

“Well I never knew that”

Next up is Peter Svendsen My thanks to him.

How long have you been playing bowls?

About 7 years.

Your favourite piece of music?

Toccatina and Fugue in D Minor composed by J.S. Bach. One of the most famous pieces of Baroque organ music ever written.

What did you do in your working life?

My first job while still at school was working in an abattoir. On leaving school, I worked in an estate agent's office, as a printer, in a theatre and ran a pub in Seaview before I settled to a job as a Lock and Weir Keeper on the Thames. When I started, I manned a patrol boat but then spent 38 years as a lock keeper on the Thames near Henley. I was responsible for maintaining the appropriate water level and preventing flooding in winter. I also ensured that boats safely navigated the lock. I retired about 10 years ago and came to the Island which seemed the obvious place for us to live.

Which living person do you most admire?

Not one individual but a group. The coxswains and crews of all the lifeboats around Britain.

Favourite meal?

Sausage, mash and baked beans.

Favourite holiday destination?

It was the Isle of Wight but more recently we enjoy cruising particularly Scandinavia and the Fijords of Norway.

Favourite book?

“Doctor Syn” by Russell Thorndike. In the 18th and early 19th centuries, smuggling was rife in England particularly on the Romney Marsh. The Reverend Doctor Christopher Syn is the smuggler hero of a series of novels.

Proudest moment?

The marriage of our daughter and walking her down the aisle.

Favourite place to play bowls other than Bembridge?

I love the views at Warners.

Favourite film?

“The Hunt for Red October”. An exciting Cold War thriller released in 1990. Based on a Tom Clancy novel, a new Soviet submarine goes rogue on its maiden voyage, taking the Soviet and the U.S. to the brink of war. It stars Sean Connery, Alec Baldwin and Sam Neill.