

## Friendlies

We have now played the first 2 friendlies of the season. On Monday 29th April we played Farnsfield at home and won by 95 to 56.

According to our fixture card we were to play Mansfield away on Wednesday 15th May. However, according to their records they too were playing away! Thank goodness some of their players arrived in Retford before we left for Mansfield. After numerous frantic phone calls we finished up playing at Retford. At short notice Glennis, Shirley and Millie organised the tea and biscuits and Dave Sly and Bob Bagshaw opened the bar so we were all ready to play at 6:30 — except for one. Poor Val Brodie was travelling direct and did not pick up her phone message until she arrived at Mansfield so she had to dash back! Mandy Cooper stood in for her until she was ready to play.

So... After all of that we had a really good match winning by 92 to 61.

We look forward to the return legs of these friendlies and hope that we can finally play away at Mansfield!

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## And Finally...

"Start by doing what's necessary; then do what's possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible."

Francis of Assisi



# Just Roll Up

Newsletter for Retford Bowling Green

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Our season is now well under way and our membership drive is in full gear. Open day we had some keen interest with coaching sessions during the morning. The following week at Charter Day we had a great deal of interest despite the fact that we were not mentioned in the official programme. Our Saturday coaching sessions got off to a good start and I can do no better than to quote David Lee's email:

I would like everyone to know that today's coaching session - the first of four has been a resounding success! There were twenty people came to the club this morning all eager to have a go at bowls. It is a testament to the work done on our open day, the Charter Day initiative and individuals enthusing their friends that so many turned up. We had the happy problem of finding sufficient shoes and bowls (to suite everyone's hand size) but in the end we were able to get something suitable for all.

I have to say a huge "thank you" to all the helpers who turned up to act as bowling mentors/ambassadors/coaches and help provide refreshments etc - there were too many to mention although I will make one exception - Charlie was on a 'charm offensive' and worked hard both on the green and making tea with Marion.

The club could not have presented itself in any better light - everyone that bowled expressed delight in the morning. We had one gentleman who said that he had enjoyed both Charter Day and today so much he made a £10 donation. At least two people paid their full membership fees on the day with I believe another three committing to joining - also others requesting membership forms to complete.

Well done to everyone!



Coaching Day—Charlie showing them how it's done!

## Bar

After many years in the role Trevor Lewis has decided to give up as chairman of the bar sub-committee and I'm sure that you will all join with me in thanking him for all of his hard work over the years.

Your new sub-committee comprises Glennis Evans as chair and her team: Dave Sly, Bob Bagshaw, Fred Mills, Chris Cooper & Geoff Evans. Millie Satchell, Keitha Walker Paul Thorpe and Gilna Williamson are also on hand to assist when necessary.



We now have a **Facebook** page:

[www.facebook.com/RBGLTD1897/](http://www.facebook.com/RBGLTD1897/)

## Secretary Fours

Sunday May 19th we had our annual "relay" playing Trips, Singles, Pairs and Full Rinks all in one day. This year's winning team, winning all 5 of their matches and gaining 10 points, was Fred & Sue Mills and Dave & Liz Brammer. Runners up on 8 points were Chris & Mandy Cooper, Jim Dukes and Paul Thorpe.



Winners



Runners Up

## Canasta



On Monday 27th May from 6:30 until 9:00 and then weekly unless there is a match on we are having Canasta sessions.

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