------|---------|------|--------|-------------|
| Men - Saturday: | 42(42) | 27(16) | 2(1) | 13(25) | +316 (-168) |
| Men - Weekday: | 25(23) | 19 (14) | 1(0) | 5(9) | +225 (+278) |

Loughborough & District Triples League

White Plums: Played : 18(16) Points: 62/144(63/128) Pos: 9/10(5/9) **Relegated**

Green & Royals: Played: 18(16) Points: 71/144(69/128) Pos: 5/10(4/9)

Melton & District Triples League

Syston: Played: 5(5) Points: 16(17) Pos: 5/6(5/6)

| | P | W | D | L | Shot Diff |
|-------------------------------|--------|------|------|--------|-------------|
| Ladies - Friendlies: | 22(28) | 9(7) | 0(0) | 13(21) | -27(-476) |
| Ladies - Trips League: | 9(11) | 2(4) | 0(0) | 7(7) | -122 (-108) |

As the figures clearly demonstrate, the Club - both Men and Ladies - have enjoyed a very successful season with improvements in results in most areas. What a great all-round improvement! Unfortunately, League results are weaker than those achieved in friendlies. Perhaps other Clubs "save" their better players for League matches. If so, what a pity!



Rolf Meyer & John Lamble won the **2-Wood Pairs** title, beating **Dave Hudson** and **Myles Clare**

(pictured below) in the Final which had to be delayed because of inescapable family commitments.

Copies of all photographs can be downloaded from the Club web site



Ladies' Competitions results

4-Wood Singles

Winner: Josie Hubbard
Runner-up: Janice Wilbourn

2-Wood Singles

Winner: Marilyn Wood
Runner-up: Sheila Aindhow

Maidens

Winner: Pauline Wright
Runner-up: Maureen Page

2-Wood Pairs

Winners: Anita Lowder & Pauline Wright
Runners-up: Sheila Parker & Janice Wilbourn

Ladies' Competition Secretary, **Margaret Abbott** reports: "Unfortunately, the rest of the competitions were not completed due to bad weather and time running out."

CONGRATULATIONS! to all winners and commiserations to all others. There's always next year!



Janice Wilbourn, Ray Wood and **Marilyn Wood** - winners of the new format (2-Wood Triples knockout) competition for the 2012 "Syston Town News" Trophy.

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Let's get the Winter social programme off to a good start!

Saturday 20th October
CALL MY BLUFF

Who's telling porkies?

A fun evening for everyone .

Bring friends and family for this first event
 in our close Season social programme.

Chairman:

Stan Page

Panellists:

George Dodge, Kate Toon, Norma Grimes and Colin Grimes

7.15 p.m. For 7.30 start

£4

at the door includes Shepherd's pie supper

Raffle (prizes, please)

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Next event

Saturday 3rd November

QUIZ NIGHT

7.00 p.m.

Faith Supper

£2 at the door

80th Birthday "Oscars Night" proves a great success

SATURDAY 6th brought 70 Members and their guests into the clubhouse to celebrate the Club's 80th birthday. A large number responded to the fancy dress challenge of the "Oscars Night" theme and the raffle raised £110 for Club funds. **Jan Holmes** and **Noel Evatt**, masquerading as **Laurel and Hardy** (pictured), were voted best dressed.

A full report, with photographs, will be featured in next month's edition. Copies of the photos, which can now be seen in the clubhouse, can be supplied at a cost of only 50p each, with 25p going to Club funds. Simply fill in the order form at the front of the file to reserve your copies.



White Plums

*Captain looks back
 on a disappointing Season*



CAPTAIN of the **White Plums**, who played in Division 2 of the Loughborough and District Triples League, **Pete Murray**, says:

"I would like to thank everyone who played for the White Plums in this past Season. The team, as a whole, played well

but, unfortunately, we could not recover from a very poor start. As a result I am saddened to have to report that we have been relegated from Division 2. One more rink win would have avoided this sad result.

This, of course, means that we will now play against our fellow bowlers, the Green & Royals, in Division 3 next year, which should lead to some good-natured rivalry.

*At the AGM, I will resign as Captain and **Colin Wilkinson** has agreed to his nomination as my replacement. I'm sure that with his much greater experience and knowledge of the game the team will do well next Season.*

Once again thank you all for your support. It has been a privilege."

You can make more friends in two months by becoming really interested in other people than you can in two years by trying to get other people interested in you.

A poem

Do you recognise this place?

WE live in a country called Daftland

The country we knew is no more
 Where ordinary folk doing ordinary things
 Now risk breaking Daftland law.

In Daftland we've police dogs with muzzles
 Lest the villain has cause to complain.

And to steal from a shop and say 'Sorry'
 Means you're free with no stain on your name.

You had better leave lights on in buildings
 When you lock up and go home at night.

'Cos the burglars might hurt themselves
 entering

And there's no way **you're** in the right.

When speaking, be wary in Daftland
 As some terms that you've used all your life

Now have connotations unintended

And you'll end up in all sorts of strife.

We elect politicians in Daftland

To give us the laws of the land.

Yet eight laws in ten now come from abroad

The whole thing has got out of hand.

The borders are open in Daftland.

Of migrants there's no keeping track.

Most of the thousands illegally here

Will never be caught and sent back.

The saddest of men is the hero

Who fought for this land in the War.

He's old and he's sick, he might cost us a bit

So he's not welcome to stay any more.

When the history of Daftland is written

Historians may just recall

That the craziest people in Daftland

Were the **PUBLIC** who put up with it all.

Men's catering 2012



MEN'S Catering Manager, **Gary Kilbourne**, reports: "My first year as catering manager has been interesting - to say the least! I would like to thank all Members who have helped in the kitchen under the new arrangements introduced in the Season just ended - especially these who volunteered for more than one turn.

I would like especially to thank all those ladies who have helped. There is no doubt that without their continued support we would not have been able to cope alone.

Next Season will see futher changes to the system. Based on the assumption that helping with teas is a responsibility to be shared by all Members, a rota will be published, pre-Season, with Members' names already on it. It will then be the individual Member's responsibility to arrange a substitute or exchange if they are unable to cover on any date specified. In order to lessen further the burden placed on the ladies, the rota will involve two men and one lady each Saturday."