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**BENSTEAD, COMPTON, STACEY & FROST - WHAT A FORMIDABLE TEAM!
IN THE CHRISTMAS SCRAMBLE THEY DID SO WELL THE REST ALL RAN OUT OF STEAM**

With the annual Holtye Christmas Scramble looming the weather forecast was dire as heavy rain was promised for all day. A quick Committee decision was made and the contest reduced to just 11 holes with any brave souls who wished to soldier on after this all free to do so but on a completely social and non competitive basis.

And what a very good decision this turned out to be! Initially the rain held off for all our 20 players but they did have to do battle with a very strong and bitterly cold wind. At the end of the first hour the rain duly arrived and persisted so that by the time the last group got to the final green conditions were really horrible!

Strangely enough no one took up the option of wanting to continue to complete the full 18 holes, the prospect of a warm and comfortable Clubhouse far outweighing any other choices!

The teams were so arranged that the 5 playing groups shared a fairly similar total handicap allowance thus enabling all to play off scratch. And so, after completing the battle with the fierce elements who emerged as the proud winners? With an excellent gross score of 39 the first place was claimed by a formidable quartet made up of John Benstead, Robert Crompton, Kevin Stacey and John Frost. Behind them followed Jackie and Eddie Samways together with David Smith and "Storming" Norman and between them they accumulated a very acceptable points total of 42.

Following a long standing tradition, the oldest trophy in the Society's collection is given to the player in the winning team who sinks the final decisive putt - and this was John Benstead! Well done John and we hope you enjoyed your strong toffee ale in the Christmas Tankard!

Another unusual but traditional contest was for the Shortest Drive. Following a great deal of build up, chest beating and one almighty thwack! - Eddie's tee shot went all of 10 yards and nobody else could match this supreme effort. Well done Eddie.

35 sat down for the traditional Christmas meal. The 35 included several "better halves" of our members and during the dinner traditional toasts were made to "Absent Friends" and to the Wayfairers, now coming up next year for their 25th birthday. Unfortunately Treasurer Tony could not be present as he was busy at home counting our funds but in time honoured custom he made his presence felt by arranging for wine to be put on the table. Cheers Tony!

The meal was followed by the raffle, the golf prize giving presentation and then finally the ever popular and shambolic Inter Table Quiz and Song Contest with more details of this epic battle given on page 4.

And so yet another excellent festive gathering concluded the Wayfairers 24th Christmas Party.

HOLTYE CHRISTMAS MEETING RESULTS

Texas Scramble Trophy Winners - **John Frost, Kevin Stacey, Robert Crompton & John Benstead**

Runners Up - **Jackie & Eddie Samways, David Smith & Norman Lovelock**

Nearest/Pin - **Sue McDonnell**

Open L. Drive - **David Smith**

19 & Over Longest Drive - **Derek "Del Boy" Allen**

Shortest Drive Trophy - **"Steady" Eddie Samways**

Christmas Tankard plus a bottle of Christmas Ale - **John Benstead**

ANNUAL AWARDS WINNERS

SOCIETY CHAMPION - **Carl Rosner**

LADIES CHAMPION - **Jackie Samways**

HEDGEHOG OF THE YEAR AWARD - by popular vocal acclaim! - **Bill Eslor**

The Inter-Table Christmas Quiz - **Jackie's Jackdaws**

The inter- Table Song Contest - It's those same birds again - **Jackie's Jackdaws!**

OUR NEXT MEETING IS OUR AGM MEETING
TO BE HELD AT BLETCHINGLEY ON MONDAY 20th APRIL 2020

As this gathering is still some 4 months away no further details are being given at this stage. However in mid to late January full information will be circulated to all our members and any potential members.

A deadline date for payment of annual subscriptions will be given and all those who wish to renew will be requested to make their payments. With this any prospective members will be invited to join upon receipt of the one off £5 joining fee together with the annual membership fee of £10.

With this circular early notice regarding the AGM will be given with the various papers regarding the Agenda, Finance Accounts, Future Programme etc. to follow.

The Holtie Raffle Many thanks to our 2 ticket sellers Jackie & Eddie. They did a truly excellent persuasive job and handed over takings of £145 giving a nice healthy profit after deduction of cost of prizes. The raffle prize table was extensive with some very attractive prizes as can be seen from the photo on page 3. In the photo opposite Eddie Samways was delighted to win the Star Prize which as previously in our past 2 Christmas raffles was the ever popular Snowman complete with extending legs. Our next raffle will be at Bletchingley in April. Do we have a volunteer to sell the tickets? Please email if you can help. Otherwise we have to nominate someone and it could be YOU!



< Val celebrates her Birthday with just 2 days to go after being presented with a welcome bottle of prosecco.
Happy birthday Val!

It's Eddie again!
This time he is celebrating his truly
tremendous success in winning
the prestigious Shortest Drive Award! >



FAREWELL MALCOLM

Malcolm Goman has been a very popular and most stalwart supporter of the Wayfairers for many years. Some time ago he moved from living locally down to the coast at Eastbourne. Since then he continued to journey up to join us at many of our meetings but has now made what is a very understandable decision that the time has come to call it a halt. So sorry to lose you Malcolm. As this was his last appearance he was presented with a Santa hat and asked to hand out the prizes.



PICTURES FROM HOLTYE

PRIZES PRESENTED BY DEPARTING MEMBER _ MALCOLM GOMAN
SOME CHEERY CHRISTMAS PHOTOS COURTESY OF LIZ



Our thirsty winner of the Christmas Tankard with an appropriate bottle of festive ale - John Benstead



***Scramble Team Competition Winners
John Benstead, John Frost, Kevin Stacey
& Robert Crompton***



***Birdie Cap
Winner David Smith who
really helped his Team with
a personal birdie!***



***Scramble Team Competition
Runners Up
Norman Lovelock, David Smith
and Jackie & Eddie Samways***



Our Raffle Table with an abundance of goodies. The star prize remains wrapped in the background



***Winners of the Open Longest Drive - David Smith
19 + Over L. Drive - Derek "Del Boy" Allen
& Nearest the Pin Sue McDonnell***



3 lovely Christmas Sparklers!



**ANNUAL AWARDS
< Our Ladies Champion Jackie Samways
Well done Jackie!**

Bill Eslor proudly wins the Hedgehog of the Year Award after desperately fighting off all the other ambitious contenders.



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Programme For the Wayfairers Year 2020

MONDAY 20th APRIL AGM DAY at BLETCHINGLEY
Venues & dates are yet to be arranged for meetings June/July, August, October & December. Hopefully this will be done soon and notification will be circulated when arranged.

THE INTER-TABLE QUIZ AND SONG CONTEST

Three Tables contested this annual and very traditional Contest very proudly captained by Liz Colenutt, Jackie Samways & Norman Lovelock. This year's theme was song birds and teams were evenly split up between Liz's Lively Linnets, Jackie's Jolly Jackdaws & Norman's Noisy Nightingales > photo > In the quick fire quiz teams had to be first to respond to questions that all had the letters CH to start the answer After a fierce contest the winners eventually emerged as The Jackdaws and all their team members very appropriately won packets of CHEESE & onion crisps!



In the Song Contest compere John B. soon had all the teams quickly racking their brains to try to remember some of their childhood nursery rhymes and this was followed by some very enthusiastic but unmelodious singing. The lead changed hands several times as the voices got louder - but flatter! - and eventually amid much booing and protest the winners were announced yet again as The Jackdaws. This time it was celebration chocolates given out as prizes. Bad luck The Linnets & The Nightingales but do keep practising for next year!

THE ANNUAL AWARDS Our annual awards should have been given out at Bletchingley but as this meeting had to be cancelled they were presented at Holtye. Congratulations to Carl Rosner on winning The Society Championship Trophy (the picture is opposite minus Carl!) His best 3 rounds gave him a total of 103 with Bill Eslor on 101. Jackie Samways took the Ladies title with a score of 97 and Sue McD came 2nd finishing with 93. Bill Eslor won the Hedgehog of the Year Award beating John Benstead in a noisy vocal vote by 5 decibels!



H/caps for Bletchingley	
ALLEN	19
ATWELL	27
BATESON	36
BENSTEAD	27
BLAKELEY	15
CHAPPLE	34
COLENUT L	29
COLENUT M	21
CROMPTON	23
ESLOR	18
FROST	21
HISTED	28
HITAM	31
HOGG	16
HOULIHAN	30
HUMPHREY J	28
HUMPHREY S	32
JELLEY R	18
JELLEY S	28
LAVENDER	18
LOVELOCK	28
MCDONNELL, S	11
MORRIS	18
PAIN	20
REEVES	36
ROSNER	25
RUSHTON	24
SAMWAYS, E	16
SAMWAYS, J	25
SHELLEY	18
SHEIL	27
SMITH D	22
SMITH P	17
STACEY	26
STANLEY	29
TAYLOR	23
THOMSON	26
VARDON	36
WARD V	18
WARD G	16
WILKES	12
WONG	9

**A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OF OUR MEMBERS
AND IN THE NEW YEAR MAY ALL YOUR BALLS FINISH
ON THE FAIRWAY!**



THE WAYFAIRERS NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION

Keep your hard working Treasurer happy. Make your New Year's resolution



" I will meet the required deadline for payment on every occasion in the New Year - and if I don't I will without hesitation add £2 to the Charity Fund!



HANDICAP INFORMATION PLEASE NOTE

As there was no Individual Competition at Holtye, all handicaps remain the same as prior to our washed out Bletchingley Day .