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August 2021 Newsletter

Message from the Chairperson

A very big month ahead for us all to showcase DBE at the Bowls England National Championships. I look forward to seeing many of you for the North v South Challenger Shield on Sun 29 Aug, along with the National Singles & Pairs Finals and the new Mixed Disability Triples on Mon 30 Aug.

Please spread the word that we will be running our Charity fundraising event "Going for Gold in 2022" Straw Draw during the championships. £1 a straw to find the Gold Tickets and win £10.



We will be launching our Virtual London Marathon (Sun 3rd Oct) fundraising page and I hope you will support our DBE running Buddies Emily Ferguson & Robbie Barker. We still have 3 places left to join our DBE runners, final deadline for names midday 19 August

Please pop in the marquee and say hello!

"We are Stronger Together"
Steve Watson

Caps are back in stock.
Go online to place your order.



Other clothing items aslo available.



Bowls England appoint Leicestershire's Helen Wall to Manage the Para Squad at the 2022 Commonwealth Games. Helen has been working with the DBE Squad prior to this appointment and having played at international level brings a wealth of experience. Her first official event in charge was to lead the recent trials held at Victoria Park, Royal Leamington Spa, host of the 2022 CWG Lawn Bowls Competitions.

Players and Directors were put through their paces under the guidance of the new Para Team Manager, alongside the players from Bowls England during a Home Nations Test Match at Victoria Park, Leamington Spa 28th July – 1st Aug. The test match was part of a series of trials to select the Bowls England Team for the 2022 Commonwealth Games.



SAVE THE DATE

Look out for details of the DBE "Evening of Celebration" that will take place at Solihull IBC on Saturday 2nd October. Afternoon "Fun Session", surprise guests, buffet, speeches & presentations. Cost of ticket to be confirmed.

The team at Bowls International Magazine is delighted to announce the magazine's return to print.



Packed with news, reviews,

coaching tips, psychology and action from greens around the world, Bowls International is your go to bowls magazine.

The magazine has articles suitable for bowlers of every age and ability.

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Like to chat with people? Passionate about para bowls?

Live in the Leamington area? Have a have a day or 2 to spare?

DBE have a stand at the Bowls England National Championships and ask DBE Members to register their interest in volunteering on 19th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 27th, 29th, 31st Aug, 1st, 2nd, 4th Sept by emailing: mo.monkton@disabilitybowlsengland.org.uk asap

“CLUB OF THE MONTH” CHARLBURY BOWLS CLUB

Lockdown was not a time to just put bowls to one side, be pessimistic, and not plan growth of our club. We had started considering an extension to our clubhouse and talked of a few options whilst occasionally opening up to the community with visits by Women’s Institute and allowing our local church to hold a weekly play and stay session. However, we seized the summer of 2020 to crystallise our plans that revolved around greater community involvement and in August approved a prospectus for a four-year plan with 23 objectives. With the assistance of grants from Mid-Shires Co-op, Jim Cousins Trust and the Bruce Wake Charitable Trust, donations by members, fundraising, and money from club funds we purchased a large range of bowls and bowling equipment to assist both junior and disabled bowling from our friends at Bush Hill Bowls.

We knew we had some demand, and the club already had many people with disabilities that were not visibly evident, as well as two social members and former bowlers who could no longer operate on the green without wheelchair assistance. It is probably easiest to simply list what we have already achieved in a short space of time.

- Commenced monthly *Bowled Over* sessions for people with memory problems, such as dementia. We have had exceptional attendance from those with memory issues and their friends, family or carers and this will continue year-round as we have two indoor short-mats at the clubhouse
- The church now use our clubhouse for monthly bereavement sessions, and for a monthly memory café that compliments our *Bowled Over* sessions
- Our disability equipment is well used with existing and new and existing playing members using our wheelchairs, bowling arm, walking frame and bowls buddy, as well as those attending our *Bowled Over* sessions
- We have hosted a Disability Bowls England event, the inaugural Ladies Pair competition, providing the venue, light refreshment, lunch for the 24 competitors and officials, and full support from club members to ready the green, ensure Covid compliance, and tidy up afterwards. DBE is always welcome at Charlbury
- Six coaches have been trained to Level 1 (pending final assessment at July), with most completing the Dementia Friends Awareness Coach Bowls Module as well as Adult Safeguarding in Bowls
- Our Junior Academy has taken off with 21 members and more to come on our summer-school. Our target was just eight juniors. Planning permission has been obtained, we have held the first of an annual Ladies Triples tournament, and much more.

We genuinely believe there are considerable opportunities for bowls clubs to grow and thrive, but they must change by not tolerating, but actively encouraging and welcoming anyone without discrimination, to play the sport we love.



DBE Competition Secretary Stuart Espie was delighted with the great facilities at Charlbury BC and their very warm welcome when hosting the 2021 inaugural DBE Ladies Pairs Competition.
“A fabulous Club”



DBE Competition round up:

4th June: Ladies Pairs Winners Jeanette Maisey & Khalila Hussain. R/U Georgia Tucker & Denise Rolland
11th June: Men's Pairs Winners Chris Gray & Anthony Page . R/U Craig Bowler 7 Adrian Mellows
24th July: Open Pairs Through to the final: Paul Baker & Jack Pullen -v- Kiran Rolling & David Fisher
24th July: Pairs Plate Winners Stephen Stockley & Steve Ireland, R/U Stephen Hartley & Chris Gray
25th July: Singles Through to the final: Kieran Rollings -v- Mile Robertson



Final of the DBE Pairs will take place on 30th August 2021 at the Bowls England National Finals at Royal Leamington Spa along with the Mixed Disability Triples. North v South will take place on 29th Aug. Come along and support. Tickets cost £4.00 in advance from the Bowls England web site or £5.00 on the day.

Friendly match round up

2nd July Clevedon Promenade BC -v- DBE

It was a close match involving 2 triples. DBE ended 20 shots to 23 down but Captain of the day Stuart Read was pleased with his team and thanked the club for a lovely game and refreshments.

Liam Tucker, Anthony Page, David Stott. 8-10
Jamie Pugsley, Julie Deverville, Stuart Read 10-15

22nd July Paddock Wood BC -v- DBE

Report by Michelle White

8 DBE bowlers turned out to play the friendly on what was a very hot Thursday afternoon at Paddock Wood. I was delighted to be asked to be captain for the first time in a DBE shirt. I would like to say that we were victorious on this occasion but unfortunately that was not the case and we lost on all three rinks. I would like to thank Club Captain Keith, all the players and volunteers at Paddock Wood who looked after us extremely well.

Mark Pope, Bob Henstridge & Paul Stoner-Lewis.
Steve Harbour, David Webb, Peter Fathers.
Michelle White & Isaac Shieh



To put your name down to play in one of the many friendly matches, or for your club to host a match email: fixtures@disabilitybowlsengland.org.uk

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