



# THE WAYFAIRER



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**AT VILLA - IT'S MICK SHIEL WHO LEADS ALL THE WAY  
AND HE'S NOW 75! WHAT A HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

Daylight dawned on Monday 17th October, the day the Wayfairers were due to play at Villa - and what a dawn it was! Not much daylight but literally buckets and buckets of rain were falling. It was absolutely pouring down giving the immediate impression that the whole day was likely to be a complete washout.

However at leaving home time the constant downpour ceased and although it turned out to be a rather dull cloudy start the initial group of players were on the first tee for 09.30 exactly as planned. Then gradually as the day progressed the clouds lifted and it was not long before members were enjoying an extremely pleasant Autumn day on a really pretty 9 hole course. The Wayfairers had done it again!

A total of 23 members and one welcome guest all went out in an attempt to gain glory but only one truly succeeded and this was Mick Shiel. In scoring 37 points he was our eventual overall winner by just 2 points from our runner up guest Alan Beaumont. The average score for the day was 27 some 10 points lower than Mick's worthy effort. This winning total gave both the Wayfairers Shield and the Ron Harris Autumn Cup to Mick so he had good reason to celebrate particularly as this was the day before his 75th birthday! Well done Mick - a most memorable occasion and many thanks to you for putting wine on the meal table so that all present could share in your celebrations.

Obviously with all the initial heavy rain the course was wet but nevertheless proved to be extremely playable and as they came in many members were full of praise for the excellent condition. Well done Villa - no wonder we keep returning year after year.

One thing that was different this year however was the chosen venue for much needed sustenance and refreshment after the 18 holes. Unfortunately Villa has very limited catering facilities so it's always a case of finding somewhere suitable afterwards to eat, socialise and present the day's awards. Just 10 minutes drive away is the Kentish Horse and going there all were made most welcome with a generously proportioned meal of ham, egg & chips followed by cherry pie & cream/custard. With members all seated around one long table an excellent atmosphere was created as the ambiance flowed together with Mick's wine and all the usual craic and banter.

A pleasantly noisy prize giving followed the meal with birthday boy Mick the star of the show as he duly celebrated his three quarters of a century. Despite what had been a rather unpromising start with the weather it turned out once again to be yet another extremely enjoyable Wayfairers outing. And now for Christmas!

## VILLA RESULTS

**Winner of the Wayfairers Shield & Autumn Cup** - Birthday Boy Mick Shiel 37pts

**2nd** - guest Alan Beaumont 35pts    **3rd** - John Benstead 34pts

**4th** - Val Ward 32pts beating Kam Wong on count back

**Team Prize** - Richard Whitehead Robert Crompton Alan Beaumont (g) 79pts

**2nd** - Spencer Atwell Trevor Bacon Derek Reeves Mick Shiel 73pts

**Harold's 18th Hole Award** - Kam Wong    **Nearest the Pin** - Kam Wong

**19 & Over Longest Drive** - Val Ward    **Open Longest Drive** - Derek "Del Boy" Allen

**Birdie Cap** - Val Ward

**Hedgehog** - Norman "Do Anything to get a Bottle" Lovelock

## **AND SO OUR CHRISTMAS MEETING AT HOLTYE G.C. ON FRIDAY 9th DECEMBER**

With so many of our members requiring buggies and with their availability very unlikely in December our traditional Christmas Texas Scramble is as last year reduced to 9 holes. The reason that this has been done is because some of our buggy users have advised that although they might be able to walk 9 holes they cannot manage the full 18 - particularly holes 6 & 7 for a second time! As a consequence to this the start time is put back as previous to 11.30 with coffee available on arrival.

Incorporated into the Scramble will be the ever popular 2 Longest Drives plus the Nearest the Pin contests. Traditionally at Christmas, as part of all the usual seasonal fun, we hold the Shortest Drive Competition which originally covered shots taken from the 10th tee. However as we are only playing 9 this contest is now on the first tee! Just think! - if you hit a duffer you could win an unwanted prize with your very first shot of the day! - and also lose your dignity! A very sleepless night beckons!

Repeated as ever will be the competition to win the Christmas Tankard complete with a strong liquid to put in it. The winner is the player who is in the eventual winning Scramble Team and is the one to sink the final winning putt on the last green. The Christmas Tankard is one of our oldest awards going right back to 1996. Originally it went to the top performing player of the day but as the event is now a Scramble there is no one individual winner. We do however have a most appropriate Team Scramble trophy which will be up for grabs. Following the golf at approx. 3pm a 2 Course Christmas meal with tea or coffee will be served to be followed by some frantic festive frolics!

**COST** The cost for the day is split between Holtye members and Holtye non-members. For all those non-members this is £40 to include coffee on arrival, golf, the Christmas meal and all prizes to include golf related ones as well as many extraneous ones. For Holtye members the cost is reduced to £28.

Would all those who wish to play please ensure they forward the appropriate amount to Kam by **MONDAY 7th NOVEMBER AT THE LATEST.** This is quite early but once we have clearly established our playing numbers we can then circulate out invitations for meal guests as with a limited seating capacity the number of dining spaces left available will by then have been established. Providing there is sufficient room for non-players to attend, first priority will be given to any Wayfairers members who are unable to play but who would like to join the others for the meal and then, if space allows, the invitations for other meal guests will be issued. Please no guest names at the moment.

**PAYMENT** BT Payment to Kam - Account Name is WAYFAIRERS GOLFING SOCIETY

Sort Code is 09/01/53 Account no. is 08413288

Cheques to Kam Wong 24 West Street Dormansland Lingfield Surrey RH7 6QW

**PLEASE EMAIL KAM TO ADVISE THAT PAYMENT HAS BEEN MADE**

## **CHARITY FUND RAISING COMPETITION**

With no raffle at Villa the Secretary organised a little golf related fun competition to raise some money for our chosen charity. On arrival at Villa all players had to part with £2 a head to take part in the contest. Their task was to make a forecast of what the resulting score would be when the points accumulated by the winner of the day were added to the points gathered by the player who finished in last position.

Contestants were all doing some quick mental arithmetic before announcing their predictions and scores ranged from a very pessimistic total of 45 points up a much more optimistic 67.

Eventually when everyone had finished playing and all the score cards checked the result could be announced and this showed that in top scoring position with 37 points was the afore much mentioned Mick Shiel while crying and embarrassed at the bottom of the pile was "Storming" Norman with 15 points. (Sorry but that should read "Sobbing" Norman).

So 37 plus 15 comes to 52 and who guessed that score but none other than David Smith. This forecast was completely accurate and he was the only person to make this prediction. Well done David. Enjoy your prize. The little fun venture gave members something to think about and has now raised a total of £50 to add to our charity fund so although simple it has been very effective in its result. Thank you to all who took part.

**David Smith  
claims his well earned  
bottle of bubbly.**



# PICTURES FROM VILLA

Prizes presented by Elaine Adams in the absence of husband Ron who was our winner at Ifield. Photos courtesy of Kam



**Team Winners -**  
**Robert Crompton, Alan Beaumont (g)**  
**Richard Whitehead absent**

**Team Runners Up -**  
**Mick Shiel Derek Reeves**  
**& Trevor Bacon**



**Winner of the Wayfairers**  
**Trophy**  
**& The Ron Harris Autumn Cup**

**Birthday Boy Mick Shiel**



**Individual Runners Up**  
**John Benstead Val Ward**  
**& Alan Beaumont (g)**



**Winner of the**  
**Nearest the Pin**  
**Kam Wong**  
**Open Longest Drive**  
**Derek Allen**  
**19 & Over L. Drive**  
**Val Ward**



**Winner of the**  
**Hedgehog**  
**Sobbing & Sober -**  
**Norman Lovelock**



**Winner of the Birdie Cap**  
**Val Ward**



**Happy 75th Birthday Mick**  
**as Val presents him with**  
**a bottle.**



**Winner of Harold's 18th**  
**Hole Award**  
**Kam Wong**



## Future Programme For the Wayfairers

**FRIDAY 9th DECEMBER**  
**Christmas 9 Hole Texas Scramble**  
**at Holtys Golf Club**  
**Together with a Two Course Christmas Meal**  
**A programme for the New Year - 2023 -**  
**to be announced when prepared**

### Handicaps for Villa

E. ADAMS	21	34
R. ADAMS		13
ALLEN	21	25
ATWELL	20	36
BACON	31	26
BATESON		36
BENSTEAD	34	28
BLAKELEY	31	15
CHARLWOOD		23
L. COLENUTT		29
M. COLENUTT		22
L. CROUCH	25	36
M. CROUCH	30	27
CROMPTON	27	26
FROST	28	21
HOGG		15
KING	26	23
LAVENDER		20
LOVELOCK	15	29
S. McDONNELL		11
P. MORRIS		18
REEVES	24	36
ROSNER	30	23
RUSHTON		23
J. SAMWAYS		20
E. SAMWAYS		12
SHEIL	37	30
SHELLEY		18
D. SLEET	26	25
T. SLEET		8
D. SMITH	20	25
P. SMITH		36
STACEY		27
STANLEY		29
V. WARD	32	19
G. WARD	30	18
R. WHITEHEAD	26	20
C. WILKES		16
K. WONG	32	12

**MICK'S BIRTHDAY** Following some research by our Secretary he realised from a previous edition of the Wayfairer that the day after Villa was Mick's birthday so he duly purchased a suitable bottle for a last minute surprise presentation. However on the morning of the event Mick informed John that he was planning later to put wine on the meal table as the next day (18th) was his 75th birthday!

Of course if this had been known earlier a suitable card (probably rude) would have been purchased and signed by all present but the news arrived far too late! However in the circumstances it was fortunate that we were aware of his birthday and that a bottle could be presented to him. There is a photo of this presentation on page 3.

**Mick again thank you. You gave away a lot more wine than you got back!**

The following article has appeared previously in the 2021 October edition of The Wayfairer but is repeated here for the benefit of new members this year and as a memo to long established members:

**"GIMMES"** *Several years ago following discussion it was agreed at one of our AGM's that the concept of allowing "gimmes" to other players should cease. This of course is when a ball seems so close to a hole that the player due to putt it is allowed to pick it up without playing.*

*We have all in our time seen ridiculously short putts missed and it was felt that with trophies and other prizes at stake, all putts should be sunk. There can be no arguments then. By imposing this rule it also did away with any doubts of whether or not a member of the playing group should be granted this concession making some members feel they were being unreasonable or mean if they didn't do so.*

*Hopefully everyone appreciates the reasoning behind this decision so please no more gimmes from now on. Those tiddly putts can be missed as we know to our cost and it's all part of the game to make sure they aren't missed and successfully disappear downwards!"*

**HANDICAP CHANGES** REMEMBER! Any player scoring more than 5 above the average score for the day is liable to be cut. Any player scoring more than 3 below the average is likely to receive shots back. Average at Villa was 27. Maximum handicap allowance 36.

**GOING DOWN**      **Mick Shiel** scored 37 H/cap was 33 now 30  
**John Benstead** scored 34 H/cap was 30 now 28

**AND GOING UP!** **Norman Lovelock** scored 15 H/cap was 26 now 29  
**David Smith** scored 20 H/cap was 23 now 25  
**Elaine Adams** scored 21 H/cap was 32 now 34  
**Derek Allen** scored 21 H/cap was 23 now 25

### HANDICAP INFORMATION PLEASE NOTE

On the review handicap list featured opposite, we now show all players' scores at our last

