

Vardre Bowling Club

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We're Opening

On **Saturday 21st March at 2pm**, (weather permitting) Diane, our new Club President will bowl the first bowl which will declare our new bowling season open.

Last year the weather was so bad we opened and then temporarily closed so that the green could dry out. Let's hope that doesn't happen again. If you can make it and you want, bring along some snacks, a few sandwiches and cakes etc would be appreciated.

How Can I Get Involved

Elaine is now our secretary and, along with other Committee members, hopefully try to steer our club in the right direction and make continual improvements. Members, however, must play a significant role in this process and if you feel that you have an idea or are concerned about any club issue, please contact Elaine or any Committee member so that it can be investigated.



The club may be opening in March but for that to happen a lot of work has been carried out by Ian, Dave L and John B. Our thanks go out to them, but they need help. They cannot manage on their own.

The Committee is looking into the introduction of a watering system and a group led by Marina has met with companies who carry out this type of work. It's not cheap and we know that a grant will be needed to complete the work as we expect it will cost in the region of £20k.

Tommy is not with us anymore and left our club on a free transfer. The good work that he did still needs to be done so please give some thought to how you might be able to help. Planting and weeding etc. is necessary. The club was always awash with colour, and it would be nice to make that happen again. More details on the plans will be given later.

Social Activities



Although we are a bowling club, we still want to give members the opportunity to have other activities. Thursday afternoon Friendlies with other clubs is semi competitive bowling without the pressure of being in a league team. So are the internal club competitions. The Social Group will manage these but also investigate other club

member get-togethers that doesn't involve bowling at all. However, as the weather begins to improve and the dark and wet winter is behind us, we know that bowling will, understandably, take priority and therefore club outings will be kept to a minimum or held in the closed season. Currently we have only one lunch per year and that is at Christmas. If you would like more, we are considering another one at a suitable time but we hope to add in a quiz and a game of bingo to liven up the afternoon. If you're interested let us know and we will make it happen.

The **Darts and Domino** sessions each Tuesday at 2pm have been great so thanks to everyone who came along. Really enjoyable and raised good money for the club. We'll be sorry to see this finish until next year.

After the opening of the club the first competition, set for **Sunday, 29th March**, will be the '**Opening Fours**'. This is the annual doubles game, and the entry form and notice will be on the noticeboard on the opening day. The difference this year is you **must** have your name on the form before the closing date on the form or you will not be able to play. This is so the draw can be done in advance to speed up the process. We will also ensure that the competition will hopefully finish on the same day. If, because of a high number of applicants, it cannot be, the following Thursday will be reserved for the final. This format will apply to all other one-off club competitions but not the Alpha Trophy or Hornby Cup as they take place throughout the season.

Once again, we will be holding our annual '**Charity Day**' it will be held, as usual, in the clubhouse and will take place on **Sunday 5th July**. Do you have a favourite worthwhile charity, if so, let us know so that it can be considered. We will also be looking for good quality raffle prizes. If you have something for us, keep it and we will give more detail soon.

Colwyn Festival

This will again be held this season starting on **26th July with the final on 31st July**. Once again, we will be hosting some games and will need your help. However, this is some time off yet and more details will be given when we know them.

Club Website vardrebowlingclub.com

Have you checked out the QR code system yet? Hold the camera on your phone, show it these squiggles and 'voilà'. Click on the Vardre BC bar and you are there. A great source of information from Diane



If you haven't got round to renewing your club membership, please arrange as soon as possible.

Same cost as last year. £70 for league players and £65 for non-league players

Anyone who can give us a bit of time, the Maintenance team will be at the club, 10am until noon every Monday morning.



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What happened around this date in

1959 Plane crash known as "The Day the Music Died" kills musicians **Buddy Holly**, **Ritchie Valens**, **J. P. Richardson** (aka The Big Bopper), and the pilot near *Clear Lake*, Iowa

1965 Righteous Brothers' music single "You've Lost That Lovin'" hits #1

1977 "Rumours" 11th studio album by **Fleetwood Mac** is released.
