



TAUNTON DEANE
BOWLING CLUB

The COVID-19 crisis was the catalyst for rapid change, and it presents the opportunity for us to collectively shift priorities, refocus on what matters, and accelerate to a brighter future. As we recover, it's important to focus on the future.

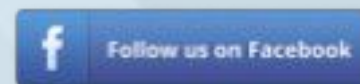
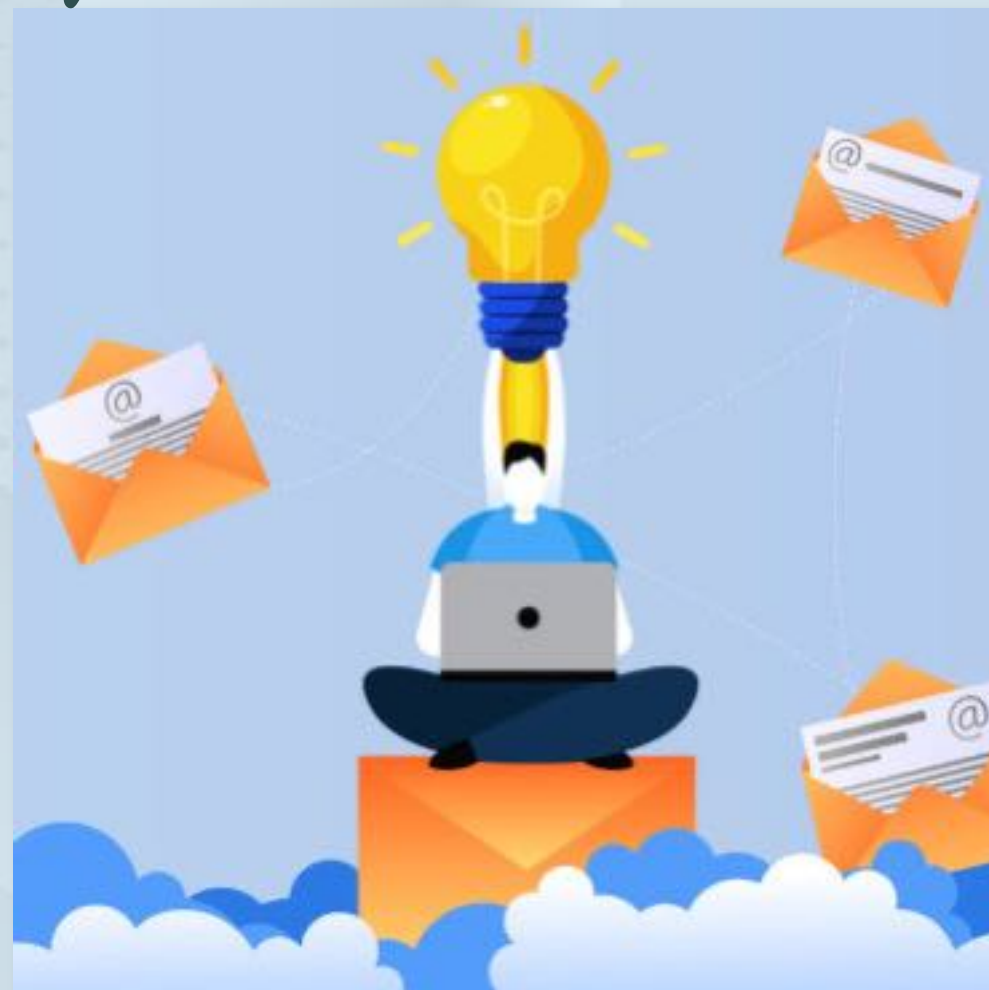
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Your newsletter





The GMC agreed to inform the Bowls members that there would be no Bowls AGM due to the then current restrictions. All members in Bowls positions would be asked to continue for the 2021 seasons. Since the GMC everyone contacted has agreed. The following is a list of those members who were elected at the last AGM in Feb 2020.

GMC

Chairman - Mark Reeve



Position	Name
Club Secretary	Andy Williams
Fixture Secretary	Stuart May
Indoor Mens Manager (Nat/County)	Bryan Cridland
Indoor Ladies Manager (Nat/County)	Lynn Williams
Indoor Mens Selectors (Nat/County) Manager Plus 2	Bryan Southward Alan Stone
Indoor ladies Selectors (Nat/County) Manager Plus 2	Pat Sully Meryl Cridland
Indoor Club Captain Men	Mark Reeve
Indoor Club Captain Ladies	Hazel Norris
Indoor Friendlies Committee Club Captains 3+	Alan Lawton Sue Lawton
Outdoor Club Captain Men	Adrian Davis
Outdoor Club Captain Ladies	Ann Beale
Outdoor Vice Captain Men	John Berry
Outdoor Vice Captain Ladies	Lynda May
Nat/County Mens Outdoor Selection CAPT + 2	Alan Stone Bryan Southward
Nat/County Ladies Outdoor Selection CAPT + 2	Joan McBride Lynda May
Indoor League Committee 5 Members	Jane Evans Bob Standing Joan Jenkins Adrian Davis Rita Pope
Competitions Committee 4 members	Lynn Williams Andy Williams Helen Horton Dave Horton
Club Coach	Mervyn Batten
Junior Coach	Dawn Jones



GMC

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Thoughts of Chairman Bumble

Hopefully we will be playing outdoors again soon. The current plan is to open the green on the 17th April with a Captain's Day run by Adrian and Ann your Outdoor Men's and Ladies Captains.

Thanks in advance to those who will be involved in particular areas like Mike Beale with his team of outdoor helpers, also Trevor Keates with Maintenance, Bob Standing with H&S and Alan Stone with Security. Jane Evans will be updating Bowlr for rink bookings to be taken. A voucher system will be actioned. The toilet facilities nearest the door to the green will be available.

The Indoor Club re-opening will have to wait until further restrictions are lifted and further measures taken.

Not too late for any members to offer to help if not already involved. And finally wow!! What a great set of accounts Sylvia (Treasurer) has produced, complicated to do somewhat, no doubt, by the new voucher systems, temporary monthly invoicing for outdoor bowlers, changes to membership periods, VAT rebates etc. So they have managed to save the club from slipping into debt, well done Richard (Chairman of Directors) on all your successful grant applications and all the contract rebates you have worked on. And well done all members who paid up their subs in one way or another and big thanks to the anonymous benefactor who made a very generous donation. Please, please any members who have yet to pay subs or make any financial contribution, do consider doing so now, sooner rather than later. It is going to be a bit of an administrative headache to have to get non paying members to re apply which otherwise may be the case. REMEMBER this is your club, do do do support it. Ok Ron?

Mark

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EIBA NATIONAL COMPETITIONS STATEMENT - 26th February 2021

With the Government issuing its road plan out of the National Lockdown and the hope to return to a more normal life the EIBA Board have agreed the following in relation to its National Competition schedules.

GMC

Club Secretary - Andy Williams
GMC Minute Secretary -
David Horton



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2019-2020 National Finals

With Indoor Bowls not being able to fully return to normal until at least 21st June 2021 the outstanding National Finals for 2019-2020 will be deferred once more until 25th September to 14th October 2021. The schedule of finals and location will be confirmed in the coming weeks.

2020 Summer National Competitions

It is with regret because of the time frame of when Indoor Bowls can return the EIBA will not be running its Summer National Competitions programme and will now refund all remaining entries.

We thank those players who were happy to carry over their 2020 entry in the expectation that the Competitions would take place and we'll be in contact to finalise matters.

It is our intention to stage Summer National Competitions in 2022 and will release full details towards the end of this year.

2021-2022 Winter National Competitions

With the positive news that we have a pathway to a return to normality the EIBA are planning that a full programme of competitions can take place next season.

As such full details and entry forms will be published and sent out on Wednesday 3rd March 2021.

We will automatically carry forward entries from the 2020-2021 season which had not been withdrawn.

The Somerset County Gazette

Extract from the Somerset County Gazette - Saturday 14th May 1910

Taunton Deane Bowling Club Opening of a new Green; Richmond Road

The opening of a new bowling green recently laid down by the Taunton Deane Bowling Club at Richmond Road, took place on Thursday afternoon 12th May 1910.

The green was to have been opened a fortnight previously, but the ceremony on that occasion had to be postponed on account of the inclemency of the weather. The opening ceremony on this occasion took place in delightful weather but, unfortunately the president of the Club (Mr A. A. Chapman) was prevented by illness from attending. An attractive green of five rinks has been laid down, and this was in splendid condition, whilst it adds greatly to the attractiveness of the neighbourhood.

Mr A. D. Crossman said that every member of Taunton Deane Bowling Club would regret the absence of their president, more especially on account of illness.

Nothing but indisposition would have prevented him from attending as he was particularly keen on the opening of the green and the progress of the club. However they had the pleasure of Mrs Chapman's presence, she having kindly consented to open the new green. Mr Crossman said that their president was greatly disappointed at the opening ceremony being postponed a fortnight previously. They regarded him as a good sporting, playing member, and an excellent business man; in fact he was an ideal president, and they trusted he would be soon restored to health. He had much pleasure in asking Mrs Chapman to open the green.

Mrs Chapman then opened the green by putting up the first two bowls, and was heartily cheered.

Mr David Brown (president of Taunton Bowling Club) said it was a great pleasure to him to attend the opening of the green. It appeared to be an excellent one, and having been "well and truly laid". He thanked them on behalf of the Taunton Club for having invited himself and other members to be present the ceremony. He wished the club every success and hoped they would have a very prosperous season.

There were many fresh faces, and he was glad to announce that the membership of the club was larger than it had ever been before.

Later in the afternoon the members and their wives sat down to tea, and after the meal the President proposed the health of the Duke and Duchess of York, the king and Queen and Royal Family. The toast was warmly received and the company stood to sing the national Anthem.



Sit back and enjoy this wonderful Pictorial History of Taunton -
An amazing community heritage project by CICCIC, Memorial Hall,
Paul St, Taunton TA1 3PF

Click on link below, watch on full screen with tea & biscuits, 47 mins long.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3CJxuowsErl>



It's 2006 and...

A whale takes a dip in the River Thames in London

On 20th January 2006, people in London thought they were hallucinating when they saw a whale swimming in the River Thames.

'Bird flu' discovered in Scotland

In April 2006 a swan, that had been found dead in Scotland eight days earlier, tested positive for the deadly H5N1 strain of avian influenza (bird flu).

Mumbai train bombings leave 209 dead

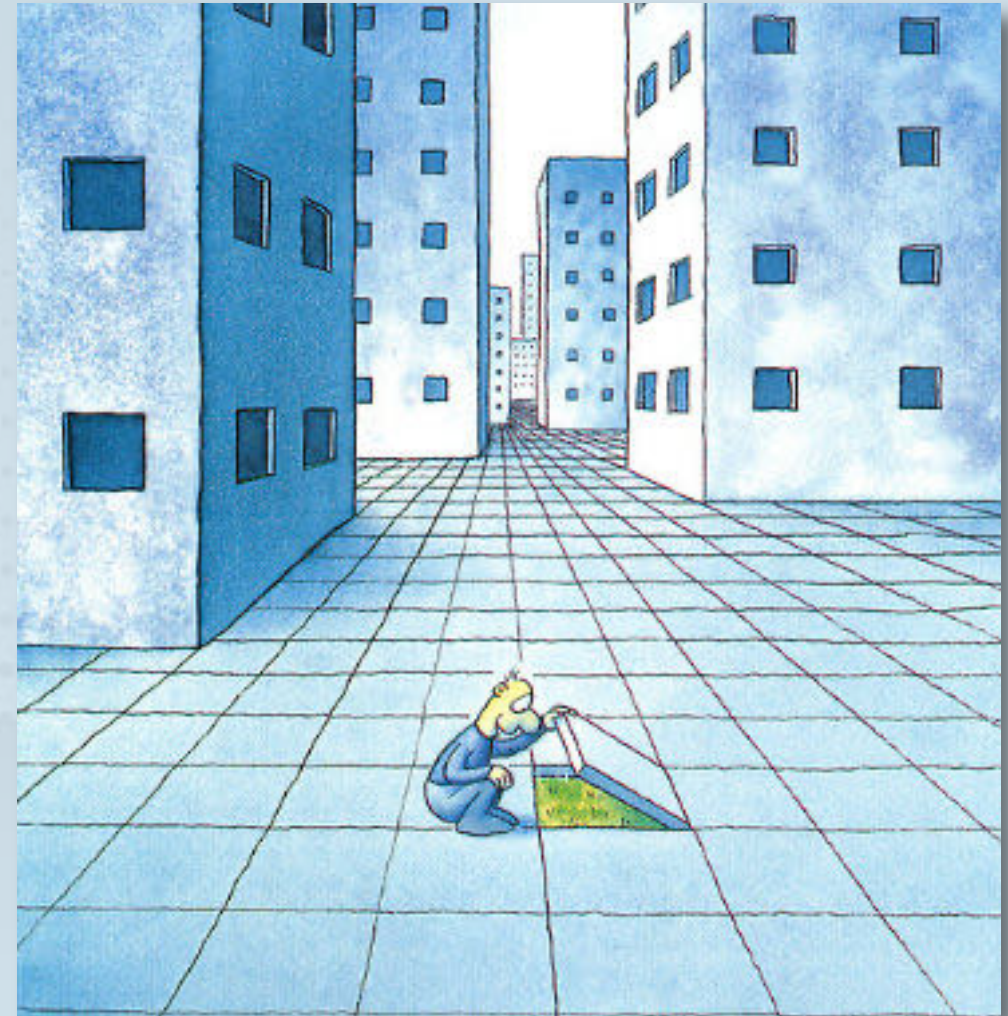
On the 11 July 2006 Mumbai suffered a series of terrorist attacks via train bombings.

Austrian girl escapes from kidnapper's house after 8 years

On 23rd August 2006, after disappearing eight years ago, 18-year-old Natasha Kampusch escaped from her kidnapper's clutches.

Iraq dictator Saddam Hussein is executed

On 5 November 2006 Iraq's leader, Saddam Hussein, was found guilty of crimes against humanity and sentenced to death by hanging.

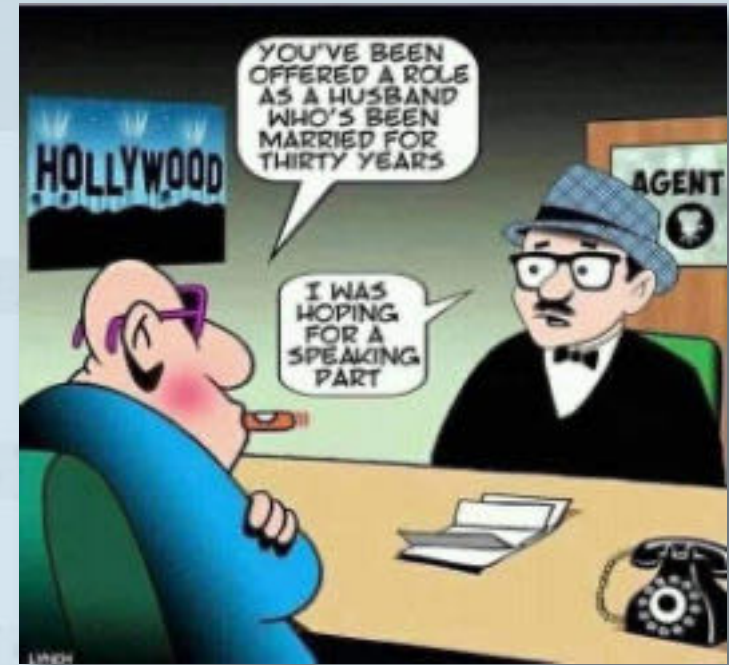
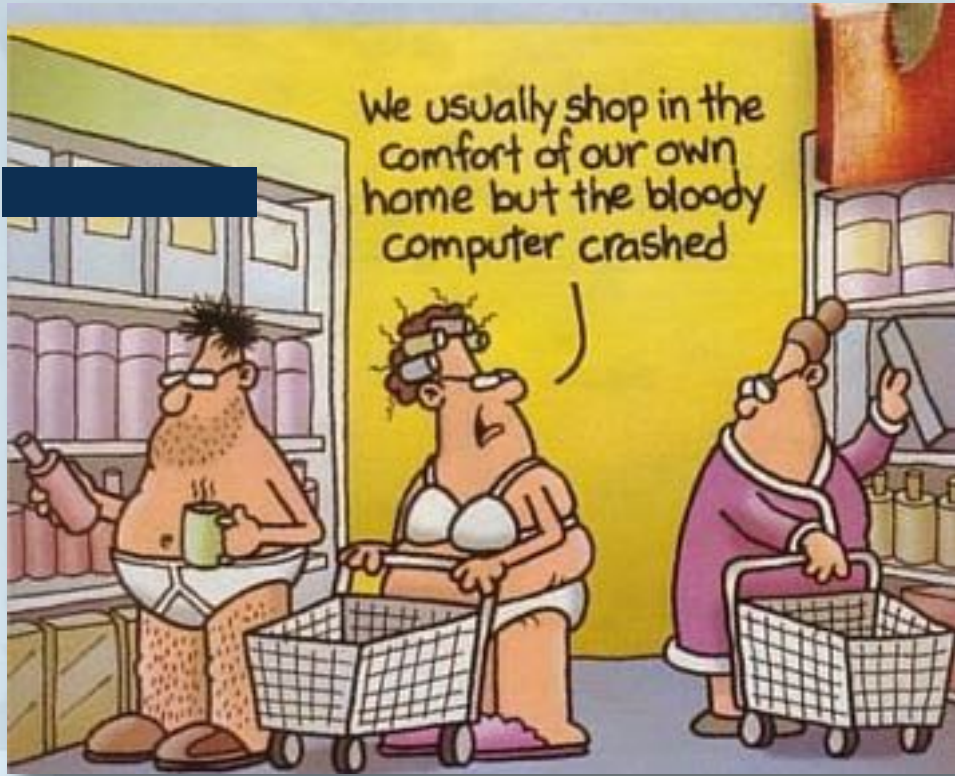


Society-City-Country-Cartoons-Punch-1996

One of my favourite illustrations from Punch in 1996 (Man lifting a paving stone in a built over environment and discovers grass underneath)



To view club news from 2006 click the PDF link on the left.



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Roger Lovell

17 Nov 1940 - 21 Dec 2020

“... a kiss for the ladies and a risqué joke for the men ...”

To the best of my knowledge, I first became aware of Roger at the Early Birds in around 2008... He was stood in a circle of about 30 early birds and yes, he was telling a joke. I shall always remember what to do with “a length of string, a piece of chalk and an orange”.

Roger helped in the club kitchen and was always on hand to serve the Christmas lunches. Who can forget Roger in his red Mazda sports car.

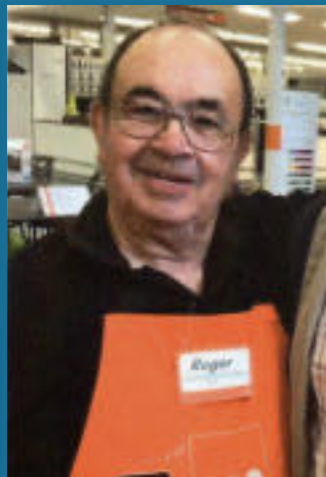
In the last five years of his life Roger did not enjoy the best of health.

Loosing his eyesight, a knee operation plus problems in his personal life.

As we departed Taunton Crematorium the final song was “One Foot in The Grave” so Roger still had the last laugh as we left with smiles on our faces.

Great to have known you Roger and to count you as a friend.

Terry Griffiths



Final Song ‘One Foot in The Grave’



The Family would like to thank you for your kind messages of sympathy and for attending the service today

Donations, In memory of Rog, will benefit Somerset Sight. Feel free to use the link/QR code below:
<https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/KristyThompson>



A Celebration of the Life of



Roger Lovell

17th November 1940 - 21st December 2020

Taunton Crematorium
8th January 2021 at 11:00 AM

Opening Music

FunFair For The Common Man
- Aaron Copman

Welcome & Introduction

Poem - You Can shed Tears

You can shed tears that he is gone, or you can smile because he has lived.
You can close your eyes and pray that he will come back
Or you can open your eyes and see all that he has left.
Your heart can be empty because you can't see him, or you can be full of the love that you shared.
You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday
Or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday.
You can remember him and only that he is gone, or you can cherish his memory and let it live on.
You can cry and close your mind, be empty and turn your back
Or you can do what he would want: smile, open your eyes, love and go on.



Jerusalem

And did those feet in ancient time
Walk upon England's mountains green?
And was the holy Lamb of God
On England's pleasant pastures seen?

And did the Countenance Divine
Shine forth upon our clouded hills?
And was Jerusalem builded here
Among these dark Satanic mills?

Bring me my bow of burning gold!
Bring me my arrows of desire;
Bring me my spear: O clouds unfold!
Bring me my chariot of fire.

I will not cease from mental fight,
Nor shall my sword sleep in my hand
Till we have built Jerusalem
In England's green and pleasant land.

Tribute

Russel Gabsby - Civil Celebrant

Poem - Pardon Me For Not Getting Up

Kristy Thompson

Committal



Our Condolences

If anyone has any information regarding the passing of any club member could they please inform Linda Dodden in the first instance. Thank you.

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It is with deep regret that we wish to inform you of the passing of the following former members of the Club:

Roger Lovell and

Barbara Smallbone

Our thoughts, prayers and deepest sympathy go out to family and friends.

Our condolences also go to Alan Edwards who sadly lost his wife Beryl during the recent lockdown.





A life-sized, 15 meter, whale constructed entirely from plastic waste brings the issue of wasteful plastic consumption before the public. The artwork is uncomfortable and depressing to see, which is exactly what is needed.

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Plastic Pollution Facts That Show Why We Need To Do More

We seriously need to do something about our plastic pollution. Plastic is terrible for the environment. David Attenborough and the Blue Planet II team really brought the issue home and now, brilliantly, we hear about it all the time.

Countries and cities around the world are banning plastic use left, right, and centre, and the call for the end of single-use plastics is at an all-time high.

Stores such as Iceland and Ikea have introduced plastic bans that will go into effect within the next couple of years. Meanwhile, plastic straws and cutlery have been targeted by numerous retailers, including McDonald's in the UK, and having a plastic bag is enough to land you in jail in some countries.

Some governments and organisations are doing their part to reduce plastic use and better the environment, but as everyday consumers, it's important for you to know how and why the end of plastic use is so vital.

Here are some lesser-known facts about plastic you really need to know. According to a report from the Guardian, an estimated 8.3 billion tons of plastic have been produced since the 1950s, that's equivalent to the weight of more than 800,000 Eiffel Towers. And only 9% of it has been recycled.

Kenya introduced one of the world's toughest laws against plastic bags in 2017. Now, Kenyans who are caught producing, selling, or even using plastic bags will risk imprisonment of up to four years or fines of \$40,000 (£31,000). Other countries that have banned, partially banned, or taxed single-use plastic bags include China, France, Rwanda, and Italy. According to National Geographic, 73% of all beach litter is plastic. The litter includes filters from cigarette butts, bottles, bottle caps, food wrappers, grocery bags, and polystyrene containers.

A report by the Guardian found that 1 million plastic bottles are bought around the world every minute, and this number is set to increase by another 20% in 2021 if we don't act.



The same report said more than 480 billion plastic drinking bottles were purchased in 2016 across the world — up from 300 billion a decade ago. Additionally, less than half of the bottles purchased in 2016 were recycled with just 7% of those collected turned into new bottles, and the rest ending up in landfill sites or the ocean.

Worldwide, about 2 million plastic bags are used every minute.

This might seem like an unbelievable number, but according to EcoWatch, between 500 billion and 1 trillion plastic bags are used worldwide annually. New Yorkers alone use 23 billion plastic bags every year, according to the New York City Department of Environmental Conservation (which is why it's so great that the city is getting a ban on grocery bags).

Bans on plastic bags have already proved to be extremely effective in the countries that have them. In the UK, for example, the introduction of a 5p plastic bag charge introduced in 2015 has brought about an 83% reduction in plastic bag use. While Britain still produces 1.3 billion plastic bags a year, according to a government report in April 2017, the fall in use marks significant progress.

According to World Economic Forum researchers, just 10 rivers across Asia and Africa carry 90% of the plastic that ends up in the oceans.

The study states that eight of these rivers are in Asia: the Yangtze, Indus, Yellow, Hai He, Ganges, Pearl, Amur, and Mekong. Two of the rivers can be found in Africa: the Nile and the Niger.

The WEF added that the two things all the rivers named have in common is a high population living in the area, as well as a poor waste management system.

A study conducted by the University of Queensland in Australia, based on data collected since the late 1980s, found that Green sea turtles now ingest twice the plastic they did 25 years ago.

According to the United Nations, ingestion of plastic kills an estimated 1 million marine birds and 100,000 marine animals each year.

Additionally, more than 90% of all birds and fish are believed to have plastic particles in their stomach. It's because plastic breaks up into tiny pieces in the sea, which are then consumed by fish and other sea animals.





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Research from Plymouth University has found that close to 700 species of marine life are facing extinction due to the increase of plastic pollution.

The average person eats 70,000 micro-plastics each year. That works out to about 100 bits of micro-plastic over the course of just one meal, according to a study published in Environmental Pollution.

A team of UK-based researchers put petri dishes with sticky surfaces next to dinner plates in three homes in the UK. After just 20 minutes, the dishes accumulated an average of 14 micro-plastics.

The average time that a plastic bag is used for is ... 12 minutes. Yep, that's right, they're used for an average of 12 minutes and then take up to a thousand years to decompose.

Over the past 50 years, world plastic production has doubled.

While increasing numbers of organisations and countries are banning plastic use and production, the world's leading plastic manufacturers are planning to increase production by almost a third over the next five years, according to the World Economic Forum.

In 1974, global plastic consumption per year was 2 kilograms (4.4 pounds) per capita. Today, this has increased to 43 kilograms (about 95 pounds), and this number is still set to increase.

If plastic consumption increases at its current rate, according to National Geographic, by 2050 there will be 12 billion metric tons of plastic in landfills.

Prince Charles spoke about the effects of climate change and plastic waste over forty years ago, but he was told he was "old-fashioned, out of touch and 'anti-science' for warning of such things". Really?

It would be interesting to hear your thoughts and views regarding an environment your inevitably leaving behind for your grandchildren and the next generation to inherit.

"I won't be here to see it" is not an option.

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