

“Well I never knew that”

Next in the hot seat is Daphne Lacey. My thanks to her for interrupting her cleaning of the cooker to answer my questions.

How long have you been playing bowls?

About 11 years

Your favourite piece of music?

I usually listen to Music for Healing for relaxation but Aker Bilk's Stranger on the Shore is my favourite single piece of music

What did you do in your working life?

On leaving school, I did a three year apprenticeship in hairdressing with a further two years of practical experience. I worked for about nine years in the same salon before I got married. When I returned to work it was in the family business running the office.

Which living person do you must admire?

The Queen who has to live her life in the spotlight of the media and is never off duty

Favourite meal?

A very rare fillet steak or a French bread stick, with a selection of French cheeses and a bottle of French wine

Favourite holiday destination?

The Provence region of France

Favourite book?

The Earth's Children, a remarkable collection of six novels by Jean Auel

Proudest moment?

The day my son got married particularly because the wedding had to be brought forward because of his father's illness

Favourite place to play bowls other than Bembridge?

Leamington, because it took such a lot of hard work to get there

Favourite film?

Calendar Girls although she refused to respond to the suggestion that the Bembridge Ladies might consider creating a similar calendar