

Message from the DBE Chairperson.

What an exciting month October has been, with the excellent news that Maggy Smith & Ellen Falkner were both awarded the MBE's in the Queens honours list which is great news for the sport of bowls and their families.

We launched the new Development & Performance Pathway on our web site & Judy Plater (Waddeston BC) has joined us as the new Membership/Volunteers Secretary. I have attended my first Bowls Development Alliance Board meeting to add the Disability voice alongside the Bowls National Governing Bodies.

As we start to see the COVID 19 lockdowns taking hold, it is not a good time for all our Indoor members, but the DBE Management teams are working very hard behind the screens to ensure we are ready for the "New Normal" way of life for Bowls and we will do our best to keep you updated on our social media platforms, web site and newsletters over the next few months. *Steve Watson*

HOT OF THE PRESS...

The DBE Board has appointed Maggy Smith "Life President". The accolades just keep coming for the wonderful Maggy Smith MBE.

Its been confirmed that the Bowls England Commonwealth Games Para Squad will include 3 pairs:
Mixed Visually Impaired.
Women's Physically Disabled.
Men's Physically Disabled.
Good luck to those players going through the trial process with hopes of representing England at the Games.



Guess who...

MAGGY SMITH MBE

DBE was delighted to hear that Maggy has been recognised for her work with disability bowls and awarded an MBE in the recent Queens Honours list.



Maggy has been involved in disability bowls for more than 25 years in significant and influential roles that have had worldwide impact, has been awarded an MBE.

She was so shocked that she initially thought it was a scam when she found out she had been named in the Queen's honours list.

Margaret said: "It was the beginning of COVID when people had started working from home I had a call from a young lady saying she was from the Cabinet Office and she wanted my email address. No explanation.

I was a bit puzzled and wondered if I had done the right thing giving my details out without know what for. I think normally you would receive an official letter through the post but of course due to COVID everything was done by email.

It was difficult to keep it quiet, although I found it awkward telling people after it was announced. For all my 'outgoing' personality, I am basically quite shy!"

Many congratulations Maggy, DBE is not surprised at the news!

"Save the Date"

Fri 28th -31st May 2021

BE National Open Day

Bowls Clubs in England will be holding an open day over the bank holiday weekend and an opportunity for DBE members to turn out in force to support the clubs and counties.

More details to follow

GETTING BACK TO BOWLS means a lot to everyone and DBE Learning Disability player Chris Gray was delighted to get back playing the sport he loves. Chris tells us:

"I started bowling outdoor in late August. It was very nice to get back on the green again. Our club has not opened fully (only 3 days a week) but I have really enjoyed my time there. Unfortunately, many of the club bowlers have not joined due to Covid-19 but it's still nice to see many friends, some for the first time since the closure of the 2019 season. I hope to start indoor at the beginning of November and meeting up with some more of my bowler friends who only bowl indoor."



DBE High Performance Coach given an MBE in the recent Queens awards.

Ellen Falkner, a top coach and working with the DBE PD High Performance Squad was awarded an MBE for her services to lawn bowls. Her bowls career includes 3 Commonwealth Games Medals and DBE is delighted that she takes time out of her busy schedule to help develop & train the para squad.



Well done from everyone at DBE

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