



Message from the Chairperson:

With the roll out of the COVID-19 vaccination picking up speed this month, things are starting to look brighter for the "Bowls Family" as we continue to prepare for the outdoor season. We will be adding some new competitions, friendly, localised get togethers and of course hopefully our traditional big get together at Bowls England National Championships in August? More good news Mike Robertson has been nominated as our representative and a voice of DBE on new International Bowls for the Disabled (subcommittee) to promote Para Bowls Globally. To date we have received 235 members and 110 members club survey details and have updated our database and mailing list, so if you haven't returned your membership survey, I am very sorry, but this will be the last newsletter you will receive. Once again, I wish to reassure you that the Board of Trustees, Committee members and the Bowls National Governing Bodies are working very hard for a safe return to our sport as soon as it is safe to do so.

Good Times are just around the Corner.

Opportunity to bowl

There are two Open Competitions coming up this summer at Clarence BC in Weston-Super-Mare. A great opportunity to have a weekend away and a day of bowls! Both are one-day events, starting around 9am and finishing by around 6pm. Round-robin formats of roughly hour on, hour off – so four x 1-hour games in the day.

Open Mixed Triples – Sunday 27th June
Open Australian Pairs – Saturday 28th August

Entry forms are available on the Clarence website at:
www.clarencebowls.org



Purchase your DBE Shirt!

Our DBE Shirt stock has been updated; all sizes available to purchase for the new season
www.disabilitybowlsengland.org.uk/product-category/clothing/

Virtual Get Togethers

Monday 15th March, 6pm – 7pm – An evening with Greg Harlow

Monday 22nd March, 10am – 11am – DBE Coffee Morning

If you would like to get involved in either of these Get Togethers please book your place with Lee Smith – lee.smith@disabilitybowlsengland.org.uk

If you would like to arrange a Virtual Get Together and/or have a Virtual Get Together idea, then please send these to Lee too.

If you need help getting onto Zoom, please get in touch and we will try our best to help.



Great News! We are delighted to announce that we have been allocated 5 places in the virtual 2021 Virgin Money London Marathon taking place on Sunday 3 October 2021 - Virtual Virgin Money London Marathon - Virgin Money London Marathon

We have recruited 5 DBE Bowls Buddies to represent and fundraise for us.

They will be announced, and more information will follow soon.

Fixtures/Events/Competitions

SAVE THE DATE!
Bowls England Open Days Weekend
28/05/2021 – 31/05/2021

Daniel Adams Walking Challenge

Daniel continues his walking challenge every Saturday & Sunday. He has now walked over 100 miles which is amazing! In recent weeks he has walked past his Bowls clubs and his old school.

Daniel is very kindly be raising money for Disability Bowls England during his challenge. He has raised just under £500 so far. From everyone at DBE, Thanks Daniel and keep up the great work.

To sponsor Daniel please visit <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/DanielAdamsWalkingChallenge>



Calling All DBE Members & Supporters

Daniel took inspiration from the story of Sir Captain Tom Moore at 100 years old walking around his garden 100 times.

We have taken inspiration from Daniel! We would like to challenge DBE Members & Supporters to a Walking Challenge of our own. Let's step into 2021 by collectively walking 2021 (or more!) miles between now and 28th March 2021.

You can walk as much or as little as you can. Please pledge the number of miles you are willing to walk and we will track the total.

You can do this just for fun or to raise money for DBE.

To get involved email Lee Smith – lee.smith@disabilitybowlsengland.org.uk

REMINDER!

Don't forget to take part in Maggy's Road Trip Part 2. An anagram road trip quiz!

This has been sent out to all members by email and is available on the website.



Bowls isn't the only thing in life and Board Member **David Stott** is part of The Steepholmers Shanty Band in Weston-super-Mare. The Steepholmers are working with North Somerset Council to stage the inaugural Weston-super-Mare Shanty and Folk Festival, to run over 3 days, 6th – 8th August. Put the dates in your diary and come and enjoy a long weekend in sunny Weston – with some great free music as well! (Collections in aid of RNLI and Weston Lions)

Festival Website: www.wsmshantyfest.com



Marie Nicholson - How I came to be involved with Bowls.

It was a chance encounter with the cashier at our local petrol station that got me involved with bowls. She told me our village ladies crown green team were looking for lady bowlers. Fast forward to the present time and I have now captained our village ladies crown green team for a number of years. Initially I took up the indoor flat green game just to keep me active over the winter months. At that time, I much preferred to play crown green bowls. I now enjoy both codes equally. I am a member of Leeds IBC and play skip in league games and ladies county matches.

Bowls is a real family affair in our household. My husband Dave along with my sons Barry and Steven who both have learning disabilities also play. Barry and Steven also took part in Special Olympic bowling events and it was after the success of the S.O. Indoor bowls held at Doncaster IBC in 2017 the suggestion was made that an international competition for people with learning disabilities could be held annually. This became known as Learning Disabilities Indoor Bowls International Series (LDIBIS) and nations compete for the Munro Cup.

It gives me immense pleasure to see bowlers with learning disabilities being given the chance to compete at a high level and I hope that clubs around the country focus more on their abilities and not their disabilities.

For more information about the Learning Disabilities Indoor Bowls International Series (LDIBIS) please check out there Facebook Page - <https://www.facebook.com/LDIndoorBowlsIS/>

We hope you have enjoyed reading this, but should you wish to unsubscribe, email.

info@disabilitybowlsengland.org.uk