

Dr Corvid agony uncle. Bowls problems solved

Dr Corvid will answer your bowls problems on this page but will not enter into any correspondence. All advice is taken at your own risk. Please forward your problems to the editor. We will of course change names and places to avoid any chance of recognition.

This desperate request was found in my postbag this week.

Dear Dr Corvid,

I am very concerned about my friend, who is becoming obsessed with the word “yes”. For many years he has been screaming this word out in a rather over excited fashion, when his bowls get somewhere near the jack, as he feels the need to let other bowlers know how good he is. As this didn’t happen very often, it never particularly upset anyone. However, he then started shouting it when anyone from his team got near and as this happened frequently, he became more disruptive. Unfortunately, his problem has now magnified, as he has recently been spotted doing this, on his one trip out a day for exercise, on discovering toilet rolls in the supermarket and for any number of other minor “successes”.

Along with his wife, I am very worried about the mental state of my friend, so any suggestions will be most welcome.

Dr Corvid replies.

Thank you for your concern for your friend. He appears to be suffering from that debilitating condition Yesette’s a subset of Tourette’s. I think that he is in the first stages of this progressive condition. The medical world has not yet found a suitable cure and can only support him by providing earplugs for his immediate family. Unfortunately, in these days of PPE shortages even this help has dried up.

Family and close friends can often be seen frantically fanning themselves at bowls competitions. This is not because of the heat; it is a desperate attempt to deflect the next soundwave that will assault their ears. As this affliction deteriorates, the next stage is when the patient constantly refers to himself as ‘Magnificent’. In extreme cases it has been known for the patient to leave home and adopt a ‘Nomadic’ lifestyle. Traveling from bowls club to bowls club in a desperate attempt to discover the elusive ‘HotShot’. Sadly, the inevitable outcome is the patient goes completely ‘Quackers’.

Another problem will be answered in the next edition.

Alexis has kindly said that she has a Metta Bhavana Meditation that she is willing to share with anyone who would like to try it out.

It is a relaxation meditation and just right for these stressful times we are in.

If you would like a link to this meditation please email Alexis on

alexismmack@hotmail.com



I have been keeping busy making this group of glass animals. Any ideas on what other creatures I could make? Margaret