DEAR MEMBER,

Welcome to the 2009 Newsletter and the prelude to another season of bowling.
Spring is here again, and what a great start, with lots of sunshine. It's time to dust of the bowls, and limber up. If after all that activity you need to sit down, then put the kettle on and read this newsletter telling of what has been happening at the Bowling Club.

Fund Raising

In December we opened the bowling pavilion for the Dickensian Festival on two Saturdays last year. A third was not possible because help was not available. However, all concerned were happy with the amount raised.

Also in December, we applied for a Grant from the Grass Roots Millennium Trust. The good news was a grant was awarded, enabling us to carry out much needed repairs to the machinery store roof, and the path to the car park side of the green has been re-edged and tarmaced. We also hope to be able to fit a handrail from the gate down the slope to green level.

Annual General Meeting

The A.G.M. was held on the 9th March, in the Town Hall.
(Whilst the machinery store roof was being repaired, the machinery was in the pavilion hence we were in the Town Hall)
Thirty people were in attendance.

A new Committee was elected, as listed on the front cover.
Philip Dunderdale has not stood for re-election to the committee. As Im sure most of you know Philip had health issues last year. He feels that his busy job and the pressure of being Chairman and Secretary, as he was last year was too much. We thank Philip for his work and dedication to the Club.

We welcome to our committee, our new members, they are:
Geoff Barwick
Jean Hargreaves
Trevor Hargreaves
Marilyn Roberts
Brett Roberts, has very kindly offered his services as Auditor.
Our Team Captains remain the same this year, and a very good job they both do.

Team Captains	A Team Mrs Jean Rowley
	B Team Mr Noel Hudson
Trustees	Mrs R.M. Richardson
	Mr B.H. Metcalfe
	Mr M.G. Ogden

With the passing of Mr Helm, Mr Michael Ogden was nominated by Mr Metcalfe and Mrs Richardson. The Committee approved their nomination.

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After a long time we are now nearer to signing the lease with the Yorkshire Dales National Park. We expect this will be for 35 years with an option for another 35 years. (I think this will be long enough for most of our members).

The subscriptions for members this year was set at £45 for full adult membership. This can be paid in two instalments if members wish.
Payments should be made 1st April £22.50 and
1st July £22.50.

At £1.73 per week to bowl 7 days a week the committee feel that bowling at our well kept, beautifully situated green, is still good value for money. It's cheaper than a pint of beer, or a cappuccino.
Other subscriptions remain the same as last year.

Non-playing Member £6
Junior 12-18yrs £6 - Junior under 12yrs £4

Subscriptions are due and should be paid to our Treasurer, Evelyn Inman, please. Cheques made payable to "Grassington & District Bowling Club",

We have some members who support the club but do not play. We would like to say thank you for your continued support, it is greatly appreciated.

On and Around the Green.

Work on the green has already started. Pat Clarke took delivery of iron for the green at 7.15 am last week. Volunteers have now spread it over the green and are waiting for it to turn black!

With the machinery store being re-roofed the place was full of rubble and old mortar, the ladies shovelled and barrowed the rubble outside to leave the store looking very clean. (dinner and floor were mentioned.)

Getting Started

The green will be open (weather dependant) on the 4th April. League fixtures start 21st April.
Those wishing to be included for selection of the Teams playing in the Skipton League, Please let Captains know your availability.

Well that's the news. The sun is shining, the green looks good, the daffodils are out. A warm welcome awaits old and new members at the bowling club.
P.S. Go steady with the limbering up.