

**Message from the Chairperson:**

Hi All, I hope you like me had a nice Long Easter Weekend and hopefully are starting to "Return to Play" the game of bowls?

You would have noticed over the past month; we have launched our two short video campaigns "One day in my Life" and "Going for Gold" which have been very successful and have been viewed over 3000 times each and we have signed up 13 new member clubs as a result of these campaigns which is great news. During the next few months, we will be offering Disability bowls taster sessions, friendly fixtures and new competitions for our membership. DBE are working closely with the BDA, Bowls England, EIBA and Crown Green Bowls on the "Back to Bowls" and the Bowls England "Big Weekend" 28-31 May 2021 campaigns so we can showcase our sport for all. We have spent the last 12 months indoors and I really hope you feel confident to return to your bowls clubs and hopefully will be seeing you at DBE events throughout the Summer?

Steve Watson



**BOWLS IS BACK!**

Outdoor bowls as an outdoor sport may resumed on Monday 29th March, as part of the government's roadmap to ease lockdown restrictions in England.



**Fixtures/Events/Competitions**

**Keep a close eye on the website over the coming weeks/months as we continue to update the calendar of events for the outdoor season.**

Update on the new outdoor DBE Pairs Competitions:  
MEN'S Pairs : Full (reserve list being formed)  
WOMEN'S Pairs: 4 more teams needed  
VISUALLY IMPAIRED & LEARNING DISABILITY Pairs:  
More entries needed.

Email the DBE Comp Sec at:

[competitions@disabilitybowlsengland.org.uk](mailto:competitions@disabilitybowlsengland.org.uk)

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**Bowls England Open Days Weekend**  
**28/05/2021 – 31/05/2021**

**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/](http://www.disabilitybowlsengland.org.uk/product-category/clothing/)

Players needed for the DBE Mixed Disability Friendly Matches.

Open to all DBE members, including volunteers & coaches.

Email: [mo.monkton@disabilitybowlsengland.org.uk](mailto:mo.monkton@disabilitybowlsengland.org.uk) if interested.

Sun 30th May @ Oundle BC, Cambridgeshire. 2pm start. (Oundle Bowling Club Charity Match)

Sun 13th June @ Didcot BC, Oxfordshire. 2.30pm start.

Sat 19th June @ Portishead BC, N.Somerset. 2.30pm start – **NOW POSTPONED**

Fri 2nd July @ Clevedon Prom BC, N. Somerset.

2.30pm start – **DATE CHANGED TO FRIDAY 2nd JULY**

Thur 22nd July @ Paddock Wood BC, Kent. 1.30pm start.

**Please send us your pictures of you getting Back to Bowls for the next edition of the newsletter!**

**Please send to**

**[lee.smith@disabilitybowlsengland.org.uk](mailto:lee.smith@disabilitybowlsengland.org.uk)**



As you know we have been allocated 5 places in the virtual 2021 Virgin Money London Marathon taking place on Sunday 3 October 2021.

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

The 5 runners are John Rednall, Michelle Coleman, Emily Ferguson, Robbie Barker, Jordan Butcher

The runners are in training and busy planning their routes. We will be launching the fundraising campaign very soon and would appreciate everyone's support in spreading this as far and as wide as possible.

We will be looking for people to support the runners on their routes. Either cheering them on or doing some of the route with them.

**Virtual Get Togethers**

The 2 Virtual Get Togethers for March were a huge success! Thanks to everyone that took part in them.

We will be running the DBE Coffee Morning again on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April, 10am – 11am – DBE Coffee Morning

If you would like to get involved please book your place with Lee Smith – [lee.smith@disabilitybowlsengland.org.uk](mailto:lee.smith@disabilitybowlsengland.org.uk)

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



Calling all DBE Super Women to come together on 4th July at Charlbury Bowls Club for the DBE Women's Pairs Competition.

Entry form can be found on the Website.

Players, volunteers, coaches, umpires & helpers are invited to enjoy a great day & discover how to get more involved at Disability Bowls England.

Email: [mo.monkton@disabilitybowlsengland.org.uk](mailto:mo.monkton@disabilitybowlsengland.org.uk) to register your interest in attending.



**Daniel Adams Walking Challenge**

Daniel continues his walking challenge every Saturday & Sunday. He has now walked over 193 miles which is unbelievable!

Daniel is very kindly raising money for Disability Bowls England during his challenge. He has now raised over £1000!

He has decided to extend his challenge to the end of April.

From everyone at DBE, Thanks Daniel, Well Done and keep up the great work.

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



**Who Am I?**

Can you identify this DBE Member? All will be revealed in the next newsletter!

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