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Syston Bowling Club

"75 years at the heart of the local community"

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SYSTON BOWLERS GO BACK TO COLLEGE

MORE THAN 20 Members of the **Syston Bowling Club** have participated in a 6-week computer skills development course at **Ratcliffe College**. The course, which caters for all levels of computer skill from a basic introduction to word processing through to web site design and development, has been specially devised, designed and offered by **Ratcliffe College**, under the supervision of **Graham Sharpe**, Head of Sixth Form, as a gesture of appreciation for the developing relationship between the Club and the College.

Through the 2007 Season, students from **Ratcliffe** were given coaching in the game of bowls by Members of the Syston Club. These sessions were so enthusiastically received and supported by the students that the programme will be repeated this Season when the green opens for play at the beginning of April.

Welcoming the bowlers to the well-equipped IT Department in the College 6th Form Centre, Deputy Head of **Ratcliffe College**, **Darryl Wideman**, welcomed the opportunities presented by the reciprocal coaching sessions for the College to engage with the local community which was an important part of the College's remit. He was delighted by the strong response from the Club to the College's offer of training and thanked the Club for taking the original initiative to offer coaching to the students who were already looking forward to the start of the 2008 Season.

Speaking on behalf of the Club, Chairman **Colin Grimes**, expressed gratitude to the staff and students involved in the computer training course and offered the promise of a warm welcome to those students who took up the offer of coaching on the green. *"Bowling is a great sport for all ages and one where the sexes can participate on an equal basis."*

*In the Season that lies ahead, we hope to be able to develop additional links with **Roundhill and Wreake Valley Colleges**. Our offer of coaching to interested students would appear to provide an answer to many of the calls being made upon educational establishments to encourage greater participation in physical/sports activities to improve the health and general fitness of our young people.*

In the meantime, our Members are deriving great personal benefit from the generous support of staff and students at Ratcliffe. Learning, too, is an activity for all ages!"

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