

# NEWSLETTER

## DECEMBER 2022



Gedling and District Indoor Bowls Club



### *Merry Christmas Everyone*

The season seems to have absolutely flown by and here we are with Christmas fast approaching. Please don't give up reading this before the end of the Newsletter, it does contain some information that may be of interest.

### **A Big Thank You .....**

We feel that we should start by thanking, and introducing you to, the members who contribute so much to the continued running and success of our club. These 'Thank You's' are in no particular order but are on your behalf.

June Newham and Jane Parnham who are always on hand to help and organise any refreshments which may be required including our D.B.E. event and the upcoming Bowls Drive and their husbands, John and Steve, are always there to give a helping hand. Anita Frost who provides lunches for our D.B.E. friends when they come to our club.

The D.B.E. friends and supporters who come along when we hold an event. They really are worth your support, maybe in the New Year you will perhaps have a little time to come along and see some great bowling. At all of these events you will see our own Margaret Smith MBE. She has been the shining light behind D.B.E. for a good many years. Margaret also is a member of our Management Committee.

Carole Andrews and her husband Robert for the decoration of our Christmas Tree. Carole is our Club Secretary and also looks after our website.

Pam Moore for the many and varied jobs which she does, too many to itemise, behind the scenes.

John Allen, our League Secretary, this may sound straight forward but it is not always the easiest of tasks.

Jan Poyser who needs need no introduction, but her jobs are many and varied, as well as being our Company Secretary she is responsible for the day to day administration of the Club and our accounts.

The small working party who are organising our Christmas Bowls Drive which is on Sunday 18 December. What a fun day this promises to be. Don't forget your fancy dress or Christmas jumper. Also raffle prizes will be gratefully received.

The Management and staff of the Richard Herrod Centre for their many, and varied, tasks which they do for us all.

All of the players who have put themselves forward to play for Gedling I.B.C. in Club Team and National Competitions.

The Bowls and Management Committees who put a lot of time and energy into the running of our club to ensure that you, our members, are happy with your bowls.

Lastly, but most importantly, to you all for your continued and much appreciated support. Please continue with this into 2023 and beyond.

### **Quiz (answers at the end – no cheating please)**

1. Which yellow flower is nicknamed the Lent Lily?
2. What is the seventh planet from the sun?
3. In computer terms what does RAM stand for?
4. Royal Sovereign is a type of which fruit?
5. Which part of your body is protected by puttees?
6. A row of windows in the upper wall of a church is known by what name?
7. What is the only permanent river in the Kalahari Desert?
8. Anything above scale 12 on the Beaufort Scale would describe what?
9. Which Harold became Labour leader in 1963?
10. Who would use a quern?

### **National, Club and Team Competitions**

Unfortunately, we are no longer in any of the National Team Competitions, but I can assure you that everyone did their very best to represent our Club in a competitive, but fair, manner. The biggest disappointment was when we lost one competition and then in the next round our victors conceded.

We are still being represented in some individual Nationals and we will keep you informed if we have further success. Adam Fuller is in the Area Final of the National U25 singles. This is being played at Newark on the 16 December at 6.30pm should anyone be able to go along and support.

Eight of the Gedling ladies are representing their County in the Atherley Trophy on 17 December at Grantham IBC. This competition sees counties from around the country playing against each other. Notts are once again drawn against Lincolnshire.

Inter County Club Competitions are still taking place and availability forms will be displayed on the Notice Boards. Don't think you are not good enough, put your name down, you will be surprised how much, if selected, you enjoy the game.

There will also be availability sheets displayed for friendly games in 2023. Check these out. The dates will also be displayed on the website for games from January until the end of the season.

## **Club Competitions**

The closing date has now gone and the drawn is soon to be made for the competitions make sure you check the notice board at the bottom of the stairs and if you are the top name arrange your games according to the deadline dates.

## **100 Club**

What a fantastic response we had this year. All of the numbers were sold bringing a super response for our finances. The draws are done regularly by Jan and are always done with an independent observer, usually in the bar. A list of winners to date is displayed on the Notice Board on the left as you come down the ramp. It is just before the first Fire Door and also on the website.

## **Gedling Lotto**

If you fancy a go on the Gedling Borough Council Lottery with weekly draws held every Saturday. Tickets cost £1 each and half of that comes back to the club, with another 10% going to help local good causes. To buy tickets please visit the website at <https://www.gedlinglotto.co.uk>.

## **The Richard Herrod Centre**

Have you thought about coming along to the centre, not just to play bowls, but to meet up with your friends for coffee and a natter. You can even enjoy a pizza on certain days. The bar staff will point you in the right direction for the ordering of these. You will be lovely and warm and maybe by doing this you can turn down your own thermostats and save a little money on your utility bills. The games room is always available, if you got a few of you together, and you could always play cards or dominoes and enjoy the company of your friends. You would be made very welcome by all of the staff.

## **Richard Herrod Centre Christmas Opening Times**

Saturday 24 December	10.00am - 11.30pm
Sunday 25 December	<b>Closed</b>
Monday 26 December	<b>Closed</b>
Tuesday 27 December	10.00am - 7.00pm
Wednesday 28 December	10.00am - 7.00pm
Thursday 29 December	10.00am - 7.00pm
Friday 30 December	10.00am - 7.00pm
Saturday 31 December	10.00am - 1.00am
Sunday 1 January 2023	<b>Closed</b>

Please note that service at the bar closes half an hour before centre closing time.

## Quiz Answers

1. The daffodil
2. Uranus
3. Random-Access Memory
4. Strawberry
5. Legs
6. Clerestory
7. Okovango
8. Hurricane
9. Wilson
10. A miller

As this will be the last newsletter before the festive season, on behalf of both Club and Management Committees we would like to wish you all a very **Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy New Year.**

Thank you all for supporting the Club and I hope you are all looking forward to the second half of the season.

***Kath Smith***  
***Carole Andrews***