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### 1. 2023 Frances Kay Trophy

A great morning of bowls was enjoyed by the members of the YVIBC and their opponents the YBC (Yeovil Bowls Club). With relatively new bowlers on both teams, how the game was going to play out was an uncertainty for both sides. The game was played once again in a brilliant atmosphere with a lot of laughter (thank you Simon) and friendly banter.

Our grateful thanks go to Lisa; Simon's mum, for donating the superb cupcakes which Lisa also made and to Jackie Woods; YBC captain of the day for the sandwiches and refreshments after the game;

None of the teams for the YVIBC were successful on the day, but all rinks were hard fought for with Georgina Park and Peter Honeywell putting in some superb performances. We can't forget our helpers on the day, Debbie, Bill, Rod and Lisa for all their help. Debbie and Bill also had to double up on the day as players as well as helpers.

It was a busy morning at the club with the game to play and to keep us on our toes, two new potential bowlers turned up. We hope to see them for the outdoor season.

Mo  
YVIBC Captain

### 2. YVIBC Memorial Trophy and Plate



Congratulations to Mo Perry and Trisha Evans who were this year's winners of the trophy and plate competitions respectively.



### 3. International Blind Bowls Championships 2023

Yeovil Visually Impaired Bowls Club are very proud that Ron and Mo were both selected to represent England at the Championships held on the Gold Coast in March.

Congratulations to Ron Homer who won a bronze medal in the B2 Mixed Pairs with Sarah Marshall.

Unfortunately Ron and Mo finished outside of the medals in the singles competitions, both finishing joint 4th on points in their respective categories.



Well done to Ron and Mo for making up one quarter of the England squad that went to Australia, we are all very proud of you. In recognition of their achievements, Ron and Mo were both presented with an engraved glass by Yeovil Bowls Club.



### 4. Open Day at Yeovil Bowls Club

If you know anyone who would like to have a go at playing bowls (this can be sighted or visually impaired people), please encourage them to come along to Yeovil Bowls Club on Sunday 21st May 2023 between 10am and Mid-day for a free taster session with club coaches.

## 5. Weston Super-Mare 2023 VI Open singles



The Yeovil Visually Impaired Bowlers, once again enjoyed four days of friendly but very competitive bowling, and returned home happy in the knowledge that Yeovil bowlers once again did themselves proud in this competition.

For the most part we bowled in nice weather (except for when we got drenched) and our members conducted themselves as you would expect.

However, there always seems to be one exception and for one of our bowlers this year, they found the local taxi travels a little challenging (please ask Ron for more details).

The atmosphere in our camp was great, a little raucous at the Saturday night quiz, but a brilliant night was had by all.

The winner this year was the Visually Impaired Bowls England chairman; Mr David Mears who somehow managed to avoid all the Yeovil bowlers. Oh, and I must put a small note in here about my very short lived third place. To my surprise I was announced as finishing in third place, but this was very short lived as a mistake meant I had to hand my medal over to Alan Lyne who was the real third place winner, even though my presentation and photos with the Mayor had already gone ahead.





There were only a few top players missing this year, so as always, the standard of play was going to be very high and challenging for the newer or weaker bowlers. With this being said, step up Simon Penny, with mum Lisa as his director and how he played was incredible.



Simon has earned so much respect from the players he came up against this year. Next year, it's going to be, don't look at Simon as an easy game, as now he is making all his opponents work hard for every shot. Well done everyone at YVIBC for your patience and guidance with regards to Simon and his bowling, it's all paying off.

Also, for those that don't know, Simon has joined the main club and has already been picked and played in games representing them.

We are very fortunate at the YVIBC to have such a brilliant following; I especially refer to those who travel to Weston to support our bowlers over these four days of competition. This year saw our secretary; Debbie Guppy with her husband Trevor, not only watch some bowls but the two of them gave up four days of their time to act as markers and/or directors (all of which was funded by themselves).

After last year's VI competition in which Debbie did some marking, such was the draw of VI bowling on this scale, she pre-planned with the organiser David Stott to do more marking and if needed directing. With Ron's director unable to make the competition this year, it afforded Debbie the chance to direct in two games at this level. It proved to be a successful partnership and guess who's got the bug for directing; Debbie!

Mo Perry  
Captain.

## 6. WESTON 2024

We look forward to next year's competition which is going to be 2nd to 5th May and we have brought back with us some entry forms.

Please remember, if you would like to enter there will be transport provided to and from the competition. However, accommodation, meals and any taxis used for getting about at Weston, is the responsibility of the individual.

As always, your club committee are here to help and answer any questions or concerns you might have regarding the Weston tournament. Financial questions to the treasurer please.

All entrants will need to have an in date sight classification certificate (sight classification certificates should be taken to the tournament as stated on the entry form) and ensure that their bowls are in date. Anyone who needs to apply for a sight classification certificate will need to arrange this through an Optician; the application form that needs to be completed by the optician can be printed from this link:

<https://www.internationalblindbowls.org/newpage>

Once the form has been completed by the optician, then it needs to be sent off to Visually Impaired Bowls England with a membership application form and the one off lifetime membership fee of £10.

The VIBE membership form is on the next page:

## 7. SUMMER FIXTURES

Just a reminder of the fixtures arranged for this summer.

Day	Date	Venue	Match
Thursday	18 <sup>th</sup> May 2023	Lyme Regis	Friendly Triples
Wednesday	7 <sup>th</sup> June 2023	Sherborne	Friendly Triples
Wednesday	26 <sup>th</sup> July 2023	Somerton	Friendly Triples
Wednesday	9 <sup>th</sup> August 2023	Yeovil	Challenge Cup (1)
Thursday	24 <sup>th</sup> August 2023	Sth Petherton	Friendly Triples
Wednesday	30 <sup>th</sup> August 2023	Yeovil	Challenge Cup (2)

**V.I.B.E.**

Visually Impaired Bowls England

(Charity No 273134)

**MEMBERSHIP FORM**

Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: ..... Date of application: .....

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Post Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Tele No: \_\_\_\_\_ Mob No: \_\_\_\_\_

e.mail \_\_\_\_\_

CLUB NAME \_\_\_\_\_

*SIGHT CATEGORY (if known)* \_\_\_\_\_ *Expiry Date* \_\_\_\_\_

**Type of Membership Fee (please tick)**

VI Bowler Life Membership Fee £ 10.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Coach/Helper Life Membership Fee £ 10.00 \_\_\_\_\_

\*Coach/Helper Associate Life Membership £ 10.00 \_\_\_\_\_

**\* NOTE An Associate Member has no voting rights\***

Please make cheques payable to **Visually Impaired Bowls England** and send with this membership application form to :

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