

# THE WAYFAIRER

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## WELL, IT WASN'T GOLF AS WE ALL KNEW IT; MIKE DID WELL, WHILST OTHERS BLEW IT!

As the Wayfairers gathered for their full English Breakfast at Slinfold, on a dry but cold and frosty winter's morning, all seemed set fair for our Christmas Meeting, but the hand of fate was about to strike. First the news broke that John McD was down with a bad dose of 'flu. Then there was confusion as to whether trolleys were 'in' or 'out'. Nearly all the Slinfold club members out on the course had trolleys! (The Slinfold Doctor must spend most of his time making out Certificates!..Ed). In the end those Wayfairers who had them used them!

But worse was to come as we made our way out onto the course - in the shape of little white rings and buckets, called temporary greens, set 30 yards in front of each green on very frosty fairways. Well it was hardly golf! The conditions tended to favour those with high handicaps and a few impressively large scores resulted. The overall winner came from this group - **Mike Riddles** a staggering 47 and **Bill Eslor** 2nd with 45. At the other end of the scale, some of the low handicappers, including **Chris Wilkes 40, Jeff Hogg 42, Dennis Shelley 42 & Hans Zinke 42** all quickly came to terms with the conditions.

Perhaps the luckiest/un-luckiest player was Peter Storey who on the Nearest the Pin hole put his tee shot 1 1/4 inches from a gaping bucket hole to win. 1 1/4 inches closer and we would all have been lucky with an extra glass of wine!

Our 'Captain of the Day' Mike Church must also have a mention. At this meeting we compete for Harold's Trophy for 'Nearest the pin on the par 5 18th in 3 shots'. It was on this course that this Trophy was conceived and it requires 3 big and accurate shots. Mike was only 3 feet

from the pin!

In the evening two new Members were welcomed into the Wayfairers by the President, Norman Lovelock and Hans Zinke. We would like to wish them many happy outings with us.

Despite a very indifferent meal and being crammed into tables in one corner of the bar/lounge, the Dunkirk spirit of the Wayfairers began to show,



**Getting into the Christmas Spirit**

(Even Mike Wilson was seen to smile - once!..Ed.). 'Cometh the Hour Cometh the Man' and John Bateson took a grip of the situation, with a John McD designed quiz and things began to take off. Soon it started to become more like our 'Christmas Party' with the Wayfairers voices raised in song to win those all important points & Prizes!

No one would have realised from his masterly and energetic performance that John Bateson was also about to become a victim of the flu lurgy.

**STOP PRESS:** Following complaints regarding the condition of the course and the poor quality of the evening meal J.B. has negotiated, for all those who attended Slinfold, a refund of £5 per head. (IF you were at Slinfold £5 can be deducted from your Cranleigh remittance.)

### SLINFOLD CHRISTMAS MEETING

Winner of the Wayfairer Trophy - Mike Riddles - 47 points.

2nd - Guest **Bill Eslor** 45pts. (C/B)

3rd **Dennis Shelley** 42 pts c/b.

4th **Hans Zinke** - 42pts c/b.

5th **Jeff Hogg** - 42pts c/b.

Team Prize with 100 pts- **Jan Henshaw, Barry Richards & Mike Riddles.**

Nearest the pin - **Peter Storey.**

Harold's Nearest the pin after 3 shots Trophy - **Mike Church.**

Open Longest Drive - **Chris Wilkes.**

19 and Over Longest Drive **Peter Rushton.**

Birdie Cap - **Jeff Hogg** (with 4 Birdies!)

Hedgehog Award - **Mike Wilson**

Plonker Cap - and he wasn't even there (only in spirit!..Ed) - a very poorly - **John McDonnell.** Citation on the next page....

## THE PLONKER CAP.

Although he was not even there, the Plonker Cap was awarded, by unanimous agreement (in absentium), to John McDonnell. This was particularly fitting as we did not want him to be left out of the Christmas fun!

A quiz question, written by John, said "Sing a Christmas Carol in which the 5th word is 'sheep'?" Several groups started 'Whilst Shepherd's watched their flo...AAh! No - that's not right!.. We give up what's the answer?'

Well, when is a sheep not a sheep? Answer - when it's a Flock!

(Any silly Flocker knows that!...ED).

## THE BIRDIES & BLOBS COMPETITION

As is customary at our Christmas meeting we dispense with the normal Raffle and have a ~~swindle~~ gamble. This year it was your estimate of the number of Stableford blobs added to the number of birdies scored by all players.

In John McD's absence this was run (and very well indeed) by **Brian Girling**, (so ably that he might get the job permanently! Thank you Brian). Because of the conditions blobs were not as numerous as might

(That's not what I found!....Mike Wilson).

The B+B figure turned out to be 53 and the winner was none other than the new President who was heard to say "This Girling chap could go quite far in the Wayfairers!" - as he walked past playing Carols on his newly won musical tie. But there is always a consolation in the Wayfairers and the star 'Presidents Prize' went to the person who made the wildest guess. Well done Mike Wilson, I'm sure you'll find a place for Betty Bunker on your mantelpiece!

## AND SO TO OUR NEXT MEETING - THE FIRST OF 2004

MONDAY 16<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY and your organisers' New Year's resolution is NO PAY! NO PLAY! So please get your money in promptly.

The total cost for coffee & bacon rolls, 18 holes, a 3 Course meal and all prizes is £30. Why not complete that return slip and post that cheque - NOW! N.B. £5 discount for Slinfold players

This is to be held at Cranleigh Golf & Leisure Club on **TUESDAY 16<sup>th</sup> MARCH**. Some of our well established members may recall playing here when it was known as Fernfell Golf & Country Club way back in early March 1997. **A map is enclosed.** Telephone No. 01483 268855.

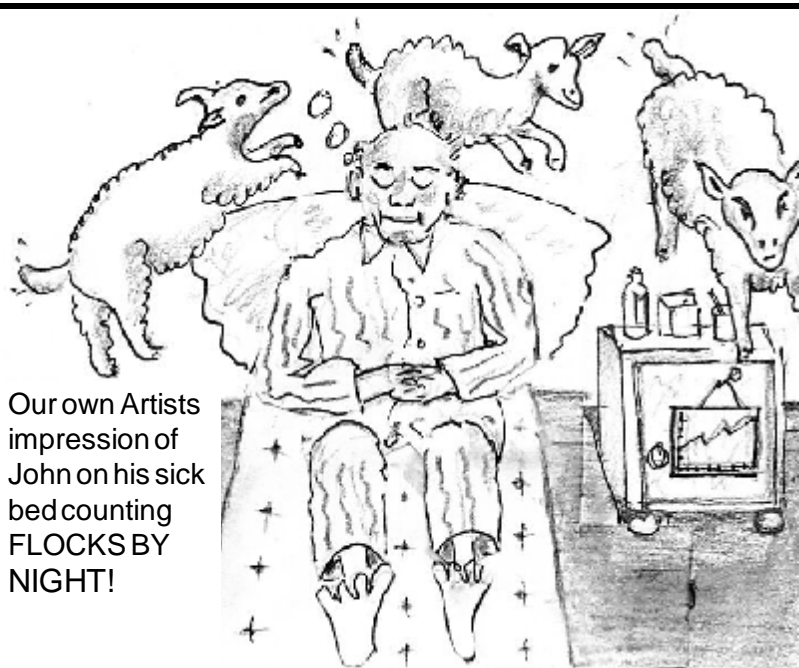
Cranleigh is an 18 hole parkland Course, with a magnificent 400 year old barn converted into an extremely pleasant Clubhouse.

Coffee and bacon rolls will be available from 09.30 with the first group on the tee at 10.30. Following the 18 holes there will be a full 3 Course meal served at approximately 5pm.

Our Competitions will as usual be divided into an Individual and a Team Event. The winning individual Wayfairer will be awarded the John Peake Spring Cup currently held by Mike Riddles (along with most of our other Trophies!..ED). As at previous Spring meetings the Team Competition will take the form of an Alliance Stableford. Under this system one best individual score only counts for the first 6 holes, for the next 6 the best 2, and finally over the remaining half a dozen holes all 3 players points are totalled. As ever minor challenges such as our 2 longest drive competitions and "nearest the pin" are included.

The Plonker Cap could be settled already if Mike Wilson can't find a replacement hedgehog between now and Cranleigh. (Don't tell me he's lost Spike?.. ED) (No! Spike took one look at his new owner and did a runner!.. SEC), (Very wise!.. TREAS.) The sad news for Mike is that even if the Hedgehog problem is resolved, he is still a certainty for the coveted Plonker Award. We can't at this stage give you the full details, but it's got something to do with Father Christmas, a bollard and a pair of shoes!

Guests will be most welcome at Cranleigh provided our numbers permit. Deadline for payment is



Our own Artists impression of John on his sick bed counting FLOCKS BY NIGHT!



# PICTURES FROM SLINFOLD



**Left: Mike Riddles, Wayfairers Trophy Winner, takes the Chair!**

**Right: The Winning Team - Barry Richards, Jan Henshaw & Mike Riddles**



**Above Peter Storey receives the Nearest the Pin Trophy from Captain of the Day Mike Church. Only 1 1/4ins from a very expensive evening!**



**Above: Dennis Shelley, following his current good form came in third in the overall competition (43 on c/b).**



**Above: Hans Zinke celebrated his new membership of the Wayfairers by coming in third at 43 on C/B. (Has anyone explained the Handicapping system to him?)**

**Above: 4 Birdies and a Stableford score of 43 - Jeff Hogg had a good Day!**



**Above: Mike Wilson was awarded the Hedgehog Award. With Jan & Betty Bunker he had plenty of company on the way home - but what happened to the Hedgehog?**



**Above: Peter Rushton winner of the Open Longest Drive. We understand that the extra driving power comes from the battery in the bow tie!**



**Above: Despite all setbacks, too numerous to mention, John Bateson pulled everything together and achieved for us all a fitting Wayfairers Christmas Celebration. I would, on behalf of everyone say how much we all appreciate his sterling efforts.**



## CURRENT TROPHY HOLDERS

Society Champion's Trophy **Mike Riddles.**

Wayfairers Trophy **Mike Riddles.**

Christmas Tankard **Mike Riddles.**

18 & Under Trophy **Jeff Hogg.**

John Peake Spring Trophy **Mike Riddles.**

Texas Scramble Trophy **Peer Blakeley Ken Cooper John Horsfall & Peter Rushton.**

The 2 Ronnies Trophy **Annie Hitam & Andy Knight.**

President's Team Trophy **Secretary's Team** - rotated monthly; currently with **Brian Girling.**

50 Bob Set **Ian Templer.**

Ron Harris Autumn Cup **Mike Church.**

Pairs Knockout Figurine Trophies **Jan Henshaw & Sue McDonnell.**

Pink Ball Competition Golfing Clowns **Peer Blakeley Ken Cooper & Brian Girling..**

Hedgehog Award **Mike Wilson.**

Harold's Special 18th Hole Trophy **Mike Church.**

Regarding Trophies: -

1) If you have a Trophy that needs engraving please get it to John Bateson **now.**

2) If the Trophy you hold needs to be re-presented at the next meeting **please make sure you bring it with you.or get it back.**

## IMPORTANT

Having published our meeting dates up to September 2004 they should now be in your diary! However, one has to be changed. **PLEASE NOTE THAT OUR MEETING AT WEST CHILTINGTON WILL BE ON FRIDAY 30th JULY -NOT on Monday 26th July) PLEASE CHANGE IT NOW!**

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

It is with much regret that that we have to announce the resignations of Stafford Smith and Clive Cooper, both of whom, over the past years, have been popular and supportive members of our Society. Stafford is suffering from a chronic foot complaint, which unfortunately shows no sign of improving, and Clive Cooper has found that sheer pressure of work has given him no option but to withdraw his membership. In the words of a true undertaker he stated that "Things have been getting on top of me!" Both Stafford and Clive have expressed their very best wishes for the continued success of the Wayfairers. We shall miss them and hope to see them from time to time in the future.

We welcome as new members three golfers who have been extremely keen and regular guests over the past year, Robert Bisset, Norman Lovelock and Hans Zinke. We very much hope that all of you have a very long and happy association with the Wayfairers. (But not too much golfing success – leave something for us! ED)

Those Wayfairers who were at Slinfold will have received an up dated copy of our membership list. For those who weren't there please find one enclosed.



**Wayfairers day at Holt 23rd December 2003 (John's 65th Birthday!). Despite wet and cold conditions, 16 Wayfairers Rolled-Up to find the lunch and drinks generously provided by John! The winner-new member Norman Lovelock. Congratulations and many thanks to John.**

## PAIRS KNOCKOUT 2004

The annual pairs Knockout will start in the Spring with details of the draw published in the next Wayfairer. Would pairs who wish to compete please give John B. this information **now.** If you haven't got a partner but would like to take part, please let us know, and we will do our best to pair you off with somebody else in the same position.

## HANDICAPS

| 2003/2004    | SLINFOLD |       | CRANLEIGH |       |
|--------------|----------|-------|-----------|-------|
|              | handicap | score | handicap  | Score |
| BAILEY       | 31       |       | 31        |       |
| BATESON      | 21       | 30    | 22        |       |
| BISSET R     | 24       |       | 24        |       |
| BLAKELEY     | 13       | 34    | 13        |       |
| CATTERALL    | 18       | 34    | 18        |       |
| CHURCH       | 20       | 34    | 20        |       |
| COOPER, K    | 21       |       | 21        |       |
| FUDGE        | 7        |       | 7         |       |
| GIRLING      | 35       | 33    | 35        |       |
| HARRIS, R    | 19       |       | 19        |       |
| HARRIS, S    | 7        |       | 7         |       |
| HENSHAW      | 36       | 41    | 35        |       |
| HISTED       | 14       | 38    | 16        |       |
| HITAM        | 23       | 40    | 23        |       |
| HOGG         | 12       | 42    | 10        |       |
| HORSFALL, B  | 28       | 38    | 28        |       |
| HORSFALL, J  | 35       | 24    | 36        |       |
| HOULIHAN     | 22       |       | 22        |       |
| KNIGHT       | 15       |       | 15        |       |
| LOADER       | 35       |       | 38        |       |
| LOVELOCK N   | 21       | 38    | 21        |       |
| MARCHBANK    | 21       |       | 21        |       |
| MCDONNELL, J | 19       |       | 19        |       |
| MCDONNELL S  | 9        |       | 9         |       |
| PEAKE        | 32       | 40    | 32        |       |
| PESKETT      | 23       |       | 23        |       |
| REEVES       | 33       |       | 33        |       |
| RICHARDS     | 23       | 38    | 23        |       |
| RIDDLES, A   | 24       | 34    | 24        |       |
| RIDDLES, M   | 32       | 47    | 28        |       |
| ROSE         | 19       | 39    | 19        |       |
| ROGNER       | 27       | 27    | 27        |       |
| RUSHTON      | 19       | 35    | 19        |       |
| SHELLEY      | 21       | 42    | 19        |       |
| STOREY       | 7        | 33    | 7         |       |
| TUTTON       | 27       |       | 27        |       |
| WARRILLOW    | 28       |       | 28        |       |
| WIDDOWSON    | 10       |       | 10        |       |
| WILKES       | 8        | 40    | 8         |       |
| WILLIAMS     | 17       |       | 17        |       |
| WILSON       | 29       |       | 30        |       |
| ZINKE        | 18       | 42    | 18        |       |

## HAPPY BIRTHDAYS TO YOU

This has been not only the season for Christmas festivities but also a time for some very special Birthday celebrations. Mid December saw the happy occasion of Tony Warrilow's 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday, and the way the celebrations are continuing they probably will do so until he is 71! Just before Christmas it was the turn of our beloved Treasurer – now John Bateson O.B.E. (Sorry, that should read O.A.P! ED) Well done, John you will now legitimately be able to get out those Dunlop 65's that you have been saving all these years. (Might improve his game! ED)

Before our next meeting our current oldest inhabitant, and a founder member of our Society, will in early February celebrate his 80th Birthday. Congratulations to John Loader, favourite in 2004 for the 50 Bob Set!