

**“Well I never knew that .....**”

Bravely stepping up to the mark is Alan Scovell. My thanks to him.

*How long have you been playing bowls?*

About 11 years

*Your favourite piece of music?*

Anything from the 60s and in my more reflective mood popular classics

*What did you do in your working life?*

On leaving school, I did an apprenticeship as a carpenter before working as a building surveyor for Portsmouth City Council. I was there for 40 years, the last 15 years as Principal Surveyor. I became a member of the Chartered Institute of Building and during my studies attained the highest marks in the UK in construction techniques out of 960 applicants.

For most of his career in Portsmouth, Alan was living on the Isle of Wight and he estimates that he travelled by Hovercraft in excess of 17,000 times.

*Which living person do you most admire?*

Alan Knott who played cricket for Kent and England and is widely regarded as one of the greatest wicketkeepers of all times

*Favourite meal?*

Chinese stir fry

*Favourite holiday destination?*

Canada

*Favourite book?*

Any of the Bill Bryson travel books

*Proudest moment?*

All connected with my family. My wedding day, the birth of my children and grandchildren

*Favourite place to play bowls other than Bembridge?*

Ventnor on a fine day

*Favourite film?*

The Italian Job. I like the original with Michael Caine and the remake