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***Think Solution - Now***



- Since the 1970s, we have lost 75% of the volume of Arctic summer sea ice
- The Arctic affects the jet stream, causing extreme weather all over the world
- The Arctic used to be white but now it's turning blue, and absorbing more heat than ever before





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## Outdoor End of Season Report 2022

The outdoor season has come to an end after a long hot summer and I hope that all of our outdoor bowlers have enjoyed their friendly matches and league games they have played in. It was disappointing that due to illness I missed the last league match of the season, so I would like to take this opportunity to thank all members who supported the club this season. My special thanks go to certain members, I will not name them to save embarrassment but they know who they are, who stepped in at short notice, these included some of our new bowlers so thank you all.

I would like to thank my fellow selectors, Tony Foxwell and Alan Stone for their support this season; we put out the best teams from players that were available. It is not until you get involved in club matters that you realise how much work goes on behind the scenes to get teams organised for the league and friendly matches. I hold my hands up and admit we made mistakes during the season, but as the well known saying goes “he who has not made a mistake has not made anything.”

We did struggle during the season getting enough players for friendly games and a number had to be reduced in size or cancelled due to lack of support. Unfortunately some members do seem reluctant to travel to away matches but I would encourage players to go away as you gain so much by playing on other greens. I know other clubs have also experienced problems this year, now is the time to look at how many friendly fixtures we have in our programme.

When it comes to the league games it was a season with its ups and downs, quite literally. At the start of the season it was obvious that we did not have enough players to put out three teams on a Saturday for the Somerset County League so a decision was taken to withdraw the C team from the league. This proved to be the correct thing to do as we struggled for players as the season went on.

The A team in the SCL Premier 1 Division were unfortunately relegated, winning only 1 match out of 11. They did however come close on several occasions but could not quite get over the finishing line to get the points. Being in Premier 2 next season could be a new start to rebuild the A team.

The B team finished strongly over the last few matches and were 7<sup>th</sup> in the final league table. This was a great effort bearing in mind that after the first 4 games the team had only scored 7 points! The last 7 games saw the team gain 61 points from a possible 84.

The West Somerset League proved popular this season; at times we

struggled to get players for a Thursday evening but managed to field three teams. The A team finished 3<sup>rd</sup> from top and the B team finished 3<sup>rd</sup> from bottom in Division 1. In Division 2 the C team finished 4<sup>th</sup>.

The club were invited to enter a team in the Exeter and District Over 60s League. For those who are not aware of this league it has been running very successfully for many years and at present have 75 teams spread over 8 divisions. As a new team we entered the bottom division, which we went on to win, winning 11 out of our 14 games. We finished up with the highest overall points difference of any team in the entire league! We had good support for this league, well done to all who played, maybe as this league is played midweek we may enter a second team for next season, subject to approval at our AGM. One of the enjoyable aspects of this league is that we play against clubs we would not normally come into contact with.

In the Nationals this season we were drawn against Yeovil in the first round of all three competitions that we entered. We lost the Top Club winning on 1 rink but losing on 4. The A team in the Double Rink had a very close home game losing by just 4 shots. On a positive note the B team went to Yeovil and won the match, this was a brilliant result as at 4pm that day we did not have a team due to a late withdrawal of players. Urgent phone calls managed to put a team together so a win was even sweeter, alas losing to Ilminster in the next round.

The County Turnbull Cup competition this season saw the club win against Wellington, Taunton and Winscombe before losing to Victoria WSM in the quarter finals by 16 shots.

The club were successful in winning the Trevor Cup against Taunton this season with a 13 point margin.

I would like to thank the catering team for looking after the teams both in the friendly and the league games this season and also those members that were on bar duty for some of the games.

Thanks must also go to William Hooper for once again running the Umbrella on a Monday evening, and to Adrian Davis for organising the Thursday evening Floodlit League.

My final thoughts, as you are probably getting bored by now, is that we are a bowls club with great potential and we need to work as one squad. I would like to see us have squad days at the beginning of the season so that all players can show what they can offer. It should not be a “given” that you are in the A team because that is where you have played in the





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past! There must be competition for places as this will be the way forward to build a competitive club. During the course of the season if your form drops over a couple of weeks then be prepared to drop down a league until form returns. All members must be encouraged and given a chance to shine. I think squad afternoons at home are a better bet than playing friendly matches early in the season. We are a team and team spirit is so important to move forward so that we can be in a position to challenge in league and cup competitions, both at County and National level.

I left college six decades ago and as far as i know the word “TEAM” still does not have an “I” in it!

**Mike Kennedy - September 2022**



## Competitions Report

The closing date for the Winter 2022/23 competitions was 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2022. All entries have been collected, collated and the draw completed on 10<sup>th</sup> October 2022 and posted on the Competitions Board and on Bowlr for members to view.

There were entries from 78 Members in total, 57 men and 21 ladies, giving a total of 395 names listed against the various competitions.

As usual there was more men than ladies in the mixed pairs so a draw was done matching the 20 ladies to 20 of the men. A reserve list will be kept by the committee so if you are a lucky man who made the cut and are unable to play please let the committee know and we will draw a replacement from the reserve list. Also where the numbers were not able to be divided equally for pairs and triples a reserve list is held. Players are not able to pick their own replacements.

Unfortunately there were not enough entries in either the Ladies non-winners or New Bowler singles to run those, despite the committees best efforts to remind and chase members.

The play by dates are as follows for most of the competitions

Round 1 – 4<sup>th</sup> December 2022

Round 2 – 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2023

Quarter Final – 29<sup>th</sup> February 2023

Semi Final - 19<sup>th</sup> March 2023

Finals – 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> April 2023

The exception to this is the Open singles where we had 41 entries. The play by dates for this competition are

Round 1 – 13<sup>th</sup> November 2022

Round 2 – 11<sup>th</sup> December 2022

Round 3 – 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2023

Quarter Final – 29<sup>th</sup> February 2023

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Some competitions start at round 2 or Quarter Final due to lower entries. That doesn't mean you have to leave it until then to play – They are play by not play on dates !! This gives plenty of time for competitors to arrange your games and also allows a longer gap from December into January to allow for the Christmas Break. Members are reminded that no extensions will be given unless in exceptional circumstances and only if matches have been pre-arranged and not been able to be played. Leaving it too late or not being able to secure a rink is not an exceptional circumstance.

A few other reminders

- Check the board and Bowlr for the competitions you have entered
- Book all competitions on Bowlr (details of how to do this are on sheets below the comps board for you to help yourself to)
- Use blue scorecards in holder on competitions board
- Write the name of the competition clearly at the top of the scorecard and return it to the other holder on completion
- The Winner of the match MUST update the score on Bowlr the day the match is played as failure to do so holds up the following rounds

We wish all competitors well in the competitions and again reiterate the need to book matches in plenty of time as the rinks will get pretty full given the amount of entries this year.

**The Competitions Committee**



If you are playing a national/County match and may require additional time then please contact the appropriate key holder or Alan Stone to arrange time.

**Alan Stone**





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Social and Fund Raising



**ABBA**  
The Ultimate Tribute Band  
*The Abbaholies*  
19th November - Tickets £15  
Starts 8pm

**FOOD**  
Tickets include Food  
Cheese Boards  
Pate  
Tiger Bread  
Crackers  
Served at the table at 8:30pm

TDBC Social & Fund Raising Committee





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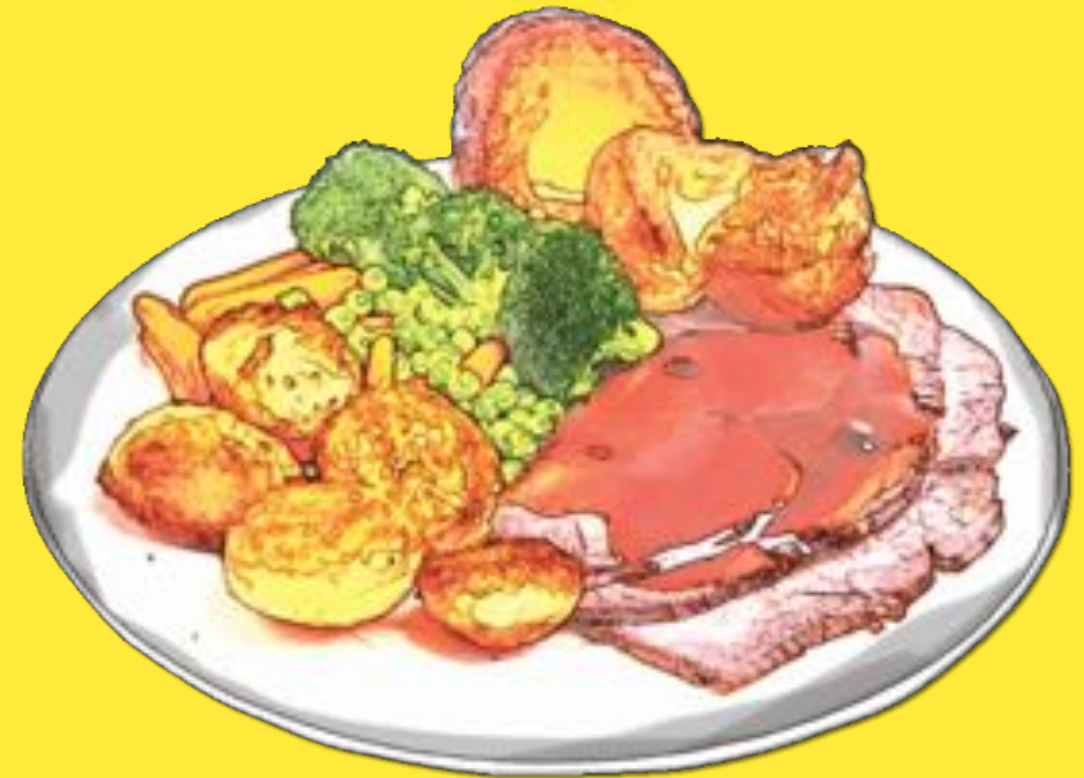
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## Curry Night



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Costs, date and times TBA, see notice boards & posters for more information.



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**Book Early**



**Wednesday  
December 14th  
£18  
Served at 13:00**

**Friday  
December 16th  
£18  
Served at 13:15**

## Santa's Christmas Delight

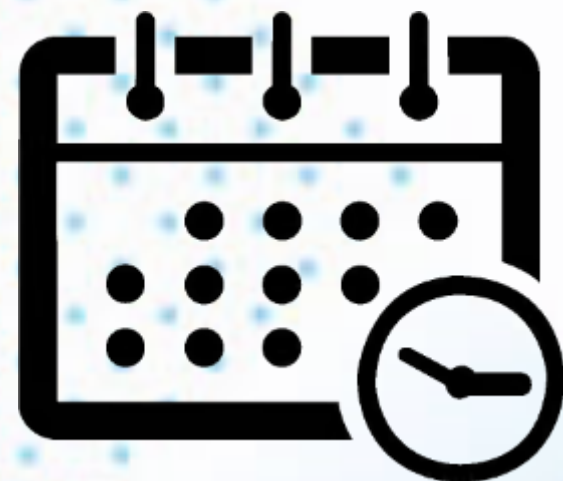
*A glass of Buck's Fizz on arrival*

**Main Menu**  
Succulent Turkey Breast or Roast Beef and Yorkshire Pudding  
Pig's in Blankets, Homemade Cranberry and Apricot Stuffing  
Roast Potatoes and Dauphinoise Potatoes  
Cauliflower Cheese, Brussel Sprouts, Carrots and Peas, Roast Parsnips

**Sweet Dreams**  
Christmas Pudding and Brandy Sauce or Brandy Cream  
Apple and Mincemeat Crumble with Custard or Cream or Eton Mess  
Cheese and Biscuits  
Tea, Coffee and Mints  
Dietary Requirements upon Request







## Diary dates

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**November - Nov 19<sup>th</sup>** Abba tribute band - Tickets £15 including food, see notice boards and posters.

**December - Dec 10<sup>th</sup>** Christmas Quiz - Tickets £6 including food, see notice boards and posters.

**December - Dec 14<sup>th</sup> and Dec 16<sup>th</sup>** Christmas Lunch

**December - Dec 31<sup>st</sup>** New Years Eve, Sapphire - Tickets £15 including food, see notice boards and posters.

**February - Feb 4<sup>th</sup> 2023** Simon Rees -

*Simon Rees*  
Singer & Entertainer

**February - Feb 25<sup>th</sup> 2023** Quiz Night

**March - Mar 11<sup>th</sup> 2023** Barry Paull, Elvis -

**BARRY PAULL**





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## Members



Anyone familiar with the pair of Cormorants that reside in trees by the Tone in the town? The exact location is the bank of the Tone on the Tangier Road side just yards from the Goodland Gardens footbridge (from where the photo was taken).

Cormorants are large, black waterbirds. They feed on fish, which they catch with their long, hook-tipped bills while swimming underwater. Cormorants nest on low cliffs around the coasts, or in colonies in trees on lakes and flooded gravel pits. Cormorants can often be spotted perched on a rock or bank with their wings held out. In this stance, they are able to dry their feathers off which are not waterproof.

The photographer is not trying to give you a picture of a cormorant, instead he had a brainwave a 'Where's Wally?' moment. It's difficult, have fun!

**Mark Reeve**







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If you're thinking about buying a new or used car this winter then why not look no further than one of our Club sponsor's Rowcliffes. As well as Vauxhall they are dealers for Subaru, Ssang Yong and Citroen.

You might also this time of year be renewing your insurances? Please remember you can talk to A-plan and not only might they give you a better price, the Club could also benefit to the tune of £30.

**Mark Reeve - Development Volunteer**



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Mervyn Batten - Club Coach



## Thursday



### Thursday **Umbrella** 11am - 1pm Open to All

Different Games may be played at each session



### Fun/Skills Day

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November**

Two sessions 10-00 till 1-00 and 1-30 till 4-30

**Cost** - A rink fee of £3-00

Please register on the sheet located on the **Coaches** notice board.

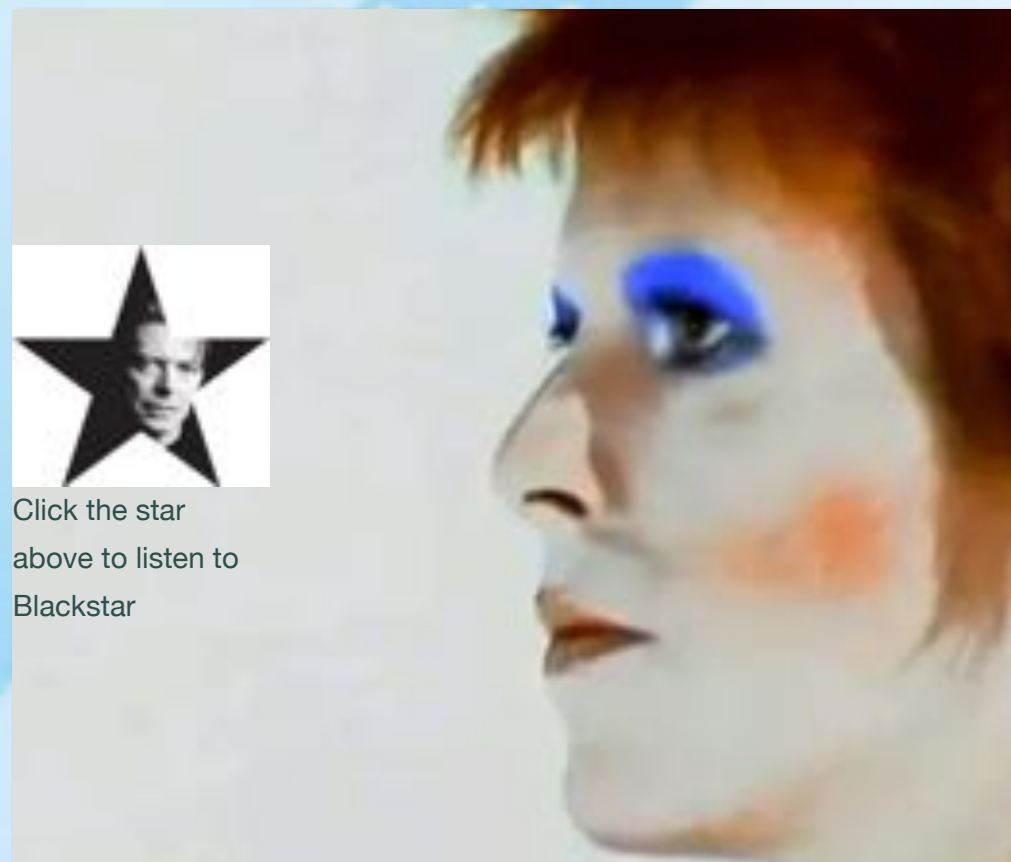
Come and try your hand at our games and sharpen your skills.





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Click the star  
above to listen to  
Blackstar

## Music was my First Love... continued

### “Bowie Wowie”

Anyone out there not heard of the name David Robert Jones? Probably most people. Born in Brixton in 1947 he did become one of the most well known musical artists of the 20th Century. He changed his name to avoid confusion with Davy Jones of the Monkees!

I’m a big fan, especially of Bowie’s early 70’s releases. In total I’ve got 16 LP’s and a few unofficial pressings.

The most played has to be, and I’ll give it its full name... ‘The Rise and Fall of Ziggy Stardust and the Spiders from Mars’. You can see the ring marks through the cover and the spine is well worn with tears and fraying.

I love the instruction on the back cover “TO BE PLAYED AT MAXIMUM VOLUME”, probably contributed to my poor hearing in later life.

Bowie was a prolific composer and back in my teens there seemed to be an album or more every year. I started with Hunky Dory in ‘71 with its classics ‘Oh You Pretty Things’ and ‘Changes’. ‘72 was Ziggy, ‘73 Jean Genie ( I got in trouble at the school disco for playing ‘Let’s Spend the Night Together’ which was off that album). Pin Ups was also ‘73 and was entirely cover versions. Diamond Dogs in ‘74, Young American’s in ‘75...the list goes on and on.

It wasn’t only the music influencing fans, fashion was well glam! I jumped on the band wagon and remember well my black and white nail varnish, eye makeup, white bell-bottoms with a high and tight waist line and my custom made black and red swede platform shoes. Sorry and sadly no photo.

A sad loss at age 69. My wife Sara shared his birthday so he’s not forgotten on the 8th of January or the 10th when he died.

The last studio album I bought was Blackstar which came out in 2016 just 2 days before he died of liver cancer. He’d kept his illness secret and this last release was his ‘swan song’.

If you also love Bowie the documentary movie which is currently on general release in cinemas is brilliant and I’m sure you’ll enjoy it. ‘Moonage Daydream’ a homage to one of the most gifted artists (he was a brilliant painter too) of our age, well in my thinking. Anybody else?

**Mark Reeve**





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## Humour



**Jeff Stahler**  
Cartoonist & Watercolour Artist

Graduate of The Columbus College of Art & Design, currently residing in Germany.

Creator of the nationally syndicated comic panel, 'Moderately Confused' since 2003.

My cartoons, both editorial & 'Moderately Confused' panel can be found at [gocomics.com](http://gocomics.com).







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## Editorial



**Every autumn** when the clocks go back and sunset suddenly occurs earlier in the day, there are a host of negative impacts on the way we live our lives and the cost.

Our social activities are given a curfew, and this is particularly true for older generations. Although we have more light in the mornings, this occurs when many of us are either still in bed, or indoors getting ready for work or school. That means that we have less usable daylight in the evenings to do the things we enjoy in the outdoors or in social environments.

This has an impact on hospitality and leisure businesses such as pubs, museums, restaurants, and on the tourism industry more generally, which will be exacerbated given the economic repercussions of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The darkness curfew also means that our health and wellbeing can be impacted significantly, leading to conditions such as seasonal affective disorder (SAD), and people who are nervous about being out and about when it's dark can become more socially isolated. As we are spending more of our evenings in the dark, our energy and fuel costs increase. In a Government consultation, evidence was given that demonstrates the risk of heart attack increases by 10 per cent when we have to put the clocks forward again in the spring.

Households could save more than £400 a year on energy bills if clocks are not put back at the end of October, according to an expert, who said it would help people with the cost of living crisis and reduce pressure on the National Grid this winter.

Evening energy demand peaks between 5pm and 7pm during winter, when the sun has already set after daylight savings time (DST). If clocks didn't go back, it would remain light for at least part of this time, reducing carbon emissions and energy demand.

Prof Aoife Foley, a clean energy expert at Queen's University Belfast, said: "By simply forgoing the winter DST in October, we save energy because it is brighter in the evening during winter, so we reduce commercial and residential electrical demand as people leave work earlier, and go home earlier, meaning less lighting and heating is needed."

This would help the government tackle the "energy war" in Europe resulting from the Ukraine invasion, she said. "Dependent on weather





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## *Editorial*



conditions this winter it is very likely we may need to start rationing energy very seriously to avoid bigger energy issues in December and January when gas reserves start to run low,” she said.

There has long been debate over whether to scrap DST, which was introduced in 1916 to reduce energy demand during the war by prolonging evening daylight in summer. It still benefits some farmers, but is less popular among people who would prefer more light later in the day in winter, and is thought to cause sleep disturbance. It was originally proposed in 1907 by William Willett, a builder and the great, great-grandfather of Coldplay’s Chris Martin, who is well known for the song Clocks.

The European parliament voted to scrap the hour change in 2019, and a poll showed that most EU citizens agreed. But the change has yet to be implemented and no longer applies to the UK after Brexit.

Foley did not include gas savings or electricity and gas in the commercial or industrial sectors in her calculations, but she said these would offer “even more significant energy, cost and emissions reductions”, flattening the evening peak on energy demand by up to 10%.

Some critics of scrapping daylight savings are concerned about road traffic collisions, but Foley’s research suggested most road deaths occur in good visibility during the day and outside built-up areas, and usually on a Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday, with speed, tiredness and alcohol the main factors.

There would also be time zone issues between the UK and Ireland, creating two time zones between the north and south. Foley suggested this could be remedied if the two governments consulted on an emergency proposal to abolish daylight savings this year.

By the time you read this we will have changed the clocks again and the debate of costs and savings will meander on with us all having to deal with increased gas and electricity costs that could and should be reduced.

**Steve Browning**