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**ROBERT, JOHN, RON & ELAINE - WHAT A FORMIDABLE TEAM!  
IN THE SCRAMBLE THEY DID SO WELL THEY ROSE TO THE TOP JUST LIKE CREAM!**

With no annual December meeting held in 2020 due to Covid restrictions it was great to re-establish once more one of the Wayfairers' oldest and most popular traditions - the Christmas Scramble. This as ever was held at Holtie where the Clubhouse lends itself so well to creating a warm and festive atmosphere.

With 2 years having gone by since the last similar event and with our already ancient members all another two years older, the competition was reduced to 9 holes and for those normally requiring buggies 9 was more than enough! Holes 6 and 7 certainly sorted out the old age pensioners from the very old age pensioners!

As frequently has happened at recent meetings the weather forecast for the day was cold and wet but miraculously all this changed and although murky not a drop fell. 25 intrepid golfers took to the field and split into three 3Balls and four 4Balls only to discover that their first shot of the day was probably the most important one of all, as the 1st was chosen for the dreaded Shortest Drive Competition. (See full details of all that happened in this gripping contest on page 4.) Our Match Day Organiser John B. had the unenviable task of trying to sort out the handicap allowances for the various mixed ability teams so that all were competing off a level playing field and he did this very successfully, as the final scoring between the groups was extremely close. It was very pleasing to see 6 playing guests among the competitors and obviously they enjoyed their day as all 6 have now expressed a strong interest in becoming members. The winning team by a very narrow margin included a husband and wife combination - guests Ron & Elaine Adams - who gelled extremely well with the most formidable partnership of Robert & John B2. For Robert & John this was indeed deja vue as they were also in the winning team in 2020. Ok! Understood! Enough is enough! Definitely to be split up next time! But what a field day Robert had! (See the results box below!) Very close behind in second place was a team composed entirely of husband & wives combinations. Well done to Graham & Val and Eddie & Jackie. Just pipped at the post! After some very welcome apres golf liquid refreshments 30 sat down for the Christmas meal and this included 4 very welcome guests - Jill, Liz, Nicky & Jan. Our ex-treasurer Tony who could not be with us for the meal still made his presence felt in his absence by most kindly putting wine on the tables. Very much appreciated and enjoyed Tony. A big thank you. And so came the raffle, the prize giving and finally as always the shambolic Inter-Table Quiz Contest. Thanks to Covid no singing on this occasion - much to the relief of many! And so yet another enjoyable festive gathering concluded the Wayfairers 26th Christmas get together. Happy New Year to all.

## HOLTIE CHRISTMAS MEETING RESULTS

Texas Scramble Trophy Winners - **Robert Crompton, John Benstead & Ron & Elaine Adams**

Runners Up - **Graham & Val Ward with Eddie & Jackie Samways**

Nearest/Pin - **Robert Crompton**

Open L. Drive - **Ron Adams**

19 & Over Longest Drive - **Richard Whitehead**

Shortest Drive Trophy - **Linda Crouch (won by inches!)**

Christmas Tankard plus a bottle of Christmas Ale - **Robert Crompton (again!)**

The Inter-Table Christmas Quiz - **Graham's Genius's**

Charity Competition - Who Will Win The Christmas Tankard? - **Robert Crompton! (see page 2)**

## AND SO OUR NEXT MEETING

As this gathering is still some months away further details have yet to be arranged. It is likely to be in early April and will be our AGM meeting probably held at Horne Park. A confirmatory update on this will be circulated in January and at the same time those wishing to renew their membership will have opportunity to do so. At the same time an invitation to join will go to all those who have expressed an interest in doing so and a payment of £15 a head will be requested to cover the £5 joining fee together with the annual subscription 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 later.

**Handicaps** With a fresh Society year about to start as yet we are not certain as to the composition of our exact membership list so currently no personal handicap ratings are being published. Once an accurate list has been established then handicaps for our April meeting will be circulated. Existing members should examine these handicaps carefully as before this happens we will be holding our annual handicap review and possible changes could affect you!

**The Holtys Raffle** Many thanks to Norman our ticket salesman extraordinaire who did a really excellent job. Altogether he took £140 and from the healthy profit left after deducting the cost of prizes £30 has now been set aside for our chosen charity - JigSaw South East. Well done Norman! There were 12 excellent raffle prizes on the table and to these Jan Greenwood added 2 more in memory of much missed Alan Rose. With 30 people present and 14 available prizes it was almost a 50% chance of winning one. Very good odds!

**WANTED!** A volunteer to sell the tickets at our next meeting. Stand by for the rush!



< Norman draws out the first ticket to set the Raffle running as everyone else waits with bated breath. Norman proudly walks off with a triumphant smile after he wins a bottle of 12 year old port plus a pot of stilton  
>  
Always was a lucky b-----!



**The Charity Draw Competition** It wasn't only the raffle that raised money for our charity but an extra little competition also added an income to our special fund. Our second oldest Society trophy is the Christmas Tankard first awarded in 1955 and now given each year to the player in the winning Scramble Team who sinks that all important final putt on the last green. On arrival for a cost of £2 players drew the names of other players in the Scramble with the person drawing the eventual Tankard winner looking forward to winning a prize for themselves. With the cost of this prize deducted from the total income £45 went to our charity. When the winning Scramble Team was announced it emerged that the player who sank that important decisive putt was Robert Crompton. By absolute chance in the draw 3 players drew their own names and this included the husband and wife combination of Graham & Val with Graham drawing Graham & Val drawing Val!

And who drew Robert the Tankard winner? You've guessed it! None other than Robert himself! How do you do it Robert?!





# PICTURES FROM HOLTYE

PRIZES PRESENTED BY BIRTHDAY GIRL - VAL

SOME CHEERY CHRISTAMS PHOTOS COURTESY OF JOHN "FLASH IN THE PAN" BENSTEAD

MANY THANKS JOHN FOR VOLUNTEERING TO PRESS THE BUTTON. VERY MUCH APPRECIATED



*Our Scramble Team Competition  
Winners*

*Robert Crompton (never heard of him!) with Elaine, John B2 & Ron Adams*



Robert gleefully received the Christmas Tankard plus a bottle of vet strong toffee ale. Cheers, Robert!



**Scramble Team Competition  
Runners Up  
Jackie, Graham,  
Eddie & Val**



**The Raffle**

The Secretary holds up a festive Santa upside down hat by the side of an overflowing prize table



*Winners of Nearest the Pin  
and the Open Longest Drive*

*Robert Crompton (Who?)  
&  
Ron Adams*



**The 3 Wise Men!  
The Secretary announces  
the 3 proud Quiz Team  
Captains**



The Scramble runners up take it easy before the meal



In the distance Mick Shiel reveals his disreputable taste in ties!



The Secretary relaxes as he judges the Shortest Drive. Meanwhile Elaine steadies her nerve while awaiting her turn!

## THE INTER-TABLE QUIZ CONTEST

The Christmas Lunch was served at 3 tables and following the meal an inter-table quiz was announced. In fact there were 2 quizzes with the first one being organised by the Secretary and the second by our Match Day Organiser. Answers given to the questions were all verbal and to save confusion with everyone shouting out, each table had a captain appointed. These brave souls were all duly given Santa hats and informed that after team discussion only they could give the answer, with one team point given for the first captain to come up with the correct solution. Anyone else answering gained their team one penalty point! The 3 teams were duly named as Norman's Knowalls, Graham's Genius's and Chris's Cabbages. Unfortunately Chris was unable to stay and his miscreants were re-named Robert's Rabble.

And so the first quiz started and proceeded very rapidly with all the correct answers following on each other with little hesitation. All were names of places or towns in the UK. At the end of 10 questions Graham's team were in the lead with 5 points, Robert's 2nd with 3 and bringing up the rear with a measly 2 was Norman's.

Then came John B's set of questions and the pace of response dropped completely. His early questions came from the inside of Christmas crackers such as "Why did the chicken cross the football pitch?" (Answer below) This was followed up by some real thought provoking puzzlers. By the end no team had added anything to their previous score although somebody in Robert's team did give one correct answer



The 3 Quiz Captains  
Graham has his head in the clouds  
as his team were the winners

**THE SHORTEST DRIVE** With nerves jangling all the players looked anxiously at just how far their balls had travelled as they drove off the first tee. The early back marker was Carl but then David Smith took his place although was still not all that short.

Then came guest Linda Crouch's turn. Wallop! and oh dear! - her ball rolled to rest just a very short distance away from the tee in long heavy grass. In the last group another guest Elaine Adams also topped her drive but the trophy was still Linda's. Finally Ron, Elaine's husband took his turn and he produced an exactly similar shot to Linda's but close examination showed that his effort had just crept past her ball. For Ron it was a clear case of from the ridiculous to the sublime as later on he was the winner of the Open Longest Drive by miles! And so in a tense tight competition the honour was Linda's winning her a big box of Christmas crackers as well as the annual trophy. Well done Linda.

Linda our shortest drive champion  
clutches the trophy



**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!

