



Dunblane Bowling Club

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Snapshots from lockdown

With the lack of bowls news, readers might be interested in what fellow Club members have been doing during this period of enforced isolation.

Galen Milne has used the time profitably to renovate a Volkswagen camper van he acquired recently.

Laura MacKintosh has continued working as a nurse in the cardiology department of Forth Valley Royal Hospital. Staff numbers in the department have been drastically cut with colleagues transferred to other duties, but so have admissions. Laura advises that we shouldn't be reticent about going to our GP with any non-corona health issues; the system is still able to cope.

Although Tilly Tearoom has been closed, **Carol Thomson** has been at her place of work helping to prepare soup and baking for folk who attend the Dunblane dementia café.

Graham Russell has grown a veritable orchard (is that the collective noun?) of tomato plants; see more below about buying some of Graham's plants.

After a period in hospital with corona virus, plus complications, **George Scott** is back home and recuperating. All the best, George; hope to see you back soon.



Tomato plants at a bargain price!

Graham Russell has grown 35 tomato plants initially intended to be sold at opening day in support of club funds. They will now be available for purchase, for only £1 each, in the Club car park this Friday, 15th May, between 10 and 11am. If you'd like to purchase one or more plants, please email your requirements to dunblanebowlingclub@btconnect.com and then turn up on Friday to purchase them.

Ronnie McNeil, Club President in 2002-3 has accepted an invitation from the Committee to become an Honorary House Member in recognition of his long association with, and contribution to, the Club.

Thank you!

The Club Committee is very grateful to the great majority of members who have shown their support of the Club by paying their membership fees this year.

This helps considerably in ensuring the Club can go forward on a secure financial basis once bowling is able to resume.



Bowls Scotland have issued on-going advice to clubs as we continue with lockdown as a result of the coronavirus epidemic. You can read their statement published on 11th May here.

Over 73% of Scottish bowling clubs responded to Bowls Scotland's survey about the future needs of clubs once we are clear of the epidemic. You can read more [here](#).

Despite the green not being used for bowling, it has still required maintenance and attention. We are grateful to Donald Dawson, Keith Brown and others for ensuring the green looks in great condition. If only we could bowl on it!

The recently-replaced green edges have needed regular attention to avoid them drying out in this period of sunny weather.

In addition, Andy Burn has strimmed the grass banking and Eric Simpson, using his own home-made scythe, has cleared the jungle of brambles from behind the clubhouse.



The cleared area behind the clubhouse



Maintaining the margins



Pauline Latham, MP for Mid-Derbyshire, suggested in the House of Commons last week that were restrictions on exercise to be lifted by the Prime Minister at the weekend there was one sport that should immediately be re-started: bowls. Across the country, she suggested, village greens could be soon be filled once again with white-clad bowlers playing the game of Sir Francis Drake. Easily adapted to adhere to social distancing advice, this, she added, is as safe a sport as any.

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