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Test
Day

June 1, 1935 — There were about one and a half million cars on the roads of Britain in 1934, but despite the low number, more than 7,000 people were killed in road accidents. Something had to be done, and it was.

Parliament decided that anyone driving a car had to prove they could do it safely and the first compulsory driving test was introduced on 1st June, 1935. Those who had not passed the test were required to display L (for learner) plates on their vehicle.

The test lasted about half an hour and cost seven shillings and sixpence (37.5 pence in today's money).

As well as an ability to manoeuvre the car correctly, candidates had to answer questions about the Government's Highway Code booklet, to pass an eyesight test by reading a nearby number plate and to display knowledge of a range of hand signals, many cars not being equipped with electronic indicators.

It seems that the test achieved its purpose, deaths caused by road accidents falling by 1,000 within a year of its introduction. The figure of around 6,000 still seems astronomical, though, given that on today's highly congested UK roads, the annual death toll is around 1,700.



Test day 1935...



... 2025. We all remember the day, but how much do you really remember?



Club Competitions

The club held the finals of the Winter Indoor competitions over the weekend of April 12th and 13th. In total 15 finals were played. All were played in good spirits, and many matches went down to the wire.

The occasion was accompanied by wonderful food and refreshments served up by Ann Beale and her team of volunteers.

The committee would like to thank the two umpires, Keith James and Neil Nation for giving up their time to officiate over the two days, along with those who volunteered to be markers.

Additionally, we would also like to thank everyone else who helped to make the two-day event run smoothly and for giving up their time.

The results of the finals played were:

Men's Champion of Champions - **Kevin Cotterell 21** Steve Smart 15

Ladies Champion of Champions - **Di Routley 21** Chenda Harris 5

Open Singles - **Tim Hemburrow 22** Mark Reeve 18

New Bowlers Open Singles - **Kev Scribbins 21** Liz Dicks 13

Open 2 Wood Singles - **Di Routley 21** Simon McBride 18

Men's Non-Winners Singles - **Bob Standing 21** Barrie Hurford 18

Ladder - **Paul Kelly 2** Alan Stone 0

Men's 3 Wood Clyno - **Paul Kelly 55** Barrie Hurford 53

Ladies 3 Wood Clyno - **Di Routley 55** Eileen Phippen 29

Men's 3 Wood Drawn Pairs - **Simon McBride & John Solle 21** John Ainley & Tony Donaldson 17

Ladies 3 Wood Drawn Pairs - **Di Routley & Helen Horton 25** Eileen Phippen & Liz Dicks 11

Mixed 3 Wood Drawn Pairs - **Guy Beale & Jackie Hedger 15** Barrie Hurford & Heather Ambrose 14

Open Aussie Drawn Pairs - **Tony Foxwell & Bob Watkins 21** Alan Dicks & Di Routley 8

Over 70's Open Drawn Pairs - **Liz Lyddon & Joan Thomson 18** Brian Hawkins & Colin Hampton 10

Open Drawn Triples - **Karl Greenhoff, Jackie Hedger & Kev Scribbins 14** Eddie Simpson, Steve Browning & Helen Horton 11

Generation Pairs

The final of the Generation pairs were held on 26th April between Eillen Phippen & Noah Greenhoff and Joan Jenkins & Lucas Beale.

In a very tight match Eileen and Noah prevailed, winning the tie-break end after the first two sets were shared.

Presidents Day

President's day will be held on the afternoon of Sunday 22nd June – Please keep the date free.

Further Information will be issued soon about this event.

Karl



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*Coaches
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TDBC Coach's Corner

TDBC "MARKERS COURSE"

Saturday 5th July 2025

▪ **Course Fee £15.00 pp** ▪

All New or Experienced Bowlers who wish to be Markers or those who simply wish to better understand the Laws associated with measuring will benefit from attending this course.

If you wish to attend then please enter your names on the form placed on the Coach's Notice board
(Please enter your Name as you wish to see it on your Certificate.)

The Program for the Day

09:00 – Arrival / Registration

09:30 – Welcome Introduction followed by a quiz session on the Laws and Markers duties.

12:30 - Lunch Break

13:30 - Principals of Marking and Measuring Exercises

16:00 – Wrap up and debrief – Issuing Certificates.

Dress Code Casual – please ensure you have correct footwear for going on the rinks

Any Questions then please contact Bob Watkins 07500 232593

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*VE Day
Celebrations*



TDBC celebrated the 80th anniversary of VE day on Monday 5th May. The only requirement was to wear wartime costume or red, white and blue. The weather was cold and overcast but the bowlers played on, although the supporters dwindled during the afternoon preferring the warmth and entertainment indoors. The street party themed buffet, including spam, along with hot drinks was enjoyed by all.
Alan Dicks



Volunteering to Help Your Club

If you have never thought about volunteering perhaps you should consider what volunteering can do for you. Volunteering provides many benefits to both mental and physical health. Volunteering helps counteract the effects of stress, anger, and anxiety. The social contact aspect of helping and working with others can have a profound effect on your overall psychological well-being. Nothing relieves stress better than a meaningful connection to another person.

Our Club is run by volunteers who give up their time and energy, for no pay, in order to make the club operate as effectively as possible. We could always do with more volunteers. We currently have some officer positions free that could do with a volunteer or volunteers to help. In particular we need someone to maintain and update our website. We also could use a Communication Officer to help with coordinating information that is in the News Letter, social media and of course the website. Currently some volunteers are doing more than 1 role and spreading their time thin is not necessarily the best situation for the club. I am sure we all want the club to run as smooth as possible with complete harmony but this means lots of people giving up their time.

If you feel that you can help support the club by volunteering please come forward, please email me at paulm.frost@hotmail.co.uk or leave a message at reception. Remember to fulfil our legal obligations, certain roles within the club are essential and without them the club cannot continue.

Paul Frost - Chairman



Traffic Alert - Please could you make your members aware of this if you have a match at Wellington BC after June 15th.

We have been advised that the M5 slip roads (both directions) at junction 26 for Wellington will be closed from 9pm on June 15th, until mid-late September. Northbound traffic will need to leave at junction 27 (Tiverton) and follow the A38 to Wellington. Hopefully, this shouldn't be too disruptive as most traffic heading north to Wellington would use this junction anyway. However, southbound traffic will need to come off at junction 25 (Taunton) and follow the A358 into Taunton and then the A38 south towards Wellington. This will be disruptive creating inevitable delays and visiting teams following this route are advised to give themselves extra time if they can? Teams from the east should use the A303 then approach Wellington across the Blackdown hills avoiding Taunton M5 altogether.

Many thanks,

Jay Merrell - Fixture Secretary - Wellington (Somerset) Bowling Club

Ladies Outdoor Section

This season got off to a start with two games in one week in the S & WS League. There were good wins on both the home and away rinks against Wellington and, despite an away loss on a very heavy and challenging Crewkerne green, a good home performance gave us the overall win. June is a very busy month with more S & WSL games, the Top Club, the Southey Trophy and the first leg of the M & B Cup. Details of all these games are up on the ladies board so ladies please sign up if you are available (or not available) for these upcoming fixtures.

Many thanks

Ruth and Julia



Forthcoming Events

Saturday 11th October 2025

Jason Toft Singer - ploughman's/sweet £14 supper 7-30

8th November 2025

Beatles Tribute - £17 including Buffet/sweet starting @ 7-30

Quiz night 6th December 2025 - 7pm start £6 including hot dogs & fries

31st December 2025 New Year Eve Sapphire

£17 including Cheese Boards/sweet starting @ 8pm

7th February 2026 - Target Bowls & picture quiz - Start 7pm

£7-50 with light supper

7th March 2026 - Bird Dogs £17 - 7-30 Buffet/sweet

28th March 2026 - Bowls / Bingo - 1 hour bowls £2 - Bingo £1 book



Date for your diary, Saturday September 6th Hog Roast and Bowls

Bowling - 3pm - 6pm followed by a Hog Roast

Price to be confirmed - Watch the Notice Boards

Thank you all for entering the TDBC Summer Competitions.

Due to insufficient entries the following competitions will not be going ahead:

- Ladies Non-Winner Singles – Outdoors
- Ladies 3 Wood Pairs – Outdoors
- New Bowler Open Singles – Outdoors
- Mixed 3 Wood Drawn Pairs – Outdoors

The draws have been made and are displayed on the Competitions Board at the club and within Bowlr.

The play by Dates for each round are as follows:

Round 1: Sunday 15th June

Quarter-Finals: Sunday 20th July

Semi-Finals: Sunday 17th August

The finals will be played over the weekend of 13th & 14th September.

To remind you of the guidance regarding the arranging of a match:

In singles matches the top name is the challenger and should contact the opponent to arrange the match.

In pairs matches the last name of the top pair is the challenger and should arrange the match.

Three dates, including one during a weekend, must be offered at least 2 weeks before the play by date. Failure to do this will result in the opponents becoming the challengers and they offer the dates.

In singles competitions the challenger should arrange a marker.

If you are unable to fulfil any of the matches by the deadline, please let the Competitions Committee know.

If you need to pull out of a competition, please do not forfeit the match as there may be reserves who can take your place – Please let the Competitions Committee know.

Good Luck to you all.

The Competitions Committee

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*Open
Day*



Thank you to all members who helped at the Open Day with greeting, coaching, teas, coffee and food.
Hopefully some of the visitors will return and take up bowls.

Keith James President.



FLOODLIGHT LEAGUE

A call out to all Outdoor Players who are interested in playing in the Floodlight League.

Starting in August - on Thursday Evening - 7 pm to 9 pm for 6 weeks.

We will be selecting teams in Early June.

If you are interested contact the **League Committee**.

Alan Dicks

Nicola Litchfield

Guy Beale

Summer 25 League Season

We are still looking for an Indoor Player to join a Tuesday Triples Team.

Anyone who is interested, please contact the League Committee.

Reminder to all Winners and Runners Ups from Last Year's Presentation Night.

Winning Gift vouchers expire on **1st August 2025**, if these are not used, they will be voided.

Why not spend them in the Shop on the New Kit, which is due in this month. 8 week promotional offer of £80 for a bundle containing Trousers, Club Shirt and Jacket, or Shorts, Club Shirt and Jacket,

Shop Opening Hours.....Monday to Friday 9 to 12.

LEAGUE results to date as of 22nd May, 2025

INDOOR

TUESDAY TRIPLES			THURSDAY HANDICAP		
TEAM	Games Played	Points	TEAM	Games Played	Points
Steve Browning	5	10	Roy Varndell	4	8
Pete Corcoran	5	6	Tony Donaldson	5	6
Alan Dicks	5	6	Alan Dicks	5	6
Phil Thorne	4	6	David Summerhayes	5	4
David Summerhayes	5	4	Kevin Scribbins	5	2
David Horton	4	2	Steve Browning	4	2
Roy Varndell	4	2			
Kevin Scribbins	4	0			

OUTDOOR

TUESDAY TRIPLES			FRIDAY AUSSIE PAIRS		
TEAM	Games Played	Points	TEAM	Games Played	Points
Karl Greenhoff	5	10	Alwyn Kitchin	4	6
Tony Foxwell	5	8	Alan Dicks	5	6
Bob Standing "A"	5	6	Adrian Davis "Storm"	4	4
Ian Thomson	5	6	Stuart May	5	4
Adrian Davis "Storm"	5	4	Adrian Davis "Hurricane"	4	4
Adrian Davis "Hurricane"	5	4	Mark Reeve	4	4
Alan Dicks	5	2	Paul Frost	4	2
Bob Standing "B"	5	0			



Kit

Our new adventure into a modern era...

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Polo Shirts - available soon

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"Rise Above the Rest, Aim for the Best"



Track Jacket - available soon

"Reach for the Stars, Inspire from the Heart"



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Trousers - available soon

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"Defy the Odds, Ignite Success"



Shorts - available soon



OPEN FOURS TOURNAMENT Sunday 10th August 2025

Dear Fellow Bowler,

I am writing to invite you to our annual Open Fours Tournament being held this year on Sunday 10th August 2025. We very much hope that you will be able to join us on this occasion on a first come first served basis. The first games will commence promptly at 9.30 am or 10.30 am, **TEAMS WILL PLAY 4 GAMES** comprising of a maximum 1 hour or 10 ends. The prizes will be as follows:-

1st Place £100 2nd Place £80 3rd Place £60 4th Place £40

The entry fee is **£40 per team** (to be included with entry form) which includes tea or coffee on arrival, morning tea and biscuits, lunch and afternoon refreshments including some delicious homemade cakes. Non-playing visitors can be catered for at **£5 per head** to include all of the above. Please inform us if you or your team require any dietary requirement on the form below.

Please note entry fees are non-refundable if cancellation notice is given less than 48 hours prior to the tournament date.

If you would like a priority booking please return the form and either cash, cheque or you can now pay by BACS – Account number (51087383) sort code (60-21-01) Account name: Street Bowling Club

(Email address – neilkunc1984@gmail.com) by the 31st May with all other entries closing on 8th June 2025.

STREET BOWLING CLUB OPEN FOURS TOURNAMENT Sunday 10th August 2025 ENTRY FORM

Name (captain).....

Address.....

Club Name.....

Contact Telephone Number.....

Email Address.....

Dietary Requirements.....

Please select the amount of each food offering you require

Cheese..... Ham.....

PLEASE TICK A BOX BELOW WITH YOUR PAYMENT OPTION, SO WE CAN CHECK IT HAS BEEN RECEIVED SUCCESSFULLY. ALL OTHER PAYMENTS CAN BE SENT TO NEIL KUNC 3 CHURCHILL ROAD, WELLS, SOMERSET, BA5 3HZ

BACS PAYMENT ☐ **CHEQUE** ☐ **CASH** ☐



VICTORIA PARK BOWLING CLUB (BRIDGWATER)

Organiser:

COLIN GAY - Tel. 01278 452000 (email: colin.mollie@btinternet.com)

OPEN MIXED TRIPLES SUNDAY 6TH JULY 2025

Triples to consist of 2 Gents + 1 Lady or 2 Ladies + 1 Gent

as usual the competition will be run in two groups but this year there will be prizes for both groups

**ENTRY FEE
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3rd £45**

THE CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES IS 4th JUNE 2025. I must emphasise that entries will be on a first come - first served basis. Completed forms, with appropriate fees, should be returned to the address shown below. **Entries may be restricted to four from any one club.**

The entry fee is £30 per mixed triple, which includes Coffee/Tea and Biscuits on arrival and Lunch (main meal and dessert). (Guest lunch (which costs £5.00) includes Coffee/Tea and Biscuits on arrival).

Coffee/Tea and Cake will be available to purchase throughout the afternoon.

Come and enjoy Great Food, Good Company and a thoroughly enjoyable Competition.

Fees must be sent with the entry and should be in the form of a cheque made payable to Victoria Park B.C.

Bar facilities will be available from 12 noon.

THE FIRST GROUP OF MATCHES WILL START AT 9.30am
Tournament rules will be sent, with playing order and your start time nearer the date

OPEN MIXED TRIPLES 2025 – ENTRY FORM (please complete in block letters)

Name.....

Address.....

Post Code.....

Contact Telephone Number..... Contact email address.....

Entry Fee [enclosed] inc. guest meals £..... Club.....

Number of Guests..... **FOOD ORDER** (inc. Guests) Ham Salad (Number)..... Cheese Salad (Number).....

Please return by 4th June 2025 to: Colin Gay, 20 Aspen Court, Wembdon Road, Bridgwater TA6 7EN (Tel: 01278 452000)

Please note that playing schedules will be sent about the middle of June to successful applicants. Unsuccessful applicants will receive early replies.

For more information regarding the above information please contact **Paul Frost 07479 379755**



Following on from last months information regarding Developing Safer Sports Environments, and as promised this article will look at **the Pyramid of Harm**, shown on the next page.

The pyramid assists us to recognise harmful behaviours ranging from lack of respect to violence. The attitudes and actions of the bottom tiers reinforce and excuse those higher up. These attitudes and behaviours are not isolated but systematic. The behaviours at each level negatively impact individuals and groups but as you move up the levels the behaviours have more life changing consequences.

Level 1 – Biased Attitudes and Beliefs

Sexism Colonialism Misogyny Racism Classism Transphobia Homophobia Xenophobia Ageism Disablism Ableism

Level 2 - Prejudices and Microaggressions

Slurs Offensive Jokes Shaming Cat-calling Dress code Misrepresentation Social Exclusion

Microaggressions – a term used for common place verbal, behavioural or environmental slights, whether intentional or unintentional, that communicate hostile derogatory or negative attitudes about a person's identity.

Examples of microaggressions experienced...

By BAME (Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic people)

'You are well spoken and articulate' said in a surprised tone.

'Where are you really from?'

Being asked to produce identification.

Having ideas dismissed but it becomes a great idea if a non BAME suggests it.

By Women

Assertive females are 'bossy', assertive males are good leaders.

Being interrupted or talked over.

It being assumed women are in more junior roles to men.

By LGBT+

'You don't look trans'

'You don't act gay'

An assumption that one LGBT+ person will automatically like/be friends will another LGBT+ person.

Not using the requested pronouns and insisting on using he/she.

By disabled people

'You don't look disabled'

Telling someone with depression that we all get depressed at time.

Being given assistance without being asked (during training a wheelchair user said they didn't need help loading their wheelchair into the car but they would be grateful for someone to hold an umbrella over them while they did it when raining)

Level 3 – Verbal Expression

Harassment Putdowns Humiliation Threats Name calling Sexual Jokes Marginalisation Sense of superiority Stereotypical statements

Level 4 – Physical Expression

Groping Physical Assault (victim blaming) Sexual Assault Exploitation Control Infliction of pain Vandalism

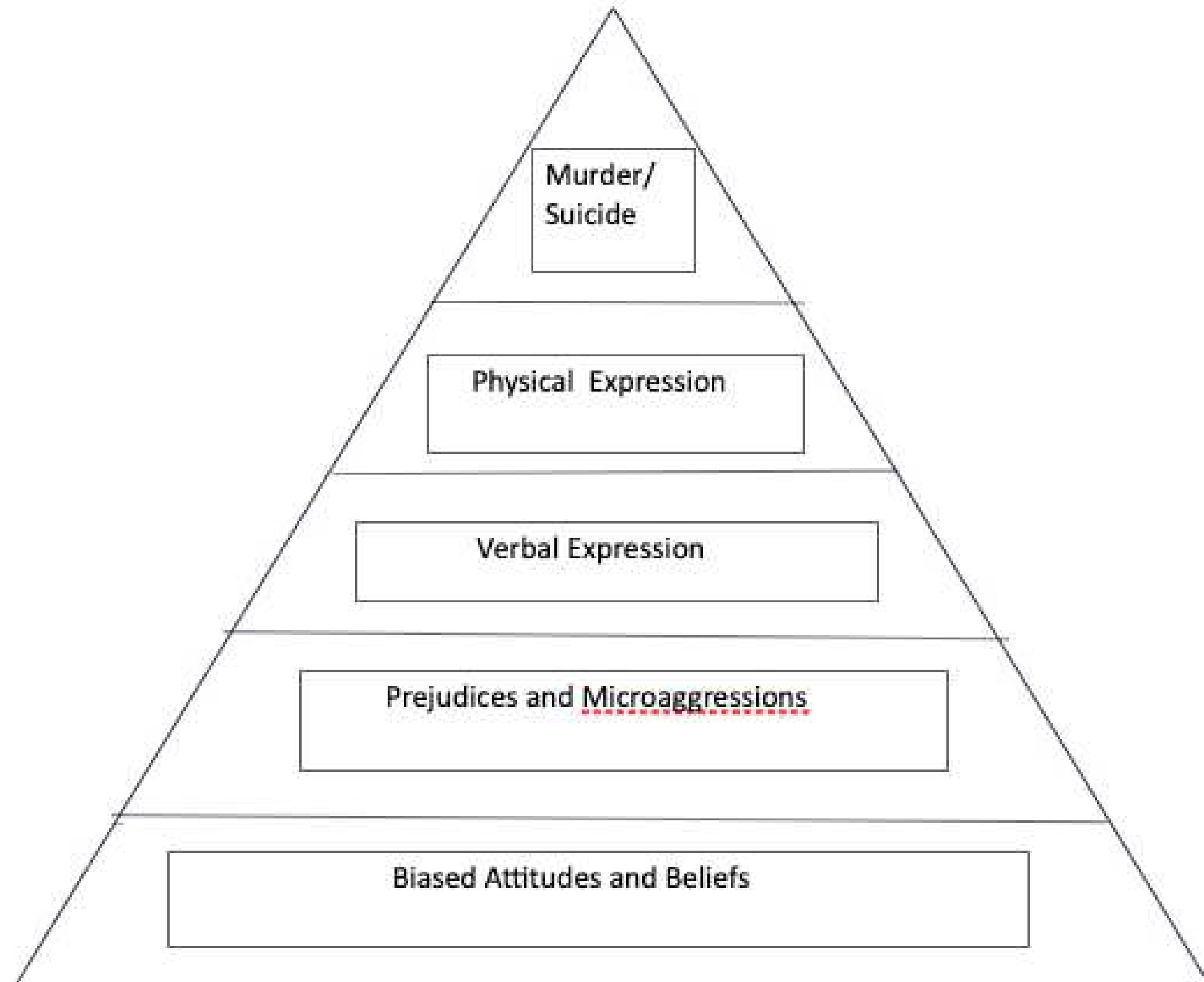
Stalking – 4 signs Fixated, Obsessive, Unwanted and Repeated

Level 5 – Murder/Suicide

Life changing events where the perpetrator has taken things to the extreme or where the victim has felt there is only one way out left to them.

Call out the lower levels to prevent escalation.

Liz Dicks - Safeguarding Officer



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*Relax &
Listen*

Carbon Based Lifeforms (CBL): Founded by Johannes Hedberg and Daniel Vadestrid, CBL represents the collaborative genius of two southwest Sweden natives. Their shared musical journey began in 1996, with a notable release on 'mp3.com' in 1998. Their partnership with the prestigious 'Ultimae' label in 2002 resulted in a series of iconic albums: 'Hydroponic Garden' (2003), 'World of Sleepers' (2006), 'Interloper' (2009), and 'Twentythree' (2012). In 2014, the duo chose the independent route, releasing the critically acclaimed 'Derelicts' in 2018, which secured positions on various charts.

Their album, 'Seeker' (2023), showcases their trademark ambient sound, filled with layered synthesizers and intricate electronic beats. you will experience both a fresh sound and will undoubtedly be immersed in the signature atmosphere and sound unique to Carbon Based Lifeforms.»

Johannes and Daniel aim to combine earth and space in their music. Using the combination of nature and technology as the main inspiration for their work, they like to represent both the positive and negative effects that this collaboration can lead to, including the negative impact that incorrect technology can have on the environment. Johannes often creates the building blocks of sounds and harmonies and could happily tweak sounds forever, whereas Daniel develops the rhythms and sculpts the ideas into tracks. It remains unclear which of them derives the greatest pleasure from manipulating the distinctive, squelching sounds of the Roland TB-303, the Roland TB-303 Bass Line is a monosynth, or single-voice synthesizer, known for its iconic, squelching bass lines, particularly in acid house music.

Click link to listen:- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u_3m_JYOMV4







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