

THE WAYFAIRER

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THE AUTUMN CUP GOES TO EDDIE – EXTREMELY WELL PLAYED!

What a great meeting we had at Chiddingfold. This was our 11th consecutive November gathering at this venue, and the grand occasion of the Wayfairers 10th Anniversary! With heavy rain prior to the event, and even heavier afterwards, the sun smiled on us as ever, and for many shirt sleeves became the order of this glorious Autumn day!

Before commencing any golf, essential business had first to be sorted out at our AGM and all this was duly done and dusted in just under half an hour. (Notes from the AGM are enclosed with this edition.) For those who then had to wait to play the Course, a Team Putting Competition had been organised, and this turned out to be a very closely fought affair.

At the AGM full membership had been given to Eddie Stanley & Alan Rose, while Stuart Allan's previous membership was re-instated. Both Eddie and Stuart were at Chiddingfold, and with their membership granted and paid for immediately, this gave us a total of 33 Wayfairers plus one guest doing battle over the 18 holes. The guest was Damon Pritchard, and as this was his third outing, he has now asked to go on our waiting list, where currently he is No.1.

Eddie Stanley, jubilant at finally gaining his place,

went out and did something that no new member should ever do. He won! Shocking behaviour for a novice member! Not only did he win, but he did it by 3 clear points with a score of 40, putting Michael Rosner into 2nd



Eddie Stanley receives the Ron Harris Autumn Cup from Captain of the Day Bob Hinstead

position. This was an excellent result, as the Course was extremely heavy and playing much longer than usual, with balls very difficult to find once off the fairway. In fact the average score for the day was only 28 - way down on previous years. (Last year 34)

Eddie's success gained him the Ron Harris Autumn Cup plus the Wayfairers Trophy - (as well as a massive cut in handicap! Ed.)

Following the golf an excellent meal was served, there were prizes galore and the Wayfairers 10th Birthday was much feted and toasted. Altogether an excellent finish to a memorable day!

Chiddingfold

Winner of the Ron Harris Autumn Cup & Wayfairers Trophy Eddie Stanley 40 pts.

2nd Michael Rosner 37 pts.

3rd Annie Hitam 34 pts. c/b

4th Sue McDonnell 34 pts. c/b

Team Prize Chris Wilkes Michael Rosner & Eddie Stanley (that man again!) 100 pts.

Nearest The Pin Michael Wilson

Open Longest Drive Bill "Grip it & Rip it!" Eslor

19 & Over Longest Drive Harold "Hot Shot" Peskett

Shortest Drive Barry "Only 4 yards" Richards (and then it was out of bounds!)

Birdie Cap Fred "Bewitched!" Catterall

Hedgehog A very prickly decision - 4 on 21pts - given to Syd Tutton because of his good looks!

Team Putting 1st Barbara Horsfall, Dennis Shelley, Frank Houlihan & Fred Catterall Total 54

2nd Peter Storey, John Bateson, Syd Tutton & Bill Eslor Total 55 on c/b.

ANNUAL AWARDS

Society Champion Bill Eslor
World Record 120 pts.

Knock Out Pairs Competition Jan Henshaw & Sue McDonnell
Runners Up Doug Wagstaff & Chris Wilkes

Ron Bailey Award for Top Lady of the Year Sue McDonnell average 34 pts.

THE PLONKER CAP

This was awarded for the first time ever to Frank Houlihan. Evidently while playing golf on his home Course with Jeff Hogg he mislaid his 7 iron – his favourite weapon! Despite repeated enquiries over several weeks in the Pro's Shop it never materialised. Then one day while they were playing, Jeff disappeared into the woods with his bag and when he came out lo! and behold! – he was holding Frank's 7 iron. "Where did you find it?" asked a jubilant Frank. "In the woods?" - "No", came Jeff's sheepish reply. "I found it in my... bag!" After using it, Frank had replaced it in the wrong bag some 6 weeks before!

Many said that Jeff should have won the award, but Frank by a short head was judged to be the BIGGER PLONKER!!!!

THE Chiddingfold RAFFLE

Many thanks to Jan who did a truly excellent job selling raffle tickets for our Chiddingfold raffle. There was some rumour that Mike helped her by folding up one of the tickets but this has not been verified! Anyway grateful thanks to both of you for increasing our Raffle Fund by £94! Nearly a ton! Well done! And thanks to our members for their generous support. Twelve of them went home very happy with their fabulous winnings. (A further prize will be added for anyone who correctly guesses what Fred did with his Pumpkin!) No Raffle at Cottesmore but an ever popular McDonnell Swindle instead!

AND SO TO OUR LAST 2005 MEETING TUESDAY 6th DECEMBER

Our Christmas Meeting will be held, as last year, at the Cottesmore Golf & Country Club with the programme for the day as follows –

From 8.45am. Breakfast (consisting of 2 rashers of bacon, 2 fried eggs, mushrooms, toast & tea or coffee). (Yum!Yum! Ed.)

First tee time 09.42 on the Phoenix Course. At approximately 17.00 our Christmas Dinner will be served.

You are advised to check the trolley situation on the day previous. Tel.01293 528256. The Club is situated south of Crawley, to the west of Pease Pottage on the road to Colgate and Roffey. Contact John McD. should you want more detailed directions, and if you would like to know your tee times. (These will be Emailed as usual to those members who have this facility.) Please remember to use the visitors' changing rooms.

The Competition is an 18 Hole Stableford and the winner will receive the Christmas Tankard (currently held by Bill Eslor) and the Wayfairers Trophy (at present in the hands of Eddie Stanley). Another Trophy also to be contested will be Harold's Special 18th Hole Trophy, which will go to the player nearest to the pin with his/her 3rd shot on the last hole. This coveted award is at the moment residing with I.N.W.A. McD. Guests will be most welcome providing that numbers allow.

Please note that this is a BRING & WIN Event. Suggested value of prizes £3-£5, preferably wrapped.

If you have a "better half" that you would like to invite to the Meal please let either John know well in advance. Cost £17.

The cost for the day for the players will be £35, to include Breakfast, 18 Holes, a Christmas Meal with wine provided and all prizes except the ones brought for

the Bring & Win. If playing please return your cheque by Monday 21st NOVEMBER at the latest, and please note-

- 1) Following the recent AGM decision late payment could result in an extra £2 to pay!
- 2) Remember that our new Treasurer is Tony Warrilow and his contact details are on the return slip and the front cover of this edition.

As ever our Christmas Raffle will be different! This year upon arrival all players will be asked to guess what the overall average score for the day will be, and this estimate has to go to 2 decimal places (eg. 22.97, 30.21, 47.75!! etc.) Everyone will be allowed 2 entries at £1 a go. There will be 3 excellent festive prizes for the winners, and we might even stretch to a very small consolation prize for our biggest optimist or pessimist!

THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CHALLENGE ROLL UP

This annual unofficial gathering will be held at Holtie G.C. on Monday 19th December. All are welcome including guests. Just turn up at about 9am. Playing order will be sorted out on arrival. Holtie members will be able to sign in non-members at a reduced rate.

The Competition is for John B's Challenge Trophy currently held by

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PICTURES FROM CHIDDINGFOLD



SUPERB PRIZES FOR A SUPERB OCCASION - Congratulations to the two JOHNS



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**The Knockout Champions
for 2005 putting the boys to
shame! Jan & Sue**



**Michael Rosner - a very creditable
2nd place in the day's event.**



**Annie Hitam wins a bottle of wine for 3rd
place.**



**Whatever he did Fred couldn't get away from HATS -
Celebrating Halloween or Celebrating his Birdie!!
Wonder what he did with the Pumpkin?**



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The package, which costs £55 per person per night, includes accommodation in twin bedded rooms, breakfast, dinner, unlimited golf and the use of the leisure facilities as described. The hotel boasts as being hosts at various times to the Man. United, Arsenal & Chelsea Teams, and the whole

MANY THANKS- TO TONY & JOHN B.

At our recent AGM Tony Warrilow kindly accepted the position of Society Treasurer. No doubt all Wayfairers will join us in thanking Tony for taking on this task, but trust that none of this extra income was spent in buying a brand new caravan the following day! (Probably the best way that our members can show their appreciation is by always paying up promptly...Ed.)

After 10 years, during which time he has not missed a single event, John B., has handed over the financial reins, and again its thanks for all the enthusiastic hard work that he has put into the Society over the past decade. John is not quite retiring but will be acting as Match Co-ordinator. This entails the planning, preparation and recording of all of our events, and he retains some financial responsibility with the purchase of Competition prizes and Trophy engraving. Also he will continue to run the Pairs Knock-Out and the Society Championship, as well as continue as Chairman of the Handicap Committee.

In fact he will continue to do all the other things he was doing as well as being Treasurer! Many thanks John for all your commitment!

ALL BEST WISHES TO MIKE - Owing to an operation, Mike Riddles will not be able to join us until the early Spring. We all wish him a most speedy recovery.

CONGRATULATIONS TO CHAMPIONS BILL, JAN &

Congratulations to Bill Eslor our new Society Champion! Bill got off to such a terrific start 12 months ago that he looked impossible to catch. And so it proved! Well done Bill.

In the Pairs Knock-Out Chris & Doug playing in one of the Semi-Finals proved too strong for opponents Ken & Tony, but in the other match Bob & Annie took Sue & Jan all the way to the 19th before the ladies partnership secured a very close victory.

This resulted in 2 men versus 2 ladies in the Final which was played following heavy rain at Paxhill Park. Although the ladies were never behind, and on one occasion 3 up, the contest went all the way to the 18th green before Sue & Jan snatched victory. This charming duo have now been our KnockOut Champions for 2 years out of the last 3. Come on you men! (Cut the ladies! Ed.)

HANDICAP

COTTESMORE	
ALLAN	29
BAILEY	31
BATESON	22
BLAKELEY	14
CATTERALL	23*
CHURCH	20*
COOPER, K	18
ESLOR, B	24
FUDGE	8
GIRLING	31
HARRIS, R	19
HENSHAW	36
HISTED	15
HITAM	23*
HOGG	10
HORSFALL, B	35*
HORSFALL, J	36*
HOULIHAN	24
KNIGHT	15
LOADER	32
LOVELOCK N	21
MARCHBANK	21
MCDONNELL, J	21
MCDONNELL, S	7*
PEAKE	35
PESKETT	23
REEVES	30
RICHARDS	31
RIDDLES, A	23
RIDDLES, M	27
ROSE, A	29
ROSE, D	23
ROSNER, C	31*
ROSNER, M	20*
RUSHTON	17
SHELLEY	18*
STANLEY	21*
STOREY	7
TUTTON	27
WAGSTAFF	22
WARRILLOW	31*
WIDDOWSON	10
WILKES	7
WILLIAMS	16
WILSON	29*
ZINKE	13*

SECRET POSTSCRIPT

(Not in the copies of the Wayfairer for Mike, Doug & Nick).

Often we do not know your birthday, but we do know that we have 3 special birthdays coming up. On the 5th Dec. Mike Church is 40 & also in December Doug Wagstaff is 80. We will therefore be celebrating these landmarks at our Cottesmore Meeting on the 6th. Neither Mike nor Doug are aware of our intentions SO NOT A WORD!

On Saturday 7th Jan 06 Nick Widdowson also reaches 40 and his wife Sarah is organising a surprise party for him. She would very much like your support. It is to take place at the Perrywood Sports & Social Club, Honeycook Lane, Salfords, Redhill. Meet about 8p.m. Nick & Sarah would love to see you there.

30 PLUS CLUB

40 Eddie Stanley	32 Peter Storey
37 Michael Rosner	32 John Bateson
34 Annie Hitam	31 Bill Eslor
34 Sue McDonnell	31 Peter Rushton
34 Dennis Shelley	31 Stuart Allan
34 Michael Church	31 Nick Widdowson
33 Harold Peskett	30 John Loader
33 Chris Wilkes	30 Frank Houlihan

IF YOU DON'T MAKE COTTESMORE OR HOLTYE -

A Very Happy Christmas and Bundles of Birdies in 2006 from your Committee.