

Tom Prichard recently sent this:

I had my 90th birthday on 28 Jan thought you would like this Photo for your newsletter:



Belated birthday wishes to Tom

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And Finally...

Tomorrow will be a good day

Captain Sir Tom Moore



Just Roll Up

Newsletter for Retford Bowling Green

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There's light at the end of the tunnel!

Given that the government has published its roadmap out of lockdown the committee has been actively making plans for a season as near to normal as possible. Initially there will be a working regime compliant with government rules and also following guidance from Bowls England in order to ensure everyone's safety.

At the time of writing all but 2 of the leagues that the club enters have announced their programmes, virtually all of the regular friendly matches have been arranged and all of the internal club competitions scheduled. Some which normally take place early in the season have been planned for later for this year due to restrictions.

The key dates are:

- **April 16th** - the green opens for casual bowling
- **May 17th** - league play, ladies' rinks, gents' rinks and mixed rinks commence this week
- **June 6th** - Open Day. This Sunday morning from 10 till 12 the public will welcome to come and visit and try their hand at bowling. In the afternoon there is a possible competition for members.
- **TBA in June - AGM**

All of the internal club competitions will be played once restrictions allow. However please remember to sign up! The sign-up sheets will be available in the club from the opening of the green.

Volunteers

As you know, our club, like any sports club, relies almost entirely on the goodwill of its members who volunteer to carry out all of the various tasks needed to keep things running smoothly. Apart from our paid green keeper and cleaner all of the other routine tasks are carried out by members. Our thanks must go to these members for all of the hours that they dedicate to the running of our club.

We find ourselves in the position of having to appeal to the members to fulfil a number of roles and would ask you all to give serious thought to our request. We are well aware that many of you regularly turn out to help maintain the club premises in terms of gardening and maintenance of the building and other such tasks. We are grateful for this but also need some specific roles filled:

- **Committee**
We need some new members for this important work without which the club cannot function. In particular the Chair and Secretary roles will need filling. Val Brodie has been secretary for 7 years and I took on the job of Chair purely in a caretaker capacity.
- **Captains**
Two more essential roles which are required to be filled are the Gents' and Ladies' Captains. David and Val Sly had volunteered but have had to withdraw due to health reasons.

- **Directors**
We are Limited Company and, as such, have a board of directors to oversee the running of the club. We need new directors due to retirements.
- **Volunteer Co-ordinator**
This is a new role. It would be a sort of HR function in that when a need arises the co-ordinator would contact our pool of volunteers to carry out the work. To this end we need to compile a list of the names of volunteers with information on what in particular they would be prepared to help with e.g. grounds, maintenance, gardening, catering, general help with running friendlies, Sundays etc. This would not be an absolute commitment but would be useful to know. So if you want to help or already do so please contact me to add your name and details to the list.

Please take this appeal seriously so that we can spread the load of running the club and enable everyone to have an enjoyable experience.

Thanks in anticipation,

Geoff Evans

Chair of the Committee

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