

# Vardre Bowling Club

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### YOUR CLUB

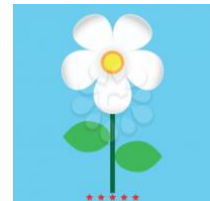


Can't believe its May already and the bowling leagues are now in full swing. Let's hope the nice weather continues and we can all enjoy the hot weather. I say all, but there is one person who wants to see some rain, not because he's a miserable devil, but because of the effect this weather has on the green. We don't all think about this, but Ian does!

Thus, the need for us to install an irrigation system. So, please don't forget how important this is for us and the benefits it will give, not just to the Maintenance team but to all of us. The improvement to the green will be substantial so as the season continues and opportunities arise to raise funds for the club, please support us and help and if you can, get involved. It's reasonable that there is an expectation that all members will contribute to fund raising'.

### Flower Power

It's a risky business writing a Newsletter and mentioning helpful individuals, as you invariably miss someone out. I did in the last one, as Kate gently, thank goodness, reminded me that she is a regular member of the 'flower power team', meeting on a Monday morning. So, apologies to Kate and of course to anyone else I missed. I'm sure it will happen again because, I know, and it's hard to admit, but I don't know everything.



### Social Activities



The Social Group will be meeting to look at how we all can help in our fundraising efforts. If you have any fun ideas, please let us know. We need as many of them as possible to try to make this a gamechanging year,

One of the bigger events we will be holding, probably in September, is a **Race Night**. This will happen and will, I hope, be held at the Llandudno Junction Community Centre (Hotpoint Club). The centre can accommodate 120 people, so that is our target. There will be a buffet and a lot of fun.

These nights are great and we hope that every member will do their best to come along and bring friends and relatives with them. **Does anyone have any experience** in helping to run one of these events because if you do, we need some help. Many, I'm sure, have never been a 'bookie' and as odds have to be worked out and money paid out, any member who has experience, especially this year when we need help, will be our hero. So be a 'Superhero' if you can, please. Let any member of the committee know if you

can help. We will not expect you to wear your underpants on the outside of your trousers 😊. (Unless you want to)

Just another reminder that on **Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> July** we will be holding our Charity Day in the clubhouse. Raffle and tombola prizes are needed so anything nice that you no longer want and we can use would be great. We'll give you regular updates on this,

### COMPETITIONS

The **Opening Fours** was played on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April. 18 players took part and after several rounds the final was between Bob and Bunty and Deb and Tom C. The winners, in a very close game, were Deb and Tom, Deb, who collected the trophy was over the moon and indicated that it would be on her pillow that night. Poor Phil.

### A Cleaner! Do We Really Need to employ a Cleaner

One of our major assets is the clubhouse. It used, probably, every day with hundreds of feet walking in, looking at the noticeboard, getting a drink, socialising and going to the toilet. The cleaning rota sheet on the noticeboard is often devoid of names and believe or not, with 94 paid up members the Committee heard about the possible need to employ a cleaner to keep our clubhouse in the condition we expect and desire. This task is being left to the few who do their best to keep it that way. No names this time! but thanks to them. **Again, we need to ask for help.** If every member gave 1 hour of their time per season, the problem would be solved. Do you really want your membership fee to be spent on a cleaner? especially in the year that we are doing our best to raise money. **PLEASE**, give an hour of your time to help your clubhouse keep its respectability. The rota is on the noticeboard. Thanks.

### First Aid Awareness Course

Marina is arranging a First Aid Awareness Course and we would like to offer this opportunity to any member who is interested. You can never have enough members with first aid knowledge as you never know the moment. Please let Marina know if you would like to have some training and maybe even save someone's life. Be another Superhero.

### Colwyn Festival

This will be held starting on **26<sup>th</sup> July with the final on 31<sup>st</sup> July**. We will be hosting some games and will need your help. However, please check out the noticeboard before that as we are **hosting some league events shortly** and your help is needed, either on the green or to help with refreshments.

### Club Website [vardrebowlingclub.com](http://vardrebowlingclub.com)

Check out the QR code. 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.





We have 94 paid up members.

Our sponsorship through the **Banner Scheme** has not been as successful this year. If you know any local business that might be interested in joining our scheme, please let one of the Committee know so that we can follow it up.

If you need to replace your bowling **clothing kit**, Details are on the noticeboard.

The committee considered adopting a rule that all league players **must play in our club kit colours**. After some deliberation it was agreed that captains would encourage players to wear our club colours.

If you want to join our clubs **WhatsApp Chat Group**, please contact our secretary, Elaine,

**Drinks and Ice Creams.** A big thanks goes out to Bob and Ray. You might not know that they have been supplying all the drinks and ice creams to the club for years. They have now retired. I don't think that we will replace them anytime soon. They are my Superhero's.

**The first Friendly** game was on **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April**. 14 of our members turned up to the Vardre and we played against Eirias Park. It was a great afternoon and, not that it mattered, but it was deemed draw as we had more players than they did. The next one will be held at Rhos on Sea on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May. Please arrive at 1.30pm for team selection and a start of 2pm. Sylvia will be running the show so give her your support.

**.Easyfunding** is a scheme that started at the club some years ago, but lack of interest gave it a back seat. Our current situation calls for as much help as we can get. Register at [easyfunding.org.uk](http://easyfunding.org.uk). Any problems please contact Diane or Mark Ball.

**The Grant application** for the irrigation system is now in thanks to Diane. We now wait, keep our fingers crossed, do not hold your breath though, and wait for the outcome, Marina has been dealing with the planning application and, true to form, Conwy CBC don't make it easy. Everything will eventually be fine but they want you to jump through hoops which obviously slows down the process, but it should not stop anything that has been achieved so far. Good work to all involved.

**The Alpha and Hornby competitions** draw has now taken place and the results are on the notice board. The 1<sup>st</sup> round should be played by the end of May so there is plenty of time to arrange your game. Not many entries to either competition this year but that means that everyone has a better chance of winning. Thanks and good luck to all those who entered



"My therapist told me the way to achieve true inner peace is to finish what I start. So far I've finished two bags of M&Ms and a chocolate cake. I feel better already."

### **What happened around this date in**

1840 "Penny Black," the world's first adhesive postage stamp is issued by the United Kingdom

1889 Exposition Universelle (World's Fair) in Paris opens with the serving as the entrance arch; the lifts in the tower are not ready, so intrepid visitors must climb 1,710 steps to reach the top.

1950 First-ever race of the Formula 1 World Drivers' Championship is run at Silverstone, England, and won by Giuseppe Farina of Italy in an Alfa Romeo