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Happy New Year to everyone from all your committee officers

1. FUNDRAISING



Well done to everyone who helped sell the tickets for the Rotary Club of Yeovil's Annual community Christmas draw. Together we managed to sell 150 books of tickets. At the presentation evening, Ron, Debbie & Mo collected a cheque for £825 which was our share of the proceeds of the ticket sales. A special mention must go to Mo who sold 37 books of tickets!

In November we received the latest pay out of £20.30 from Amazon for purchases made through the Amazon Smile link.

Sadly Amazon are withdrawing the Smile scheme on 28th February 2023, but the committee would like to thank everyone who has helped raise funds through this scheme.

On 15th April 2023, Ron, Mo and Debbie will be taking part in Yeovil Visually Impaired Bowls Club's 24 hour Bowlathon to raise funds for our club.

2. PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO BOWLING ON TUESDAY 28th FEBRUARY

3. CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Ron and Mo who will both be representing England at the International Blind Bowls Association World Championships in Australia in March. We are very proud to have two Yeovil VI bowlers selected for the England team and we wish them every success. Their last Tuesday session before they leave for Australia is Tuesday 21st February; Lisa has kindly offered to make cupcakes that day



Congratulations to Simon who has been presented with an award for his volunteering at the Somerset T20 matches, handling out merchandise and meeting the public, he also had to do an interview and short presentation. As well as the award he also received a thank you card signed by the Somerset Cricketers.

He has also been working towards his Food Hygiene Certificates at the Winking Frog, he was presented with his certificates during his Christmas Meal at the Frog.

4. WESTON 2023

A reminder to anyone planning on entering the 2023 Weston Tournament that the entry form needs to be completed and returned to David Stott with the non refundable entry fee of £15 by the closing date of 4th February 2023.

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 as soon as possible through an Optician (some local opticians currently have a wait of several weeks for an appointment), the form that needs to be completed can be printed from this link:

YVIBC will arrange a minibus from Yeovil on Wednesday 3rd May (this is the day before the tournament starts) for anyone wishing to enter the tournament or attend as a spectator. There will be return transport back to Yeovil on Sunday 7th May after the tournament presentation. Accommodation will need to be booked early as the tournament coincides with the King's Coronation, booking accommodation is the responsibility of the individuals concerned. The tournament organisers have advised that entrants should ensure any accommodation bookings made are refundable in case of cancellation.

Any questions about the tournament, the entry form, sight classification certificates or bowls stamps, please see a member of your committee.

5. SUMMER FIXTURES

Please make a note in your diaries/calendars etc of the following dates Towards the end of the indoor season, you will receive a printed copy of the away fixtures so that you can indicate which games you would like to play in and then Mo will know which players he has available to select his teams from.

| Day | Date | Venue | Match |
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| Thursday-Sunday | 4 th -7 th May | Weston-s-Mare | National Open. |
| Thursday | 18 th May 2023 | Lyme Regis | Friendly Triples |
| Wednesday | 7 th June 2023 | Sherborne | Friendly Triples |
| Wednesday | 26 th July 2023 | Somerton | Friendly Triples |
| Wednesday | 9 th August 2023 | Yeovil | Summer Challenge Cup Game 1 |
| Thursday | 24 th August 2023 | South Petherton | Friendly Triples |
| Wednesday | 30 th August 2023 | Yeovil | Summer Challenge Cup Game 2 |