



# NEWSLETTER



## Melton & District Indoor Bowls Club Limited

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### **Charity Box Donations**

I am delighted to report that club members have donated over £1,200 to the charity boxes within the club.

The donations were as follows ;

“Wish Upon A Star” - £630.00.

“Help for Heroes” - £319.10

The Laura Centre - £260.00.

The money has been sent to each of the above charities on behalf of our members, and will make a difference to the work of each of these worthy charities. Well done and thank you to everyone that contributed.

### **Reg. Freeman**

It is with much sadness that I report the loss of one of the clubs characters. Reg. was a founder member, a former Director and Team Captain, and long time supporter of the club. He represented the club many times in friendly matches and was a regular member of the Melton Inter-league team.

He also spent many years as Competition Secretary, and Presentation Night was always an event not to be missed, with Reg.

acting as M.C., because he kept everyone on their toes and well behaved. Offenders risked suffering public humiliation due to his dry sense of wit and comedy.

Reg. was loved by many and will be dearly missed by all who knew him. We send sincere condolences to his wife Margaret, his children Julie and Johnny, and all the Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren.

### **Margaret Tempest**

We have lost another member, who played a significant part in the clubs development over the past decade or so, Margaret Tempest passed away in the early hours of Wednesday 18th July.

Margaret was a former Director with the specific role of Company Secretary, responsible for all legal matters relating to the business of the company.

She retired three years ago but has not been in the best of health for the past two years following a stroke and then other complications.

Margaret was very dedicated to the business and always gave her best effort. She will be sadly missed by many people involved with her over the years. She

passed away in St. Mary's Hospital in Melton.

We send our sincere condolences to Margaret's husband Don and all the family.

### **Keith Simons**

Keith passed away suddenly on Thursday 28th June. He worked tirelessly for twenty years as the Junior Club Coach and Co-ordinator, until he retired following changes to the structure of the Junior Club three years ago.

We send sincere condolences to Keith's wife Anne and all the family.

### **Membership**

Immediately following the membership renewal date of 31st March 2018, our membership numbers were down around one-hundred. Since then we have recovered about forty percent of these but we still have a significant shortfall in numbers. It is therefore imperative that we give all the support we can to the Mission 650 group over the next twelve months.

The Mission 650 Team has asked if I could mention in the July Newsletter, our "Family and Bring a Friend Day". This has been booked for Sunday 12th August 2018, between 10am and 4pm.

With membership dropping it is hoped that this day will encourage current members to think of a family member or friend who would enjoy an introduction to the game of bowls. In the event of them successfully taking up membership, the current member could then earn themselves a £10 voucher to be spent within the Club.

If anyone has a query or needs further information, they should contact either Mick or Cheryl Rawle on 01664-854691.

### **Rainwater System Project**

You will have seen the activity on the North-East side of the building, where a new rainwater handling system is being installed.

The purpose of this is to separate the collection of rainwater from each side of the building to reduce the risk of water entering the building during very heavy storm conditions.

The work will take around two weeks to complete which includes some building work alongside the steps up to the road on that side of the building. During this work, access will be limited to one side of the steps only, so please take care.

### **Main Access Doors**

The proposed project to undertake work to improve the main building entrance has been approved by the Fire Service, so we will shortly be going out to tender. We needed to get permission from them as to whether or not that entrance should be considered as an emergency exit or not.

They have confirmed that the existing size and number of fire exits present in the building, without considering the main entrance, is more than adequate for our building, given the number of people likely to be present at any one time.