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BRUSH MATTERS



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Remember, remember the 5th of November

Another EXPLOSIVE magazine from Brush Bowls

Firstly, a message from our President Mick McAuliffe.

Hi Everyone

The season may have ended but there's still plenty going on to update you about.

I'm really pleased with the response we have received to the proposed mini-tour planned for next July. To-date 26 members have signed up for the tour which will be based in The Vine Hotel, Skegness. I am currently in discussions with 5 Lincolnshire clubs who have expressed a wish to play matches against us on Friday, Saturday and Sunday during the tour. They will all be talking to their committee members at meetings in the next couple of weeks. Once I get confirmation from them all, we will be able to select the three clubs who seem best equipped to host us in July.

This week I have received confirmation from the Ceredigion County Bowling Association that they would like to play a match against Brush during their proposed tour in June 2021. You may remember that we

were originally due to play this match in June 2020 before the Covid19 pandemic came along. This may be the first time that Brush have played a team from a different country. Those longer-serving members amongst you may know for sure? It's certainly something for us all to look forward to next year especially as I've been told that they've promised to sing for us!

The Brush Night Quiz is back. Unfortunately, due to Covid19, we are unable to run our usual programme of clubhouse quizzes throughout the Winter. However, we won't let that stand in our way. On the original scheduled dates, we now plan to run virtual quizzes using the Zoom platform. We used this format earlier in the year and it all went surprisingly well. So, if you fancy some brain teasing fun, why not join us for the next couple of quizzes on 28th November and 19th December. Everyone is very welcome.

Last month I reported that the council had passed a planning application to allow the basketball court, currently situated in the carpark, to be relocated directly in front of our clubhouse. As expected, a meeting between all interested parties was held at Brush on Wednesday 30th September. During the meeting it was stated that no work will be carried out on the proposed resite of the basketball court until towards the end of the planned new cemetery development, at the earliest. Therefore, the original plans that were passed still stand, for now, but it does buy some extra time to allow further talks to take place. We'll keep you posted.

Well that's all from me for now.

Take Care

Mick McAuliffe

President

Access steps.....

The Membership Survey that was undertaken in September highlighted quite a few issues and ideas that the Committee are now working through. One was a Health & Safety issue relating to entry and exit from the Green. There is a bit of a step down to the playing surface and this was proving difficult for some members. You may remember that in last months 'Brush Matters' our Presidents opening message made mention of a grant we have secured for steps to ease entry and exit from the green and I am pleased to say they have now arrived. Our own 'Bob the Builder' AKA Brian Bentley has assembled the steps and they are ready to go for next season.



Our thanks go to the English Bowling Association Charity Trust for the grant that enabled this purchase.



Bowls England have started the process of planning the Bowls program for the 2022 games. The host city is Birmingham but the venues being used for the Games stretch from Coventry to Royal Leamington Spa in the east to Cannock Chase Forest in the north west of the region.

The Games start on 28th July 2022, running through to 8th August 2022.

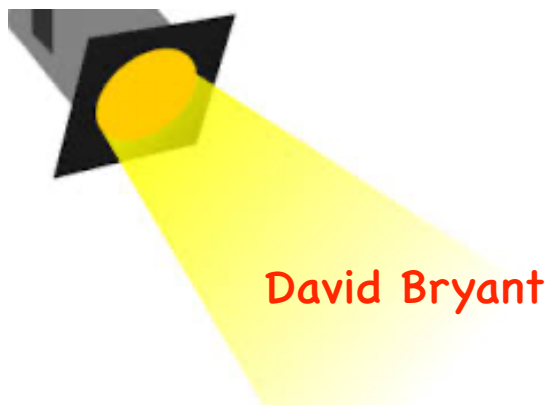
Bowls England have announced that Alistair Hollis has been appointed as Team England's Lawn Bowls Team Leader for the 2022 Commonwealth Games.

Alistair will act as the liaison with Commonwealth Games England (CGE) on key areas of team preparation including playing kit, maximising home advantage, accommodation, anti-doping and safeguarding education.

During the Games, he will provide logistical support on behalf of our selected team including scheduling, communications and transport.

The Bowls Games will be played at Victoria Park, Royal Leamington Spa. You can sign up to the Bowls England Newsletter, via their website to get information on ticket and volunteering opportunities. You can also register your interest in tickets at www.birmingham2022.com Tickets are expected to go on sale at the end of 2020 or early 2021.

In the Spotlight.....



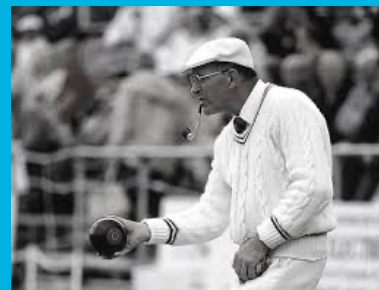
Sadly, the world of bowls lost David Bryant in August this year.

He was universally recognised as the greatest bowls player that ever lived.

Clevedon was the town where he was born and bred, and where he took up bowls as a teenager in the 1940's. And it was as a member of the Clevedon Bowls Club at the top of Chapel Hill that he amassed the vast number of trophies at international level.

He won the world outdoor singles title three times, the world outdoor triples title once, and claimed five gold medals (four of them in the singles) at the Commonwealth Games between 1962 and 1980. He also teamed up with Tony Allcock, who recently retired as CEO of Bowls England, to win the world indoor pairs title six times.

At national level, he was England singles champion outdoors on six occasions, and won the England indoor singles title nine times. He also won the national outdoor fours title four times, the triples and pairs three times apiece.

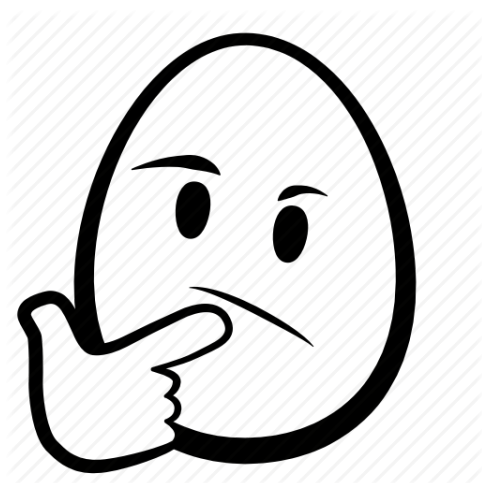


He was awarded the MBE in 1969, and the CBE in 1980, but perhaps the honour that he most treasured came when he was installed as Pipeman of the Year. Even millions of people who know nothing about bowls, but who caught a glimpse of the sport on TV in the 1980's, will remember him affectionately as 'The Man with the Pipe'.

A keen fisherman, rose-grower, and a dedicated family man, David Bryant enthusiastically endorsed the idea that bowls is a sport with high standards of behaviour, was well known for his good sportsmanship, and, when he lost, always did so with grace.

Bowls was in his blood and in the words of the great man himself
"Bowls is a young man's game which old men can play" "I'm not an athlete, more a gymnast and golfer soldered together".

Quiz night returns



For all you eggheads out there I can announce that the **Brush Zoom Quiz is back**. The event will be once a month on the following dates:

Saturday 24th October

Saturday 28th November

Saturday 19th December

Start time 7.00pm.

Put the dates and time in your diaries.

Messrs McAuliffe and Chambers will be your host and quiz master.

Please advise Pete Chambers on:

07905 339804 or at pchambers7@hotmail.com

if you wish to compete, so that a zoom invite can be arranged.

Who do you think you are

This month see a slightly different slant on this feature. In the immortal words of Eamonn Andrews**Pete Chambers** **THIS IS YOUR LIFE**so far....

Pete was a war-time baby born in Leicester in October under the star sign of Libra. Those born under the sign of the scales are diplomatic, natural peacemakers with a fair sense of justice. They are clever, professional and strong leaders. Being ruled by Venus, they are charming, loving & romantic. They thrive on making things orderly. They hate being alone as they have a very social personality. As in the song, being an optimist they 'ALWAYS LOOK ON THE BRIGHT SIDE OF LIFE'. I think that describes our Pete very well.



Pete's early life was spent in Leicester. In his time Pete has run a betting shop and been a school bursar. A highlight for him was joining the Prudential - the man from the Pru! In 1985 due to promotion with the Prudential he moved to Sheffield.

Pete married Sheila in 1966, World Cup year, and what a year. They have three children, in Pete's words, one of each! And 6 grandchildren.

The Scouting Movement has been a very important part of Pete's life since 1988 and he rose to the dizzy heights of District Commissioner. So dyb dyb dyb, dob dob dob, which are abbreviations for Do Your Best and Do Our Best.



In 2007 Pete was honoured by the Queen. He was awarded the MBE for Services to Scouting in Sheffield. He received the honour at Buckingham Palace from The Queen.



Whilst sport has always featured in Pete's activities, he doesn't claim greatness in any of the sports he's played, except for darts. He was President of a Junior Football Club in Sheffield which fielded 12 teams.

Pete and Sheila love cruising to different parts of the world. To-date they've been on about 35. They like to go to the warmer climates, but exceptions have been Antarctica and seeing the Northern Lights in the Arctic.



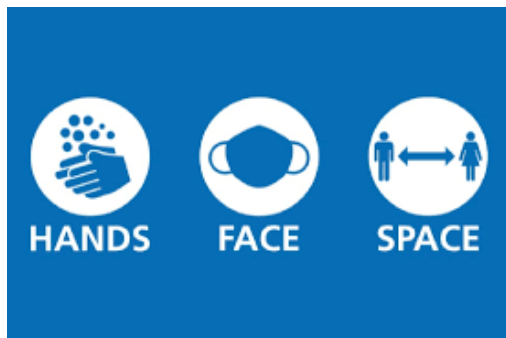
Peter and Sheila moved to Loughborough to be nearer their family. They joined the U3A and through this Pete joined Brush Bowls Club in 2015. Pete is one busy man. He is Treasurer of Bowls Loughborough, Chair of Loughborough & District Scouts and Treasurer of Loughborough Bowls Tourists. In 2016 he became Events Manager for Brush Bowls Club, and in his words 'is still doing a most enjoyable job, seeing Club Members having a good time'.



This month's Birthday boy is **Mick Burrow**

So, a very happy Birthday to him, have a great day.

Covid 19 update.....



As we now hit the second wave of the pandemic, it is clear that restrictions have had to be tightened in certain parts of the country. For us, currently the Rule of 6 applies, along with social distancing and face coverings. This puts us in tier 1 Medium risk. We will continue to update you as we get any further information from the Bowls associations or government.

As always, the Committee will keep you informed of developments as we go through the closed season. Let's hope the winter is a short one and we get some sort of normality to start 2021. Have an enjoyable, but safe bonfire night, however, you plan to celebrate.

