

# NEWSLETTER

*A review of the past month, a preview of the coming month and more*

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## LET'S ROCK & BOWL!

The format of the Leagues has been decided, the fixtures have been published, the Knock-Out competitions first round draws have been made, bowler transfers are drying up - so we are almost ready for the season to start, time to Rock & Bowl! Well almost but we could do with the weather improving a little first before we start the season on Easter Monday 2nd April.

The structure and make-up of the Leagues has been completed but the 10-Man League was not straight-forward with the Longwood and Lockwood Cons B teams to fit in at the right level. The argument that they should both start in the bottom Section carried no weight with the Management Committee as previous such decisions have resulted in unhappy experiences resulting in many hundreds of pounds in prize money being gifted to teams put in at the wrong level. This extended to the KO competitions as well with the lower Section based handicap awarded on top to such teams proving too much for opponents in the Sub-Team KO and Bistro competitions. History indicates that placing strong teams in the lowest Section doesn't work out for them or their opponents but where to place them is the quandary.

The logical outcome of placing the 6-Man 2017 Champions of Lockwood Con in above runners-up Longwood is not so logical under closer examination. It is believed that Longwood will be the stronger of the two teams next season as they have already recruited additional good bowlers, whereas, at the time of the decision, Lockwood appear to be relying on their current player base with no new signings to date.

In addition the past advantage that the Cons had of being able to call upon their 10-Man A team bowlers in to the 6-Man team as required will no longer be an option for them. Also the need for B team bowlers to fill in the A team gaps on occasions will also place demands on the new team which weren't there last season.

Both the new teams are considered to be much too strong to start their 10-Man life in the lower Sections. Taking everything in to account led the Management Committee to put Longwood in Section 2 and the Lockwood Con B team in to Section 3. Time will tell of course if that is the correct decision. Further explanation of the thinking behind these decisions and the composition of all Sections for 2018 are contained within this issue of your newsletter.

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## Let's Rock & Bowl *[continued from Page 1]*

Time to look at how the League Sections have been set up for the new season. In the 6-Man League we have lost four teams - two from Section B and the top two from Section A. Three new teams have entered the League leaving us with a total of 24 teams so that is easy enough to split evenly into two 12-team Sections. None of the new teams are considered to be Section A level at present so two more teams - Skel Windmill and Golcar Lib - are also promoted from Section B into the top flight. The four blank Monday dates in the calendar will be used to play four rounds of the Julie Fuller Trophy, that's all rounds except the Final.

There is one less team in the 10-Man League this season with three withdrawals leaving 63 teams to fit in to the five Section format. Last year it was (from Section 1 down) 14, 14, 12, 12, 12 teams in each Section. To keep levels equal and with no desire to move towards a model which once left 8 teams in the bottom Section, the make-up for 2018 is to be 14, 13, 12, 12, 12.

With Longwood and Lockwood Con B being fitted in at the most appropriate level means that some additional relegations are being enforced. Two extra teams are dropping out of Section 2, three more out of Section 3 and one extra one out of Section 4. Some teams will not be happy at that, indeed the Management Committee were not happy in having to do this, but in the interests of retaining five competitive Sections this is deemed to be the best solution. Enforced relegation shouldn't be regarded as the end of the world as such teams will inevitably be stronger in a lower Section and should be looking towards a more successful season although it is recognised that not all will agree.

There is always an alternative however and a number were considered before the final solution was agreed. These alternatives looked at providing an outcome where additional relegations would not be necessary. The only way that could happen would be to put Longwood and Lockwood Con B in Section 4 which would leave all the Sections with different numbers. Other models saw Sections all have a different number of teams with those under consideration leaving some of the bottom three Sections with 11, 10 or 9 teams. This was seen as the first step in returning to the problems of two years ago when a major reorganisation was undertaken to resolve the situation of having just 8 teams in the bottom Section. There is no appetite to return to that unfair system where the lower based teams are penalised through no fault of their own and when it is avoidable.

This has been a difficult exercise whilst trying to be fair to all but inevitably there are winners and losers. Some teams will be aggrieved at being relegated despite being outside the relegation places at the end of last season (including my own team). That is perfectly understandable but in trying to factor in all the requirements your Management Committee has come up with what it believes to be the best solution. You may not agree with it but hopefully you can see and understand the approach that has been taken and how the outcome has been arrived at. Time to move on now.

### REORGANISATION HEADLINES

#### 10-MAN LEAGUE

- ❖ New team Longwood put in Section 2
- ❖ Lockwood Con B put in Section 3
- ❖ Kirkheaton Con & Thorpe Green are relegated to Section 3
- ❖ Brockholes B, Milnsbridge B and Slaithwaite relegated to Section 4
- ❖ Thongsbridge B relegated to Section 5
- ❖ Team numbers in each Section (1-5) are 14, 13, 12, 12, 12

#### 6-MAN LEAGUE

- ❖ The three new teams from Marsh Lib, Golcar C&BC and Skel Windmill B all placed in Section B
- ❖ Four teams withdrawn - Longwood, Lockwood Con, Greenhead Park and Canalside B
- ❖ Skel Windmill A and Golcar Lib are additional promotions to Section A

TURN OVER FOR THE FULL LINE-UP  
FOR ALL SEVEN SECTIONS IN 2018

## 2018 SEASON LEAGUE STRUCTURES

(showing 2017 points totals)

### 10-MAN LEAGUE

SECTION 1		PI	Pts	
1	Lockwood Con.	26	149	
2	Milnsbridge A	26	139	
3	Clayton West	26	135	
4	Meltham A	26	133	
5	Marsh United A	26	127	
6	Elland C&BC A	26	127	
7	Netherton Con. A	26	119	
8	Golcar Lib. A	26	115	
9	Lindley Lib. A	26	112	
10	Cowcliffe	26	107	
11	Waterloo A	26	103	
12	Almondbury B.C. A	26	102	
13	Brockholes A	26	151	Promoted
14	Thongsbridge A	26	150	Promoted

SECTION 2		PI	Pts	
1	Rastrick	26	97	Relegated
2	Shepley	26	73	Relegated
3	Crosland Moor	26	148	
4	Lindley B.C. A	26	120	
5	Hemplot	26	120	
6	Skel Windmill	26	117	
7	Kirkheaton C&BC A	26	114	
8	Meltham B	26	114	
9	Broad Oak A	26	112	
10	Primrose Hill Lib A	26	111	
11	New Mill A	22	125	Promoted
12	Almondbury Lib.	22	112	Promoted
13	Longwood			NEW TEAM

SECTION 3		PI	Pts	
1	Linthwaite Hall	26	93	Relegated
2	Canalside	26	86	Relegated
3	Kirkheaton Con.	26	105	Relegated
4	Thorpe Green	26	97	Relegated
5	Lindley Lib. B	22	107	
6	Holmfirth A	22	106	
7	Paddock I&C	22	102	
8	Springwood	22	100	
9	Ravensknowle Park A	22	94	
10	Golcar Lib B	22	136	Promoted
11	Almondbury B.C. B	22	126	Promoted
12	Lockwood Con B			NEW TEAM

SECTION 4		PI	Pts	
	<i>Waterloo B</i>	22	87	WITHDRAWN
1	Bradley & Colne	22	86	Relegated
2	Brockholes B	22	92	Relegated
3	Milnsbridge B	22	89	Relegated
4	Slaithwaite	22	88	Relegated
5	Marsden Park	22	114	
6	Meltham C	22	110	
7	Netherton Con. B	22	103	
	<i>Skel Windmill B</i>	22	97	WITHDRAWN
8	Marsh United B	22	94	
9	Lindley B.C. B	22	92	
10	Broad Oak B	22	88	
11	Denby Dale	22	135	Promoted
12	Outlane	22	130	Promoted

SECTION 5		PI	Pts	
1	Huddersfield RUFC	22	80	Relegated
2	David Brown Sports	22	67	Relegated
3	Thongsbridge B	22	81	Relegated
4	Dalton	22	109	
5	New Mill B	22	104	
6	Lowerhouses	22	103	
7	Primrose Hill Lib. B	22	100	
8	Greenhead Park	22	99	
9	Kirkheaton C&BC B	22	97	
	<i>Canalside B</i>	22	81	WITHDRAWN
10	Elland C&BC B	22	80	
11	Holmfirth B	22	75	
12	Ravensknowle Park B	22	75	

### 6-MAN LEAGUE

SECTION A		PI	Pts	
	<i>Lockwood Con.</i>	22	124	WITHDRAWN
	<i>Longwood</i>	22	116	WITHDRAWN
1	Shepley A	22	99	
2	Brockholes A	22	90	
3	Farnley Tyas	22	74	
4	Paddock I&C	22	71	
5	Thongsbridge B	22	71	
6	Milnsbridge BC	22	65	
7	Clayton West	22	63	
8	Almondbury Lib.	22	62	
9	Netherton Con.	24	117	Promoted
10	Crosland Moor	24	113	Promoted
11	Skel Windmill A	24	110	Promoted
12	Golcar Lib.	24	102	Promoted

SECTION B		PI	Pts	
1	Oakfield T&BC	22	46	Relegated
2	Primrose Hill Lib	22	43	Relegated
3	Meltham	24	92	
4	Holmfirth	24	86	
5	Shepley B	24	84	
6	Hemplot	24	82	
	<i>Lindley BC</i>	24	81	WITHDRAWN
7	Thongsbridge A	24	67	
8	Lindley Lib.	24	64	
	<i>Greenhead Park</i>	24	56	WITHDRAWN
9	Brockholes B	24	38	
10	Marsh Lib			NEW TEAM
11	Skel Windmill B			NEW TEAM
12	Golcar C&BC			NEW TEAM

## End of an Era in 6-Man League

So what will life be like in the 6-man League after the withdrawal of the dominating teams from Longwood and Lockwood Con? Between them those two teams have lifted the 6-man Section A title for the last five seasons and all that is about to change. At the end of last season the placings were as predicted with the top two unchanged then with Shepley A and Brockholes A assuming 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> places. In fact these two clubs between them have taken the minor place in four of the last five years - twice each. Golcar Lib A having pinched third place from both of them back in 2013 and ironically a Golcar Lib team finds itself back in the top Section for 2018 following this reshuffle.

In addition Farnley Tyas, along with the two promoted teams from Netherton Con and Crosland Moor, will be re-energised by the absence of the previous top two and we can expect an almighty scrap to develop for honours this year.

Yes we are disappointed to lose two very good teams from the 6-man League but their transfer into the 10-man League will surely introduce a new element of competition and hope that has been denied 6-man teams since the 2012 season when Shepley were the last non-Longwood/Lockwood team to take the Section A title. Bring it on!

## Inter-District Programme

The Inter-District fixtures have now been released and we open our 2018 campaign with a match against Wakefield on Friday 4 May. Hoping to improve on last season's fourth of eight finish and having last won the competition in 2014. The decline of our team's fortunes in recent seasons has been discussed in the Management Committee and involved the Team Managers and Team Captains. In particular the difficulty in getting younger bowlers to play in the Away team is regarded as fundamental to improving results. For 2018 it was agreed that Alan Sharpe will join the Away side management team to look in particular at improving the availability of new bowlers.

The one-day Hickson Trophy Knock-Out competition will be held on Friday 13 July with Castleford the hosts this year. Our representative team finished as runners-up last season in Leeds and will be aiming to go one better this time around.

## Knock-Out Draws

The draws have been made for the opening rounds of our four team Knock-Out competitions and will be available on our HDVBA website next week. The unique 5-pairs format of the Bistro involving all our 10-man teams tends to be the source of a number of giant-killing acts. The 2018 draw throws up ample opportunities for more surprises with only one all-Section 1 tie when Netherton Con A and Lindley Lib A will meet. The Julie Fuller Trophy competition looks wide open this year as the winners for the last four years, Longwood, are no longer in the 6-Man League. The pick of the draw being the meeting of last year's top two in Section B when Netherton Con take on Crosland Moor.

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## First Aid Training Session

We are holding another single session First Aid Training Course on Wednesday 21 February 2018 from 10am to 12noon. This is the same course as held twice last year and covers a range of everyday medical situations including how to react to someone having a heart attack. This type of training has already paid dividends on the bowling green as the intervention of a Veteran's League bowler saved the life of an opponent two years ago. It is a skill that you could be called upon to use at any time not just on the bowling green. The course is free of charge and is provided by the British Red Cross. We are now opening it up to people outside of Veteran's League bowlers. Attend the course and save a life. Register your interest and book your place at [www.hdvba.co.uk/ContactUs.htm](http://www.hdvba.co.uk/ContactUs.htm).

## Club Reps Corner

Next on your agenda is the Association's Annual General Meeting to be held at Paddock I&C at 2:00pm on Monday 19 February. This meeting elects all the Association's officials for the coming season with President Alan Sharpe due to stand down at the conclusion of his two-year term in office. Vice-President Alan Hirst will be put forward to assume the top role for the next two years with a late withdrawal meaning that there is no name yet for the new Vice-President. Nominations for this post - who will become HDVBA President in 2020 as we celebrate our 50th Anniversary - are now invited from member clubs. All the other officials are offering themselves up for re-election.

The Association's finances will be covered with the presentation of the 2017 Balance Sheet and a couple of presentations being made to long serving club bowlers and League Officials.

All clubs are expected to pay their 2018 League fees at the AGM as per the League Rule. Your fees are itemised in the pack received with the AGM calling papers. Cheques should be made payable to the Huddersfield Veterans Bowling Association.

There will also be a one-item Special General Meeting to follow the AGM to cover a proposed rule change. This provides an update to a proposed rule change made at the Half-Year Meeting which failed to gain the support of member clubs. Details of the proposal have already been circulated to all clubs.

Following these meetings a 15-minute induction session will be held for new Club Representatives where the three HDVBA Secretaries will outline their responsibilities and take any questions from the new representatives.

On another matter it has been suggested that the sharing of team captain's phone numbers could be really helpful in the event of inclement match-day weather. The easiest way of doing this is for clubs to use the facility on Bowlsnet where you can add up to three contacts with telephone numbers per team. Log in to Bowlsnet, go to INFO from the top menu and then select your team and add the details.

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**HDVBA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
2pm Monday 19 February 2018



## January Transfers

Seven more completed transfers in January as listed below including a fourth Waterloo bowler transferring to Bradley & Colne as a result of the Waterloo B team withdrawing from the League.

DATE	NAME	FROM	TO
04/01/2018	James Unsworth	Waterloo	Bradley & Colne
07/01/2018	Graham Howe	Milnsbridge BC	Longwood
17/01/2018	Francis Kennedy	Lindley Lib	Marsh United
19/01/2018	David Barraclough	Canalside	Denby Dale
22/01/2018	Alan Bamforth	Linthwaite Hall	Lockwood Con
24/01/2018	Geoff Smith	Netherton Con	Lockwood Con
24/01/2018	Richard Chaffer	Skel Windmill	Brockholes

Any club wishing to transfer a bowler for the 2018 season needs to get the details to the League Secretary before the 1 April to ensure that it can be completed in time for the start of the new season. Transfers requested after that date are subject to approval by the Management Committee which will introduce a delay and will require a good reason for the request as in-season transfers are not welcomed and not approved automatically.

## Fantasy League 2018

We are pleased to have received sponsorship once again from Well Bowled of Luddendenfoot to support our unique Fantasy League competition. With £120 in prizes up for grabs in the shape of vouchers to spend with our sponsors and a £5 sales voucher for every entrant means we pay you to enter. What is there not to like?

All you have to do is select a team from each of our seven sections then every point your teams collect goes to your Fantasy League total. A season-long competition for the top prizes but we also run two KO competitions during the season which all entrants are automatically entered in with £10 sales vouchers for the two winners.

Not sure which teams to pick? Then leave that to us. For the first time this year we are offering a Lucky Dip selection facility. We pick your seven teams for you to make life even easier. That way you qualify for the free £5 sales voucher without the effort plus you have the chance to win some of the big money prizes on offer. Registrations for the 2018 season will be opening shortly on the HDVBA website so keep your eye out for that and decide to get involved this year.

### **MARCH NEWSLETTER**

If you have registered to receive the monthly HDVBA Newsletter then the March 2018 issue will be arriving in your email inbox by

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## Our Bowling Lives **Margaret & Tony Emerson**



There are many committed bowlers in Huddersfield. Many of whom bowl several times a week. Some are dedicated club men going beyond the playing duty to take on captaincy, administrative, fund-raising, running junior teams or green maintenance responsibilities. Then some go even further to also take on wider duties within a League or even a County-wide role. Tony Emerson has done all those things in a 53-year bowling career (so far) but the list doesn't stop there when you factor in the partner contribution.

Margaret (Mags to most in bowling) is also a keen bowler as well as an avid bowling spectator who travels many miles supporting the Veterans Away team and the Ladies County team. So when Alan Stephenson suggested that she might be interested in an administrative role within the Veteran's League she jumped at the opportunity. Tommy Dunford was standing down after a second spell as General and League Secretary which brought up his ten-year service milestone. A hard act to follow.

She took on both those roles for five years (2009-2013) before trading in the General Secretary role to add on the duties of Competition Secretary instead for a further two years before eventually standing down altogether in 2015. That service to the Veterans League will rightly be recognised at the Association's AGM this month when she will be awarded Life Membership for her significant contribution to the League. I am sure that being the only woman in a room of 50+ male bowlers had its moments but it also presents its own challenges and Mags proved equal to all of them over her seven seasons in office.

It is fair to say that bowling has dominated this pair's life for all the years they have been together since 1993 and in fact without bowling they would probably never have got together in the first place. It almost seems like they feel they an obligation to pay back bowling for them meeting and have continued to pay back ever since. Mags and Tony I have news for you, regardless of how good your relationship is you have more than paid back in your contribution to local bowling and you are now well in credit.

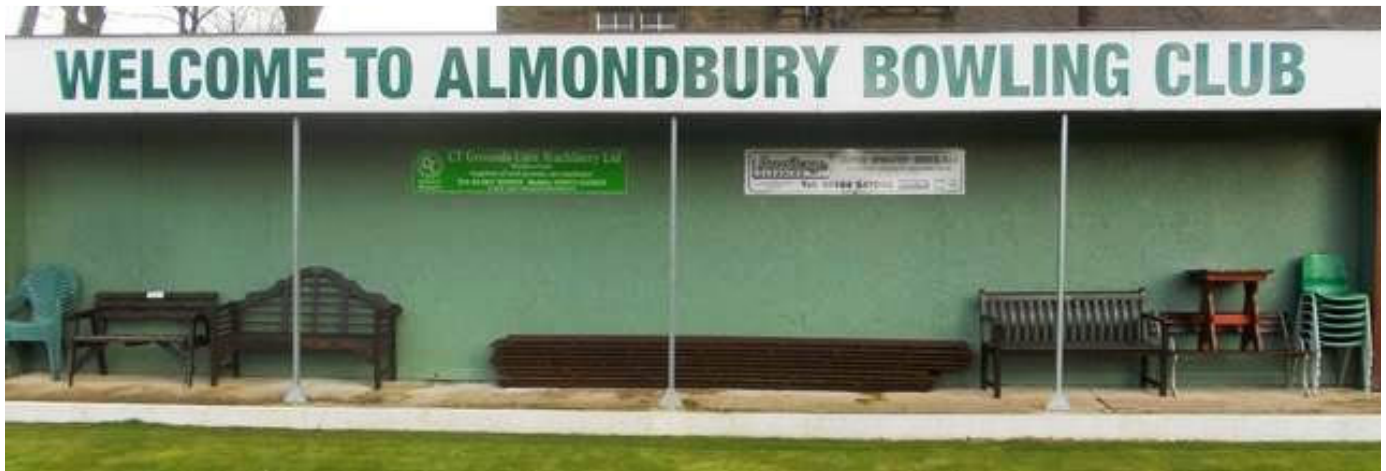
They got together in rented accommodation in Honley and moved to the home next door when it came on the market in 1995, eventually getting married in 1999. By this time both were regular Almondbury B.C. members with Mags following her father who was a long-serving member before her and where Tony enjoyed some success, most notably as a member of their 1979 Henry Taylor Cup team who lost in the Final at Hillcrest Bowling Club.

Tony had always been sports minded including being a decent 25mile time trialist for Falcon Cycles where a Sunday training run would take him to Scarborough and back. His interest in crown green bowling started when he was 28 in 1965 at a time his Rugby League playing career ended following a serious shoulder injury. Starting at the now redundant Hillhouse & Birkby club (he was born in Birkby) before soon moving on to join Almondbury Bowling Club where he has stayed ever since.

Progressing through the club's teams and entering in to the administration side of bowling for the first time when John Mark invited him to get involved with the Conservative League where he took on the role of Secretary/Treasurer in 1996. He still holds that position 22 years later.

This then led to an invitation to join the County Association where he took on the position of Match & Competition Secretary from 2000 to 2014. Taking a particular interest in, and satisfaction from, being involved in the emerging Junior bowling competitions. He recalls one Finals Day when travelling to Spen with a back seat full of trophies and Mags occupying the front passenger seat when an argument with a large lorry curtailed the journey and left his car not capable of continuing the journey. Fortunately no injuries were sustained and a passing car also en-route to the finals picked up Mags and the trophies to ensure the junior winners would be able to celebrate their success in the proper manner complete with trophy.

Tony is now 81 years old and started bowling in the Veterans League as soon as he qualified and played initially for Brockholes for just one season. That was a successful year as they won the Bistro but he then moved on to play for Almondbury B.C. where he also took up the role as greenkeeper.



The interest in the green and its maintenance took him on to similar roles with Kirkheaton Cons, Springwood as well as his home club of Almondbury B.C. looking after them all at the same time for a period. He still carries the title of greenkeeper at Almondbury after 30 years although he acts more in an advisory and coordinating role nowadays.

Tony has seen many changes over the years but still looks back fondly on the now redundant four-team Friendly League from the 1960's where he was playing for Almondbury B.C. against teams representing Farnley Tyas, Lindley B.C. and Longley.

His playing achievements include winning the Conservative League Individual Merit in 1995 and twice winning the League's Simpson Cup for Pairs. Then losing in the Hill's Rose Bowl Final of 2012 which is a competition for County Officials.



A natural progression to playing for the Huddersfield Inter-District Veterans team under the captaincy of Bernard Jones followed and eventually he took on the role of Team Manager in 2013, a position he has held ever since.

Yet none of all this might have happened if he had been able to follow through on his original ambition to have a career in the Army. After joining up in 1958 at the age of 21 he served his original two-year commitment in the Coldstream Guards based in London where duties included guarding the Bank of England (with live ammunition in their guns) and Buckingham Palace (dummy ammunition). His intention was to sign on for longer at the end of this term but his father had a heart attack and Tony was summoned home to become head of the household and assume prime income raiser duties in the family. A varied working life included a spell at Hopkinsons but then concluded with a period in the Security arm of the Littlewoods Mail Order service based in Oldham.

Whilst Tony enjoyed his greenkeeper duties it sometimes fell to Mags to don the wellies and join in with some of the tasks and she jokes that she really should have held the title of Assistant Greenkeeper on some occasions but by this time she had also got the bowling bug. That was no surprise to anyone as it was in her genes as her father was a keen bowler who initially played for Greenhead Park before moving on to Almondbury B.C.

Having been born in Almondbury it was fitting that Mags's first club should be the local Bowling Club which she joined in 1991 starting out in the Ladies 'C' team although she confesses it was regarded as more of a social occasion than a competitive outing. She is still a member there some 27 years later and still playing in the Ladies League.

*Tony receiving the 2014 Team KO Winners Trophy on behalf of Almondbury B.C.'A' The 'B' side won the Sub-Team KO making it the first time ever in Vets history that one club had won both these trophies in the same year.*



When Tony started playing at Brockholes, Mags also joined the Ladies teams there and was a member of the squad that lifted the Nuns Cup in 2014 after winning the Final at the Rugby Club but when Tony moved on Mags lost her taxi driver so she also put that allegiance behind her.

Yet it is in her administrative roles that she has made her biggest contribution to the local bowling community and when asked why she first took on the key roles in a man's League she hinted at the interest she has always had in paperwork. This fascination with figures having first manifested itself when she took on the duties of scorer for Almondbury Cricket Club. Few appreciate the trials and tribulations of a local cricket club scorer and the contortions necessary some weeks to climb up, and fit in, to the scorer's box with another like-minded individual.



Having followed Mags as League Secretary I can testify to the glut of information she had to collect and make sense of every week. No-one (except Tony) will ever know the time it must have taken every week to populate the spreadsheets she had developed to record match results, league tables, player registrations and bowler averages. With all results provided by clubs on postcards each week it must have taken most of the week to turn all the information around to make sense in the weekly Examiner contribution. Mags confesses that sometimes she found it easier to take the whole wad of papers to bed to complete the weekly ritual of deriving a complete set of statistics from incomplete club returns. That doesn't even touch on the effort required to manually produce the fixture lists every year taking into account every team's requirements and green availability.

Her working background covered a wealth of positions including with Huddersfield Corporation, an accountancy role where she first acquired her spreadsheet skills, to bar work and on to a role she enjoyed immensely in a classroom pupil support role with a local primary school.

That all only started after having a family with her first husband. She has two sons - Mark who runs a pub in Sweden and Simon who lives in Huddersfield. Mark has given Mags two grand-daughters, Julia and Emma, who are 20 and 18 respectively. The distance apart restricts contact but she still tries to visit every year but outside the bowling season of course.

Nowadays they both enjoy visiting the East Coast resorts that Tony once used to cycle to as a weekend training run, especially Scarborough and Robin Hood's Bay. When not bowling Mags enjoys watching all sports, knitting, cross-stitch, walking and doing crosswords.

She still gets as much enjoyment from watching the Veterans League Inter-District matches and the Saturday Huddersfield League games as she ever did and even more so as she continues to follow the fortunes of the County Ladies Away Team as a matter of routine.

One marked difference being that the coaches used nowadays for Yorkshire Cup matches are proving much more reliable than the Ward Brothers coaches of the 1960's when they lived up to their fragile reputation by regularly breaking down on the road usually in the most remote spot on the route.

When Mags stepped down from her roles in 2015 with our League the timing was deliberate as Tony was reducing his commitment and involvement with the County Association at the same time. 'It just seemed the logical time for us both to reduce our workload whilst retaining our involvement in local bowling' she said. No-one will begrudge both of them their time now and many bowlers will always be grateful to the contribution they have both made to the bowling world in Huddersfield and Yorkshire.

## Next Month

In the March issue of the HDVBA Newsletter we will be featuring Alan Hirst in the 'My Bowling Life' pages. By that time Alan will have been voted in as the President of the Huddersfield Veterans Bowling Association after serving two years as Vice-President. Subscribe now (it is free for ever) to make sure you get your copy of the Newsletter as soon as it is published.