



THE WAYFAIRER



The Wayfairers Golf Society

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**AT IFIELD DAVID SMITH PROVED IMPOSSIBLE TO MATCH
BUT THE NEXT TIME HE'S OUT HE'S PLAYING OFF SCRATCH!**

September had come but Summer remained for our annual Pink Ball Gathering at Ifield. It was a glorious day, perfect for golf and the Course was in excellent condition as indicated by an average score of 28 for the day - last year just 23.

21 members turned up for early morning coffee and were joined by 5 very enthusiastic guests all of whom have expressed interest in becoming members. However when they get to realise just how brutal the handicapping system is they might have second thoughts!

Somehow or other, despite the usually rather unforgiving handicap allocation, some members always seem to escape the net and after lying low for several appearances they suddenly blossom and have a field day. As an example at Reigate Hill Derek Allen who had produced nothing exceptional in previous meetings most unexpectedly came in with a return of 44pts.

This was repeated in exactly the same way at Ifield where David Smith who usually finishes in the middle of the pack repeated Derek's feat by also scoring 44pts, a result which was some 9pts better than 2nd placed Mick Shiel. This won him not only the Wayfairers Shield but also he claimed the prestigious Vardon Trophy and was a member of the winning Pink Ball Team. It doesn't end there however as when his age was added to his score the resulting 115 most comfortably won him the 50 Bob Set. Saint David's day is in March but this was definitely David Smith's day in September. However he won't be cut, he will be obliterated!

Our September gathering is always Pink Ball Day and as Ifield is a lovely Course with nothing too much in the way of water hazards or similar horrid traps, if the ball is kept reasonably straight not many should be lost. However 3 sad and errant players managed to do so and now they are magnificently glorified for all posterity in the photo on page 3. The winning Team was the deadly combination of David Smith, Mike Vardon, Kevin Stacey & Derek Allen. This was also the occasion on which we compete for Harold's 3 Shots to the Green Award given in memory of an unusual feat by Harold Peskett. When playing many years ago at Slinfold his 3rd shot to the 18th green resulted in his club head going further than the ball! The club head is now mounted as part of the award but sadly Harold is no longer with us. Our winner this September was Chris Lavender.

Following the golf and refreshments out on the patio a most enjoyable meal was served and at the subsequent prize giving a most welcome announcement was made that next year - same time - same place - God willing we shall return! A great day which was very heavily subsidised from the main fund for all our members.

IFIELD RESULTS

The Pink Ball Trophy - David Smith, Mike Vardon, Kevin Stacey & Derek Allen

2nd Team - Val & Graham Ward & Eddie & Jackie Samways (g's)

Winner of the Wayfairers Trophy & Vardon Trophy - David Smith 44pts

2nd Place - Mick Shiel 35pts

3rd Place Sue McDonnell 35pts c/b

"50 Bob Set" Winner - David Smith - age plus score 115 **Par 3 Challenge Plaque** - John Bateson

Harold's Nearest the Pin in 3 Special Award - Chris Lavender

Open L Drive - Eddie Samways (g) **Nearest The Pin** - Bill Eslor 19 & **Over L. Drive** - Mike Taylor (g)

Birdie Cap - Sue McDonnell

Hedgehog - Bob Histed

AND SO TO OUR NEXT MEETING
TO BE HELD AT BLETCHINGLEY G.C. ON MONDAY 22nd OCTOBER

DIRECTIONS. The Golf Course is easy to find, being right in the centre of Bletchingley near the Church in Church Lane. The post code is RH1 4LP & the phone number 01883 744848.

Coffee - no bacon rolls - from 09.15 and our golf is scheduled to begin at 10.00 with as ever at Bletchingley a 2 tee start. Half of the field will start on the 1st and the other half on the 10th. (Further details of this in the final email circular) A 2 Course Meal with coffee will be served at approx. 4.30pm. As it's a fairly lengthy Course, members might wish to buy a snack from the Club kitchen or bring something with them to eat on the way round.

The main prize of the day is the Ron Harris Autumn Cup (held by Eddie Stanley). The winner also takes the Wayfairers Trophy (currently with David Smith).

Later, at the prize giving, the identities of the Society Champion and Ladies Champion will be revealed - total of the best 3 scores recorded over the past 12 months. The two winners of the KO Pairs Competition will receive their prizes and accolades and finally the lucky winner of The Hedgehog of The Year Award announced! Could it be you!?

COST £38 This covers coffee on arrival, 18 holes, a 2 Course Meal plus coffee and all prizes. A real bargain for an excellent venue.

As regards inviting guests please follow the usual procedure on the return slip to be found on page 5.

THE IFIELD RAFFLE

Many thanks to Norman for volunteering to sell the tickets. He did an excellent job in taking £150. Thank you to all those present for your support. After deducting the cost of all the prizes the raffle fund is looking extremely healthy despite £30 of our Ifield profit being put away into our charity fund. The next raffle will be at Bletchingley and here all the many prizes purchased to go with the trophies and golf competitions will be paid for directly from the Raffle Fund. This keeps the cost of our Bletchingley day at £38 otherwise we would have had to go over £40, something we have never yet done in the 23 years of our Society's existence.

Our volunteer ticket salesman at Bletchingley will be Kevin Stacey. Thank you Kevin.

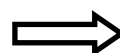
IFIELD CHARITY COMPETITION

On arrival at Ifield all players had to part with £1 and for this they could have one guess at what the combined handicaps of the top 3 players of the day would be. The resulting guesses ranged from 53 to 85. The true total when this addition was made came to 65. No one had forecast this number but both John Bateson and guest Mike Chapple had predicted 66. As John Bateson scored better out on the Course than Mike, it was John who happily took home a welcome bottle of wine and our charity fund raising for the Kent, Sussex & Surrey Air Ambulance Trust had made another £27.



John Bateson - our winner of "Guess The Total Combined Handicaps" Competition proudly clutches his prize bottle of wine!

David Smith not content with just the Wayfairers Shield also took both the Vardon Trophy and the 50 Bob Set. Is he really 71!



PICTURES FROM IFIELD

Prizes Presented by Mike Vardon (The originator of our Vardon Trophy)
Photos by courtesy of Tony Warrilow



Pink Ball 2nd Place

***The happy married couples -
Graham & Val & Jackie &
Eddie (guests)***



Pink Ball Team Winners

***Mike Chapple (g), David Smith,
Robert Crompton & Peer Blakeley***



***Winner of the Par 3
Challenge Plaque***

John the Bandit Bateson



***2nd & 3rd
Places Overall***

***Mick Shiel & Sue McDonnell
Both scored 35pts***



***Winner of the Wayfairers Trophy
and the Vardon Trophy and the
50 Bob Set and almost everything
else!
David Smith***



Winner of the Birdie Cap

Smiling Sue McD



***The Dreaded Hall of
Shame
They all lost the Pink
Ball!
Mike Taylor (g) Annie
& Kevin***



***Happy Hedgehog Winner
It's Bob!***



***A Winning Quartet!
19 & Over L. D - Mike
Taylor (g)
N/the Pin Bill Eslor
Open L. Drive - Eddie
Samways (g)
Harold's Award - Chris
Lavender***

Future Programme For the Wayfairers up to the end of 2018
Monday 22nd October Ron Harris Autumn Cup Bletchingley
Monday 10th December Texas Scramble & Christmas Meal at Holtye
NOTE OUR XMAS MEETING DATE AT HOLTYE ABOVE

2019 Early bookings made Poulwood Monday 13th May - Peer's Plate
& for Ifield Monday 2nd September - Pink Ball Day

CHANGE OF TIMING OF FINANCIAL YEAR Members have been advised earlier of this change but no reasons given so far. They are many & varied and the change is at the request of our long standing & industrious Treasurer which when implemented will make life easier for him - something we should all support. The change is an attempt to spread the load as previously Sept/Oct have been a hectic time for him as it has simultaneously involved organising the Bletchingley payments, the AGM, subscription renewals & preparation of the annual accounts and balance sheet - all at a time when often our auditor Peter Rushton is away. Under the new system all current members will continue their membership up until the New Year with renewals being requested in January and at this time there will be opportunity for new members to join. Our AGM will be held in conjunction with our April meeting and auditor Peter is happy with this change. Any comments or queries to the Secretary please.

IFIELD 30 & OVER CLUB

David Smith 44pts in a Club on his own! Mick Shiel & Sue McD 35pts

John Benstead 33pts Bill Eslor 32pts

Peer Blakeley, Robert Crompton & Graham Ward 30pts

HANDICAPS - AN IMPORTANT NOTE! On the revised list opposite handicap changes resulting from the Ifield meeting are shown in blue. However following the recent Annual Handicap Review, changes as a result of this review are also printed in blue but highlighted in yellow. This affects 8 members. *See below

LIZ COLENUTT Liz has now had her operation to have a plate fitted and is at home but with strict instructions not to put any weight on the foot for 6 weeks! Certainly no golf for some time. We all wish you well Liz and Liz thanks everyone at Ifield for the very appropriate card that was sent to her.

OUR CHARITY FUND. With fund raising for our new Charity - the Kent, Sussex & Surrey Air Ambulance Fund - starting last December we are happy to report that we have over £200 in the kitty. Our big final Charity Fund Raising Event will be in July next year but in the meantime we will continue efforts to make the fund swell.

OUR 2019 PROGRAMME Hopefully this will be circulated prior to Bletchingley. As announced at Ifield March is a problem time for a gathering. We have had 2 meetings cancelled due to snow and much needed buggies are not available. A suggestion put to the Ifield players and approved was that we should have a social "fun day" at the Effingham Park Hotel Course. It is short and flat and many buggy users could walk it. The majority of holes are Par 3's but none less than 150 yards so it is not a Pitch & Putt Course. Afterwards we would all adjoin to a local hostelry for our first social gathering, meal together and prize giving of 2019. Hope you would support it?!

HANDICAP INFORMATION PLEASE NOTE

***Justification for post Ifield changes in the review are based on a comparison of scores against average scores during the year taking into account any handicap adjustments already carried out during the year**

Justification for immediate changes following Ifield prior to the review are based on the average score of **28** at Ifield

H/caps for Bletchingley

ALLEN	27	20
ATWELL	24	28
BATESON	27	36
BENSTEAD	33	26
BLAKELEY	30	11
COLENUT LIZ		31
COLENUT M		19
CROMPTON	30	21
ESLOR	32	21
FROST		21
GOMAN	23	25
HISTED	19	27
HITAM	22	30
HOGG		16
HOULIHAN		30
HUMPHREY J		29
HUMPHREY S		35
JELLEY R		17
JELLEY SUE		28
LAVENDER	28	19
LOVELOCK	28	25
MACDONALD L		33
MCDONNELL S	35	11
MORRIS		17
REEVES		36
ROSNER C		28
RUSHTON	19	27
SHELLEY		16
SHEIL	35	27
SMITH D	44	21
SMITH P		14
STACEY	27	26
STANLEY		28
STONE		36
THOMSON	25	27
VARDON	22	36
WARD VAL	29	18
WARD G	30	14
WILKES		12
WONG		8

WAYFAIRERS GOLFING SOCIETY

DAY AT BLETCHINGLEY ON MONDAY 22nd OCTOBER

NAME.....

Please tick below as appropriate

☐

I am available for the above - Members Fee £38

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Sorry but I am unavailable to play at Bletchingley.

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If space allows I would like to bring a guest (name + h/cap below) Fee £38

Name.....Handicap.....

BUGGIES

Should you intend to book a buggy please tick this box or tell Tony.

When Tony knows the full buggy requirements **he will book them with the Club.**

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You will receive details in the final email of who it is you will be sharing a buggy with and it is up to you to sort out which one of you collects and pays.

GUESTS When our playing numbers have been established - which should be by **FRIDAY 28th SEPTEMBER** members will be contacted regarding possible vacancies for playing guests and meal guests.

BANK TRANSFERS Should you wish to pay by this method the details you require are -

Account Name WAYFAIRERS GOLFING SOCIETY

SORT CODE 09-01-53

ACC NO. 08413288

All transfers to be made by Friday 28th September.

When having arranged transfer please inform Tony.

If paying by cheque this slip & applicable cheque for the relevant amount as detailed above made out to:

“ Wayfairers Golfing Society”

Must be forwarded to:

Tony Warrilow, 16 Orchard Way, Shirley, CR0 7NG (02087777346)

BY FRIDAY 28th SEPTEMBER AT THE VERY LATEST

- 1) Unless advised previously, it is expected that members and their guests remain until after the competition prizes have been awarded.
- 2) Members wishing to bring playing guests will be advised if a vacancy exists after the deadline date. Payment must be received at least 7 days before the meeting.