

## GPC News

A fairly typical period for the GPC dealing with the general matters of administration and finance. There have been a few special matters that will be of interest to members.

**Automatic Watering System**—you will have seen the news that we have secured the funds and work can now go ahead. There is still a lot to be done prior to installation as we need to comply with the requirements of Biffaward. This includes publicity and recognition of the award which requires a video of the project. A project plan is being drawn up and members will see the work progress from the end of this season to installation well before April 2017.

**Steps to Green**— at long last we have been

able to provide secure steps to the Green. It was found that the new steps needed modification and further additions will be made to ensure bowls are not damaged if they are fired into the ditch. The steps are a permanent solution to a long standing problem.

**Car Park Drainage**— members will have noticed how badly the car park has flooded this year. Contact with Severn Trent, City Council, Environment Agency has had them all deny any responsibility. Action has been taken to ensure the surface water is taken away but long term the drain will have to be repaired. The cost will be high and needs further investigation.

**Handbook**—the new Handbook has gone down well but a few errors have been noted. **All members** are asked to check their personal details (phone etc) and re-

port any errors to the Membership Sec. The other typos are being rectified to give the most accurate master template.

**Sponsorship**— in the last Newsletter an article outlined the need to attract sponsors to help replace the lost income from the ASDA card scheme. Unfortunately only one member has come forward with a potential client. We all know someone in business, large or small, some of whom could benefit from our promotion packages. We need more contacts if the scheme is to generate the sort of income required. Please push our name with your business contacts. For further info please contact Terry King or John Winslow.

We can however announce our first sponsorship contract. **College Court Hotel** have agreed a package for an advert board and linkages to our website and publications. See below

John Winslow (Chair GPC)

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## Newsletter Summer 2016



### Open Day May 22nd 2016



Special thanks must go to Phil Thake who as head coach took on the coaching arrangements for the day and all the follow up *Bowl4Fun* days.

Baldwin. Enjoy your time at Leicester Bowling Club and feel free to join in any of our activities.

You will be pleased to know that thanks to the efforts from all involved that the Club has benefitted from another grant from Bowls Development Alliance. This is our third year of grant support and this money has been used to promote Open Day and increased coaching numbers.

Keep up the good work.

John Winslow (Chair GPC)

Another successful day at Leicester Bowling Club for recruitment of new members.

Big thank you to all who came along and helped create the right atmosphere and good impression for all the visitors.

Some 25 visitors attended Open Day and several went through to the 4 Monday evening coaching sessions.

At the conclusion of the programme we have signed up 5 further new members and big welcome to :- Dave & June Bull, Richard Yorke, Ruth "Maggie" Radford and Kath

### Automatic Watering System - we got the money



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Great news from *Biffaward* confirming a grant of over £7,700 towards our watering system that can now be installed for next season.

The budget for the scheme is around £12,000 and thanks to the large rates rebate we received last year the project can be completed without using reserves.

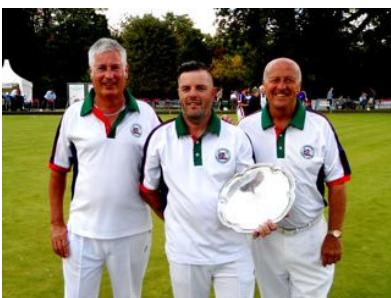
Lots of thanks needed, not just to Biffa but all the supporters we gathered for the project. Phil Thake did a first class job on the application and Ken Frost gathered the quotes. Special thank you to John Benson who's donation triggered the grant money.

Get well soon John

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# Bowling News

## Men's News



Holwell Works. The County Triples Final is to be played at Thringstone on Sunday 31st July.

In other National comps Roger Cooper narrowly lost in the area final of the 55+ singles and

Once again we have representatives at the National Finals at Leamington. Ken Frost, Roger Cooper & Shane Hayes will again represent the Club in the Men's Triples Finals, having finished national runners-up last year. They will also be playing in the Men's Fours Finals with Mark Smith.

At the County Finals on the 23rd July the Fours team narrowly lost to

## Ladies News

This year our ladies are playing well and there is plenty of support for all our matches. We have won 9 games so far and lost just 5. Unfortunately 6 matches have been cancelled due to the poor weather we have

Shane Hayes is to play the area final of the Mixed Pairs at LBC Sat 30th July.

In the League we have reached the final of the KO Cup. After a poor start we finished second in Div 1.

The Div 1 side of the Tues Triples League stands a good chance of retaining the title with two games to go. The Div 4 side has had a better season. Thurs & Saturday matches continue to go well.

Ken Frost (Captain)

experienced this year.

Big thank you to all the willing hands that came forward for the County match against Gloucester in May.

This year the Benevolent Match was played at Aylestone Hall on the 25th

Weds Div 1	won	lost	drw	pts
Blaby	9	1	0	118
Leicester	6	3	1	98
Birstall	6	4	0	88
Fosseway	4	5	1	74
Knighton V	2	6	2	56
Goodwood	1	9	0	46

Tues Div 1	won	lost	drw	pts
Leicester	8	3	0	80
Enderby	6	5	0	79
Fleckney	6	4	1	68
C/thorpe	4	5	1	58
Westcotes	4	5	1	53
Goodwood	4	5	0	53
Blaby	4	4	1	52
Kirby Mux	3	6	0	39

Tues Div 4	won	lost	drw	pts
West Park	8	3	0	89
N Kilworth	7	4	0	83
Aylestone	6	5	0	79
Blaby	7	4	0	78
Leicester	5	4	1	59
Goodwood	4	8	0	59
Oadby B	2	8	1	41
N/borough	4	7	0	40

Tuesday Triples as at 5/7/12

July and Patrons Day will be at LBC on Friday 26th Aug.

Liz Forknall (Captain)

# Electronic communication—easyfundrasing

Members will have noticed that the majority of communication now comes via email. Significantly around 90% of members have an email address. This saves a good deal of postage, printing and delivery of our main notices. Ultimately it will become the only communication method and members are urged to check their emails and familiarise themselves with the technology as much as possible.

Members are also urged to look again at their online shopping.

Some years ago we adopted *easyfundrasing* as a simple way of raising funds for the Club.

Whatever you buy on the internet including holidays,

## The Grafters

The Newsletter is our annual plea to recruit more members to the Monday morning Grafter squad.

Matters are becoming desperate with the Grafters dwindling evermore to a very small group of stalwart members.

The amount of fairly simple jobs needed in and around

flights, train fares, etc. If you buy through the *easyfundraising* web site it will raise a donation for the club at no cost to you.

It is very easy to start raising funds:

- 1/ Go to [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) or Google, 'easyfundrasing'
- 2/ Click on the, 'Support a good cause' tab
- 3/ In the cause name box, type 'Leicester Bowling Club' then click on 'Go'
- 4/ Click on 'Support this Cause'
- 5/ Fill in your details to create an account

And don't forget to download the 'Donation reminder toolbar' when prompted (This will make it even easier to raise funds for the Club)

For any help needed on *easyfundraising* please contact me on [terry@tktmg.com](mailto:terry@tktmg.com)

Terry King (marketing for LBC)



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the Clubhouse only increases and our facilities will deteriorate or become just untidy without more help.

Anyone with a couple of hours spare on a Monday or any other day can make a big difference. Just speak to any committee member, officer or experienced member and they will soon direct you to the Grafters group.

Big thank you to Andy and Margaret Rees who have volunteered to tend flower beds.

Your Club needs you (desperately)

John Winslow (Chair GPC & Grafter)