

“Well I never knew that”

Up next is Ian Vallender. My thanks to him.

How long have you been playing bowls?

9 years

Your favourite piece of music?

Anything by The Corrs

What did you do in your working life?

Leaving school, I served an apprenticeship as a marine engineer and worked as an engineer for 25 years including as a civilian for the Royal Navy in Gibraltar for 2 years. I also worked on the installation of a Nuclear Power Station in Germany. I decided to take a rest from working as an engineer and spent 2 years sailing and delivering yachts. During this time I worked as a volunteer at the Adelaide Club in Ryde and went into care work after training at college. While training I was on the Board of Visitors at Parkhurst Prison. The final 25 years of my working life was spent in managing various care homes.

Which living person do you most admire?

Dick Strawbridge, a man of many talents. A Lieutenant Colonel in the Royal Engineers, he is also a well known television presenter most notably of Escape to the Chateau and a chef and environmentalist.

Favourite meal?

A curry, particularly a Chicken Dhansak.

Favourite holiday destination?

Gibraltar to which I have returned on several occasions.

Favourite book?

Any of the historical novels of Sean Thomas Russell who writes vividly of the Royal Navy.

Proudest moment?

The birth of my son.

Favourite place to play bowls other than Bembridge?

Cyprus. I love the sun.

Favourite film?

War and Peace. First made a film in 1956. It's latest form in 2019 is a seven hour adaptation.

