

**“Well I never knew that.....”**

Apologies for my absence in recent weeks but the series of interviews comes roaring back with Brian Sewell. My thanks to him.

*How long have you been playing bowls?*

I started playing in 1984 but I have had a gap of about fifteen years during the period since then.

*Your favourite piece of music?*

Bohemian Rhapsody by Queen, Dark Side of the Moon by Pink Floyd and if driving, Bat out of Hell by Meat Loaf. (Memo to self: don't accept a lift from Brian)

*What did you do in your working life?*

While at school and college, I had various holiday jobs, working in a hardware shop, in the office of Swindon Town Football Club and for the Post Office. On leaving college I was a postman for nine months before I started teaching in 1976. In a changing world I went from teaching carpentry and design technology to computer manufacture and design. I taught in various schools for 38 years including a short period as Head of Faculty. I enjoyed my time in the classroom but I found the increasing administrative demands on my time less fun.

*Which living person do you most admire?*

The Queen, not necessarily as Head of State but as a person. She has been a stabilising influence over many years and provides the continuity we need in an ever changing world.

*Favourite meal?*

A well cooked full English breakfast.

*Favourite holiday destination?*

Gibraltar.

*Favourite book?*

I first read the Lord of the Rings books by J.R. Tolkien when I was aged 11 and they have remained firm favourites since then.

*Proudest moment?*

Walking in to my headmaster's office to announce we had a problem with our A level exam papers and would have to get them back from the examiners. Then watching his expression change from horror to joy when I informed him that the return of papers was necessary as the examiners wanted to use them nationally as examples of good practice.

*Favourite place to play bowls other than Bembridge?*

I played on various good greens when I lived in the Outer London area but for sheer quality of the playing surface it would be difficult to beat the West London Bowls Club in Shepherd's Bush.

*Favourite Film?*

Unsurprisingly the Lord of the Rings trilogy.