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**WELCOME** to the latest edition of your favourite newsletter. I promise there will be no mention of the American Election, or the budget. The aim of this newsletter is to focus on good news. ....Enjoy.

# NEW HERRINGTON BOWLING CLUB NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2024 EDITION 34

## PRESENTATION DINNER & CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Presentation Dinner/Christmas Party is organised, our grateful thanks to Colin for pulling it all together. The venue is **THE STACKYARD, NEW HERRINGTON, DH4 4NB.**

We would ask everyone to arrive between 6:45 & 7:00pm. **Prize donations for the raffle would be much appreciated.**

The evening will commence with presentations to all our competition winners & runners up. We have invited our local councillor, Mel Spedding, to present the trophies. The buffet will be served after the prize giving and there will be vegetarian and gluten free options. **When you reply please ensure to advise us of any dietary requirements.**

### BUFFET MENU

- Roast Beef Dips & Roasties
- Pie / Quiche
- Selection of Sandwiches
- Sausage Rolls / Cocktail Sausages
- Crisps / Pickles / Salad / Coleslaw

There will also be bingo and a raffle for just £1 per ticket Following on from the bingo etc there will be a disco and dancing. I have seen the playlist and I have no doubt you will be tapping your feet, singing along and making some stunning moves. All that remains is for you to confirm to me by text / email / phone / pigeon that you are coming, and the names of everyone you are bringing.

Please pay direct to the club bank account using reference

### BANK DETAIL

**LLOYDS**  
Sort Code: 30 99 50  
Account: 56801060  
Name: New Herrington Bowling Club

"PARTY" it is just £15 per head. **Your early commitment would be appreciated** so we can keep a tab on numbers

## **A few words from our Chairman:**

First of all I would just like to say a big thank you to Barry for pulling together yet another addition of our Club Newsletter - always a great read, very informative and I might be biased but I think it helps to perfectly capture the spirit of our club!

This month has seen the club roll out our first structured coaching sessions which have been held at Houghton Indoor Sports Centre. Interest to date has been fantastic - 30 players in fact - so much so that the 1st and 2nd three week programmes were fully subscribed and only a handful of places now remain for the 3rd programme roll out. I would like to place on record my thanks to HIBC's Mal, Joan and Margaret for your continued support in providing the indoor facilities for the programme. Our Club Captain Colin and myself have really enjoyed delivering the sessions and the feedback we have both received has been really positive.

Finally, we are only weeks away from our annual Club Presentation night and I'm sure a great night will be had by all celebrating everything that is great about our club - see you all there - mine's a Carling Black Label thank you. **Chris**

### COFFEE & CAKE

Our "Coffee & Cake" afternoons have proved very popular recently, and it is really good to see some new faces and hopefully new members. It is an ideal opportunity to come along and meet or make friends.

**BOARD  
INN**

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Secretary: Barry Thomas

**YOUR COMMITTEE**

Safeguarding: Les Todd

Treasurer: Lorraine Galley

Chairman: Chris Blake

Maintenance: Howard Smith

Captain: Colin Watson

Facilities: Linda Watson

**The Wick (or Herrington Glide) We learn a bit about LES TODD**



Les with his wife Jan

For some reason I was born in Newcastle even though my parents lived in Sunderland. However, despite this early set back in life, I have red and white blood running through my veins.

I attended Southmoor when it was a boys only school. I decided to study law at university, and eventually qualified as a solicitor.

In my early days in private practice dealing in criminal matters, it is fair to say I have dealt with some naughty boys and girls. In all honesty, I could write a book. The case that still makes me laugh today, was when I acted for a delightful young lady who had been jointly charged with her boyfriend, with a spot of burglary. Her name was Deidre Duck. (you could not make it up) In Court, the solicitor's behind me were going " quack quack" . There was no way I was going to get up and say I was acting on behalf of Miss Duck!! Thinking quickly on my feet I stood up and said "Your worships I act on behalf of the co- accused in this matter" . Matters dramatically took a turn for the worse when our Deidre decided to use somewhat fruity and colourful language. She was immediately sent to the cells for contempt of court. I felt like saying to her "Look Deidre me old duck such language is strictly not allowed". Back in court, the profanity's continued, and she attempted to escape from the dock . It will come as no surprise that

she was sent straight to jail, did not pass go, and did not collect her £200.

The Duck theme seemed to be a common feature of my criminal career. I prosecuted for drink driving, Keith Harris of Orville the Duck fame. My plea to the magistrates to impose a life sentence on Orville sadly fell on stony ground. Sick of a life of crime, I decided to enter commerce, and for most of my working life I was Legal Counsel and Company Secretary of the Newcastle Building Society.

I met my wife Jan at salsa dancing. To this day, I have no idea why I went there, as I have three left feet. Clearly she was impressed by my mambo, cucaracha, and rumba, and we got married in 2013. Our honeymoon was on a Strictly Come Dancing cruise, where Jan got to meet her bestie Craig Revil Horwood. He is a really nice guy in real life.

We love to travel. We were in Japan earlier this year which was a fantastic experience. Our travels have not always gone smoothly. Once in Alicante airport we needed to go upstairs. The escalators were not working, so we decided to walk up them. half way up they decided to work, but unfortunately we were walking up, but the escalator was going down. It was like a challenge from the Krypton Factor. A challenge that unfortunately we failed. I am surprised it was not an internet sensation on Tik Tok .

I am a proud dad to two great daughters Jennifer and Faye. Our beautiful granddaughter Rebecca is 2 in January, and there is another baby on the way, which we are so delighted about. I also have a step daughter Donna, step grand children Louise, Jack , Adam ,and not forgetting Chloe, and we all get on very well.

We have only been playing bowls for around three years and it is a fantastic friendly club. There are at least 11 married couples which is a great achievement. There is nothing better than playing in a match on a warm summers night, and then retiring to the Board Inn for a post match analysis.

For the next edition I nominate Trish Thompson.



**BIRTHDAYS**

We send warmest good wishes to the following members who have birthdays in November & December

- Linda Watson 4/11
- Ryan Lowes 25/11
- Barry Thomas 27/11
- Sue Goldsmith 6/12
- James Harland 6/12
- Trish Thompson 24/12

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