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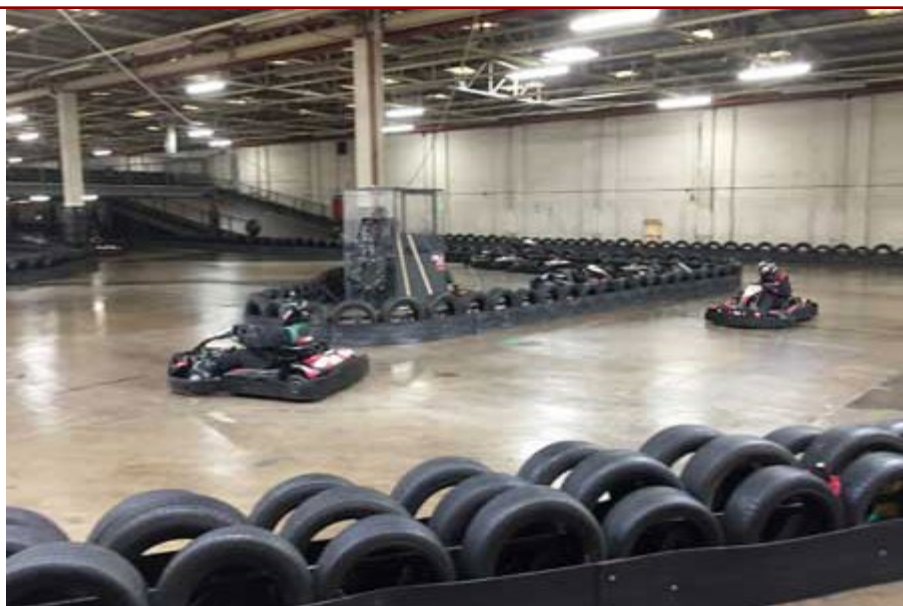
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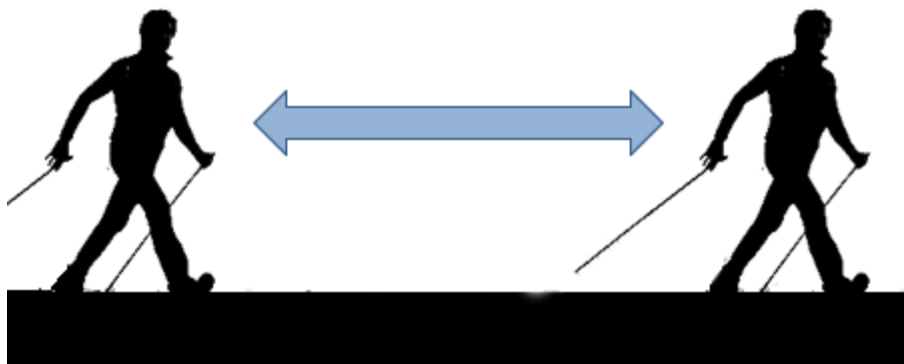
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TEN PIN BOWLING 9 Jan 2020

2020 began with a bang as 5 teams battled it out on the Ten Pin Bowling Lanes at the Bath Leisure Centre to find the best team and individual Active Adventurers. Congratulations went to the Bowling Bombers (Sue, Jean, Barry, Mac, Martin and Bridget) who were first with 1160 pts. The Chatterboxes came second on 1036 pts though they were almost penalised for slow play as certain players lived up to the name. Token Man (David and 5 ladies) scored 1035 pts for 3rd place. Introducing the bumpers certainly improved their individual scoring rates leaving Val, Linda and Jan grinning at the end. Meanwhile Keep Trying on 922 pts avoided the wooden spoon awarded to Brakes who scored 852 pts. Our champion this year is Martin Meredith 259pts, 2nd Barry Williams 236 pts, 3rd Mac McKinley 214 pts and 4th Dave Martin 200 pts. A lively session. An adventure full of wonder ("Why didn't that last pin fall down?"), wild excitement ("Strike!!!") mostly from the Breaking Bombers, and lots of laughs amidst the friendly banter.





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CLIMBING WALL 21 Jan 2020



Getting prepared



Instruction



Reaching the top



Easier going down



Relaxing with coffee afterwards



Driving Inappropriately

The Adventurers all arrived early at the Team Sport Circuit in Avonmouth. Was this because of the unusual low volume of road traffic or a demonstration of enthusiasm? The nervous tension was palpable. Briefed by Marshall Mike, then suitably attired in motor racing gear we headed for our karts. A quick accelerator and brake check and the drivers took to the track. After a couple of warm up laps and exercises to make sure nobody was suffering from an attention deficit disorder (ie not ignoring flashing hazard warning lights red amber green) we were let loose. The less experienced were easily recognisable by their "Sunday afternoon" driving style, breaking gently at the corners and accelerating carefully away in a safe and polite manner. They soon realised that the only way to Go Karting was to behave wholly inappropriately! Shredded highway codes littered the track as tyres squealed, engines roared and drivers almost collided fighting for the best lines and overtaking space. A short pit stop released the elated, adrenaline fuelled Adventurers almost crying for more, they'd had such a great time. They weren't to be disappointed as Mike and his team led us back to the pits. This time we were told we'd be racing not against each other but against the clock. Believe that and you'll believe anything!! Nobody held back as our individual lap times fell by the second. Everyone seemed to have got to grips with their new high speed driving style and were keen to show off their skills. The fight for the line was won by Tony closely followed by Veronica and Richard. Proudly standing on the podium Tony bemoaned the fact he'd forgotten to bring the champers. It was great to see the grim silence and fearful expressions at the start had been replaced by huge grins, laughter, shouts of delight at lap times, their placings, tales of daring do as all the adrenaline fuelled inappropriately behaved Active Adventurers left the coffee bar for home to tell the kids and friends what they'd been up to.





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INDOOR GOLF 26 Feb 2020

The 4 teams selected by the Club President (me if you're wondering who that is) battled it out for the prestigious Team Challenge Trophy played this year at Lake Coer d'Alene in Idaho USA. Pro Coaches Nicky and Paul of inPlay Golf Bristol instructed us in the dark art of club grip, stance, addressing the ball and swing. Their presentations continued with course management (including how to cheat) using the high tech equipment that would test our abilities to drive, pitch and putt around this magnificent 18 hole course. Club selection was left to the players, which was quite an interesting feature of the tournament. Linda C liked her driver whilst the putter tried to hide from Roger V. Wendy lost her ball. Player of the Day was awarded to Dave Barret of Team 4, the only one to land and stop his first tee shot on the island green. Nobody on his team mentioned how many putts it took to close the hole out though. Team 4 did complete the course in the allotted time of 2 hrs and finished on +69. Team 3 rushed their last 4 holes to try and beat the clock but failed to match Team 4's winning score. Teams 1 and 2 tied for 2nd place though Team 3 tried to claim 2nd spot as Teams 1 and 2 stopped on time but with 3 holes still to play. The President checked the cards and consulted with Paul who indicated that there had been "some cheating" but as Team 3 equalled Teams 1 and 2's scores (+52) this suggested that we should forgive them and rule it a 3 way tie for 2nd. Sadly nobody managed a hole in one so we had to go off and buy our own drinks. What an adventure playing a game which most of us had not tried to play before. Those who had soon got back into the swing of it with cries of "Fore". A "Bucket of Balls" is to be added to our Bucket List as Shirley B feels the need to get in some practice. Smiles all round then and even the sun was shining when we stepped back into the real world. *Richard*





ONLINE QUIZES

Quiz 1, 28 July 2020 **Adventurers Virtual Night Out**

There is no end to the Adventurers search for thrills and spills. Even a pandemic couldn't stop us enjoying ourselves. This was our first virtual adventure and what better place to meet but in the local. The wonders of modern technology and our own Wizard Quiz Master Sue Pickering allowed 24 of us to zoom across cyber space and meet in the snug in groups of 4 without moving from our own homes. Sue sent out the invitations, selected the teams, set out the rules of the game, put together the questions on a wide range of subjects so everyone could join in and also kept score. Nobody could cheat either as Sue just dropped in now and again to check whether Google or Alexa had secretly been invited by a team to help out. Where does she get the energy? The top score was 57.5 points and the team to score the least was only 2.5 pts behind. Amazing. In time honoured fashion the losing team bought the virtual round of drinks. Now that was a cheap round. It was a great night out. Thanks to our very own Wizard.

Quiz 2, 13 Oct 2020 **Second Wave Quiz**

Back by popular demand our very own Wizard Mistress Sue Pickering organised another of her brilliant quizzes christened "The 2nd Wave" by some wit in Team 1. There is always a slightly competitive edge to a quiz but the result here just doesn't matter. Our 21 players were divided up into 5 teams, all socially distanced of course by the wonders of Zoom, and were questioned on general knowledge, geography, famous quotations, movies, science and music, just to give you some idea. Final scores were close with Team 3 topping the table on 52 (thanks to some good guess work) but only 12 points ahead of the wooden spoon winners Team 4. Team 1 started celebrating early on red wine and threw away their strong lead, whilst Teams 1 and 2 each played a thoughtful patient game. Sue made sure Google and other experts hadn't been flown in by anyone and refereed the quiz with a fair but firm hand.

Quiz 3, 8 Dec 2020 **Sue's Christmas Cracker Quiz**

The AA's own Queen of Quizzes, Sue Pickering brought her brand of Christmas magic to put 4 teams to the test. This was the third and final quiz of 2020 arranged by Sue and was equally as challenging as the previous ones, though perhaps not so hotly contested. Martin in his Santa hat and Richard in his Christmas jersey brought a little seasonal cheer to the occasion while others brought their wine and favourite beverages. Mince pies, sherry and carrots were noticeably absent so it was no surprise that Father Christmas gave the occasion a miss. The four teams were locked in their rooms and Sue's regular visits ensured no cheating went on. Alexa hiding round the corner in our living room was of no help at all. It was only the next day I realised she had been unplugged. The mystery remains as to who shut her up. Who won? Who lost? Who got the highest individual score? Who cares? It was just a fun night out and it gave everyone there a

chance to catch up. Thanks Sue for all you do to make these quizzes happen. Perhaps we'll have to begin the New Year with another.

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THE WAVE 8/17 Sept 2020

Two groups of Active Adventurers went to The Wave for a surfing lesson. The Wave, at Washingpool Farm, Easter Compton, has four lakes for beginners and advanced surfers. Our beginner lesson covered everything from building confidence in the waves and learning to control our surf board to introducing us to the surfing basics and developing good techniques.

We gradually learnt how to jump onto our boards and paddle towards the waves. With a bit of help from our coach we got into position and paddled ready to stand up on our board. After a bit of practice we stood up, fell off and tried again. Eventually we managed to stand up and surf the wave to the edge of the lake where we stepped off the board quickly, anxious to get back into the surf.

We were exhilarated but exhausted after our session. After returning our wetsuits we felt justified in having lunch and a drink at the cafe. So a brilliant day was had although there were a few aching muscles in the following days. *Val*





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This year opened full of promise with increased membership following a successful recruitment drive which began in Oct 2019 at the Open Day and has continued. Membership presently stands at 83.

This year's programme has been as lively, interesting, exciting and as varied as ever appealing to our members' tastes, encouraging them to live the dream, try new things and challenge themselves. A number of new members asked if we could arrange to repeat some of the adventures on our extensive bucket list that they had missed out on. Not wanting to disappoint anyone, from October 2019, the Organising Team agreed to find 2 adventures a month; a repeat and a new one. The support and gratitude of the members who took part made the extra planning and organising worthwhile! In the first 5 months (Oct 2019– Feb 2020) we managed 8 adventures before Covid-19 disrupted our programme. A Group What's app helped some of us to keep in touch and the very creative Hester's Household Picture Quiz was not as easy as it looked and brightened our lockdown lives. Our first virtual pub quiz saw us Zooming around Bath. Unfortunately, Flying our Home Made Kites event had to be cancelled because of the gale that hit Bath on the planned day but we've stowed our creations away and once it's safe we'll be bringing them out and flying high. In the meantime there's plenty of opportunities for test flying and making modifications. The first quiz had proved so popular that Sue Pickering, our very own Wizard Mistress of Quiz, ran another that was christened "The 2nd Wave". The Wave in Bristol has been our final outdoor adventure of the year. Val Purkis who organised this, keenly showed off her prowess on the surfboard and had only one complaint – her official photographer (hubby Steve) wasn't there to capture the moment