

## Membership Renewals

Just a reminder that subscriptions are due from 1st April. If you have not already done so please renew your membership as soon as you can.



"I know, I know! My wife's better than me—and I hate it!  
D'you hear? I Hate it!"

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## Just Roll Up

Newsletter for Retford Bowling Green

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Well, winter is now well and truly over— spring is in the air as we turn our attention to the new bowling season. However it's worth a look back at what we have been doing in the closed season.

A few years ago the only regular winter activities that we had at the club were short mat bowling sessions and a fortnightly coffee morning. Then came along canasta, games and dancing (now defunct), and this year we added our Friday social evenings. Our club is rapidly expanding it's offering towards being an all year round club. Many thanks to those organising the activities and to all those that support them.

Wednesday 24th April is President's Opening, our first bowling event closely followed by Mixed Rinks on Friday 26th. At Open Day on Sunday 28th a new bowls shop will be there and also (hopefully) members of the public coming to find out all about us—please come and make them welcome!



Our Pre-Season Dinner on Saturday 13th April was another enjoyable evening with Sandra Bishop once again providing one of her excellent carvery dinners. Thanks to Shirley for organising this for us.

## Volunteers and working parties

Retford bowling green has long had a tradition of people volunteering to take on all the various work that keeps the club going, from organising social events to the routine maintenance of the buildings and grounds.

I would like on this occasion to pay tribute to those members who have gardened, painted, stained and varnished, applied wood preserve, hedge cut, carried benches and weeded at the end of last season and the beginning of this one.

Our membership is lucky to have such an "oasis" of calm and beauty all within a 'stone's throw' of town! It must be remembered that this is result of members giving up their time and effort on a voluntary basis, it doesn't happen by 'magic' and the club could not afford to pay for professional services to achieve it any other way.

There are some members who may not be able to contribute to the heavy work that sometimes needs to be done but as the advert says "every little helps" so even if it is making a few cups of tea for those out doing the more physical stuff it is worth it.

The number of members helping appears to be on the increase, the focus of having 'formal working parties' seems to have encouraged members to come and contribute which is great. Anyone who contributes at other times are also included in the scope of this article.

So; I would like to say a great big THANK YOU! To everyone that has helped in any way to the environment of the club.

Cheers

David Lee

## Short Jack Bowls

All bowling Members, ladies and gents, are welcome to play short jack bowls. Sessions will be at 1.30pm on Tuesday afternoons (then any ladies who wish to play full game can do so).

Players can organise themselves into rinks and as it is a casual session, dress code is not a requirement. Bowlers are, of course, free to organise any other time that they wish or that is more convenient and suits the majority.

## Bowling News

Open Day: Sunday 28 April at 11 am  
Club Competition at 2 pm

Charter Day: Monday 6 May in Kings Park

Coaching Sessions: Saturdays 11 May to 1 June  
10 am until 12 noon

Any help with coaching would be welcome—contact Joan Mather—01427 880060 or 07949 515433.

On Charter Day we will need volunteers to provide coaching and talk to the public. We will also have to transport equipment in the form of bowls and shoes from the club to Kings Park—contact Geoff Evans on 01777 948194 or 07704 446908