

“Well I never knew that”

Next in the firing line is Peter Pickworth. My thanks to him

How long have you been playing bowls?

About 12 years

Your favourite piece of music?

Rod Stewart's Maggie May

What did you do in your working life?

After an apprenticeship in toolmaking and a spell as a draughtsman, I got a job as a mechanical maintenance engineer for an American Pharmaceutical firm in Basingstoke where I worked for about 30 years. To demonstrate what a different world it was then, I got that job and a house within five days of walking into the Labour Exchange. I now keep my hand in by repairing clocks.

Which living person do you must admire?

The Queen who has kept the country together through various difficult times

Favourite meal?

Liver and bacon

Favourite holiday destination?

Majorca and in particular Cala D'Or

Favourite book?

Any thriller by James Paterson

Proudest moment?

The birth of my two daughters

Favourite place to play bowls other than Bembridge?

Shanklin

Favourite film?

My mother died when I was twelve and my abiding memory of her is going together to see the 1954 film “Lilacs in the Spring”. This film featured the song We’ll Gather Lilacs in the Spring Again written by Ivor Novello