

# Vardre Bowling Club

## VBC News



### Issue No 51

This will be the last Newsletter before we open the green on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March at 1.00pm. So there is a lot to tell you to hopefully whet your appetite and get ready for what we hope will be our best season yet.



The day will start with Mary, our President, officially opening the green and the new season. You will walk into the green but before you do you will see that damn laylandii has had a major haircut and looks so much better, not just for us but our local residents. So a great start and from then on, weather permitting, there will be social bowling. If you want to bring along some snacks, why not. Some members have already indicated that they will bring something along so when you're not bowling you can sit, socialise and have a bite to eat and a tea/coffee. Don't miss it.

I mentioned in the last newsletter that we want to introduce '**work days**' and the first one will be on **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March from 10am until lunchtime**. This is a couple of days before we open so it will ensure that the green will be in tip top condition and ready for the big day. A little bit of weeding and a little bit of cleaning will set the scene for the season. Please come along. It's not just our club, it's yours too.

### What Do We Do Next?



While you are in the clubhouse picking up some snacks you will have ample opportunity to look at the noticeboard. Ian has made some changes to it making it easy to follow and bearing in mind that it's the first day you will still see lots to grab your attention. As well as all the league match fixtures on the various days (would you believe around 170 matches throughout the season) there will be club competitions to enter. The first one is the annual '**Opening Pairs**' which is a doubles competition and will take place on **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April starting at 11am**. Please enter but if you don't at least come and support those who do.

There will be other posters offering you the opportunity to play in three other competitions: two long standing ones and one brand new one. **The Hornby Cup** is open to all members and **The Alpha Trophy** if open to all those who have a handicap of 4, 6 or 8.

'**The Ladder**' is a brand new fun competition open to everyone and will be organised by one of our new enthusiasts, Nigel. This competition will run through the season starting in May and will be great way to play 3 'competitive' games per month which will improve your game and meet more members. This is a 'must do'. More details on that will be on the board.

I mentioned **handicaps**. That information will also be on the board and you will see what yours is. Whatever it shows for you will be the number of points you will start with in competitions, except 'The Ladder' as you will be put in a league with players with a similar handicap.

Some **social events** are planned and we are looking at a trip to the Vineyard in Mochdre, yes, Mochdre. It's supposed to be an interesting visit and it includes wine. Enough said!

How about a few hours playing indoor bowls in Prestatyn? A similar but different game on our doorstep where we can all make fools of ourselves but have a laugh at the same time. Put your name down if you are interested. No dates yet but your interest will make it happen.

The Social Group have other great ideas and they will appear as the season develops so keep your eyes open. BBQ's, Charity Events and Trips out depend on you. Have you got any ideas? Let us know.

**What else will you see?** Boring some might say but so important! Our Constitution and Policies showing the clubs commitment to your health, well being and safety. If you don't read them all please be aware that we take this seriously and you are important to us.



### **Whats Outside**

You've got your tea and cake, you've entered all the competitions and now you can sit down outside. (we hope) You will see a gazebo for shade, thanks Tommy. This is a trial but we are still considering the erection of two permanent shelters but planning permission will be necessary and so we need to look at the overall cost.

Take a look at the white wall. What an improvement. All the UPVC and fittings were supplied free of charge by MKM and fitted by our members. Big thanks to everyone involved.

Looking out over the green don't be fooled into thinking it always looks like that. No chance. A lot of work by our Maintenance Team makes it that way. Winter maintenance is a busy time which ensures that you have the best possible bowling experience.

Cutting, aerating and watering all take time and your help this year will be crucial to maintaining this high quality. More about 'Work Days' as we get into the season.

### **What are members Wearing?**

Maybe not on the opening day but certainly whilst playing in the league: it will be a burgundy polo shirt. It's our team colour and you will be encouraged, not only to wear one but make sure our main sponsors logo, MKM, is on it. Some members have complained that the current polo shirt make them sweat. So, there is another alternative that you can purchase from 'Clothes for Work' in Llandudno. It's quality was recommended to us by one of our members, Arthur Peake, and although it is a little more expensive it is much better I understand. **Premium 'Cool' PR 615** is what to ask for. Thanks Arthur.

## Finishing Your Snack



Ok, you've visited the noticeboard, grabs some cake and drink and now it's time to tidy up. Hopefully you'll notice the new recycling facilities we have. Conwy CBC must be applauded for their recycling scheme which we are all part of at home. All we are doing is expanding that culture that we are all used to and adding it into our club. The only difference will be that Conwy CBC won't be collecting it. So, as the scheme develops if you see a full bag of food, cans or bottles etc. please take it home and put it into your domestic recycling facilities. Maybe we shouldn't do that really but I would much prefer to see that happen than see all our waste end up at the landfill site. I hope you agree.

## Want to be on the Committee?

We is still one vacancy on this Committee. I think this is a great time to get involved and we meet on the last Friday of the month so for your information let me tell you who's involved:-

Mary - President

Marina - Chairperson

Dave L - Treasurer

Dave H - Secretary

Elaine - Safeguarding Officer

Ian - Captain, Captains Rep. Fixtures Sec. and Maintenance Rep, is that all !

Shan - Captain

Carol B - Captain

John B - Captain

Nigel - Captain

Tommy - Captain

John P - Captain

Gay - Social Group Rep

Doreen - Club Rep



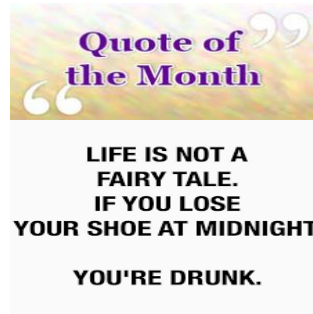
Don't forget to keep an eye on the clubs website on [vandrebowlingclub.com](http://vandrebowlingclub.com) to keep up to date with other news and useful information on all sorts of things. Diane has a great sense of humour that will make you smile as well as keep you up to date.



Slowly but surely we are increasing our membership and donations in the 'Easyfunding' scheme. I think we have raised around £40 with 10 members. Imagine how much more we could raise if we recruited more of you. 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.

Yes, the laylandii hedge reduction has been completed. It looks so much better and the local residents appear to be happy too. Conwy Town Council donated £1000 towards the work

Please don't forget the diary date of 15<sup>th</sup> March when we hope as many members as possible will turn up to help get our green ready for Saturday.



### 'What Happened this Week' in

**1797** Bank of England issues first £1 note

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**2022** Russian leader Vladimir Putin announces the start of a "special military operation" in Ukraine to "demilitarize" the country moments before Russia launches a full-scale pre-dawn invasion by land, air and sea, with bombings in several cities amid international condemnation

**1839** 1st Grand National steeplechase, Aintree Racecourse, Liverpool: Jem Mason wins aboard 5/1 favourite Lottery