

## David Hindle

Anthony David Hindle or 'Dave' as everyone calls him, is now retired, but spends most of his time on the bowling green. As a lifetime Claytoner and an avid sportsman, Dave has played football, squash and ran marathons throughout his life.

As a young child, the sense of hard work and community was shown to him. On school holidays he would go over to the local farm at 6am and help the farmers to clean out the cow sheds, and box up the hen eggs. He remembers being provided a huge breakfast, before heading out again to do the hay bailing.

As a teenager, Dave was signed by Blackpool FC as a midfielder, where he played for a couple of seasons, before leaving for Oldham Athletic, Accrington Stanley and Whinney Hill FC.

Dave enjoyed keeping active, becoming a sponsored professional squash player, ranked in the top ten in Lancashire. He played for Hyndburn Sports Centre, Great Harwood's Cloggers Squash Club, East Lancs in Blackburn and eventually the Red Rose in Rishton. He played and coached for ten to twelve years.

Dave could also be found running as part of the Hyndburn Athletic Club. After two to three years there, he helped to form the Accrington Road Runners, which is now still going thirty-five years later. He has run, long distance, marathons and raised money for charities. When the parents of a local girl, we're trying to raise money for their daughter's illness. Dave and his friend ran from London to Brighton, raising several thousand pounds. Dave no longer runs but enjoys marshalling events. He said, 'it's nice putting something back to the sports.'

Dave has now played bowls for over twelve months as part of the Great Harwood League and Hyndburn Vets. He remembers attending the bowling green when he was younger. After the Youth Club, him and his friends would pay a shilling to play for an hour. The guy in the hut knew his parents, so he was always on his best behaviour. Him and his fellow teammates are trying to get a fence put round the green to protect it.

From talking to Dave, I can see that he experiences life to the fullest. A week after his heart attack and operation, Dave was walking up Scafell in the Lakes. When the nurse told him that he shouldn't be doing that he replied, 'but it was a nice day.'

After hearing that last story, I can see that Dave takes his advice 'Live every day as if it's your last' to heart. He lives and breathes it and look at what he has to show for it.