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# The Great Train Robbery of 1963:

This month marks the 60th anniversary of the Great Train Robbery, one of Britain's most notorious crimes which continues to provoke fascination.

Those connected to the train robbery were a 15-strong gang of thieves, crooks and conspirers.

The most famous member is Ronnie Biggs, who escaped from London's Wandsworth prison in 1965.

Bruce Reynolds planned the robbery and, as a result, has become one of the most notorious criminals in British history.

Also involved were:

- Ronald Edwards: believed to have wielded the instrument used to hit the train driver over the head. In 1994, he was found hanged in a garage.
- Charles Wilson: was in charge of splitting the loot between the robbers. Wilson was nicknamed "the silent man" because he refused to say anything. He was shot and killed in 1990.
- Roy James: served 12 years in prison before being imprisoned again in 1993 for assaulting his wife and her father. He died shortly after being released.
- Brian Field: made the arrangements for the farmhouse hideout that was used immediately after the robbery. He died in a car crash in 1979.
- Gordon Goody: jailed for 30 years and moved to Spain after release.
- James Hussey: served 30 years in jail and later opened a restaurant in London's Soho.
- Roger Cordrey: jailed for 20 years, serving 14 on appeal.
- James White: Spent three years on the run before being caught and sentenced to 18 years.
- Bobby Welch: Served 30 years in prison and was released in 1976.



- Bill Boal: After being caught with £141,000, Boals was charged with receiving stolen goods and jailed for 24 years. Reynolds claimed Boals was not involved in the robbery.
- John Wheeler: A solicitor who was convicted of conspiring to pervert the course of justice.
- Leonard Field: Served 25 years in prison.

What happened to the Great Train Robbers? Most of them have now died.

Biggs decided to return to Britain to face arrest after becoming very ill. He died in December 2013 at a care home in East Barnet, London.

After being released from prison, Reynolds published Autobiography of a Thief in 1995 before dying in February 2013.

Edwards returned to selling flowers outside Waterloo station after being released but was found hanged in 1994.

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## *Alan Dicks Friendlies*

### Outdoor Friendly Season 2024

This is to update all club members on the state of play of outdoor friendlies 2024.

To date there have been 6 matches, 4 at home and 2 away.

Chard (H) 30 April played 4 triples Won 91-53

Wellington (H) 05 May played 4 triples Lost 55-57

Uffculme (A) 12 May played 5 triples Won 90-66

Porlock (H) 01 June played 5 triples Won 110-71

Uffculme (H) 30 June played 5 mixed triples Lost 72-81

Axminster (A) 14 July played 4 triples Won 65-49

Due to insufficient interest 3 matches have been cancelled.

Severalls (A) 04 June and they cancelled the return fixture.

Tiverton West End (A) 29 June

Bridgwater (H) 07 July

This has meant there has been a loss of income for the club.

To try to ensure there are no more cancellations due to lack of numbers please look at the board and put your name up and encourage everyone else to do so. It is at this friendly level that you gain experience while in a supportive and friendly atmosphere.

### Upcoming fixtures are as follows

Sunday 28 July Tiverton West End (H) 4 triples 2.30 start

Friday 9 August Wellington (A) 4 triples 2.30 start

Sunday 11 August Axminster (H) 4 triples 2.00 start

Tuesday 13 August Yeovil (H) 3 triples 2.30 start

Monday 19 August Masons Friendly (H) 4 rinks 2.30 start

Thursday 22 August Chelmsford BC tour (H) 6 rinks 2.00 start

Monday 26 August Winsley BC tour (H) 4 rinks 1.30 start

We look forward to seeing you, happy bowling

**Alan and Eddie**



## Hello all

There appears to be fewer teams entered for the winter indoor leagues this coming season compared to last season.

We know there has been some changes with those that have traditionally entered a team.

In order to make the leagues more viable the original submission date has been extended. If anyone is interested in managing a team but is unsure of what is involved then support is available.

## OR

If you are a player looking for the experience of playing in league teams please put your name on the sheet opposite the notice board and indicating which leagues you would be interested in or contact the league committee.

**Bob Standing**      **07918 166084**

**Alan Dicks**        **07837 536774**

**Eddie Simpson**    **07760 483705**

**Guy Beale**



## Indoor bowling news

We have only had two indoor matches recently and one was against Taunton Vivary away and the second was against Stour Vale at home, where we lost 35 to 49. We had three triples in the Taunton match and it proved to be a match of large margins, losing by 10 on one rink, losing by 20 on the second rink and winning by 10 on the third. We have the return friendly at home coming up on Wednesday the 7th August. The sheet is up on the board so check if you are available and if you would like to play please put your name down. Newer bowlers are also welcome to put their names on the list. If you are not sure or if you have any questions at all then please ask Anita or Tony and we will be only too happy to help.

We have also introduced colour coding on the notice board, which we hope will make things a little easier. Indoor matches will be on blue paper and outdoor matches on green paper.

Looking ahead we have the Crockford Cup and the Blackbrook shield on Sunday the 18th August. There will be an outdoor and an indoor competition run on a round robin basis followed by tea. Full details are on the notice board in the club entrance. Do have a look next time you are down at the club and put your name down.

Best wishes and happy bowling,

**Anita and Tony ( indoor captains )**



## Subscriptions

It is that time of the year again when we have to ask you for your subscriptions for the coming year. Many of you who were at the AGM will remember that the fees changed, and the members voted to increase them after hearing about our huge increase in fuel bills, like we all have. Our gas bill has gone from £7000 in April 2023 to £30000 in April 2024, yes, thirty thousand pounds so far this year.

The membership is payable by 1<sup>st</sup> September 2024 and due to members requests we will now take payments by BACS using the details which are on the form.

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Please complete a renewal form which are in a box next to the office and hand it in to reception.

Other payments can be made by completing the renewal form and paying preferably by card. Cash can still be used but it does cost the club more when banking cash.

Thanking you in anticipation for your prompt payments.

**Mike Westlake - Membership Services Director**

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Welcome two new sponsors of our Winter Leagues. Vision Tours who operate from Wellington and Wiltshire. Anyone organising coach trips they 're your first option! There's a discount for any days they are not already booked up. Give them a call on 01823 729 333.

Ambrose Autos have also taken up the opportunity. We are still looking for one of two others so please let Mark Reeve know if you have a lead.....just £36!

**Mark Reeve**

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## *Vacancies*



### **Bar Staff Required**

What you'll do

- greet customers and create a welcoming atmosphere
- use a till to take orders and payments
- handle cash
- serve drinks at the bar or at the table
- keep the bar clean and well stocked
- give advice on drinks to suit customers' tastes
- collect glasses and wash up

**Contact Ann Beale if interested, (your club needs volunteers).**



### **Cashier Required**

Cashier Duties

- Count money from bar, reception and vending machines on a two week cycle which is stored in the safe
- Print and record totals of bar, reception and vending machines
- Bank fortnightly

**Contact Ann Browning if interested, (your club needs volunteers).**

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## Safeguarding

I completed the Coach Bowls Safeguarding Adults Module in July and the following is an overview.

Adult Safeguarding aims to Prevent harm and reduce risk of abuse and neglect to adults and

safeguard adults in a way to support them to make their own decisions.

Promote and approach to improve lives for adults with vulnerabilities.

Raise public awareness so people play their part in preventing, identifying and responding to abuse or neglect.

Provide information and support to help people understand the different types of abuse and how to stay safe.

It was stated that being vulnerable or having vulnerabilities are usually prior to being classed as an adult at risk. Vulnerabilities make an individual more likely to be abused and therefore at risk. Being vulnerable does not have to be forever and statistics indicate

25% of people are vulnerable at any one point in time.

Vulnerabilities include financial problems, poverty. Physical illness or disability, alcohol or substance abuse or dependency, mental wellbeing and mental health difficulties, sensory loss (particularly sight and hearing), learning difficulties and neurodiversity (autism, ADHA, dyspraxia, dyslexia).

An analogy for safeguarding is driving a car -having safeguarding in place is like having the MOT, tax an insurance and being proactive. Safeguarding protection of adults at risk is the airbag going off and reacting to something that has happened.

I ask you to consider the questions we were asked

- 1) Why do you play bowls?
- 2) Do you feel safe playing bowls at your club?
- 3) Would a new member feel safe?



### SAFEGUARDING

Some types of abuse can be prevalent at a bowls club, examples discussed are as follows

Physical violence – a punch up on the green, slamming doors and throwing things if losing.

Psychological abuse – humiliation of a player by another, bullying is peer to peer, abuse is where one has a position of power over another e.g. skip to other team players, an experienced player to a new player.

Financial/Material abuse – compulsory raffle, partner controlling finances.

Discriminatory abuse – selection procedures, women serving tea and washing up afterwards.

Sexual abuse – kissing rather than shaking hands at the end of a game.

Organisational abuse – are the correct procedures in place, just because its always been done that way does not necessarily make it right.

Who is most vulnerable?

Tracey a 24-year-old girl with Downs Syndrome, who is living independently and volunteers in an area of deprivation and gang related crime.

OR

Ben a 24-year-old man in hospital recovering from surgery who has requested a drink and requires assistance but no one has responded.

A few facts

During 2022-23 587,965 safeguarding concerns were raised – a 9% increase on the previous



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*Coaching*

## **Join us Outdoors for some Practice and Coaching**

Every Thursday from 2 to 4pm we will be holding practice and coaching session, all abilities, from Beginner to experienced, welcome.

The aim is to have 1 or 2 coaches available to run meaningful practice. Such as drawing to rest out a wood sat on the jack, promote a short wood and of course, driving at the head.

We will be also available to coach on improving your deliver, finding the line, reading the head and improving consistency, or anything else you wish to improve on.

No need to book, just turn up.

**LETS HAVE SOME FUN!!!**

**Starts 20<sup>th</sup> of June.**

**Any questions ring Rod**

**07745708658**



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*Competitions*

## The CROCKFORD CUP (**Outdoors**) and BLACKBROOK SHIELD (**Indoors**) Competitions

Sunday 18th August 2024

### The Detail:

12.30pm – Open for payment (**cash only**)

1.15pm – Photographs

1.30pm – Bowling commences

**Each team will play 4 matches of 5 ends**

Number of Entrances will determine team sizes and format

Dress Code – Club Shirt and Greys

Tea will be served after all matches have been completed.

**A raffle will be held for the President's Charity – Any prizes gratefully received.**

### Cost

**£8 for Bowlers;**

**£5 for Supporters / Spectators who require Tea.**

**If you would like to play please put your name on the sheets displayed on  
the board in the Reception Area.**

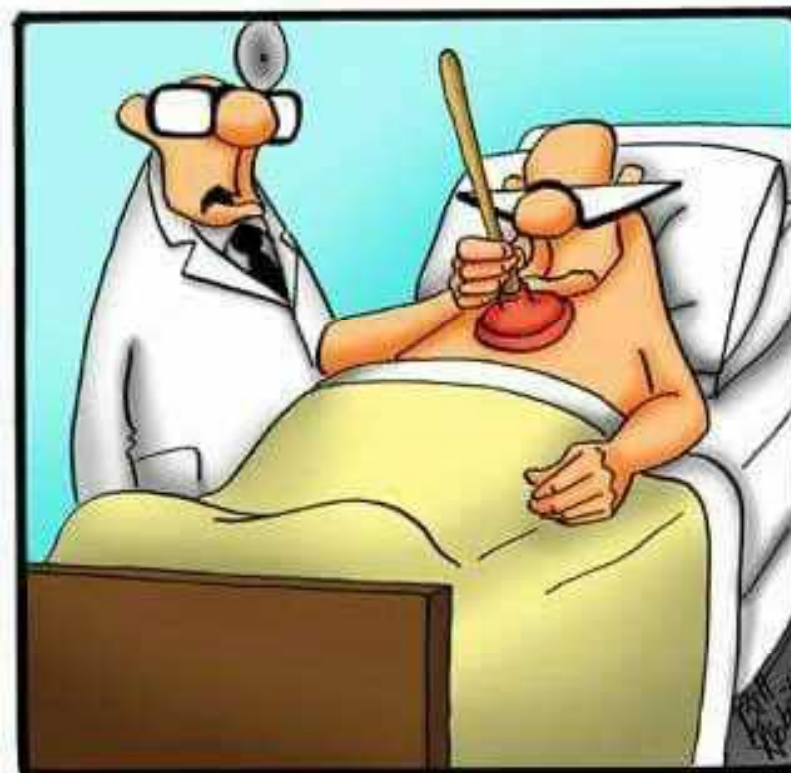
Supporters / Spectators, please also add your name to the separate list if you  
require refreshments.

**Closing date for Entry - Sunday 11th August 2024**

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## Humour



"Pump vigorously if you feel a palpitation. We're still battling with your insurance company for a better pacemaker."



"I try to eat healthy. I never sprinkle salt on ice cream. I only eat decaffeinated pizza and my beer is 100% fat-free."



"Good news - you're on top of the list for a new liver. Bad news - we need both of your kidneys to pay for it. And you're on the bottom of that list."



"How do you know this isn't the button for the nurses' station?"

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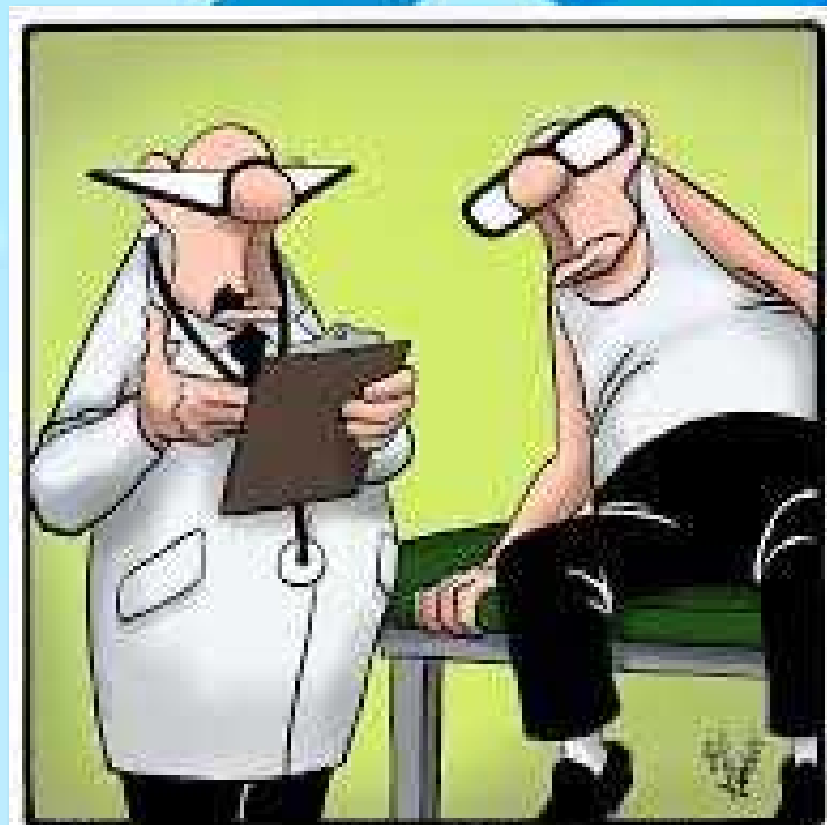
## Humour



"Your green pills are all gone. Do you wanna take a blue and a yellow?"



"Look, as soon as a private room becomes available, you'll get one."



"High sodium, high cholesterol, lots of toxins - your blood test is remarkably similar to a potato chip."



"Of course your operation is 'absolutely necessary.' Without it, I don't get a summer vacation."

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## Music

# Music was my FIRST Love

Whitesnake is the seventh studio album by English rock band Whitesnake, released on 23 March 1987 by Geffen Records in the US, and by EMI Records in the UK one week later. It was co-written and recorded for over a year in what would be the first and final

collaboration between vocalist David Coverdale and guitarist John Sykes, the final album to feature longtime bassist Neil Murray and the only album with drummer Aynsley Dunbar. The album, besides its commercial success, is remarkable for the band's change to a more modern glam metal look and sound,<sup>[a]</sup> and the first recording to use the band's new logo which would characterise them in the future. This, for me, cemented my digital creativity in graphic arts and enquired my mind towards communication in the arts which became a separate entity in graphic design know as visual art and communication.

The band's new logo and cover artwork was worked on by Coverdale and a Canadian graphic artist Hugh Syme. Based on Coverdale's idea, he says "I worked with a fine, graphic design artist called Hugh Syme... a Canadian chap... Very gifted... We connected on a very positive, creative level... I discussed with him all the elements I wanted to have in the presentation...a new logo...an emblem, a Celtic, runic style amulet that looked ancient, like it had been here forever, but, still maintained immense power... All the symbols within the emblem represent only positive energies... Sun, Moon... fertility... Yes... a little 'humpty dumpty' in there, too... check out the interlocking snakes... they are Definitely getting to know each other! But, no negatives... no black magic nonsense... It seemed to work..."

Initially the album was released worldwide with different titles, tracklists and by different record labels. In Europe and Australia, it was titled 1987 and included two extra songs absent from the North American version, "Looking for Love" and "You're Gonna Break My Heart Again", while in Japan the album was released as Serpens Albus with the North American tracklist. The 20th and 30th anniversary remastered reissues have a common tracklist, including the additional tracks.

# WHITESNAKE



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The album was a critical and commercial success around the world, eventually selling over 8 million copies in the US alone and thus being certified 8x Platinum by Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA) in February 1995. It peaked at No. 2 on the US Billboard 200 for ten non-consecutive weeks, barred from the top spot by three different albums, including Michael Jackson's *Bad*, and was more weeks in the Top 5 than any other album in 1987. Whitesnake was the band's highest-charting album in the US and peaked at No. 8 on the UK Albums Chart.

Four songs were released as official singles, "Still of the Night", "Here I Go Again '87", "Is This Love", "Give Me All Your Love ('88 Mix)", and one as a promotional single, "Crying in the Rain '87". Among them, "Here I Go Again" and "Is This Love" are the band's most successful charting hits, topping the Billboard Hot 100 at number one and two respectively. The album's success in the US boosted its predecessor, *Slide It In* (1984), from Gold to double Platinum status by RIAA, and would see the band receive a nomination at the 1988 Brit Awards for Best British Group and at the American Music Awards of 1988 for Favourite Pop/Rock Album.

The supporting tour for *Slide It In* came to an end in January 1985, when Whitesnake played two shows at the Rock in Rio festival in Brazil. After the band's performance at the last show, drummer Cozy Powell left the group.<sup>[10]</sup> After almost ten years since David Coverdale had started his solo career and formed Whitesnake, he was actually about to fold the band. However, executives at Geffen Records asked Coverdale to continue working with guitarist John Sykes, as they saw potential in the two. Whitesnake had previously signed with Geffen for distribution in the US and Canada only, while in Europe they remained with EMI.

**Steve Browning**

To listen to Whitesnakes Greatest hits click the link below.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ppHYSrHIADg&list=PLugrX8OxqKWVieP4GDBmIXEbVrLNGnKdP>



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