

NEWSLETTER

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**Gedling and District
Indoor Bowls Club**

Greetings to all our members as we approach the height of summer. I hope those of you who are playing outdoors are enjoying a good season so far. How nice it is to be back bowling again.



As most of you are aware I am sure Richard Herrod is providing a valuable service as a vaccination centre at the moment but this has made it impossible for us to open the bowls centre during the summer months. The NHS have an agreement to use Richard Herrod till September, with a rolling monthly agreement after that.

The Management Committee feel it is vital that we get back to bowls to start the winter season in mid-September as normal and so in the last two weeks all league captains have been contacted to check their availability for the leagues. I am sure many members have in turn been contacted by their captains about their availability. We have had a very positive response so far and are very hopeful that from the bowls club viewpoint we will be able to operate as close to normal as possible in the forthcoming winter season.

Three members of the Management Committee met with three of the top people at Gedling Borough Council, including the CEO and Council Leader, earlier this month. We explained how vital a return to bowls is in September for the wellbeing of our members and the local community, as well as the ongoing success of Gedling Indoor Bowls Club. We put forward various proposals to the council and have another meeting towards the end of June to discover their response and how we can open the bowls club successfully whilst Richard Herrod is still being used as a vaccination centre. Our first meeting was productive and amenable and hopefully we will have more news early next month.

During the last few months both committees of the club have been working extremely hard to ensure that there will be a successful return to indoor bowls at Gedling in the forthcoming winter season.

The last fifteen months have been a difficult time for us all and we know that around the country several indoor bowls clubs have not survived these difficult times. At this time, we would call on all members to support us in our efforts to ensure that the long running success of Gedling Indoor Bowls Club continues.





There have been some recent rumours circulating about the future of Richard Herrod and about when we will be allowed to open again and we would encourage all of you to contact any member of the committee if you have any concerns at any time.

I am confident that in our next newsletter in July we will be able to bring you the long-awaited good news. In the mean-time enjoy the summer and see you soon.

Dave Berry