

# The Coltbridge Bowler



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## Halfway Through!

It is hard to believe that we are about halfway through the outdoor bowling season already!

However, when looking back over the last few months we have packed a lot in to a relatively short period of time!

We do not have the space here to go through each event separately, the winners will be recognised at the prize giving at the end of the season, however it is great to note that there has been a variety of winners and not just the “usual suspects”!

A highlight was the Bowl and BBQ evening when members had the opportunity to bring friends and family to the club to enjoy a fun game of bowls followed by a delicious BBQ cooked by the amazing Beattie brothers!

The various club competitions are well under way, and we are looking forward to finals of both the ladies and gents single finals (19/7) as well as many other competitions and events.



## Ready for the rain



## DON'T MISS .....

There is so much more scheduled for the rest of the season! It is easy to miss events. If possible, we recommend that you join the club WhatsApp group (see Derek), alternatively the club website also lists future events. [www.coltbridgebowlingclub.co.uk](http://www.coltbridgebowlingclub.co.uk) .If all else fails make sure you look at the notice board every time you visit the club.

Here are a few events to look out for.

Friendly v Stow at home 13/7 @ 2pm

Quiz & Bowls – non-members are welcome  
20/7 @6.45

Bowling & BBQ - non members welcome  
27/7 @2pm

There are plenty more events leading up to the closing day and prizegiving on 21/9 and finally a BBQ & Bowls day 29/9 (weather permitting of course!



## Have You Noticed ?

A lot of effort and hard work has gone into improving the club environment and facilities over the last few months or so.

It may surprise some members to find out that a lot of this work happens in the closed season.

For instance, Archie Drummond and his team can often be seen on a Tuesday morning cutting hedges, painting walls and maintaining the grounds.

A team of more recently retired members took on the task of painting the exterior of the clubhouse along with a number of other improvements not least the wonderful hanging baskets and planters arranged and erected by the extremely green fingered Joyce Glen ably assisted by husband John.

When club secretary Elizabeth Sharp visited the club one winter day during a wall painting session, she suggested that the paint covered workers looked like the cast from Last of the Summer Wine!

David Crystal has organised the new modernised logo as well as new team strips and the superb new club flag and much more. The club now has a TV making it a popular venue to watch sporting events further improvements are on-going.

A special mention must go to Colin Baxter & Alan Beattie for the tireless work they have put in maintaining the green, its looking very good and compares extremely well with other greens

## New Members Recruitment Drive

The club committee has been determined to attract new members to the club, this ambition was enhanced by the successful "Try Bowls Day" held not long after the beginning of the season. Around 30 visitors turned up to the "give bowls a try" and this great day, largely organised by club coach Alan Beattie, has contributed to 11 new members joining the club so far!

We are not stopping there though, promotion of our club and the effort to attract more members continues.

If you know someone who you think may enjoy bowling and the facilities we offer please try and encourage them to come down and – **Give Bowls a Try!**

## HAVE YOUR SAY!

**The club committee under the leadership of President Colin Baxter are committed to growing and improving the club. We do however fully understand that its impossible to please all the people all the time and that members also may have some great ideas on how to help achieve our goals.**

**We therefore would like to encourage all members who have a comment to say about the club to mention it either informally by speaking to a committee member or even by sending an e mail or note via the club secretary Elizabeth Sharp.**