



## Chairperson's message



Wow - what a 10 day rollercoaster ride of emotions I had at the commonwealth games not only did Team England come away with 7 medals, we were also able to showcase disability bowls on the world stage - Judy did 4 radio interviews - I also had meeting with the Commonwealth Games Federation Director of para Sports, World bowls Ltd, World Bowls Gold Coast 2023, Commonwealth Games 2026, Sport England, Team England, Bowls New Zealand, Canada, Australia, South Africa and Head Director of Events & show production for CWG Bowls & Para Bowls 2022.

We have had enquires from at least 6 potential new members who having seen the Bowls on the television want to give the game a go themselves, and lots of positive feedback from individuals and clubs about our members, as well as praise from John McGuinness the High Performance Director of Bowls England for their professional attitude and commitment.

I was very lucky to receive every session in the Paid Ticket Ballot and had the pleasure of watching every single bowl our Para Team played, I have shared the high's & lows over the past 18 months and look forward to welcoming and supporting our DBE members in the upcoming Bowls England National Championships and Para Outdoor Home Nations.

I am very honoured and proud to call myself Chairperson of Disability Bowls England

Steve



Disability Bowls England Charity Trust are very pleased to announce that The Avery Healthcare Group have agreed to sponsor the DBE Home Nations Teams for both the Outdoor 2022/23 & Indoor 2023 Championships series plus the DBE National Outdoor Open Pairs Championships 2023

Avery Healthcare is a national care home provider with a portfolio of 59 care homes nationwide, with more new developments in build.

Our philosophy is to give each resident a home and lifestyle that supports their need for care and safety, along with their cherished goals and aspirations. We know that resident well-being and quality of life are more than just the care they receive, but the relationships they develop, their surroundings, interests, and overall stimulation level. Our holistic programmes promote a sense of well-being and enable residents to live in a safe and supportive environment allowing them to flourish, make new friends, maintain contact with their local communities and live a life of possibility. For more information, call 0800 012 9113 [www.averyhealthcare.co.uk](http://www.averyhealthcare.co.uk)  
A big thank you to Kieran Rollings and his family for the introduction

## Helen Lewis Wall

Helen has decided to step down from her position as International Selector and Team Manager with the DBE' After two difficult years and a lot of hard work, she is going out on a high, with the Home Nations Teams great win but also driving the Para Commonwealth Game squad to their recent outstanding performance and showing casing English Para Bowls on the world stage.

Helen has been the unsung member of the team, organiser, chief cheerleader, coach, therapist, had her ear bashed by the moaners, and in charge of keeping the team in order, no mean task!

Helen says' What a journey, I am lucky to have worked with some amazing players and management team. My aim was to help my team reach their potential, Over the last 18 months together we have grown to become a strong team unit. I thank my team for enabling me to become a better manager and a stronger person. We have laughed together, cried together and celebrated together'

Its not just us who think, so social media has been full of praise for her. She has done a fabulous job well done Helen!



# Joan Blaney Pairs—Gedling

## 6/7 August

This years Joan Blaney pairs event took place at Gedling IBC over the first weekend of August, where Maggy and her team of helpers , welcomed seven teams to compete for the trophy which was presented by Joan’s husband Bill.

The games were played on a round robin basis and it was close for the final results, Chris Gray and Colin Wagstaff , who was celebrating getting his formal classification , won five of their games to be crowned the overall winners. But second, place came down to shot difference with Julie Deferville and John Graves and Dave Fisher and Helen Wood having won four games each.

Julie and John just sneaked it. Everyone had a very enjoyable weekend and a big thank you to all the team at Gedling for their support and hard work with this event.





## Upcoming events:

26th August	Final of DBE Open Pairs & Mixed Ability Triples	Royal Leamington Spa
27th August	Final of DBE Open Singles & Maggy Smith North v South game	Royal Leamington Spa
2 to 4th September	Para Home international Series	Clarence Park BC
17 September	DBE Friendly	Connaught Essex
17 September	DBE Friendly	Waddesdon Buckinghamshire
24/25 September	EALABA Nat Indoor Singles	Tamworth IBC
8 October	DBE Presentation and Fun Day	Solihull IBC



### To all our wonderful Volunteers

Without their hard work behind the scenes our events wouldn't happen, so to everyone who has pushed a wheelchair, marked a game, driven someone to a match, made the tea, kept the score or helped in to numerous ways to mention THANK YOU, we can't say it enough.



### Thank you Lindfield BC

On Saturday 6 August Lindfield BC Sussex held their very successful ladies captain charity day.

DBE was the very fortunate beneficiaries this year .



Captain Sue Willmott and her ladies raised over £1600 thank you all very much!

### Friendly games



Sadly this year we have had to cancel some friendly games because we couldn't raise a team which is not only disappointing for us but also lets down the clubs who support the DBE. We have two games in September to fill and one of those is looking doubtful.

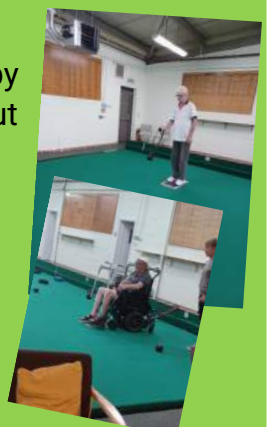
If you are available to play at Connaught Essex or Waddesdon Bucks on 17th September please let me know ASAP

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### SLADE IBC Buckingham Taster Day

On 12th August I was invited along to a Taster Sessions arranged by the Slade IBC, a number of local club attended and enjoyed trying out the equipment and finding out more about the DBE.

One gentleman David, who is recovering from a stroke saw the bowls on television and wanted to give it a try, this was his first time and he loved it . The new Hacksaw bowling arm proved a great success and the participants all agreed they want to do more to be more inclusive at their clubs which is I think we all agree a good thing. Judy





No words needed just some images from the Commonwealth games and our fabulous Para team and their supporters

