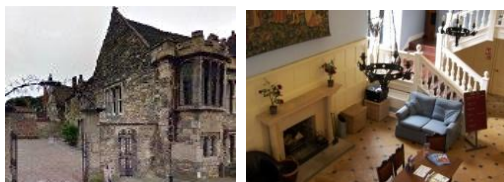


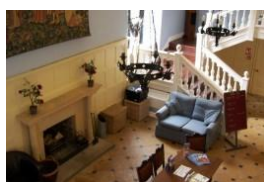
2017 INNOVATIONS

Pre-Season Lunch. As shown in the Calendar on page 1 of this Newsletter, this event will take place at the new venue of The Cathedral Centre at 16 Minster Yard, Lincoln. This magnificent 13th century building was completely refurbished a few years ago, and hosts many events including weddings, conferences and dinners. The Dining Room is on the first floor and there is a small lift for the less able. There is ample car parking available within walking distance.

Annual Dinner. For the past 10 years, this event has taken place at Hemswell Court where members have been well served in very congenial surroundings and with excellent fare. The only disadvantage has been the need to travel some 15 miles or more on a November evening. The Dinner Committee felt that we should try to find a new venue in Lincoln. After exploring several venues, the Committee eventually plumped for the Eliot Room at Bishop Grosseteste University off Longdales Road, Lincoln where there is on-site free car parking and we will have exclusive use of the room. The standard and cost of the meal should be comparable with Hemswell and without the overhead for transport.



The Cathedral Centre Entrance & Reception Hall



The Eliot Room is behind the French windows

City of Lincoln Evening League Matches - Mondays. No change in the format: 12 players, 4 rinks, 2 woods, 25 ends. Captain: Judy Payne. Eastgate will play in Division One (14 games).

Lincoln and District League Matches - Tuesdays. Previously teams have comprised 12 players playing as triples with two woods over 25 ends. Some Clubs have struggled to field full teams. The League AGM has decided that in future teams will comprise only 9 players playing on three rinks with two woods over 21 ends. Eastgate voted for the status quo. Eastgate will play in Section C (14 games). Captain for 2017 is John Dean whilst Peter Burgess fulfils his Presidential duties.

Cliff League - Wednesdays. No change – 12 players, 4 rinks, 3 woods, 18 ends. Eastgate will play in Division Two (16 games). Captain: Dilys Baker (after knee restoration!)

Afternoon League Thursday No change. Section D (16 games) 2017 Captain: Alfred Schneider

THE LADDER LEAGUE FOR THE SARAH LIDGETT CUP

This competition has been very poorly supported in the last few years. Last year only 14 members entered and only four matches were played, meaning that several entrants did not play at all. The Bowls Committee have looked at options to try to ensure greater participation and have decided to abandon the Ladder League format and to convert one of the Bowls Drives in July to a new Triples Cup Competition with the rules as follows: **Random triples teams will be drawn by lot from all the entrants. These commencing triples teams will play 6 ends with 3 woods. Then new random triples teams will be drawn from the entrants to play a second round, followed by newly drawn triples teams for a third round. Each player will build an individual record from his three team scores to produce an individual aggregate which will determine the individual winner and runner up for the Sarah Lidgett Cup. The competition will be played on Sunday 9th July commencing at 10.15 am. Two rounds will be played before a BBQ LUNCH with the third round thereafter. If a tie ensues there will be a play-off.**

THE GREEN 'N

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2017 SUMMER PROGRAMME

Thursday 9 th March	4.30 p.m. INDOOR CHALLENGE @ Dunholme 7.00 p.m. PIZZA SUPPER @ THE CLUBHOUSE
Saturday 18 th March	10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. JANE BULLIMORE'S ANNUAL COFFEE MORNING / BRING AND BUY at the Clubhouse
Wednesday 5 th April:	12.00 p.m. for 12.45 p.m. PRE-SEASON LUNCH at The Cathedral Centre, 16 Minster Yard, Lincoln Invitation and booking form enclosed
Sunday 9 th April	2.15 p.m. OPENING of the Green & ROLL UP
Monday 17 th April	10.15 a.m. BOWLS DRIVE / SHARED LUNCH
Wednesday 26 th April	EXCURSION to Nostell Priory see details on page 2 and booking form herewith
Friday 28 th April	6.00pm ROTARY TRIALS EVENING with Dino's Pizzas
Monday 1 st May	10.15 a.m. OPEN DAY with Bowls Drive & SHARED LUNCH
Friday 5 th May	8.00 p.m. DRAW for all Competitions in the Clubhouse
Sunday 7 th May	10.15 FUN DAY to recruit new members – see back page
Monday 29 th May	10.15 a.m. SYD APPLETON TRIPLES CUP / SHARED LUNCH
Sunday 4 th June	2.15 p.m. BOWLS DRIVE with BBQ
Sunday 18 th June	2.15 p.m. TRIPLES CUP CHAMPIONSHIP with BBQ
Sunday 9 th July	10.15 a.m. ALL DAY: TRIPLES COMPETITION for the Sarah Lidgett Cup with BBQ
Sunday 30 th July	2.15 p.m. LADIES v. GENTLEMEN with BBQ Lunch
Sat/Sun 26 th /27 th August	FINALS DAYS for CLUB COMPETITIONS
Monday 28 th August	2.15 p.m. TRIPLES SHIELD and Charity Fund Raising Day 5.30 p.m. BOWLS AGM with Dino's Pizzas
Sunday 17 th September	GREEN CLOSES at nightfall
Friday 10 th November	ANNUAL DINNER at Bishop Grosseteste University. See page 4 Details with next Newsletter in September

From THE CHAIRMAN

Although our bowling season is short, our section continues to have excellent activities throughout the year; with at least one social event every month. All these activities have been very well attended starting with a new event "Sunday lunch in the clubhouse" where 35 people attended. Our thanks go out to all our members who worked hard to make these events possible and to keep the Club in good shape. One of the latter is of course our Secretary/Treasurer Peter Burgess, who is now the 2017 President of Lincoln & District Bowls League. This is an honour for him. It lifts the profile of our Club. We congratulate him.

Our club ethos of combining sport and social activity significantly benefits our well-being and this is recognised by Sport England who have just announced an £88M package of investments in sporting activities to increase the number of people playing sports. The largest investment is in cycling at £17M, followed by hockey at £9M. Bowls is number 11 on the list with an investment of £1.6M.

Sport England has been concerned about bowls clubs because of falling memberships, ageing member profiles and lack of younger members. Their guide to clubs remaining sustainable is that they should have 15-20 members per rink, which, in our case, is 75-100 playing members. At present we have only 63.

Our bowls coach Steve Derby has been giving us some help on how to attract new bowls members, and has directed us towards a Bowls Development Alliance funding package. All we need to do is to attract 7 new bowls people to attend a fun day, followed by 4 lessons, and we will receive £250 from the BDA. Your Bowls Committee has set up a Sub-Committee to oversee recruitment and retention of members, and this will be led by Alfred Schneider with John Dean, Judy Payne and Derek Wellman. They are currently heavily involved in planning a **FUN DAY** (see the page opposite) and giving widespread publicity to it. Alfred and his committee are very optimistic that the initiative will be successful in securing new members in May of this year. **We will need your support for this.**

Bill Harwin has looked after the Eastgate Club House and Grounds for the past 4 years or so. This has been a significant commitment for him, and he has now decided to share the responsibility among other members. Our Bowls Section was asked to take responsibility for the grounds, including supervision of our groundsman Nick Rossington. The grounds include our green, car park surface, paths, trees, etc., but not the tennis courts. John Turner has agreed to take on this task with Nick, and Paul Wright has said that he will help in any way he can. This is another example of how fortunate we are in having members step up to the mark when needed to do voluntary work to ensure that others can just turn up and enjoy competitions and facilities.

I am sure that we are all looking forward to the new season with the green due to be opened on Sunday 9 April. We have a full programme of competitions for the season right up to the closure of the green on 17 September. Let us all hope for good weather, and successful and enjoyable bowling.

Don't forget if any member would like any issue raised at our committee meetings, please let me, or any committee members know. Looking forward to seeing you all bowling in April.

Bryan Carr February 2017



The 3 tenors (!?!) at the Christmas Party
(courtesy Christine Budge)



The 2016 City Afternoon Knockout Shield is to be displayed in the Trophy Cabinet

FUN DAY – A NEW INITIATIVE TO RECRUIT NEW MEMBERS

Planning is now well advanced for a **FUN DAY on Sunday 7th May** when it is hoped to improve the sustainability of our Bowls Club by recruiting new members, as detailed in the Chairman's Report opposite. The event will commence at 10.15 and wide publicity is being given to it in Posters and 1250 Flyers which will be distributed in many parts of Uphill Lincoln within the vicinity of the Bowls Club. You will find a copy of the Flyer with this Newsletter. Your Club needs the help and support of **ALL** its members to make this a success. You are asked please to do your best to encourage one or more persons known to you to attend the Fun Day, the free lunch and the free Coaching Sessions which are on offer. Most members joined the Club on personal recommendations from existing members, so **PLEASE, PLEASE DO YOUR BEST** to use the enclosed flyer to persuade someone to consider taking up the sport by attending the Fun Day and the subsequent coaching sessions.

FUND RAISING is another matter which is of great importance to the sustainability of your Club. The following two events need your support:

- 1. COACH EXCURSION to Nostell Priory on Wednesday 26th April.** Please find enclosed a letter from Wendy Nugent who is organising this event. It is open to all members **AND THEIR GUESTS**. So please join the party and bring a guest.
- 2. COFFEE MORNING at the CLUBHOUSE Saturday 18th March.** Jane Bullimore is again organising this event which includes a Bring and Buy Table. It is open to all members and guests. **SO - PLEASE DO YOUR BEST TO COME WITH A GUEST.**



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