

# Vardre Bowling Club

## VBC News



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If you didn't come to the fun day and Baking Competition last Sunday you missed a great day. We had 6 baking entries who were, Karen D, John F, Gay, Pat, Julie and Sylvia. The judge was our very own Mary and the winner with her Carrot and Pecan Cake, as the picture shows, was Pat donning her prize of a Vardre Bowling Club Apron.



As you would expect it was a difficult choice for Mary but Pat just pipped it. Thanks to those who took part for without you we

haven't a competition. Thanks also everyone who brought in treats for the fun day and especially to Fiona who walked in with three large plates of delicious mixed sandwiches. The sun came out as did 24 players and the fun day competition was ultimately won by Clarice for the ladies and Sean for the men. Keith won the 'Spider' competition. It was a great day and was made better by all those who took part and helped. Well done.

### Sponsorship

We now have an annual sponsorship arrangement with MKM, Building Supplies, and soon we will be able to ask you to get their logo put onto your shirts. (for free of course). From next season anyone buying a club shirt from Clothes for Work, our supplier, will find the logo on it and obviously there will be no extra cost. There will be no change in the colour of our kit. MKM, you will be pleased to know, is also supplying the UPVC cladding and batons etc for us to affix to the white wall on the green to improve the visual aspect of our club. That is a donation to us with no charge. This arrangement will start to happen shortly and when we are in a position to move on this, more information will be sent to you. We are pleased we are able to work more closely with a large local company and hope it continues and thrives over the coming years.



### That Damn Leylandii Hedge.

Most of you are aware by now that the leylandii hedge is our responsibility and therefore we have been obtaining some ideas on how much it will cost to cut it down to the height that is more manageable ie 8/9 feet. So far the cheapest quote is just below £4000. We can try to obtain some grants but one is not available until next February, when we probably want the job done anyway. In the meantime we will continue to look for cheaper quotes.

The Alfa and Hornby Competitions are progressing nicely and will be coming to a conclusion shortly. The finals will be played in September. Watch out for more details.



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

### Club Survey

Shortly we will be sending out a survey which we hope you will contribute to. The committee want to know what members would like to see from their club membership. We are progressing really well and our membership is now 93. We know it's a bowling club but it could do so much more if that's what members want. We have some great new members who have integrated into our club really well and now is the time to try to develop and improve so that other activities can be introduced. But we need to know if that's the direction that members want. Please don't miss this opportunity to have your say because your voice matters.



As our membership increases so does the need for players to join leagues teams. To satisfy that need we are looking at joining a Thursday evening Clwyd League. This may prove helpful for those who cannot play on Wednesday evening or want more league playing time. The only slight disadvantage is that a bigger percentage of the games are played in the east of the county which might incur more travel. Car sharing is a great way to elevate that. This is obviously for the future but you will be able to show your interest in this and all the other league games when the notice goes up in the clubhouse in September.

### Don't fall into Anonymity

We received an anonymous letter a few weeks ago which, we must assume, came from a member. This is not the direction that we want for our club. The contents could have easily been explained and resolved. Usually we ignore this type of mail but we are sorry. Sorry that the member felt they couldn't speak to us about it. Please, if you have a problem or something has aggravated you, come and talk to someone. Anyone on the committee will listen. That's the way to do it.

### Hosting Conwy Bowls Festival

At the time of 'going to press' the Conwy Bowls Festival has begun and was a hive of activity at the club on Monday afternoon, 1<sup>st</sup> August. Around 30 players turned up to do battle, bringing along friends and family who all wanted a drink and something to eat. A big thanks to all the helpers as well as everyone who brought in bara brith, scones and

cakes for us to sell. We'll hopefully make a few bob out of this and it's thanks to those turning up to help. .

### **The Gwynedd Final, Welsh Mixed Pairs Competition 2022**

This will be held at Craig Y Don Bowling Club on Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> August starting at 10.30am. Four of our players are taking part. Ian and Shan along with Dave L and Diane. Put that date in your diary. Go along and support them, it will be appreciated and you'll see great bowlers in action.



The presentation of awards of the Wales in Bloom 'It's Your Neighbourhood' Competition will be on Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> September in Talgarth south Wales. We have indicated that because of the distance and current cost of fuel it is unlikely that we will attend. I'm sure we'll do well. Tommy makes sure of it!

This Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> August is the annual battle between the Ladies and Gents or 'Gals against Guys' The guys won last year so what are you gals going to do about it. Gay will be in charge so please turn up no later than 1.30pm.

Don't forget to keep an eye on the clubs website on [vandrebowlingclub.com](http://vandrebowlingclub.com) to keep up to date with other news and useful information on all sorts of things.



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