



THE WAYFAIRER



The Wayfairers Golf Society

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BLETCHINGLEY WAS A WAYFAIRERS' WASHOUT!

With a very late change in the weather forecast 20 rather damp members set off from home to play in our Annual Autumn Cup Meeting at Bletchingley only to find on arrival that a common sense decision had been made to postpone the fixture. During the week previous heavy rain had fallen forcing Course closures and buggy bans. However with an improvement over the weekend a firm decision was made by the Club Management that use of buggies would be permitted for our Society day and members were duly informed.

Early Monday morning saw the forecast for some possible light showers change suddenly to heavy rain and although as promised buggies were being allowed just for our Society, after discussion a mutually agreed decision was made to cancel. Rain was pouring down and the conditions were so heavy and wet that use of buggy areas was restricted. Also there was always the chance of some accidents in the very slippery conditions (just ask Liz!) so possibly a very wise decision was made.

However cancellations always causes complications! On what day should we plan to rearrange the gathering bearing in mind that in November - just a few days away - on most Courses buggies are not in use right throughout the winter until April? Postponement until a day in April was agreed but as there is no guarantee that buggies will be available straight away from 1st April, the decision was made to hold the event later in the month in hopefully suitable conditions.

Easter Sunday is 12th April. People are very often away during the week leading up to Easter and similarly in the week following after the Bank holiday. So eventually the finally agreed rearranged date is MONDAY 20th APRIL when hopefully all is dry, buggies are buzzing and the birds singing!

Hopefully! So if you already have a diary or calendar enter 20th April now!

As April is our AGM month the 20th will also be our AGM day. Further details on this to follow.

AND SO TO OUR CHRISTMAS MEETING - TUESDAY 10th DECEMBER - AT HOLTYE G.C.

The day's programme begins with coffee & bacon rolls available from 9.20am. with the first playing group to go out for a 10.00am. start. The Competition is an 18 hole Texas Scramble and also incorporated into this will be the usual 2 Longest Drives, Nearest The Pin and the ever popular Shortest Drive which now has its own much coveted trophy! Should any skilful individual manage to get an unaided birdie, then the Birdie Cap could be theirs to wear and doff! The current holders of the Scramble Trophy are Eddie & Jackie Samways, Robert Crompton & Carl Rosner.

Repeated as in previous years, there is one other little competition. The Christmas Tankard (current holder Robert Crompton) plus something appropriate to put into it, will go to the player who sinks the final putt on the 18th green and is in the winning Scramble Team.

Following the golf at approx. 4pm a Two Course Christmas Meal will be served and if space allows wives and partners will be most welcome. When our final playing numbers are confirmed the situation will be much clearer and hopefully we will see as many meal guests plus playing guests as capacity allows. There is no point in nominating anyone at this stage as this will not gain you any advantage whatsoever, so please do not submit any extra names with your return and further information on this will be duly circulated.

BUGGIES Apologies but at this time of the year unfortunately buggies are not in use at Holtye. Sorry for those for whom a buggy is essential but this situation is beyond our control and is likely to be the same no matter what other Course we had sought to select. However at times in the past when we have had 2 players who could walk 9 but not 18, they have combined to make 1 player in the Scramble. One joined a team for the front 9 and then the other came in for the back 9. If you would be interested in possibly doing this please let Tony know.

Alternatively two or three of you might like to go out at the end of the field to play just a few social holes and whet your appetites and thirsts for the Christmas meal paying your own green fees if not Holtye members

The COST for the day for **Holtye members** is **£27** and for **non-Holtye members** **£39** to cover golf, all food & drink as described above, and all the very many golf competition prizes.

NOTE! Return slips A.S.A.P to the Treasurer no later please than by SATURDAY 9th NOVEMBER.

DETAILS THAT YOU REQUIRE TO DO THIS ARE ALL ON PAGE 3.

OUR BUMPER CHRISTMAS RAFFLE will be at Holtye when new members Eddie & Jackie Samways will be volunteered to sell the tickets! Get your money ready now!

2019 KO PAIRS COMPETITION The final game in this contest, with the combination of John Frost & David Smith battling against Graham Ward & Kam Wong, really could not have been closer or more exciting. After 18 holes the match was all square and this situation was repeated on the next hole. Standing on the 20th green Kam needed a birdie in order that he & Graham could secure the title and as all eyes then anxiously followed the passage of the ball towards the hole a birdie it was! What a way to win! Congratulations to the winners and commiserations to the losers who fought so hard. And of course a huge thank you to Spencer for all his time and effort in organising the event and his great generosity in supplying the prizes.

Future Programme For the Wayfairers

Tuesday 10th December Texas Scramble & Christmas Meal at Holtye
2020 Monday 20th April AGM Day & John Peake Spring Trophy

Currently your Committee are working on preparing a full programme for 2020. As soon as dates and venues have been agreed and decided members will be informed.

OUR SOCIETY'S CHARITY FUND RAISING RECORD

Some 10 years ago at one of our AGM's the subject of fund raising for charity arose. Up until then all our Societies activities had centred simply around playing social competitive golf and it was thought that this was perhaps rather inward looking and self centred. We had built up an organisation that was in a perfect position to help others as well as continuing to enjoy ourselves and so a proposal to initiate some charity fund raising was made and was overwhelmingly accepted.

It was agreed that in the Spring a charity should be adopted from members' nominations and that ongoing fund raising, mainly from fun golf related activities, should continue until the following year. After this the fund should be closed and payment made to the beneficiaries.

From tiny acorns mighty oak trees grow! Over the past 11 years we have supported a total of 7 different charities and very often these charities have been ones very closely connected with the lives and very sadly the deaths of some of our members.

Currently the list reads as follows -

2009 St Catherine's Hospice	£530	2010 MacMillan Cancer	£750
2012 Leukaemia Research	£1420	2013 Alzheimer's Society	£1053
2015 Prostate Cancer	£1100	2017 Parkinson's UK	£1000
- and now 2019 Kent, Sussex & Surrey Air Ambulance Service			£1000

thus giving a grand total to date of **£6853** for charity.

As previously stated the Society was founded originally simply for our members to enjoy comradeship and play some social competitive golf but this later unforeseen development has now given rise to some incredibly successful outcomes. Thank you all. We hope and plan to present the £1000 cheque at Bletchingley in April and then it's time for members to suggest and vote on our next good cause.

HANDICAPS FOR HOLTYE These remain unchanged as from our last list as published in the previous edition of the Wayfairer

FINALLY A LITTLE EXTRA CHRISTMAS COMPETITION As in past years all players at Holtye will be asked for £1 on arrival. For this they will draw the name of a player in the Scramble Should the player they draw go on to win the Christmas Tankard they will receive a nice little prize. Last year it was Jackie Samways. Can Jackie repeat this again or this time could it be you!

WAYFAIRERS GOLFING SOCIETY

DAY AT HOLTYE - Tuesday 10th December 2019

NAME.....

Please tick below as appropriate

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I am available for the above - **Holtye Members Fee £27 Non Holtye Members £39**

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Sorry but I am unavailable to play at Holtye

NOTE For members who paid to play at Bletchingley and are in credit please note the recent email that went to all of you regarding Holtye payment. **IF YOU WILL STILL BE IN CREDIT WITHOUT HAVING PAID ANYTHING FOR HOLTYE PLEASE NOTE TONY WILL STILL WANT TO KNOW THAT YOU WISH TO PLAY AND WILL ADJUST YOUR ACCOUNT ACCORDINGLY.**

BUGGIES Sorry but there are no buggies permitted at this time of the year at Holtye and at most Courses there is usually a winter buggy ban. However should you be happy to walk just 9 holes it is possible we might be able to find another player happy to walk the other 9 thus making one player out of two for the Scramble Team. Inform Tony if this interests you.

GUESTS When our playing numbers have been established - which should be by the 9th November - members will be contacted regarding possible vacancies for meal guests and playing 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
Account No	08413288

All transfers must be made by Saturday 9th November 2019
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 (Tel: 0208 777 7346)

BY

SATURDAY 9th NOVEMBER 2018 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 meal guests or playing guests will be advised if a vacancy exists after the deadline date. Payment must be received at least 7 days before the meeting.