

Vardre Bowling Club

VBC News



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YES, ITS OFFICIAL, we're having a baking competition!

On Sunday, 31st July at 1.30pm we will see some of the clubs best bakers bring along their creations for the first ever bowls club baking contest. **Any member who would like to enter should**

contact me as soon as possible. Prizes will be awarded for taste and presentation and, like the bakers, we hope to raise some dough for the club!

Cakes, pies, scones, flapjacks, strudels and of course the classic bowls treat, a turnover, anything goes. Mary, our judge, no I've told you before, not Mary Berry but our President, Mary loves a Sunday afternoon tippie but instead she's coming along to the club and will pass judgement.

In the afternoon we are putting a fun bowls competition into the mix and at break time you too will be able to taste those incredible entries. By the time we have finished anything that is left and has not been touched or bitten into will be sold. We hope the weather will be kind and that the only drizzle we get will be on the Lemon Cake. All for £2 but free entry to bakers. Bargain!

Are you up for it? 'course you are. Let me know as soon as possible if you're entering, please do, as it's not a baking competition if nobody joins in.

Opening 4's Competition

Izzy was in the final with his bowls partner, Rhona, but as you probably know, lately, his health has not been as good as it should be and he will not be playing for the rest of the season. It was therefore agreed at committee that the winners for this year will be the four who reached the final so well done to them and the other two finalists, Dave L and Rosina.

Sponsorship

Increased sponsorship for the club took a step forward a week or so ago when I met with Konrad Roberts, Manager of MKM Building Suppliers. If you recall, they have already helped us in the past but are now putting plans together to sponsor our club kit.

We are not sure when but hopefully for the new season.



That Damn Leylandii Hedge.



A couple of weeks ago our Chairman, Dave RJ, and myself met up with a representative of Conwy CBC about the hedge as well as the two Tenancy Agreements that we have which cover the green and clubhouse area. Without going through the whole tedious story the bad news is that, although Conwy CBC have been cutting them since our bowling green had tennis courts, they are OUR responsibility. Can you believe it! We are now in the process of trying to get them reduced in height by the Council as a one-off but the likelihood is that we will have to pay. If that is the case we will obtain quotes and try to get a grant to help achieve our aim. The 'good' news is that the Tenancy Agreements that both expire in the next 12 months or so will be renewed and combined into one, free of charge, for a further 25 years. I wonder how tall the hedge will be by then 😞 ————— **Breaking News.** Conwy CBC have just confirmed that we will have to arrange and pay for the cutting down of the hedges. If you can recommend a tree surgeon please let me know.

Safeguarding Issues

For your information the Committee adopted the British Crown Green Bowling Associations' (BCGBA) 'Code of Conduct' at its last meeting. Details of the Code will be on the noticeboard in the clubhouse in the 'Safeguarding section. The BCGBA ask that all members sign up to this Code but the **Committee agreed that all club members must abide by all club rules. We believe no member would have a problem with that.**



Life Membership

You may be aware that the club has the ability to give a Life Membership to any member who, over the years, has given their time and dedication to the club to ensure that it develops and improves. We currently have two life members, Diane Evans and Dave Gardner. Both no longer come to the club but their work and commitment over the many years that they were members ensured the club continued and prospered. At the last Committee meeting it was agreed that Roger and Margaret Dickinson as well as Tudor Owen all deserved to be honoured in this way. All have worked hard for the club and all have been President and in Rogers case more than once. This decision, under the Club Constitution must be ratified at the next AGM but I know that most of you who know them will be only too happy to approve it. In the meantime all club information will go to them and they will be invited to come along to club events.



Slowly but surely we are increasing our membership of this scheme. Anyone by now who doesn't know what this on-line shopping club fundraising scheme is about, get in touch and I will give you the details

The Alfa and Hornby Competitions are progressing nicely and the draw for the next round will be on the notice board shortly. If you haven't paid your £1 entry fee yet please see Gay.



On Wednesday evening, 29th June at 6.30pm we should have been hosting the Colwyn and Llandudno League Cup round. However it was postponed because of something called Covid (here we go again). A thanks to Pat Sang who was going to help me serve refreshments but we got the night the off. The match will be back sometime soon, as will Covid by the sound of it.

It looks like we will be hosting a match from the Wrexham League on Monday, 8th August from 12 noon to around 5pm. The Committee agreed to their request and the good thing is that on this occasion we do get some cash to provide refreshments. Help will be required please.

As part of it, their players will be able to come to the club during the week before to practice. So if you see someone you don't know but they have a Wrexham accent, they can stay.

A plea for help. The Thursday afternoon 'friendlies' are an important part of our clubs activities. These games give all members the opportunity to play against other clubs with competitiveness taking second place to fun and meeting other members. Although we have several members who will help we do not have someone who will oversee the administrative side to make sure something happens every Thursday. Can you be that person? It doesn't mean you have to be there every week, it means making sure someone is. You'll get lots of help but we need someone to take control. **PLEASE**

We are still plugging the annual Ladies Rose Bowl Competition which will be held at the Vardre on Friday, 12th August and carried over to the 19th if necessary. This is a long standing competition between the ladies of Penrhyn New Hall, Craig y Don, The Oval and us. Carol B is organising the event so if you would like to take part, and you're a lady, sign up for it on the club noticeboard.

The Wednesday evening league match that should have been played on 25th June will now be played on Sunday, 24th July at 2pm.

The judging of the Wales in Bloom 'It's Your Neighbourhood' Competition will be on Wednesday 6th July at 4.30pm. Tommy has done most of the work himself along with one of our new members, Keith. Thanks for your help Keith.

Don't forget to keep an eye on the clubs website on vandrebowlingclub.com to keep up with other news and useful information on all sorts of things.

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Quote of
the Month

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The more you weigh,
the harder you are to
kidnap.
Stay safe. Eat cake.