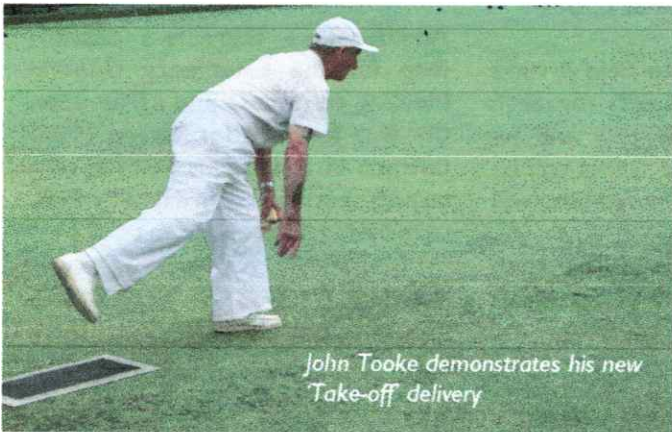




*My ones nearer than your one!*



*John Tooke demonstrates his new 'Take-off' delivery*



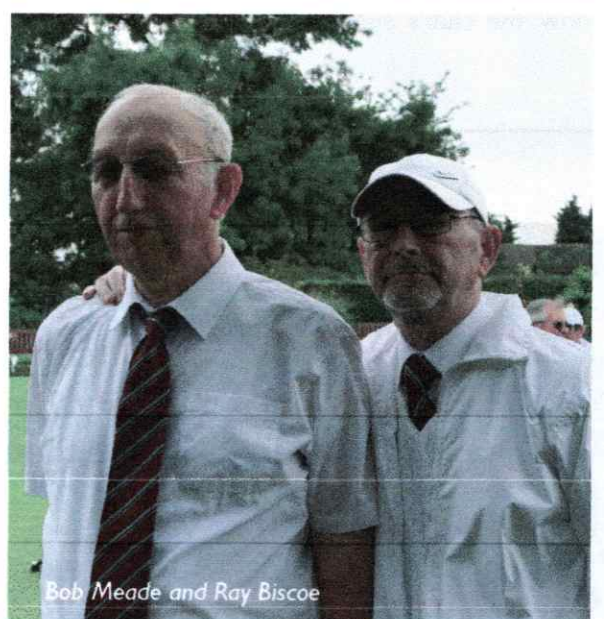
*Anything he can do!*



*New headgear?*



*The sun came out for a short time*



*Bob Meade and Ray Biscoe*

*Many*





Rain clouds descend (again)



It's only a drop of rain!



Say cheese!



Met Police vs St Chads—Sat June 30th at Met Police Sports Centre, Chigwell

**Members please note:**

If you are booking internal games enter them into the diary to prevent double bookings. Please keep a check on the fixtures list for all future events this season, and put your name down if you are available and if appropriate.

We need your feedback. If there's anything you would like to see included in the newsletter contact us at: [stchadsnewsletter9@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:stchadsnewsletter9@hotmail.co.uk)  
Tel no: 0208 597 0526

Apologies if there are any errors and omissions.



# Notes for Your Diary and also Volunteers Required Please

During September we have a number of events that will require the assistance of the Membership, they are as follows:

**WE ARE  
MACMILLAN.  
CANCER SUPPORT**

The Club will be participating in the Macmillan Coffee Morning on Friday 28th September. All members are requested to participate by providing possible raffle prizes, empty red wine bottles and for those that can bake any cakes that could be sold off would be welcomed.

If you have any gifts suitable for raffles they would be very much appreciated

## On the bowling front

You may be aware that our member Alan Luckcraft is this year's President of the Romford Bowling Association (RBA) and the club are hosting three events for him during September. We will require volunteers for each of these events to show the club's support for Alan,

as well as providing players for at least one event.

## The events are as follows:

Sunday 2nd September  
RBA Finals Day

This event will start at around 9:00am and run throughout the day. Volunteers will be needed to set up the rinks, provide tea/coffee and Bacon Rolls at the start of the day. Later in the evening there will be a buffet meal. So volunteers will be required for all the usual jobs associated with such an event e.g. washing up, serving and collecting and of course bar duties.

Sunday 9th September  
RBA President versus St Chads

St Chads will need to field 5 rinks of teams of four players for each rink and it is likely this will be mixed, so Ladies and Gents will be needed to play. The games will begin at 2:30pm

Again there is likely to be a sit down meal at the end of the event around 5:30 – 6PM

Saturday 22nd September  
RBA versus Essex Bowls Associa-

tion Group 4 (The Jim Morris Cup)

This event will start at 2pm and once again St Chads may be called upon to supply some players for the event. Volunteers will be needed to assist in setting up the green and providing welcoming tea and coffee for players as they arrive. There will also be a post match meal for this event as well

Alan Luckcraft is currently liaising with Roy Blane to determine exactly what the RBA will require at each event. Members are therefore requested to watch the Notice Boards for further information and provide assistance wherever they can.

Additionally – there is a possible date for the Emergency General Meeting to discuss and agree upon the way forward for Green Maintenance in 2013. This EGM is tentatively set for Saturday 8th September starting at 2pm.

## ALSO PLEASE NOTE

Friday Evening Coaching Sessions with Arthur Blackmore are available as and when required for new and existing members. These are part of the induction programme



The Funeral of Mike Rees took place on 28th June at Forest Park Crematorium Hainault. It was very well attended by many members of the Bowling fraternity. Roy Blane gave a fitting eulogy which reflected the thoughts and feelings of all present

## POETRY

### From a desperate housewife

SUE SPELLING (20 years ago)

The bowling season is here again  
A time which causes so much pain  
I don't look forward to the sunny weather  
There's a lot of time we're not together  
The price of your pleasure is sometimes high  
And causes me to really sigh  
For we're each affected in a different way  
Every match or roll up you play  
I know it's the only thing you do  
It's the *quantity* that makes me blue  
I realise the pressure is worse at the start  
And I really do try not to lose heart  
But four matches this week and more bowls next weekend  
Is a prospect which sends me right round the bend!  
You rush home from work in a hurry to go  
Although it's your fun you get tired you know  
Jump into the bath and eat a quick snack  
There's no time for a meal until you get back  
Return home past nine aching and weary  
To be greeted by me all wound up and teary  
The telly goes on cos it helps you relax -  
I don't mean to moan just to state facts  
I know you've cut down the competitions to choose  
And commitments will lessen once you start to lose  
But the more that you play the better you get  
And to wish you *bad* luck would cause me to fret!  
Matches need markers so sometimes you go  
To help with the games of people you know  
The phone line gets hot with arrangements to make  
Queries and gossip and discussing mistakes  
Roll ups Sunday mornings and trips down the club  
To see if you've been picked when the notice goes up  
If a match at weekends is one that's at home  
For four or five hours I'll be on my own  
Of course it takes longer when games are away  
And sometimes a "special" means you're out all day  
This year you're not "Sec" you're only Assistant  
But your duties though less will still be persistent  
At committee meetings you'll need to be there  
To take part in decisions because you care .....

(it ended in tears)

18/05/1992

### Twenty years later ...

SUE SPELLING

My goodness twenty years  
have passed  
Since I wrote that verse  
We've managed to stay mar-  
ried  
Through the better and the  
worse  
I've grown to love the greens  
The trees and birdies too  
All the open space  
Is soothing for this Sue  
Bowls is still around  
Though Colin does not play  
Now he runs the bar  
For free and not for pay  
I don't know what the future  
holds  
But we'll deal with it together  
I'm glad we stuck it out  
During times of stormy  
weather

22/07/2012 08.45 am

### GET WELL WISHES!

Best wishes are sent to Stan Ward for a successful outcome for his operation in September. Best wishes are also sent to Barbara Wood that she will continue to make improvement. It was good to see Alan Moss continuing to make good recovery and also Brenda Morton also making recovery .



Viv Blane and Barbara Benson manning the Tombola



# QUIZ

Initials – What do they stand for (answers end of page)

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|---------|---------|--------|---------|
| 1 NAFFI | 2 FRCS  | 3 IMF  | 4 RADA  |
| 5 YHA   | 6 UEFA  | 7 DSM  | 8 LNER  |
| 9 BST   | 10 REME | 11 NUR | 12 HSBC |

## COMICS



'IS EVERYTHING ALRIGHT DEAR? YOU'RE OFF TO WORK EARLY THIS MORNING'



'NO, I'M NOT BORED, HEARING HOW WELL YOU SKIPPED - I'VE GOT A GREAT SENSE OF HUMOUR'

## JOKES

A little man gets on the bus with a bowling wood in each front pocket. He sits next to a young woman who stares at the man and his bulging front pockets.

After an uneasy few minutes, the little man says to her "Bowling balls", and nods to his pockets.

The woman seems rather shocked.

Moments later, she asks him "Does it hurt as much as tennis elbow?"

Man: "I got a new set of bowls for the wife last week. Best deal I've made in years!"

Three old players (not at St Chads of course!) are playing lawn bowls.

One says: "Windy isn't it?".

Second one replies: "No, it's Thursday".

Third one says: "So am I, let's have a beer!".



Do You Remember? Old Photo last edition. Jackie Blackmore recognised herself and a few others. Do you know who was in this photo and what was happening? (no prizes though) Submitted by Terry Woolston