

Vardre Bowling Club

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R.I.P ROGER



Roger Dickinson, a great past club member, died last Thursday in a Nursing Home in Leyland close to where his daughter lives. His wife, Margaret, was also a prominent and active member of the Club and served a term as President

Roger was one of nicest and hardworking members we have had. He was President several times and was very much involved with organising and developing internal club competitions as well as captaining teams over many seasons. In recognition of their club involvement, they were both awarded Life Member status in 2022 after a 20 year membership.

Our condolences go out to Margaret and her family and friends at this sad time.

YOUR CLUB



It wasn't long ago that we complained about the rain and then look what happened recently. The heat, welcomed by some, affected many people, games abandoned and it created a very uncomfortable environment to play in. Will it change? Of course it will, it's Wales. But all this changeable weather played havoc with the green and if you didn't enjoy

the amazing thunderstorm we had recently, be aware that Ian was over the moon. It proved to him that the nightly rain dance that he religiously carried out, worked and he was able to have a lie in.

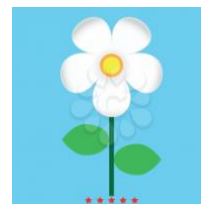
Which brings me on to the irrigation system. Financially, we are doing ok. The fundraising effort is currently at £686 thanks to some individual donations. One of £200, which was anonymous and others of sizeable amounts. A big thanks to you for your generosity.

The administration of the grant and preparation by Diane and Marina is, as you would expect, ongoing but has not been helped by Conwy Planning Department demanding precise technical drawings. An email from Elaine and website details asking for anyone with these skills or knowing anyone with them, would be of tremendous help.

Flower Power

The Monday morning Garden Maintenance Group have recommenced their activities starting at 10am. If you can give a couple hours on a Monday morning, please come along.

Like everything in nature, it keeps growing and that applies to our hedges. Dave L asked for some help to trim them down. None was forthcoming but, as well as it being bird nesting season, the Committee felt that we should explore the cost of cutting them down low but using professionals. This is not really a job for us, and we would not be insured for accidents. More information on this as it develops.



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 game changing year,

There has, however, been a change of plan. It has been agreed to **CANCEL** the idea of a **Race Night**. After investigation it was felt that it could turn out to be a loss making evening if we did not get enough members present. Because it's difficult to predict how many would turn up, together with the cost of room hire and equipment etc, the Committee agreed with the Social Group to cancel the event. We will still be holding the **Fundraising Day on Sunday 5th July from 11am until 3pm**. There will be a £1 entry but tea and biscuits will be available and you can buy food. Maybe the ubiquitous bacon butty will show its face, along with a Raffle, Tombola, Name the Toy, Shan's famous Painting Stall, Games and Jigsaw Stall and hopefully bowls games to add to the fun. All proceeds will go to our club so you will be able see where your money goes.

Do you want a stall on the Day? Let us know. Don't forget to donate prizes please.

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 left to the few who do their best to keep it that way, 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 still 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.

Colwyn Festival

This will be held starting on **26th July with the final on 31st 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

Check out the QR code. Hold the camera on your phone, show it these squiggles, Click on the Vardre BC bar and you will arrive . 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.

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

We're thinking of having a '**Pin Board**' in the clubhouse so that members will be able to sell items. A donation could then be given to the club. Keep your eyes open. We already have some interest.

Take a look at the notice bard for details on the forthcoming **friendly games**

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. Any problems please contact Diane or Mark Ball.

The Alpha and Hornby competitions are underway. Keep your eyes on the noticeboard.

Pens, What Pens! Why is it that every time you try to get a pen or a pencil from the clubhouse pen cage, there are none. I can't tell you how many dozens have been put there, only for them to disappear in days. If you ever find one, which I doubt, please

return it after use. If you find any knocking around in your bowls bag please put them in the cage for other markers to use. It's an old problem that never seems to go away.



**They all laughed
when I said I
wanted to be a
comedian. Well,
they're not
laughing now.**

What happened around this date in

- **1892** Liverpool Football Club is founded
 - **1956** Third-class travel on British Railways ends
 - **1976** Queen's "Bohemian Rhapsody" goes Gold
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