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THE SECRETARY'S TEAM SHOWS THE WAY - BUT 'OLD BAILEY' IS JUDGED BEST OF THE DAY!

A magic combination! The lovely parkland course of West Chiltington nestling at the foot of the South Downs, plus typical Wayfairer Weather! Blue skies, bright sunshine and beautiful views. What else could anyone want?!

This was the first, (and we hope not the last) time that the Wayfairers visited West Chiltington and it coincided with our 3 way Challenge - Treasurer's v President's v Secretary's Teams. Because of uneven numbers the final result depended on determining the average score of each team, and this with 2 Teams of ten and 1 of nine, couldn't have been closer!

After the penultimate group came in it looked certain to be a very close encounter between the Secretary's and the Treasurer's Teams, until **Ron Bailey** representing the President's Team, came in, having achieved the best score of the day - 37 points! Some very hasty mathematics then took place, for which it eventually evolved that the President's Team had been piped by the Secretary's by just one tenth of a point! - with the Treasurer's Team only three tenths of a point behind the winners. Even in a Jeffrey Archer ~~eeh~~ novel - it couldn't have been more exciting!

Ron Bailey was the clear overall individual winner, and this was particularly fitting as recently he donated an antique pewter Tankard to be competed for at every meeting

as the Longest Drive prize for those of 19 handicap and over. The inaugural winner of the Tankard was **John Loader**, and the award is to be known as the Old Bailey Tankard! Well done and many thanks Ron!



The Post Mortem - Fred Catterall, Jeff Hogg, Ken Cooper, David Rose & Ron Harris discuss the round.

AND SO TO THE FULL WEST CHILTINGTON

1st Secretary's Team 28.9 pts.

The Secretary's team, all went home proudly clutching a Wayfairers Ball!

2nd President's Team 28.8 pts.

3rd Treasurer's Team 28.6 pts.

Individual Winner and Winner of the Wayfairers Trophy. **Ron Bailey** 37pts.

Top Scorer in the Treasurer's team **Ian Templer** 35pts on c/b from **Chris Wilkes** who received a consolation prize.

Top Scorer in the Secretary's Team **Peter Rushton** 35 pts.

Nearest the Pin **Peter Rushton**.

Open to All Longest Drive - who else but **Chris Wilkes** (he has promised to use the sand iron next time!).

19 & Over Handicap Longest Drive **John Loader**.

Hedgehog Award **Mike** (The World's Greatest Golfer) **Church**.

John McDonnell capped all the other Wayfairers by winning both the Birdie Cap and the Plonker Cap. The Birdie Cap was presented for John achieving a birdie on the first hole - a 395 yard par 4. His 3rd shot from some 40 yards out went straight into the hole!

The reason why he got the Plonker Cap is very mysterious (Not half it isn't - and I was there! ED). All that happened was that while playing at Downshire Golf Club (True. Ed) he very nearly played the wrong ball (There was no nearly about it. His

swing consisted of a 360 degree pirouette on the bank, over the top of the ball launching himself into the water. I can confirm that there was never any chance whatsoever of the ball being played! It wasn't his anyway! ED). While sorting things out the tide came in slightly wetting his golf shoes (Not true. Ed) The Plonker Cap for that? Is there no Justice! (Never has been - not as far as the Plonker Cap is concerned! - Ed.).

West Chiltington - we shall return

Everyone enjoyed their day at West Chiltington so much that there was a unanimous request to return. Someone even suggested that we should play there at every meeting!

July seems the perfect time so we have already made a provisional booking for next year - Monday 22nd July 2002. Once again the day following the Open, so that we can repeat our 'draw for the players' and have the results just in time to hand out the prizes at this meeting.

Does anyone know how we can ensure a repetition of the sunshine?

AWAY BREAK TO

Many of those who went on this short golfing break near Norwich in November of last year have requested a repeat performance. Without doubt Wensum must be one of the best drained courses in the U.K. Last year, in the midst of all the storms and the floods, normal tees and greens were the order of the day, without so much as a whisper of a trolley ban!

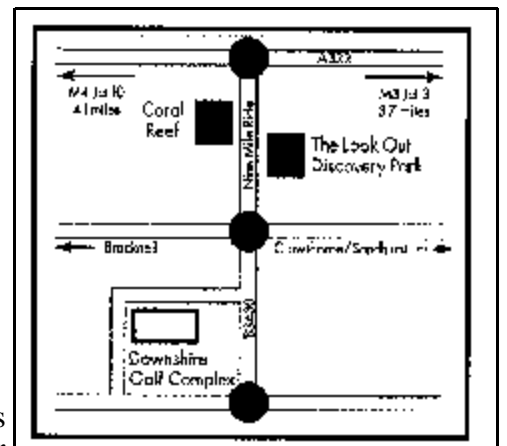
Likely dates from Sunday 11th November to Tuesday 13th November. Cost last year £98 per head to include 2 nights Bed, Breakfast and Full Evening Meal, 3 days unlimited Golf (27 holes) and use of all the indoor leisure facilities - Swimming Pool, Sauna, Jacuzzi, etc.,

A highlight of the Trip is Barry's Evening Indoor Wensum Olympics - not to be missed!

If you would like to join us please let John McD know.

And so to our next meeting

This is to be held at yet another new venue for the Wayfairers, DOWNSHIRE GOLF COMPLEX - on **Monday 24th September**. Downshire, which is a full 18 hole course, is particularly well situated for our Farnborough area members. It is just 10 minutes drive heading North from Junction 3 on the M3. The full address is Downshire Golf Complex, Easthampstead Park, near Wokingham, Berkshire. Tel. 01344 422708.



First tee off time is 10.30am. Coffee available from 09.30am. Total cost per head for the day is £29 to cover Coffee 18 holes, what looks to be an excellent 3 course meal, plus all the prizes.

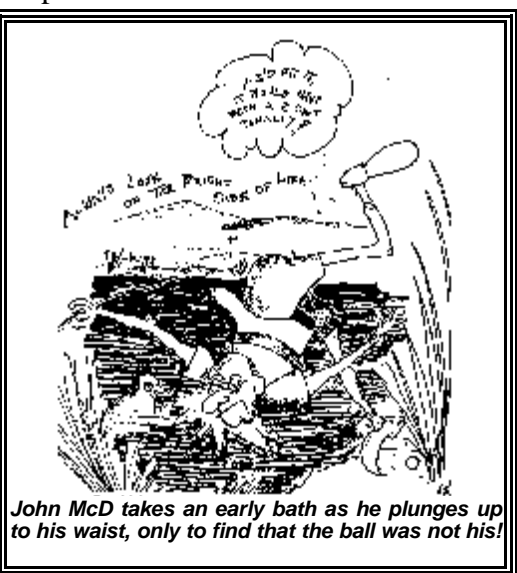
The prizes will be numerous as a variety of Competitions are to be included in the day's programme. As well as the usual individual tussle for the Wayfairers Trophy, there will also be the ever popular 'Pink Ball' Team Event! The elder brethren will do battle for the 'Fifty Bob Set' and Hole 17 will be 'Nearest the Pin', while the 18th will be the 2 'Longest Drive Competitions'.

We anticipate eating at approximately 5pm. Guests are welcome. Deadline for full payment is **Monday 20th August**. Why not complete your return slip and cheque now!

West Chiltington Raffle

Our day at West Chiltington came immediately after the Open so there were some extra prizes to be handed out. The winner was Chris Wilkes who had drawn David Duval. Second came Stuart 'Seagull' Harris who had drawn Earnie Els. The battle for 3rd and 4th prizes was extremely close. Peter Rushton won a golf shoe bag with Darren Clarke who shot a 70 on the last day. The final prize of Wayfairer golf balls went to John Peake with Ian Woosnam.

Many thanks to Ken Cooper for selling raffle tickets at West Chiltington. £45 was raised and we now have £69 in hand. An unexpected but most welcome gesture was made by the owner of the Golf Course Geoff Cotton, when he donated a West Chiltington polo shirt for the raffle - duly won by Peter Rushton. Many thanks to John Loader for volunteering to sell tickets at our next gathering in September.



PICTURES FROM WEST CHILTINGTON



The Secretary's Victorious Team Clutching their Closely Won Wayfairers Balls - Brian Girling, Mike Wilson, Pat Fudge, Barbara Horsfall, Peter Rushton, Ken Cooper, Tony Warrilow Fred Catterall, and Carl Rosner.
On his knees (and still praying) the Secretary John McDonnell!



The President Bernard McDonnell presenting Ron Bailey with the Wayfairers Trophy for his winning



Top Scorer in the Treasurer's Team Ian Templer being congratulated by Treasurer John Bateson.

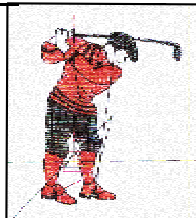


Some people are never happy until they get ALL the Caps! Who else but John McD pictured here with his chief mentor John B. after being presented with the Plonker Cap for his contribution to Fairway Swimming and also with the Birdie Cap for a fine birdie on the 1st at West Chiltington



Bernard looks on whilst Hedgehog award winner Mike Church practices with his new Club!

WAYFAIRER 2001 PAIRS KNOCK-OUT



Wayfairer Clothing

ROUND 2	ROUND 3	FINAL
<p>2. Jeff Hogg 14/ Dennis Shelley 26</p> <p>3. Ron Harris 17/ Stuart Harris 11</p> <p>6. Mike Owens 26/ Frank Houlihan 26</p> <p>7. Brian Girling 36/ Syd Tutton 32</p> <p>9. John Bateson 18/ Nick Widdowson 13</p> <p>10. John McDonnell 18/ Mike Wilson 28</p> <p>11. Peter Storey 8/ Barry Richards 23</p> <p>12. David Gillen 16/ Chris Wilkes 9</p>	<p>Not yet played.</p> <p>6. Mike Owens 26/ Frank Houlihan 26</p> <p>9. John Bateson 18/ Nick Widdowson 13</p> <p>11. Peter Storey 8/ Barry Richards 23</p>	<p>PLAYED BY THE 23 OCT 2001</p> <p>WINNERS</p>

A REMINDER OF HOW THE BETTER BALL MATCH PLAY COMPETITION IS RUN

The competitions are played at a mutually agreed venue on a match play basis. Where one or more players are members of the chosen club all Green Fees are equally divided. Details and vouchers for '2 for 1' courses can be obtained from John McDonnell (01342 833747).

Wayfairers handicaps current at the time of playing are to be used and confirmation of handicaps can be obtained from John Bateson (01342 832602). Handicaps at 24th July are shown above. Ladies to play off Ladies Tee and play to Ladies Card and stroke index.

On completion of each match the results are to be notified promptly to John Bateson by the winning Team who, when it has been decided, will be told who they are playing in the next round.

**HANDICAP ADJUSTMENTS WILL
BE MADE AS THE COMPETITION
PROCEEDS.**

HANDICAPPING SYSTEM

Just a reminder - the lowest handicap player plays off scratch and the other players receive strokes on the basis of 3/4 of the difference between their handicaps and the lowest handicap - strokes to be taken at the appropriate stroke index holes.

The sunshine certainly brought in the orders for gear at West Chiltington. So don't be left out! Call or Fax Barry Richards on 01342 836430 to find out what's on offer or to order any of the following :-

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

Ties in Navy, Bottle Green, Grey, Black, Royal Blue, Burgundy. £11.74 with logo

Short Sleeve Polo Shirts in Royal Blue, Navy Blue, Black, White, Khaki, Burgundy, Red, Jade, Sky, Yellow, Bottle Green, Heather. £16.44 any size with logo

Caps in Black, Bottle Green, Burgundy, Grey, Jade, Kelly, Natural, Navy, Olive, Orange, Purple, Red, Royal Blue, Sky, White, Yellow. . £7.34 size adjustable, with logo.

SOCIETY CHAMPIONSHIP

We thought the 'Open' was exciting but nothing like the competition for our own Championship. We now have 3 contenders on the same score - it couldn't be closer!

Last month **John Bateson** was joined by **Clive Cooper** on 108 points, but after his performance at West Chiltington **Chris Wilkes** has now joined them as well!

So it rests on who can put up a good round at Downshire in September. It looks as though it could be a 'big hitters haven!' and the intelligent money must be on **Chris**, but **John** is playing well at the present time and, if this can be sustained, it must be close. Also **Clive** having missed West Chiltington must come back after his holiday refreshed (I understand he was **dead beat** before he left .ED) and in with a good chance.