

# THE WAYFAIRER

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## OUR COTTESMORE DAY WAS FULL OF GOOD CHEER AS "FEARLESS FRED" STOLE THE LAST WIN OF THE

over the men in playing their tee shots, and this was reflected in the final scores. Very sorry ladies, but unfortunately your Committee has no control over the lay out of the Course. Despite this Audrey did manage to win the longest drive for 19 H/cap players and over. It wasn't actually the longest, but the best one on the fairway. Well done Audrey!

While at Breakfast all players had to part with £2 to the Secretary, and in return they could have 2 guesses as to what would be the average score for the day. The majority of guesses were far too pessimistic, as the average turned out to be 31 (the same as last year!) Beating this by a mile was "Fearless Fred" who recorded 42pts, which narrowly defeated our Match Co-ordinator John B. by just 1pt. Hard on John's heels was guest Harry Faulkner with a score of 40. (40pts and above!! Obscene! Off to the cutting room! Ed.)

By late afternoon all the players had come in rosy cheeked and full of chatter, and a great atmosphere was built up in the Clubhouse which permeated right through a very noisy, but most enjoyable Christmas meal.

We were graced at the tables by "better halves", Elisabeth,

Sylvia, Janet, Liz and Jan and we hope they all enjoyed themselves. Also it was great to have Mike Riddles, now recuperating from

Our Christmas gathering attracted an excellent turn out of 32 Wayfairers and one guest. Ultimately only 32 went out to play, as Secretary John McD although present, was definitely under the weather. He has the unhappy knack of picking up the dreaded bug to coincide exactly with this particular meeting! Two years out of three now! (Any bets for 2006?! Ed)

The others however were fit and raring to go, and they all set out full of hope and confidence, under a blue sky and winter sun. Unfortunately, prior to this, there had



**Christmas arrives early for Fred, the Wayfairers Trophy winner. Goodies presented by Captain of the Day Eddie Stanley**

been some heavy rain leaving the Course sticky and muddy in places. This had led to the introduction of several mats, and here we must apologise to the ladies. None of these mats gave any advantage to the ladies

### Cottesmore Results

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(The only thing Fred fears now is that he will be playing off scratch! Ed.)

2<sup>nd</sup> John Bateson 41 pts. (beware the ailing golfer!)

3<sup>rd</sup> guest Harry Faulkner 40 pts. (a prize winner yet again on only his second outing!)

4<sup>th</sup> Bill Eslor 38 pts. (couldn't match his 44 of last year!)

Team Prize Annie Hitam, Peter Rushton, Fred Catterall & Harry Faulkner 95 pts.

Harold's Special 18<sup>th</sup> Hole Trophy Peter Storey (it was in the hole for 3!)

Nearest The Pin Pint President Barry Richards (despite the first group out being the only ones who had to carry their bags all the way round!)

Open Longest Drive that man again ! Peter Storey

19 & Over Longest Drive "Accurate" Audrey Riddles

Birdie Cap A deserved winner with 3 Birdies! Nick Widdowson (Sorry we've only one cap! Nick!)

Hedgehog Another very deserved winner! Jeff Hogg with the rock bottom score of the day 22 pts (Jeff said he did it on purpose to bring the average score of the day down so that he could win a prize in the guessing competition – and he did!)

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## THE PLONKER CAP

The Christmas Plonker Cap went to Mike Wilson, and truly no one has ever deserved it more! It's a saga rather than a story, and it involves needless journeys, cocked up purchases, cocked up assignments and the inevitable lost keys! It is too long to repeat here, but doubtless no-one who went to Cottesmore has forgotten this incredible chapter of disasters, and so for those who weren't present at our Christmas meeting, a separate sheet is enclosed with this edition detailing the story in full.

## THE Cottesmore RAFFLE

No raffle was held at Cottesmore, but instead everyone had a couple of guesses relating to the average score which turned out to be 31. And who should have made this correct guess? – none other than "Birdie Boy" Nick who won first prize of a bottle of Chateau bottled Medoc set in a most attractive Christmas bottle holder to go on to the festive table.

Second was Jeff Hogg (thanks to his so called deliberate score of 22!). He guessed 31.10 and he won a further bottle of Chateau wine, but this one was set inside an intricate wooden puzzle, which meant

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## AND SO TO NEXT MEETING AT NORTH DOWNS Tuesday 21st March

The Spring Cup meeting is to be held as last year at NORTH DOWNS GOLF CLUB near Woldingham and close to Junction 6 of the M25. Tel 01883 653004. Please contact John McD for directions if you need them.

As ever at this particular meeting we look forward to a big turn out. and hopefully there will be room for guests.

Coffee as from 09.15 with the first group out at 10.00. Ring no more than a couple of days before for your tee time if you don't have Email facilities.

We will be playing for the John Peake Spring Cup (current holder Ken Cooper) and the Wayfairers Trophy. Also, and this is unusual at this time of the year, we will be playing in 3 prearranged Teams for the President's Trophy. (Secretary's v. Treasurers v President's – won last year by the President's Players). Usually this is a July competition, but it was not something that we wanted to include at "Old Thorn's". As ever there will be all the other usual on-going minor Competitions.

Note. For those who get hungry during their 18 holes sandwiches can be pre-ordered and picked up enroute to the 8th tee.

**PAYMENT!** The total cost for coffee, 18 holes, a 3 Course Meal and all prizes is £32. Your payment slip is enclosed and the deadline date for return is **MONDAY 20<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY. Remember late payments are subject to a £2 excess** and our Treasurer has very grasping hands! (Sometimes known as Uriah Warrilow! Ed)

## OLD THORNS 10<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY

FRIDAY 28<sup>th</sup> JULY

We have had a variety of responses to our questionnaire and many thanks to all those who completed and returned them. To the very few who haven't, if you don't let us know your requirements we cannot fulfil them! Currently we have 39 players, 5 extra guests to the evening meal and 5 couples are staying the night (8 Wayfairers and 2 wives). We now require the £55 a head a player for the complete golf, meal and prizes package. It would be helpful if you could pay this immediately with your North Downs return slip on which there are further details. Certainly full payment will be required by April at the very latest

## WINTER SHORT BREAK AT STOKE BY NAYLAND GOLF HOTEL

We now have 26 who have paid deposits for this short golfing break from Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> February to Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February. There are still some room vacancies (at the time of going to press). Please contact John McD now if interested. It seems a real bargain offer! Further details to all those who are going will be issued soon (ie. playing groups and times for day 1, competition and prize organisation etc.etc.).

## Wayfairers Unofficial Day at Hoebridge Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March

Due to complete kitchen refurbishments in the New Year which limits meals, Hoebridge have contacted us with an exclusive offer open only to Societies who go there regularly. This is for coffee and bacon baps & 18 Holes on the main Course followed by Soup & Sandwiches - all for £19. 18 Wayfairers have shown serious interest, and a booking has been made for this number for the date above. A £5 a head deposit is required, payable to John McDonnell. £1 a head will be added for some prizes. Total £20. If you are not on the list and are interested contact John McD now and he will check on further vacancies.



# PICTURES FROM COTTESMORE



**The Winning Team guest Harry Faulkner, Fred Catterall, Anne Hitam & Peter Rushton.**



**A general view of munching Wayfairers!**



**John Bateson came 2nd with 41 points! He would like to know from you all how much he should be CUT?!!**

**The Birdie Cap, won with 3 birdies by Nick Widdowson**

**John McD - Fiddling working out the average score to determine who is to get his most valued prizes!!**



**Nearest the Pin Pint, won by the President, (sadly now consumed!)**



**It's not all bad news being KING of the PLONKERS!!!**

## AT THE CHRISTMAS 'ROLL UP' DAVID ROSE TO THE OCCASION!

A crisp, dry and sunny winter's day, saw 18 players "roll up" at Holtze for the annual Christmas "bash"! Just one Wayfairer played better than handicap and this was David Rose who came in beaming with 38 pts. Well done David – a worthy winner of John B's Christmas Challenge Trophy. In second place was Secretary J. McD with a steady score of 18 pts. on each half, and this pushed Fearless Fred (still off his bandit's handicap!) into 3<sup>rd</sup> place on count back. A great day was had by all and many thanks to John B. for his organisation.

## PROPOSED TRIP TO

Our thanks to Eddie Stanley for offering to arrange a 2 day-1 night trip to France, possibly 2nd/3rd June. Those with Email will have had a questionnaire giving details of this bargain offer. For those without Email a copy is enclosed.

**Please reply direct to Eddie  
A.S.A.P.**

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meant that although the bottle was begging to be opened, it couldn't be! Jeff spent ages trying, and eventually had to be given the correct solution.

Third with 30.80, was Audrey who won a stiff bent banana holder designed to prevent a banana becoming squashed when put into a golf bag. Unfortunately, our deviously minded Secretary had put a long garlic sausage in the holder, and this was not exactly to Audrey's taste! The sausage was quickly auctioned to our President for the princely sum of £1, and this money put in the Raffle Fund. (Barry has promised that he will tell all of us when he eats it so that we can all stand up wind!)

A bottle of Dog's Bollocks red wine (one with a slightly stained label!) went to each estimator of the two worst guesses – namely Mike Church (22.70) & Eddie Stanley (23.18).

Normal Raffle at North Downs and the finger points this time at Hans Zinke! Thank you for volunteering so readily to be our Ticket salesman Hans, even though you know nothing at all about it until you read this!

Finally, should you have picked up any unwanted presents that others might enjoy winning, please give them to J.McD for the Raffle.

## LIFE MEMBERSHIP FOR THE 'TWO RONNIES'

With both Ron Harris and Ron Bailey having been able to attend only very few meetings during the past year, this situation does not look likely to improve very much in the months to come for either of them.

As both were founder members way back in 1995, and as both have been extremely supportive, particularly in relation to the many trophies that they have donated to our Society, the Committee has had no hesitation in awarding both of them life membership.

## BOOK ENDS

1) At the Cottesmore meal when Brian Girling won the Lotto tickets our Treasurer was heard to say "Should he win I will be imposing a 10% Wayfairers' tax to help pay for my new caravan!" - 2) Prior to our Cottesmore day "Fearless Fred" was overheard in the Pro's Shop booking 6 lessons! (The man's a cad Sir!.. Ed) (Fancy spending good money to get your Handicap cut! Sub...Ed).

## Pairs Knockout 2006

The annual Pairs Knockout will start in the Spring with details of the draw in the next Wayfairer. Would pairs who wish to compete please give John B. this information NOW. If you are without a partner and wish to play, please let John know. (Sounds like he is starting a lonely hearts club..Ed).

**30  
PLUS  
CLUB  
AT  
COTTESMO**

**Mike Wilson,**

**Alan Rose,**

**Peter Storey.**

**32 Norman**

**Lovelock,**

**John Peake,**

**Nick Widdowson.**

**31 Barry Richards,**

**David Rose.**

**30 Derek Reeves.**

## HANDICAP

NORTH DOWNS	
ALLAN	29
BAILEY	31
BATESON	19*
BLAKELEY	14
CATTERALL	19*
CHURCH	20
COOPER, K	18
ESLOR, B	22*
GIRLING	32*
HARRIS, R	19
HENSHAW	36
HISTED	15
HITAM	23
HOGG	12*
HORSFALL, B	35
HORSFALL, J	36
HOULIHAN	24
KNIGHT	14*
LOADER	32
LOVELOCK N	21
MARCHBANK	21
MCDONNELL, J	21
MCDONNELL, S	7
PEAKE	35
PESKETT	23
REEVES	30
RICHARDS	31
RIDDLES, A	24*
RIDDLES, M	27
ROSE, A	29
ROSE, D	23
ROSNER, C	31
ROSNER, M	20
RUSHTON	16*
SHELLEY	18
STANLEY	20*
STOREY	7
TUTTON	27
WAGSTAFF	22
WARRILOW	31
WIDDOWSON	10
WILKES	7
WILLIAMS	16
WILSON	29
ZINKE	13

**42 Fred Catterall.**

**41 John Bateson.**

**40 Harry Faulkner.**

**38 Bill Eslor.**

**37 Eddie Stanley,**

**Andy Knight,**

**Peter Rushton.**

**36 Carl Rosner.**

**35 Bob Histed,**