

NOVEMBER

- 10th** **Men's Presentation Night** 7 p.m.
Dress Code: Blazer/greys
- 12th** **Melton Indoor roll-up** 11.20 a.m.
- 14th** **Ladies' Lunch** 12.30 p.m.
- 16th** **Ladies' County AGM** at St Margarets 2.p.m.
- 17th** "Odd One Out" A fun-filled team game with prizes. 7.00 p.m. £3 entry to include hot-dog supper
- 19th** **Melton Indoor roll-up** 11.20 a.m.
- 21st** **Quiz and Social afternoon** 2 p.m.
- 26th** **Melton Indoor roll-up** 11.20 a.m.
- 28th** **Quiz and Social afternoon** 2 p.m.

DECEMBER

- 1st** **Bingo evening** 7.00 p.m. Faith Supper
- 3rd** **Melton Indoor roll-up** 11.20 a.m.
Men's Section AGM 7.00 p.m.
- 5th** **Quiz and Social afternoon** 2 p.m.
- 8th** **Coffee Morning** 10.30 a.m.

During the Close Season

FULL details of all close Season events can be found on the main Club notice board and on the Club web site.

1. Wednesday afternoon socials

The usual weekly Wednesday afternoon Quiz and Social, starting at 2-00 pm., continue 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

At the October meeting, a winter hanging basket, planted to give members some ideas of suitable plants to use, was raffled off and won by

Janet Lowe.

The range of seasonal tasks to be undertaken in the garden as winter approaches was identified and ideas for colour in the garden during the winter months were discussed.

The latest outing was to **Snibston Discovery Park**. A small group of members had lunch at **The Gynsills** and then travelled on to Coalville.

It proved to be an interesting afternoon with plenty of gadgets and machinery to learn about and a very large collection of fashions dating from the 17th century right up to the present time featured in a special exhibition. The next meeting of the Group will be held at 2.00pm on Tuesday, 13th November. As always, everyone is welcome.

3. Christmas lunch

Members who attend the Monday morning roll-up sessions at Melton Bowls Club will be aware that **John Lamble** is organising a Christmas meal to be held at Syston Conservative Club on Monday, 17th December, commencing at 14.30 hrs. If any other members are interested in joining us, please contact **John** for full details **asap** on **0116 2921619**.

More light notes

- * If you get an email telling you that you can catch swine flu from tins of ham, ignore it. It's Spam!
- * A man has been shot with a starting pistol. Police say it's definitely race related.
- * I got a letter from Screw Fix Direct thanking me for my interest but explaining that they were not a dating agency.

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Men

SYSTON



GREEN



Ladies

Official Newsletter of the Syston Bowling Club

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Glittering Oscars Night success

Stars turn out in force for 80th birthday celebrations

THE air was filled with great anticipation with crowds waiting to catch a glimpse of their favourite stars. Then they arrived!

Lawrence of Arabia, Audrey Hepburn, King Tut, Laurel and Hardy, Cleopatra, Mary Poppins, Marilyn Munroe, Batman, Cruella de Vil, a Pirate on leave from the Caribbean and many more. The red carpet was thronged and adorned with celebrities the likes of which Syston Bowling Club had never seen before.

Glamour personified. No face lifts, tummy tucks, bottom lifts or Botox - everything natural and heading South!

Luckiest man of the night was **Rob "Mr Jazz" Wilbourn** accompanied by his quartet of hot "cats", the gorgeous Tips (sorry "Tops"), who sparkled and shimmered all night.

The atmosphere in the room was electric, filled with perfume, testosterone and the unmistakable whiff of Voltarol Pain-eze, Thermogene and Sloane's Liniment.

It gave immense pleasure to find that even **John Lamble**, **Rod Heggs** and **John Woodward** had taken time out from filming "*Last of the Summer Wine*" to attend.

And the question of why **George Sherlock Holmes Dodge** had to take his magnifying glass with him when he visited the loo, remains a matter of mystery!



On the downside, we did have reports of two under age drinkers from St Trinians School for Refined Ladies who had gatecrashed the party. It is understood that appropriate disciplinary action will be taken once they've returned to base.

The award for Star Performance of the Night went to **Edna** for her "*Burlesque Sequence*". (It's surprising what two glasses of wine and a bitter lemon will produce!)



Many thanks to Musical Director, **Ken Renshaw**, for securing the services of local musical duo **Chequered Mate** and to **Colin David Bailey Grimes** for the photographs to which, he assures me, "*Hello*" magazine has already booked exclusive rights.

To all the "stars" who made the effort to attend our 80th Birthday celebrations "Thank you very much!" From your No1 fan. **KT**



Editor's note: An immense vote of thanks to **Kate Toon**, **Dave Hudson** and their band of helpers - including **Sheila Aindhow** who baked and decorated the celebration cake (pictured right) - whose efforts made the Oscars evening such a resounding, sell-out success.



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 advises on pre-match temperament and preparation



THE first essential when embarking on a competitive match is to make sure that you are in control of your "nerves". To this end, it is a good plan always to be on the green well before the game is due to start.

If your concentration wanders, your play will deteriorate. Your drop in performance induces a further lessening of confidence and nervous and physical stresses arise. The consequence is that you suffer a "bad patch". At this point you will continue dismally to defeat or make a positive effort to recover and proceed to a well-deserved victory.

Never let your head drop and lose all interest in the game. There are few situations in bowls which can be regarded as truly hopeless.

To recover from a "bad patch", your priority should be to restore a sense of physical relaxation before moving on to remedy the cause of your drop in performance through concentration. Take deep breaths. Pause to settle yourself when you stand on the mat. Take your time to rehearse your shot fully in your mind's eye before attempting your delivery. Only thus will your confidence return and this confidence can readily act as an inspiration for the remainder of the game.

The delivery of a wood is a delicate operation, calling for a relaxed and free flowing action. Without these attributes, consistently accurate bowling is impossible.

Confidence, concentration and control, these three, but the greatest of these is control, on which the other two so largely depend.

One of the virtues and attractions that can be attributed to bowls is that it teaches self-control and, by and large, this is a major reason why it is such a companionable game based on the spirit of friendliness.

It has been said that to win modestly and to lose with grace are the marks of a good sportsman. And so, indeed, they are. But they are also the result of years of self-control!

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

IN a hushed court, the judge addressed the 70 yr old lady who had just been found guilty, by a jury of her peers, of shoplifting.

"I have listened to the appeal from your counsel for leniency in view of your previous unblemished record and have taken into consideration your age. I understand that the tin of peaches that you stole contained 6 pieces of fruit. I like to make my sentences appropriate to the crime. I therefore sentence you to 6 weeks in prison. One week for each piece in the tin."

At this point, the husband of the accused rose to his feet and said, "Your Honour, can I remind you that she also took a tin of peas!"

"Yesterday, for example, I took a 5 hour walk through some pretty tough terrain. I waded along the edge of a lake. I pushed my way through some brambles. I got sand in my shoes, eyes and hair. I climbed several steep slopes and jumped several streams. The stress left me drained and, at the end I drank six beers."

Inspired by my story, the doctor said "You must be one hell of an outdoors man!"

"No," I replied. "I'm just a rotten golfer."

When I was a kid, people used to cover me in chocolate and cream and put a cherry on my head. Life was tough in the gateau!

When my doctor asked me to describe my physical activity level, I replied:

Why not share YOUR favourite joke or story with us?

"Call My Bluff"

*Winter social programme
off to a good start*

CLOSE on 40 Members and guests enjoyed a great evening on Saturday 20th October when the panel game, **Call My Bluff**, launched the close season social programme. Under the direction of **Stan Page**, as Chairman, Panel members **Colin** and **Norma Grimes**, **Pete Murray** and **George Dodge** did their best to persuade their audience that they were presenting the true meaning of words such as **eluxate**, **mollag**, **dasypygal** and **inspissate**. The false definitions had been carefully prepared with an eye to misleading the listener and, at the same time, exploiting the comic potential of the range of unfamiliar words.

The evening started with a delicious shepherd's pie supper, prepared by **Anita Lowder**. At the end of the contest, prizes were presented to those teams recording the highest and lowest scores - sparklers for those who had shone and fish (sardines) as brain food for those who had failed to do so! **Well done to all concerned!**

49 Club update

LATEST WINNERS are:

Marjorie Clowes (15) **Alf Newman** (36), **Kate Toon** (27) and **Alan Collins** (10)
Congratulations to them all.

Ladies fashions and lingerie



Christmas gift ideas:
handbags, jewellery,
scarves, knitwear



Gift vouchers available

Jennings

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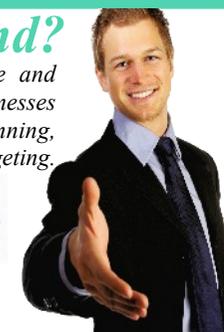
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**"We Will
Remember
Them"**

Birthday boys!

"HAPPY BIRTHDAY" wishes to
Dick Crouch and **Tom Jordan**
who celebrate birthdays in November



Nominations invited for 2013 Men's Executive Committee

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NOMINATIONS are invited for Members to serve on the **Executive Committee** of the Men's Section for 2013.

At the time of going to press, the nominations identified below have been confirmed, but it must be stressed that further nominations may be made for any of the posts up to the point at which a ballot is called at the AGM, which is scheduled for **Monday 3rd December, 2012** starting at 7.00 p.m.

President: Rob Wilbourn; **Vice-President:** Rod Heggs; **Club Secretary:** Rob Wilbourn; **Asst. Secretary/PRO:** Colin Grimes; **Treasurer:** Brian Arnold; **Captain:** Myles Clare; **Midweek Captain:** Rod Heggs; **Competitions Secretary:** Gary Kilbourne; **Fixtures Secretary:** George Dodge; **Welfare Officer:** John Lamble; **Vice-Captains:** Ken Renshaw and Don Creasey; **Catering**

Manager: Vacancy; **Loughborough Triples League - White Plums:** Colin Wilkinson; **Green & Royals:** Noel Evatt; **Melton Triples League Captain:** Vacancy.

Subject to the position after elections at the AGM, it is the intention of the Executive Committee to seek to fill, by co-option, any residual vacancy to maintain a full complement of fourteen.

In addition, the current Executive Committee have unanimously endorsed the proposal that **Pete Murray** should be co-opted to serve as **LBA Delegate**.

The absence, to date, of a nominee for the post of **Catering Manager** remains a cause of special concern to the Committee.

Any volunteer(s) to fill this vitally important post - and any of the other positions on the Executive - will be warmly welcomed.



as **LBA Delegate**.

Future Club funding to re-build reserves

EXECUTIVE Committees of both Sections have been invited to give a formal response to the proposal that an annual levy should be charged by the Board to each Section, in proportion to each Section's use of the green, as a means of re-building central Club cash reserves. For 2013, this levy would be set £1500 (Men) and £500 (Ladies). The annual levy would be paid from existing



reserves held by each Section who would then be left to decide how far and how, if at all, they should seek to recoup this charge from Members over the course of the Season.

This is the latest of ideas for future Club funding that has emerged from discussions among the membership. A full discussion will be held at the Club AGM in March when, it is hoped, a final strategy can be approved.

2012 Lady Champions crowned



4-wood singles - **Josie Hubbard**



2-wood Singles
Marilyn Wood



2-wood Pairs - **Pauline Wright**
and **Anita Lowder**

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Lady President Parker's piece



Sheila Parker

I would like to thank all members of the Club for all the support you have given to me during my year as Lady President. I have thoroughly enjoyed my year in office and will look back at this year with lots of wonderful memories. It has been a special year with the Jubilee celebrations and the Men's 80th birthday party. The way in which our Club has marked and celebrated these events has made me very proud to be part of a super bowling club.

You have all been very kind at supporting fundraising activities for Rainbows, the charity jointly nominated by myself and Men's President, **Stan Page**. I think the final amount raised will be around £2000. A magnificent sum! We will let you know the final figure very soon and hope that a representative from Rainbows will be able to attend the Coffee Morning, to be presented with a cheque, either in December or January. Thanks to each and every one of you

Lady Captain's end of Season message



AS we are now well and truly into Autumn, I feel I must say a big thank-you to all the ladies for their support in the Season just ended. Although it has been a challenge, with the

weather being consistently against us, with rain on Tuesdays and Wednesdays when most of our matches should have been played. Eleven matches had to be cancelled altogether so let's hope we have better weather next year!

I must say how proud we all were when **Marilyn Wood** got through to the semi-finals of the County Singles, and **Kate Toon, Bev Wright & Anita Lowder** getting through to Finals Day played at New Lount in the 2 Wood Triples. "Well Done!" to everyone who entered these Competitions.



Maidens Trophy - **Pauline Wright**

Ladies' Presentation Lunch, Beedles Lake, 31st October. Good food, good company (34 diners) and worthy winners!

Saturday 17th November ODD ONE OUT

*A team quiz game with a
"difference"*

**A fun evening for everyone .
Bring friends and family for
this second in our regular close
Season social programme.**

**Quizmaster
Colin Grimes**

£3 at the door

includes **hot dog supper**
Raffle (prizes, please)

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Next event

Saturday 1st December
*Something "new" in our
regular schedule*

BINGO

7.00 p.m.

Faith Supper

Lots of cash prizes to be won
Raffle (prizes, please)