



# RUSH



## Presidential Visit

On the 5<sup>th</sup> July Pendle and Craven hosted a visit by their President Mr. E.S. Fort OBE. Following a previous



visit our president had been inspired to make his own mallet. Mr Fort is pictured with his new mallet which was said "to be well balanced a fine mallet".

The club is looking forward to our President playing on the lawns and seeing the mallet in action in the near future.

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## 12<sup>th</sup> July Pendle Tykes at home against Chester Centurions.

After torrential rain on Monday and Tuesday there was some concern by our visitors whether or not the lawns would be suitable for play. It was felt that after such dry hot weather of the preceding week the lawns would be playable. Wednesday morning arrived bright and sunny, with no rain since 3pm the previous afternoon. The lawns were in good condition with only the grass a little long in places as mowing could not be undertaken. White lining had to done, as the lines were hardly visible, just shows how hard it must of rained.

Pendle were represented by Maggie Cowman (2), Keith Terry(3) and Libby Dixon(2). Chester fielded a strong team of David Crawford(-2), Trevor Farrell(4) and Christopher Slater(5). At lunch the score was Pendle 4 and Chester 5. Unfortunately the afternoon was not good for Pendle players with several games being lost on the golden hoop.



Result Chester Centurions 12 Pendle 6.

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## 13<sup>th</sup> July Short League Pendle and Craven vs Westmorland

Pendle finally managed to assemble a short lawn team with the re-emergence of Garry Wilson from the croquet wilderness. We suspect he had sniffed out that Earby bakery quiche and pork pies were on the lunch menu. The game was played in beautiful sunshine on freshly mown lawns in a very convivial spirit, despite being double banked on a very challenging lawn 2.

The Pendle team of Libby, Paul, Garry and Peter all won two games each. The visitors won the other eight games hence the match was a honourable draw. A great day all round.

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## 15<sup>th</sup> July Murphy Shield. Pendle vs Belsay Hall.

A dull, warm day with occasional drizzle welcomed the match against Belsay Hall. The lawns were in good condition and thanks go to Peter Dewhurst and Will Drake for all their help in preparing for the event.

Belsay Hall team arrived after a good journey from the north east. Christine Wood (3) captained the team and she was supported by Belsay Hall Chairman David Millner (3), Derek Johnson (3) and Brenda Johnson(8). Pendle again were represented by the winning team from the Ripon Spa match of Libby Dixon(2), Keith Terry (3), Paul Dowdall (3) and Will Drake (6).



At lunch Pendle had a commanding lead of 3 games to nil with many of the games going to 7/6. The day ended with a resounding win of 6 games to 1.

The match was played in great spirit and Pendle made new friends. The Belsay Hall team left after a full afternoon tea for their journey home.

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## 16<sup>th</sup> July Advanced B Pendle vs Southport

Sunday July 16<sup>th</sup> was one of the hottest days I've known at Pendle, and there hasn't been many. The B Advanced team played Southport and ultimately lost 2-3 despite best efforts by Howard Bowron, Andrew Webb and Paul Dowdall. The warm weather must have made the grass grow because the lawns were very slow and bumpy, for which we apologised to our visitors.

Despite having a combined handicap 10 higher than opponents John Haslam and Alan Pidcock, the morning doubles was won comfortably by Howard and Paul for Pendle. Andrew struggled to find the form he had prior to not playing last season and was unable to take the chances he had before succumbing to Barbara Haslam. After lunch, in which everyone bought their own sandwiches, the sun really came out and while Southport blossomed, Pendle wilted. Howard managed a narrow victory against Alan, Andrew lost to John and Paul lost to Barbara. All the matches went to time which reflected the indifferent play and the difficult lawns.

Special mention must go to Paul Dowdall who turned out for the second time this season for the B team due to players of lower handicaps being unavailable. Despite having played very few Advanced games previously, and having to take on opponents with much lower handicaps, he performed well whilst having little prospect of winning.

Howard Bowron

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## 20<sup>th</sup> July Pendle Tykes vs Bowden Sinners away.

The Tykes travelled to Bowdon expecting a tough day with the reputation of strong teams turned out by Bowdon. Undaunted the Tykes arrived to a very warm welcome.

The Tykes were represented by, Dave Widdison (-2), Libby Dixon (2) and Keith Terry (3). Will Drake accompanied the team for moral support.

Bowdon Sinners team comprised of Colin Irwin (-2), Frank Moir (2) and Chris Evans (5). Play commenced at 10.30 on the two top lawns. The lawns proved to be very fast but according to Dave not as fast as Nottingham at the weekend. Keith and Libby struggled initially to cope with the speed of the lawn and with the banana turns on some of the long approaches.

At lunch, surprisingly, Tykes had a 4 -2 lead following some very close games. The second round after lunch saw the lead extend to 8- 4. Thankfully the team were unaware of this fact and concentrated on their games. Will, who was keeping a close eye on each of the games was not letting on.

The day proved to be a great success for the Tykes with a win of 10-8. Bowdon were thanked for their warmth and great hospitality.

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## Upcoming Events

23<sup>rd</sup> July EPL Pendle away

26<sup>th</sup> July Midweek Pendle away to Chester

29<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> Fylde Handicap weekend

29<sup>th</sup> July Advanced B Pendle away to Chester

1<sup>st</sup> August W/E Handicap League Pendle vs Fylde

3<sup>rd</sup> August LPG Tykes vs Bowdon Bandits. Team Dave, Keith and Libby.

5<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> August Bury Handicap Weekend  
Chester GC tournament

5<sup>th</sup> Hcp Southport vs Pendle

11<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> Aug Pendle AC Handicap weekend

14<sup>th</sup> August Hcp Bowdon Firs vs Pendle

Can all team captains or tournament managers please send reports for inclusion in Rush.

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## Mowing Rota

Taken from draft sent out by Robert 22nd July.

24 <sup>th</sup> Garry	2 <sup>nd</sup> August Andrew
26 <sup>th</sup> Libby	4 <sup>th</sup> August Libby
28 <sup>th</sup> Roger	7 <sup>th</sup> August Peter
31 <sup>st</sup> Garry	10 <sup>th</sup> August Robert
	14 <sup>th</sup> August Robert
	16 <sup>th</sup> August Andrew
	18 <sup>th</sup> August Roger

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If you are unable to mow when specified from the rota due to commitments or weather can you please let everybody know so that we can adjust the rota as necessary.

Thanks Robert

### National Club Events

**Mary Rose** Pendle vs Pinchbeck following Colchester giving W/O  
This quarterfinal match to be played by 14<sup>th</sup> August

**Longman Cup** Pendle vs Tyneside  
Match to be played before 14<sup>th</sup> August

**Murphy Shield** Semi Final Pendle vs Hunstanton Croquet Clubs  
Match to be played on 5<sup>th</sup> September. Venue agreed to be Nottingham.