

# THE WAYFAIRER



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## ***Ron Harris is Champion - He's Beaten The Rest But on Chiddingfold Day David Gillen is Best!***

Following weeks of storms, floods and Golf Course closures once again the Wayfairers got it right! Chiddingfold course re-opened, not a drop of rain fell from the skies, and at times even the sun came out to welcome 27 muddy but happy and determined Wayfairers! Aren't we a lucky lot?

Some of the golf played matched the sunshine. One playing group in particular 'Made Hay'. The ultimate winner (**David Gillen**) and the runner up (**John Bateson**) found themselves doing battle together. Both finished with a very creditable 40 points, but David just took the edge over John on count back. Needless to say they went on to win the Team Prize, thanks to the magnanimous contribution of 24 points from 3rd member **Chris Wilkes**! He nearly got awarded the Hedgehog, but not quite!

Following the golf our prize table was the biggest ever. It contained the raffle, golf prizes and, also Trophies and special awards for the Society Champion of the year, and the Pairs Knock-out Competition.

**Ron Harris**, who managed only three appearances throughout the whole year, due to injury, made everyone of his scores count as he accumulated a total of 110 points and Ron was declared as our very worthy Society Champion of the Year! In second place, with 107 was **Mike Morgan Rowe**.

The Pairs Knockout Figurines went to **Mike Wilson** and **John McDonnell** after an extremely close and very wet final played at Mannings Heath, against last years

winners **Nick Widdowson** and **John Bateson**. The match could have gone either way, but Mike and John 'Mc' finally achieved victory through the puddles on the 17th green!



**THE CHIDDINGFOLD**

The citation for the Plonker Cap Award is worthy of explanation. It was presented to **Pat Fudge** who rang the Secretary on Tuesday to enquire whether Chiddingfold was likely to be open on Wednesday for the Wayfairers Meeting. Imagine his reaction when he discovered that the Wayfairers gathering was in fact on THURSDAY! You would have definitely won 1st prize on Wednesday Pat - but who would have marked your card?!

Incidentally we have since realised that this was in fact the second time that Pat had won this coveted award. (Remember his fashion statement at Hoebridge with the 'Golfing Hush Puppies'?). Maybe the award should have gone to **David Gillen**, who after showering realised he had left his change of clothes in his car and ended up getting dressed in the car park? But David had won enough already!

### **AND SO TO THE FULL CHIDDINGFOLD RESULTS**

#### **SOCIETY CHAMPION 2000**

(Based on scores of best three cards submitted.)

**Ron Harris** 110 Points

2nd **Mike Morgan-Rowe** 107 Points

#### **PAIRS KNOCKOUT**

**Mike Wilson** and **John McDonnell**  
Runners up **Nick Widdowson** and **John Bateson**.

#### **RON HARRIS AUTUMN CUP & WAYFAIRERS TROPHY**

**David Gillen** 40 points (c/b).

2nd **John Bateson** 40 points (c/b)

3rd **Chris Tomlin** 39 points

4th **Barry Richards** 38 points

(won on c/b from **Pat Fudge**)

#### **TEAM PRIZE**

**John Bateson**, **David Gillen** and **Chris Wilkes**. Total 86 points.

#### **NEAREST THE PIN - David Rose**

**BIRDIE CAP - John Bateson** (2 birdies - as did **David Gillen**)

**PLONKER CAP - Pat Fudge**

**HEDGEHOG AWARD - Mike Owens** (just pipped **Chris Wilkes** and **Mike Wilson**)

**LONGEST DRIVE &  
SHORTEST DRIVE - Incredibly**

for the second year running these two exciting contests of strength and accuracy were won by the same competitor! This year **John Loader** and last year **Fred Catterall**. **Note:** In order to prevent lightning striking for the 3rd time next year, both events will be on the same hole!

## CHIDDINGFOLD RAFFLE

Many thanks to super salesman David Gillen for running the Chiddingfold raffle. £51 was taken and smiling Syd Tutton took the star prize of the day - 10 pairs of shoe laces! A pity he's only got one pair of shoes - fortunately they are not sandals. At least now he can ring the changes by having a different colour lace each day!

Allowing for the purchase of raffle prizes we have in hand £145.39. Our stock of Wayfairer golf balls is now reduced to 60, this should be sufficient to cover our next three meetings, we are nicely on target to generate £160 to buy a further quantity before the present stock is exhausted.



**Ron Harris Society  
Champion 2000 takes the  
Cup**

**Chiddingfold Autumn Cup &  
Wayfairer Trophy winner  
David Gillen  
Below the winning Team**



## WAYFAIRERS MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Wayfairers who were present at the AGM were given a membership renewal form. All those Wayfairers not present will find a renewal slip enclosed with this circular. Please note the new subscription is £5 a year. Please remit this to the treasurer by Monday 27th November 2000 to renew your membership.

A full revised and updated membership list will be available in December.



## And so to our



To be held at **Bletchingley Golf Club** on **Monday 11th December**. (Telephone number 01883 744666). As we have played here several times it is anticipated that everyone knows the way. If not please contact either of the two 'Johns' for directions.

Breakfast from 9.00am onwards with the first group teeing off at 10.30am. At this time of the year you might like to check your tee time a couple of days previously with John Bateson, in order to plan your journey. You might also like to check with the club the day previously regarding the 'trolley' situation.

The competition is an 18 hole Stableford with the winner receiving both the Christmas Tankard and the Wayfairers Trophy. All those players (like John Bateson) of 18 handicap and under will also be competing for the special Trophy presented by **Jeff Hogg**. As usual at this meeting there will be prizes for the highest scoring team.

**Note.** Following on our tradition, our Christmas Party meeting this will be a 'Bring and Win' event - everyone is required to bring a prize - and everyone will win one! Suggested value £2 - £3. It does add to the fun if the prize is wrapped - otherwise the ladies are not likely to select the men's Long Johns if they see them! (Might be very much appreciated as winter draws on! ED.).

Cost for the day including a full English Breakfast, 18 holes of Golf and a 2 Course Christmas meal plus coffee is £30. Meal time approximately 5.00pm followed by the ever popular Xmas "Sing - Along with John" Team Contest. So come in full song and win some of the fabulous prizes!

An availability/payment slip is enclosed to be returned no later than **Monday 27th November**.

**They also played who only  
sat and waited**

## WAYFAIRERS GOLF SOCIETY

### NOTES OF THE 5TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The following were the main decisions made at the A.G.M. held on 9th November 2000.

1 All existing Officers were re-elected.

2 Annual membership subscription to be increased from £3 to £5. This was due mainly to the increase in the number of trophies to be engraved. Joining fee to remain at £5.

3 Current vacancies in membership to be offered to Brian Girling, Carl Rosner, Clive Cooper and Malcolm Goman (all previous guests who had expressed an interest in joining). Membership limit to remain at 40.

4 Proposed programme for 2001 to be Bletchingley (December 2000), Milford (9th March - new venue), Reigate Heath (June), West Chiltington (July - new venue) and Hoebridge (September). As regards the venue for our "27 holes - Texas Scramble Day" in May two possible courses were under consideration, Shillinglee Park and Dorking. Voting at the meeting showed no strong preferences with 10 in favour of Shillinglee and 8 supporting Dorking. Agreed that Shillinglee be the venue, unless Dorking could offer a particularly attractive financial package.

5 Agreed to repeat in 2001 both of the inaugural 'Short Golfing Breaks' introduced in 2000, i.e. 4day/3night visit to Etretat, France (May 2001) and a 3day/2night stay at Wensum Golf Hotel near Norwich (November 2001).

6 When organising the 2001 Pairs Knockout Competition it should be made clear prior to the Competition, if ladies are competing whether or not they play off the ladies card or the men's card. Once decided this decision to remain the same for every Golf Course played in every round of the competition.

7 Several Thank You's were recorded - particularly to John Bateson and John McDonnell for all their hard work as Treasurer and

Secretary, and to Peter Rushton our Auditor - to Barry Richards for his contribution to the Society as editor and publisher of the Wayfairer, and also for all his efforts in organising Wayfairer clothing and accessories. The President was also thanked for the donation of the Presidents Trophy to the Society.

### MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

It is with regret that we have received Resignations from 5 of our members - Ron Mason, Ian Gordon, Noel McLean, David and Harry Mills. All have given varied and very understandable reasons for leaving, but all have extended their best wishes for the continued success of our Society. We would be delighted to see them at some of our future meetings as guests.

This provides an opportunity to offer membership to guests on our waiting list. Brian Girling and Carl Rosner (who have already accepted) and Clive Cooper and Malcolm Goman (Currently awaiting

## WAYFAIRER S GOLFING BREAKS IN 2001

Following a most successful Wayfairers 3 night/4Day Golfing Break in France earlier this year, all 10 participants who went want to repeat the experience yet again in 2001 - and more Wayfairers and guests are welcome.

The proposed dates are from Monday 28th May (Spring Bank Holiday) to Thursday 31st May. Our destination as before is the Dormy House Hotel at Etretat, in Normandy some 40 miles west of Dieppe. Both the Hotel and the Golf Course are situated on the cliffs, both with superb views.

Last year everyone travelled via the Eurotunnel. It was just as well as no Ferries were running due to severe spring storms! The journey from Calais to Etretat was broken by having 18 holes en route at the lovely Saint-Saens Golf Club. This is situated in the grounds of a magnificent old Chateau, which serves as the clubhouse. Saint-Saens is south of Dieppe and very close to the E402 which we will be using to reach Etretat.

We anticipate reaching our destination in the early evening in good time to settle in before our first evening meal. From the Hotel to the Golf course is just a short walk. It is entirely up to each individual how much golf they want to play in the next 2 days. Some fun competitions will be organised on a daily basis. Apart from golf there are some interesting local excursions for those who want to do a little sightseeing.

On the Thursday when we return home the plan is to book a fairly late departure from Calais (last year 9pm) to give everyone an opportunity of a further 18 holes en route. This time the plan is to play at La Belle Dune Golf Club which is just over an hours drive from Calais, and then finish the trip with some last minute shopping and a final meal together prior to crossing the Channel. The cost is not definite but based on last years prices it is anticipated to be:- £95 return for a car via Eurotunnel (to be split amongst the occupants of the car), Bed, Breakfast and evening meal varies from 365 Francs per person per day (approx £35) to 425 Francs depending on the location of the bedroom in the Hotel complex. The evening meal is excellent (ask anyone who went last year!) with a wide choice from the 200 franc menu (£20). Green fees vary from approximately £15 to £20 and obviously the more you play - the more you pay.

Other costs include petrol sharing, lunches and drinks, etc., Personal Travel Insurance will be included if drivers book their Tunnel/Ferry with 'Leisure Directions' - but note the £95 a car quoted is providing the booking is made before 24th December 2000 after this date prices increase.

The Golf Break Organising Company is "McDonnell's Magnificent Normandy Breaks" (or "Seagull Tours" for short! ED.). If you want further details or would like to be included please complete the appropriate return slip enclosed. with this edition.

Further details of our **2001 November Trip to Wensum** will be published in a future edition.



## **Farewell to the Sydney Olympics.**

The Olympics are over for another four years. What message can we take from it? One major contribution was the wonderful coverage by the BBC and the inspiring commentaries that were given at all the events. The skill of the professional commentators and their ability to grasp exactly the right comment did not escape the attention of the Editorial Staff of the Wayfairer. As a result you can now expect a much higher standard of reporting of all our future meetings and competitions.

So you can look forward to reading about a potential Wayfairer Champion going out to play 'On the Day' - knowing exactly what he has to do - 'going into an arena he has never explored before' and 'going to have to put one away quickly to get on terms'.

And if your performance is **Amore** Hedgehog than Champion - 'He played well but not enough to get medals', 'he gave his best shot all the way, but he's way way down the field', 'he did everything that was asked of him, but it was not enough', 'his day will surely come'.

And the 'Sweet smell of success' - 'He was hungry for it', 'all he had to do was open his legs and show us his form', 'he's really extended himself', 'surely he can't extend it much more?' 'Now he's well on top', 'moving up from the outside' 'holding his form and coming up from behind', 'he's got to hang on in there' - 'he's got to start winding it up!'.

He's in a class of his own' 'we knew that he would go out there and do everything', 'that's what Champions are made of' - 'poetry in motion'. 'He deserves to have tears in his eyes', 'he laid his heart on the line' - 'now he has done something special', 'he did everything that was asked of him', 'he just did what he had to do - he's done what he is best at' - 'he is the Wayfairers Champion'.

## **REPORT ON WENSUM NOVEMBER 2000**

Seven Wayfairers plus three Guests took full advantage of the special Winter Golfing Break currently available from Wensum Golf and Country Club

Setting off on the first day of the offer (1st November) the group arrived to have a leisurely lunch and then take on the 18 hole course. Despite the river valley adjacent to the golf course being in flood, the ground was firm and playing conditions unbelievably good.

Dusk was falling when the last group putted out and it was time to explore and take advantage of the leisure facilities of the Hotel which centred round the heated indoor swimming, sauna, jacuzzi and gym..

After and excellent evening meal the Wayfairers complete lack of skill on the pool and snooker tables was quickly established - and it didn't improve as the evening went on. (I wonder why? ED.) And so it continued on both Thursday and Friday, with the 9 hole and 18 hole course being tackled. On Thursday night the major highlight of the nightlife was taking part in Barry's Wensum Olympics. This included putting from outside room 11 on the first floor down to the entrance lobby (par 8) - Chipping flight balls into an upturned umbrella, (a point for each one chipped in out of 6) and finally a competition on the pool table which owed nothing to the game of pool. At last it was all decided after more recounts than the American Presidential Election and the Wensum Olympic Champion and winner of the Key Fob Trophy was, none other than our dear Treasurer, John Bateson. He was so overwhelmed that he almost bought everyone a drink.

The Wensum Golf Championship took place on Friday morning with the prizes being presented at lunch before our departure.

### **RESULTS**

Wensum Champion 2000

**John McDonnell** 35 pts

**2nd Mike Wilson** 34 pts

3rd John Peake 32pts.

Mystery pairs winners

**Mike Riddles & Barry Richards**

Wensum 'Birdie' Prize

**Sue McDonnell**

**John Bateson** came nowhere. Winning the Olympic Gold had proved just too much for him! According to Mike and Audrey he was most unlike his normal self. He slept in the back of the car all the way home! Not a word from him! Poor John - he had given his all!



## **Wayfairer Clothing**

Do you keep getting asked "What do you want for Christmas this year?" Now is the time to order some warm golf gear, complete with the Wayfairer Logo, for those cold January and February days. Don't leave it until our next meeting at Bletchingley, it may be too late. Call or Fax Barry Richards on 01342 836430 if you would like to order any of the following for Christmas.

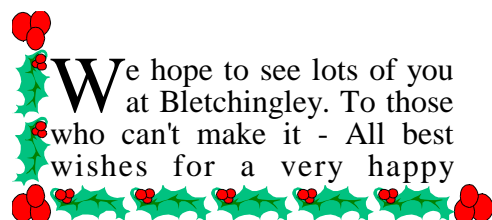
**Acrylic V Neck Sweaters** in Bottle, Navy, Royal Blue, Burgundy, Black **£18.79 any size with logo**

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**Anything else just ask.**



We hope to see lots of you at Bletchingley. To those who can't make it - All best wishes for a very happy