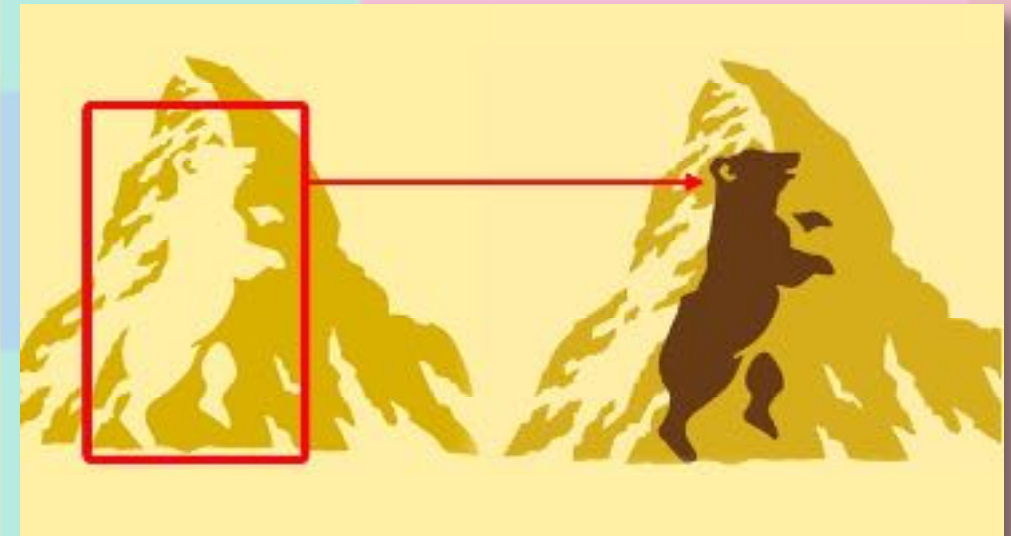


## THE NOTHING THAT POINTS TO SOMETHING

You may have heard of the term 'negative space' when talking about design. Essentially, this refers to the empty or open space around an object that defines it; in plain English, it is 'the nothing that points to something'.

Where the majority of people turn away from crowded designs (preferring the effect of simplicity), using negative space to hide a meaning or to portray a hidden message can actually be incredibly clever – you might not notice it at first, but once revealed it suddenly creates a whole different level of appreciation for the design and thought behind it.

The popular chocolate bar, Toblerone, has been around for quite some time; its current logo features a mountain, symbolising the Matterhorn Mountain in Switzerland. However, if you look closer, hidden inside the mountain is a bear which symbolises the chocolate's unique honey flavour. Also, that the chocolate is made in what is known as the 'City of Bears'. But by hiding the silhouette of a bear in the mountain illustration, this classic logo design neatly portrays the heritage of the brand, in a colour that makes you think of the chocolate too as this colour is also used in its packaging, branding and overall marketing.



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The nothing that points to something... to be continued.



You can do all kinds of things to be noticed, but many of them don't make a lasting impression.  
What if instead you could stand out and be noticed as the real talent that you are?



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South & West Somerset Ladies  
League Winners



**South & West Somerset Ladies League Winners**

Not Pictured:

Julie Carmichael, Jane Evans, Chris Denner and Ann Browning



## “Will Fridays ever be the same again?”



# TDBC

Mr Bumble - Mark Reeve

The Thoughts  
 of  
**Reverend  
Bumble**

Can you believe that in broad daylight at around 4pm yesterday, Saturday 25th, when Club 'trials' were being held Pat Sully's car catalytic convertor was stolen. Three men jumped out of a car they had driven backwards into the car park and removed the expensive item for its precious metal in just a few minutes. There were tennis players on the courts and other cars coming in.

Well the Club cctv could prove very useful as the crime was recorded and faces were pretty clear on the image. Getting in touch with the police for a non urgent incident was a test of patience. From listening for one hour to a voice recorded message then leaving a call back (your place in the queue will remain the same) they called back at 22.30, 5 hrs later. Hopefully the investigation will produce positive results. In the meantime I suggest all members watch out for any work being done on any car in the car park. What may look like mechanics, dressed in garage overalls, could more likely be thieves. This crime is becoming common place.

The indoor winter season has commenced and the printed programme is on reception. Thanks to Neil Robertson Plumbing and Heating for buying an advert on the back page.

How wonderful to hear 44 bowlers turned up for the first Monday night Umbrella. Selection for the first mixed friendly has taken place so let's hope Minehead can get their team organised. Other clubs have not been as successful with their membership numbers because of covid and yes we are blessed with fantastic facilities and an army of hard working volunteers. Here's to a successful winter season. Your indoor Captains, that's Hazel Norris and myself are always happy to hear suggestions for improving the Clubs bowling. We are looking after friendly fixtures and the 'elite' competitive teams have their own team managers and selectors. Bryan Cridland and Lynn Williams are your contacts for the teams playing in Nationals and County competitions.

Just taking a brief look back, well done the Ladies on winning one league and coming runners up in the Southey Cup. I've a feeling the Club is going to reap further rewards with more good bowlers who have joined.

The summer outdoor umbrellas were probably a god send for all the keen



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bowlers looking for exercise and some sport. The lack of friendlies due to other Clubs not able to fulfil fixtures had resulted in a reduced programme. The Club leagues were not going ahead, apart from the floodlight league in the latter part of the season. Thankfully there were Club comps and also some inter-Club leagues that did run, albeit on a reduced basis. One of the highlights during the summer was the interest in the Friday bowling. A decision at the GMC (General Management Committee) to allow casual wear for this 'umbrella' promoted some concern that standards were slipping. Well the reality was that most of those who came embraced the freedom from uniformity. A successful proposition has now further ignited debate about what is social bowling and where can casual wear be worn.

Going forward there will be a need to change Club rules if organised bowling is to allow casual wear in the future. This will probably only be the exception rather than the norm, maybe just for umbrellas?

Some members concerned that Club rules have been broken can now relax and rest assured that no rules have been ignored. What may also be of interest to Club members is that the constitution is being reviewed and a memorandum of understanding of the 'powers' of the GMC is being worked on by the Board of Directors.

A happy Club is one I think where differences are not just accepted and respected but also embraced and encouraged. The old adage of "if it's not broken don't change or fix it" does somewhat prevent development doesn't it?

Sunday sermon over. Pray for more lorry drivers, poultry workers and an increase investment in the police force. 5 hours response? God grant me the patience to accept the things I cannot change, courage to change the things I can and wisdom to know the difference.

**Mark**

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Three blondes go wild at the Southey

Mr Bumble - Mark Reeve



## Quiz...

What were Barbara and Pat talking about?

**Barbara:** "I wish I'd done that when we went to Oxford"

**Pat:** "Yeah I know, there's lots of places I wish I'd done it. We did do it in Lincoln".

**Barbara:** " Yeah I wish I'd done it in Oxford".

No not that.....a city tour! 🤔



### Monday Night Indoor Umbrella

A date for your diaries, Monday night umbrellas have started again at 7pm and are very popular. So as not to be disappointed, please arrive early.

**William Hooper, Ann Browning & Steve Browning**

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The winter leagues are now up and running which is great to see. Just a reminder please enter the results of your matches on the iPads when you finish playing. It can be a member of either team and if you're unsure how to input the result there should be someone who can give help.

Also when making a booking on Bowlr please give the names of all those playing – not just one name plus extras. It would make it much easier for the Receptionists and Treasurer when reconciling payments at the end of each day.

**Jane Evans**

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### Bar Volunteers

Help is needed to assist in the bar on Wednesday evenings. If we can't get anybody the bar will have to stay closed. If you would like to help the club out on Wednesdays please get in contact with me when you are in the club.

**Ann Beale**

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### Green Closing

I would like to thank the 12 members who came to help to put all the equipment away on Monday 20th September before the contractors came to do the Autumn work, thanks all.

On Wednesdays we have managed to cut the hedges around the green so it looks tidy for the winter. The girls with Geoff have tidied up the flower beds and pots and planted some bulbs for the spring. Now we have the task of tidying up the hedge which runs along the back of the bowling club.

Please all keep safe and enjoy your indoor bowling season.

**Mike Beale (Green Coordinator)**

PS Thanks crew for all your hard work though the season.



## **World Bowls Qualifiers**

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> October. Singles Competition**

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October. Pairs Competition**

Those, who are glued to their screen during January each year, watching the World Bowls Tournament from Potters, now have the opportunity to watch those players outside the top 16, playing for the opportunity to feature in the main event.

Starting at 8.30am on Saturday ,36 players will compete in the singles, with the winner going through to the main competition at Potters.

On Sunday, the pairs action begins at 9am, with 18 teams competing in the 2 Wood pairs. Again the winner of the competition will feature at Potters in January.

Spectators can be assured of 2 days of high class bowling.

## **County and National Entries**

Winter 2021/22.

Entry forms for the County Indoor Competitions are now available in the foyer. The Men's Finals will be held at Taunton Deane on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April, Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> April.

Closing date for entries is October 20<sup>th</sup>.

**GMC**

Andy Williams - Club Secretary



## **Summer 2022**

National and County Championships 2022.

Entry forms will be in the foyer shortly, with a closing date of January 2022.

The National Finals will be late August early September after the Commonwealth Games at Leamington.

The more entries there are from Somerset, the more likely it is that both finalists will compete at Leamington.

The format for some events has changed.

Pairs now 4 bowls 18 ends.

Triples. 3 bowls 18 ends.

Fours. 2 bowls 18 ends.

## **Adrian Davis**

At the last General Management Committee, it was announced that Adrian would be stepping down as Captain at the end of this outdoor season.

The club owes Adrian a huge debt of gratitude for the way he has encouraged, and in some cases cajoled, members to play outside during the summer.

We now run 3 men's teams in the County and West Somerset Leagues, at a time when other clubs are withdrawing from the leagues.

We regularly field teams for friendlies, and often lend the opposition players to make up the numbers.

This is due, in no small way, to Adrian's enthusiasm and commitment. Being a Yeovil Town supporter has helped Adrian to approach the task at our club, with a sense of humour, and a great deal of patience.

The Club owes Adrian a debt of thanks and looks forward to seeing him continue his association with the club.

**Andy Williams - Bowls Secretary**





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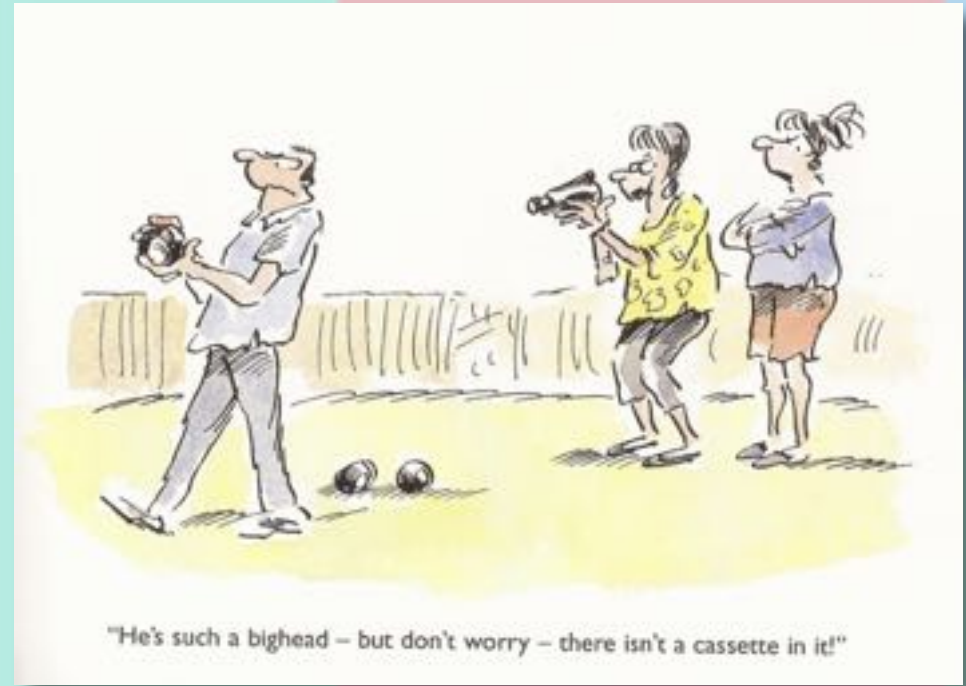






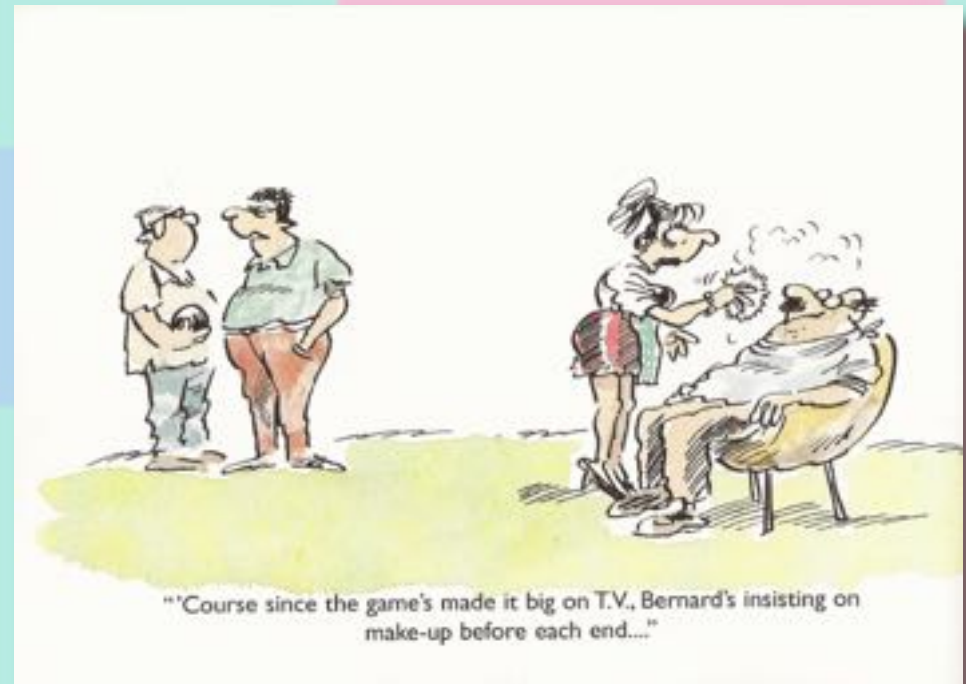
Laughter is the best medicine





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**Laughter is the  
best medicine.  
But, if you're  
laughing  
without any  
reason, you  
need medicine.**





... with deepest sympathy



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

Linda Dodden - 01823 432160

e-mail - diary2205@gmail.com



It is with deep regret that we wish to inform you of the passing of the following former member(s) of the Club:

**Keith Denner and**

**Dilys Gibson**

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







## In Somerset? Your Kidding... Think Again

The word “slavery” conjures up images of shackles and transatlantic ships, depictions that seem relegated firmly to the past. But more people are enslaved today than at any other time in history. Experts have calculated that roughly 13 million people were captured and sold as slaves between the 15th and 19th centuries; today, an estimated 40.3 million people, more than three times the figure during the transatlantic slave trade, are living in some form of modern slavery, according to the latest figures published by the UN’s International Labour Organisation (ILO) and the Walk Free Foundation.

Women and girls comprise 71% of all modern slavery victims. Children make up 25% and account for 10 million of all the slaves worldwide. A person today is considered enslaved if they are forced to work against their will; are owned or controlled by an exploiter or “employer”; have limited freedom of movement; or are dehumanised, treated as a commodity or bought and sold as property, according to abolitionist group Anti-Slavery International.

Globally, more than half of the 40.3 million victims (24.9 million) are in forced labour, which means they are working against their will and under threat, intimidation or coercion. An additional 15.4 million people are estimated to be living in forced marriages.

Women can fall into a dark spiral of sexual exploitation and forced, unpaid prostitution, and are unable to escape. Of the 24.9 million people trapped in forced labour, the majority (16 million) work in the private sector. Slaves clean houses and flats; produce the clothes we wear; pick the fruit and vegetables we eat; trawl the seas for the shrimp on our restaurant plates; dig for the minerals used in our smartphones, makeup and electric cars; and work on construction jobs, e.g. building infrastructure for the 2022 Qatar World Cup.

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SLAVERY  
IS CLOSER  
THAN YOU  
THINK**



Again, women and girls bear the brunt of these statistics, comprising 99% of all victims in the commercial sex industry, and 58% in other sectors, according to the ILO.

But the ILO and Walk Free warn that these figures are likely skewed due to lack of data from key regions. More than 70% of the 4.8 million sex exploitation victims are in the Asia and Pacific region. Forced marriage is most prevalent in Africa. But there isn't a single country that isn't tainted by slavery: 1.5 million victims are living in developed countries, with an estimated 13,000 enslaved here in the UK.

Slavery is big business. Globally, slavery generates as much as £116bn in profits every year, more than one third of which is generated in developed countries, including the UK. Whereas slave traders two centuries ago were forced to contend with costly journeys and high mortality rates, modern exploiters have lower overheads thanks to huge advances in technology and transportation. Modern migration flows also mean that a large supply of vulnerable, exploitable people can be tapped into for global supply chains in the agriculture, beauty, fashion and sex industries.

Slavery is illegal in every country in the world yet still runs rampant. In 2021, although more than 170 countries had made public commitments to eradicating it, just 122 had criminalised human trafficking in line with the UN Trafficking Protocol, and only 38 countries had criminalised forced marriage, according to the Global Slavery index. The US, Scandinavia and UK are rated as the top 10 governments responding to slavery, yet convictions are low.

Human trafficking is just one way of enslaving someone. Whereas centuries ago it was common for a slave trader to simply buy another human being and "own" that person as their property (which does still happen), today the practice is largely more insidious.

Trafficking involves the recruitment, transfer or obtaining of an individual through coercion, abduction, fraud or force to exploit them. That exploitation can range from forced labour to forced marriage or commercial sex work and the exploiter can be anyone, including strangers, neighbours or family members. Most people are trafficked within their own





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countries, although they can also be trafficked abroad; most often the individual is trafficked into forced labour. Qatar was forced to take action after revelations of abusive practices foisted on migrant workers helping build its infrastructure for the 2022 World Cup. Trafficking on to fishing boats is still widespread, men are lured by the promise of jobs in agriculture or construction, then drugged or beaten and wake up at sea. Exploitation of migrant workers has also been revealed in Malaysia, Cambodia, China, Italy, Vietnam and the UK. How does someone end up becoming a slave? There is no definitive answer to this question. Modern slavery affects people of every colour, age and gender, but is more prevalent among vulnerable people e.g. a young girl forced to marry at 13 because climate change has flooded her family's crops and they can no longer afford to keep her at home. Or a homeless person kidnapped from a London soup kitchen and forced to work on a caravan site. Or a migrant whose visa has expired and can be threatened with deportation if she/he doesn't do what the trafficker demands.

According to Anti-Slavery International, slavery is so common that it is possible you come across victims "on a regular basis". Key things to look out for are whether the person has freedom of movement; appears scared, withdrawn or shows signs of abuse or seems under the control of someone else and scared to talk. If you think someone may tick these boxes, contact the Modern Slavery Helpline on 08000 121 700, the police, Crimestoppers or groups such as Anti-Slavery International. Through the natural progression of global statistics this can't happen in Somerset, can it? Enjoy the world cup though.

### Steve Browning

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