



# Winter Newsletter Feb 2020

This is the first Club Newsletter for some time and it is envisaged to be produced twice during the winter to keep members and friends informed of what is happening or proposed for the coming season.

If members require there could be a couple of Newsletters during the Summer season.

If you have anything for inclusion please send it to Ross Thompson [ross.thompson2@ntlworld.com](mailto:ross.thompson2@ntlworld.com)

## From the President – Trevor Spear

Only a few weeks now and we shall be into light nights, sunshine and ready to bowl. Frank and Ray have been busy with winter green work, cutting, scarifying and applying necessary chemicals. Others in the Green Team have been 'odd jobbing' in the surrounds etc. I'm in the process of tidying the pavilion with weather and green conditions permitting, we shall open the season on 25<sup>th</sup> April with President's v Captain's match, teams will be selected by Dave & Myself so names please on the sheet provided on 27<sup>th</sup> March.

My focus this season is to develop a mixed Triples League on Friday nights throughout the season. I'm hoping to amass 40 names to form 8 teams of 5 players to compete in a full league programme. Matches will be more serious than previously, but the emphasis will be involving all members in competitive but friendly games followed by a social drink and raffle. Please help me make Friday night 'Club Night', again availability sheets will be displayed on March 27<sup>th</sup>, so don't miss out 'GET INVOLVED'.

P.S. I have unofficially appointed a Club Mascot - my pen pal 11 year old Lewis of Manchester who I met on holiday in Turkey – more about this later.

## Men's Captain – Dave Evans

As the season fast approaches, I would like to take this opportunity to say how proud I am of being your Captain this year.

I hope everyone will enjoy the forthcoming season, we have a full fixture list of Saturdays, Sundays, Monday evenings and Thursday afternoons so everyone will have the opportunity to play on a regular basis.

The 'Wally of the Week' trophy will be in attendance again this season, so I hope people will embrace this as they did last season.

The main objective is that everyone enjoys themselves and has some fun so let's go and have a good season.

## Womens Captain - Pat Bodily

Thank goodness it is now just over a couple months before the start of the outdoor season and I am really looking forward to being your captain again. Please support our fixtures if you can by putting you name down on the availability sheets. It is an enjoyable way of spending an afternoon's or evening's bowling amongst friends with a "cuppa" afterwards.

We have a new fixture with the ladies of Sharnbrook Bowling Club which is over the Northants/Bedfordshire border and of course we have all our usual fixtures with clubs across the county

Our decision to leave the Northampton Ladies Friday Night League was a difficult one as we had been part of the league for nearly twenty years, but it was apparent the majority of our women members were in favour of joining Trevor's new mixed Friday night league.

At the recent Northampton Ladies Friday Night League AGM apart from ourselves, three other clubs also dropped out – Kissingbury, Byfield and Harpole. The League will continue with the remaining six clubs although possibly in a different format. Maggie Edwards from Kingsthorpe BC is the new league secretary as Margaret Sidebottom has stepped down. On behalf of us all I wish to thank Kathleen for all her hard work over the past few years as our league captain.

I look forward to catching up with you all again either at the Short Mat sessions, Quiz night or at the Get Together.

Wishing you all good health plus an enjoyable and successful outdoor season.

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Northampton Whyte Melville Bowling Club



# Bowling Forthcoming Events



## Short Mat Bowls

From Monday 3d February we are introducing weekly short mat sessions at Fernie Fields which is open to all in the community. It is on Mondays with 2/3 sessions through the day and into the evening.

For further details please contact Pat on 07990 520480



## Get Together and Subs evening

This will be on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March at Fernie Fields from 7pm.

Come and sign up for the season.



## The Green Opens for the Season

The Green will open (weather and Frank permitting)

on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April



## Open days

This year's open days will start on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April, from 1.30pm until 4.30pm with a break for tea and coffee. These sessions are open to all club members and provide both free coaching and the opportunity to meet other club members and play some friendly social bowls.

At these open days we actively encourage and welcome non-bowlers to come along to "Try and Play Bowls" as part of Bowls Development Alliance work to get more people playing bowls <http://www.playbowls.org/>. The cost of this for non-members is just £5 for 5 sessions (from Tuesday 28 April to Tuesday 26 May) with the £5 being used against annual membership if the individual decides to become a member of the club.

## Come and have a go

So if you have friends and family who have seen the bowls on the television and they want to give it a go then feel free to bring them along for free coaching, bowls supplied and all they need are flat shoes.

For further information please contact Janet Cousner or Mark Courtney.

## Coaching

In addition to coaching on Tuesday afternoon's, members are able to arrange one to one FREE coaching sessions with our club coach Mark Courtney. If you looking for some help with your bowling please contact Mark who is happy to discuss your coaching needs and agree a personal coaching plan. Mark can be contacted on mobile 0771 429 0828 or e-mail [mark.courtney@outlook.com](mailto:mark.courtney@outlook.com)



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# News from the 'Green Team'

The Green Team meet every Monday morning 8:00 to around 10:30am throughout the year to maintain the Green and surrounding grounds under the direction of Frank. There is always something to do more some weeks than others.

Anyone wishing to assist is always welcome to come along.



This winter has been very busy for the Green Team. Here is the green as you don't see it in the summer. This year the '5 year' maintenance was carried out hollow tyning, top dressing, brushing in and levelling the top dressing, seeding thin areas, then adding fertiliser and liquid seaweed treatments.

A rare sight the Captain doing some work!! Joking aside all the plugs produced from the hollow tyner had to be cleared by hand, this took nearly 2 days for the team to clear. When we had nearly finished Frank found the 'bit of kit' he used last time and finished the job in no time. (Thanks Frank!)



The team with some others got together to spread 6 tons of top dressing. The dressing had to be spread both ways over the green. A barrow load for each single pass.



***It certainly keeps you fit!!!!***

***Some facts and figures.***



*To carry out the following operations you walk in the region of:-*

Mowing	Shallow Spiking	Scarifying	1500 metres (0.9 Miles)
Deep Spiking	Hollow Tyning		4350 meters (2.7 Miles)
Fertilising Spraying and Spreading			1400 meters (0.85 Miles)

*These figures are for each pass of the Green most operations need 2 passes (1 each way)*

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# Forthcoming Social Events



## Defibrillator Training Course

MONDAY 16<sup>th</sup> March 2020 at 19:30 hrs

THURSDAY 26<sup>th</sup> March 2020 at 19:00 hrs

at Fernie Fields Sports and Social Club

Course 1 ½ to 2 hours

Life support Manual and Defibrillator Resuscitation training

If interested in attending one of these courses contact

Ross THOMPSON asap 07802 3468285

*If you are interested in any of the following events please contact  
Ross THOMASON on 07763921369.*



Tickets to see

## BeBopLula Rock and Roll

at the Derngate

Songs from Buddy Holly, Gene Vincent

and Billy Fury,

Sunday 29 March

Tickets £28.00

## Art Exhibition

Sunday 5th April 10-4

with tea, coffee and cake available.

Come and see local artists' work for sale.



## Wine and Cheese night

at Fleur Fields Vineyard, Brixworth, NN6 9DQ

take our own cheese,

Tickets £12.00

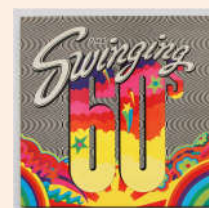
## Sensational Sixties Experience

at Derngate,

Tremeloes, Fortunes, Swinging Blue Jeans

and the Dakotas,

Sunday 19 April Tickets £31.00



## Ten Pin Bowling night

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March

Tickets £ 10.00 for 2 Games

## Fashion Show

by SOS High Street Fashion,

Coming soon TBA

