

# THE WAYFAIRER



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## **THE PRESIDENT'S TEAM TRIUMPHS! - BARRY BRINGS IN ALL THE PRESIDENTS MEN - AND THE FIRST LADY.**

What a glorious day the Wayfairers had at West Chiltington! And what a glorious day for **Barry Richards!** Deputising for the President, who sent apologies for unavoidable absence, Barry not only captained his Team to a resounding victory but in true officer style he lead from the front to record 36 points - the highest score of the day! Not only that but another stalwart member of his Team, **Peer Blakeley** also recorded 36 points - finishing narrowly second to Barry on count back. (This gets more like Roy of the Rovers with every issue...Ed).

For the second consecutive year West Chiltington turned on the sunshine, and the Course and the scenery were magnificent, all to be thoroughly enjoyed by the 31 Wayfairers and 4 guests taking part. Some really keen ones played not only the 18 holes, but having finished somewhat earlier than anticipated, they then took on the par 3 Course as well. (Something that perhaps we could add officially to next year's programme for those who wanted it?)

The President's Team recorded an average score of 29.4 pts for each player, while the Secretary's Team claimed 2nd place by half a Stableford point from the Treasurer's representatives 27.8 pts to 27.3 pts.

As ever magnificent prizes were awarded to the top 2 scorers in each Team and all the Presidents Men (plus **Jan Henshaw!**) went home all proudly clutching a Wayfairers ball to their bosoms. (You leave my Team's Bosoms out of it! The Man's obsessed!..Ed)



**Three Swingers, all named Mike, on the Tee at West Chiltington.**

### **AND SO TO THE FULL WEST CHILTINGTON**

Team Result 1. President's 2. Secretary's 3. Treasurer's.

The Presidents Team Captain **Barry Richards** received the

President's Trophy on behalf of all the Team Members.

Individual Winner of the Wayfairers Trophy - **Barry Richards** 36 pts (c/b).

Second Top Scorer President's Team - **Peer Blakeley** 36 pts (c/b).

Secretary's Team Top Scorer - **Ken Cooper** 35 pts.

Second Top Scorer - **Sue McDonnell** 34 pts.

Treasurer's Team Top Scorer - **Chris Wilkes** 34 pts.

Second Top Scorer - **Jeff Hogg** 32 pts.

Nearest the Pin - **John Bateson**.

Open to All Longest Drive - **Sue McDonnell**.

19 & Over Longest Drive - **Andrew Bateson**.

Hedgehog Award - **Andy H'MoneyMaker' Knight**.

Birdie Cap - **John Horsfall** (who also recorded 34 points but was in the wrong team to win anything!).

Plonker Cap - **Mike Owens**.

And why **Mike Owens**? Our ever efficient Secretary rang Mike just 24 hours before the big day to

remind him to return the Nearest the Pin Tankard which he had been holding and polishing ever since our May meeting at Holt. And what happened when we went to present it at West Chiltington? - Mike had left it at home! This wonderful feat of forgetfulness gave Mike exactly what he deserved - the **PLONKER CAP!** Not only that but when he received his presentation he was firmly instructed to return it at the end of the evening. So what did he do? Being Mike he went back to Farnborough proudly still wearing the Plonker Cap! (He's probably still got it on!..Ed). What a dedicated Plonker! - but we still love you Mike. We understand he is also holding a 'Sale of Wayfairers Memorabilia' in the near future!

## West Chiltington Raffle

With the 'Open' Championship having been completed only hours before our Meeting, as well as having the usual Raffle, the results of the Wayfairers 'Open Draw' was also announced. Among the top 4 finishers, who all went into a 'Play Off', only one competitor had been 'purchased' and that was Ernie Els by lucky old Stuart Allan who took top prize. In the next group, with a final score for the 4 rounds of 279 were 3 players, but again only one featured in our Draw, and that was Padraig Harrington giving a jubilant Jeff Hogg the prize of a callapsible chair complete with carry bag. (This has got to be an improvement on the Lidl Umbrella that

refused to collapse...Ed). In the very large group on a score of 280, prizes went to Ian Templer (R.Goosen), Mike Owens (S.Garcia) and Andy Knight (T.Bjorn). Guest Bob Histed went home delighted with a bottle of 'Dogs Bollocks' wine, having drawn A.Cabrera who finished rock bottom of all the Wayfairers selections with rounds of 73 & 79.

Many thanks to Carl Rosner & Andy Knight for being our ticket salesmen for the 'Raffle of the Day'. The star prize was a framed and mounted picture of the England Football Team Squad - autographed on the back by Barry Richards an underwhelmed supporter of Burnley Football Club. In his absence it was unanimously agreed that this should be presented to Harold Peskett - (as no-one else wanted it!...Ed).

We now have just 3 Wayfairer balls left, but in the Secretary's Den is a box of 144 new ones! As recent Raffles have been so well supported, we have now gone 'upmarket' and the new balls are all Maxfli XS Tour Balls - Guaranteed to go 20 yards further and never miss the hole (He's been at the Wine Gums again!..Ed).

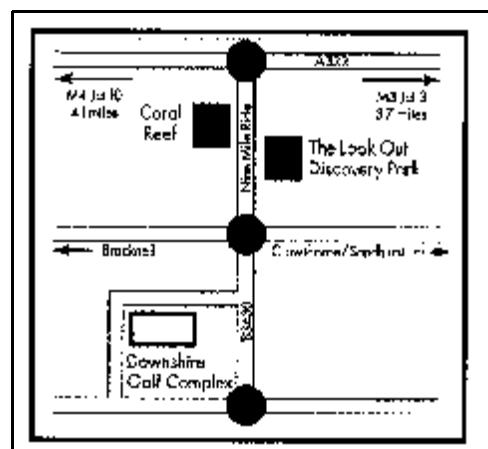
## Programme

2002 - 2003

Last year for the first time your Society Organisers experimented and planned a whole years programme in advance (November to September). **Did it work? Was it useful? - or did it make no difference to you?** If it was successful, and the majority of our members did find it helpful, we need to start work on it now. Please let us know your views and perhaps which Courses you particularly favour. It's either 'over to you' or 'leave it to us'.

## And so to our next meeting

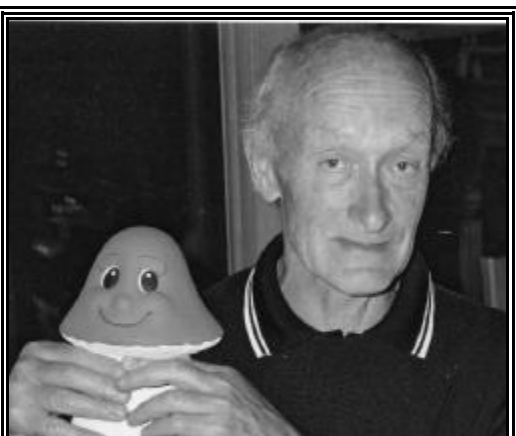
This is to be held at **DOWNSHIRE GOLF COMPLEX** - on **Monday 16th September**. Downshire, an 18 hole course, and particularly well situated for our Farnborough area members. It is just 10 minutes drive heading North from Junction 3 on the M3. The full address is Downshire Golf Complex, Easthampstead 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, and 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 once again John McD. will put up a special prize for nearest the pin on his infamous 'Water Hole'. (Do you think he will fall in again this year?!..ED)

We anticipate eating at approximately 5.30 pm. Guests are welcome. Deadline for full payment is **Monday 19th August**. Why not complete your return slip and cheque now!

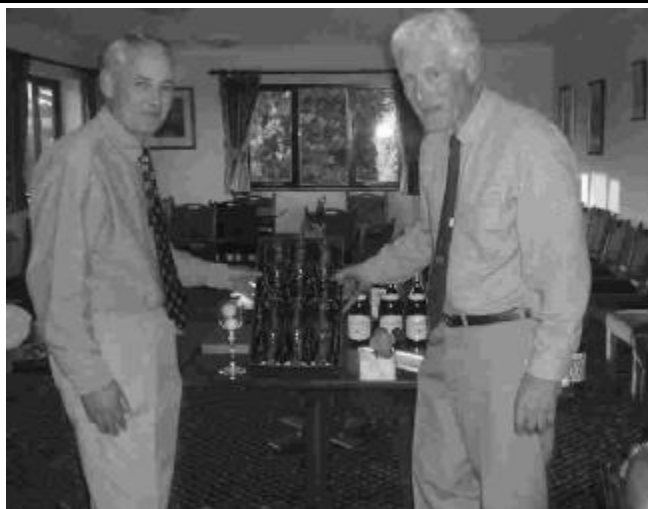


**Competition. Guess which one is the Gnome with the Dome?**  
(Answers on a Post Card Please!)

# PICTURES FROM WEST CHILTINGTON (AND ONE FROM REIGATE)



**Barry  
Richards  
receiving  
the  
President's  
Trophy &  
the  
Wayfairers  
Trophy from  
Carl Rosner**



**Winners of the 'Two Ronnies' Trophy  
at Reigate Barbara Horsfall & Carl  
Rosner.**

**'Captain of  
the Day'**

**Below The Leaders in Their  
Teams:-**



**Peer Blakeley 2nd in the  
Presidents Team. Below John  
Horsfall complete with Birdie  
Cap.**



**Chris Wilkes leading player in  
the Treasurer's Team. Below  
working hard on the Leader  
Board - Sue McDonnell.**



**Ken Cooper top scorer in the  
Secretary's Team. Below a  
very worthy Plonker Cap  
winner Mike Owens.**



# WAYFAIRERS WINTER GOLF BREAK

For the past 2 years a group of some dozen plus Wayfairers have travelled to Norwich in early November to play golf for 3 days and stay two nights at Wensum Golf & Country Club. For those interested it is proposed to plan a similar venture this coming winter, but to leave it until February 2003. No exact dates are set yet, but it would be sometime during the last week in February, and be something to look forward to during the usual bleak early weeks of the New Year.

Nothing, as yet has been arranged with Wensum so if any Wayfairers should have suggestions for other suitable Winter Break venues please advise John McD or John B. and we will investigate further. Wensum however does have some very positive advantages, not the least being that no matter what the weather, (with the exception of snow), the 2 Courses will always be open and playable.

Cost last year was £104 a head to include Bed & Breakfast, full Evening Meal for 2 nights with three days unlimited Golf (27 holes) and the use of all the indoor leisure facilities i.e. indoor swimming pool, sauna, jacuzzi, and many more.

It would be helpful if any of those who might like to be involved would indicate their possible interest on the Downshire return slip with no obligation whatsoever at this stage. This will then give us some indication of likely support in order to continue further.

## The 30 Plus Club at West Chiltington

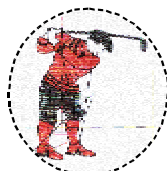
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Jan Henshaw 30  
Frank Houlihan 30  
David Rose 30

## Gi'mme's?

On a point of Order.

In matchplay you may agree to Gi'mme's or concede the hole at any time.

However in our Stableford Competition the ball should be holed out, unless you are unable to score, when the ball should be picked up to speed the flow of play.



### WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Since introducing the Wayfairers own golf ball a total of 447 have been handed out to members.

**WHAT HAVE YOU  
DONE WITH THEM  
ALL???**

## WAYFAIRER 2002 PAIRS KNOCK-OUT



### SEMI FINAL

Frank Houlihan24/  
Mike Owens 25

Brian Girling 36/  
Syd Tutton 29

John Bateson 18/  
Nick Widdowson 13

Ken Cooper25/  
Tony Warrilow 27

PLAYED BY 11TH SEPT.

### FINAL

Frank Houlihan24/  
Mike Owens 25

PLAYED BY THE 23  
OCT 2002

After a stirring battle that went to the 19th hole at Bletchingley, Nick Widdowson and John Bateson piped Peter Storey and Barry Richards to go into the semi-final against Ken Cooper and Tony Warrilow, who came from behind to vanquish David Rose and Harold Peskett.

Just as we go to press the news has come in of a win for Frank Houlihan and Mike Owens which puts them into the Final.



Despite Staff shortages in June, Karl Rosner, Reigate Heath Wayfairers Champion, does get his picture in the Wayfairer. Well done Karl!!

## SOCIETY CHAMPIONSHIP

Unassailable, Carl Rosner remains in the lead on 112 points, Stuart Harris on 108 and making a late challenge, Jeff Hogg on 107.