



# alresfordgolfclub

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I did like the idea that we might have our pet dogs join with us on a round of golf. I have seen this work on other courses and imagined, in quite an optimistic way, the blissful scene with owners and their pets enjoying Alresford Golf Club's increasingly splendid fairways.

Personally I would not actually have brought Milly (my Parsons Jack Russell) as she has become trained to be very proficient in fetching the ball and dropping it at my feet when I do a spot of pitching practice in the garden. Imagine the reaction of my opponent if his ball were to be returned after a half-decent drive!

It is indeed good that the fact (both the existence and the effect) of the public footpaths was pointed out as some of us do find it difficult to see the downside with some of these ideas. Glass half full?

Upon reflection this may be a philosophical point...

...Or is it?

**Tony Gard**  
*'Fore Info' Editor*

## Management Corner

**Brief Summary of the Club AGM** held on Friday, 27th November

**1. The following were elected/ratified:**

- Chairman of the Management Committee – Mary Rook
- Vice Captain – Andrew Frearson
- Land Trustee – David Farr
- Chairman of Green – Harry Dhand
- Chairman of Bar & Catering – Simon Freemantle
- Chairman of House – Eddie Martin
- Chairman of Planning & Development – David Pain
- Chairman of Social – Gill Freemantle
- Match Secretary – George Clelland

Chairman of Finance – Volunteer required (someone with business experience) – please contact either the Chairman or the Secretary

**2. The outcome of proposed rule changes and motions were:**

- To increase the number of 5-day members – approved.
- To change the length of time a member may be on a sub-committee – approved.
- To allow dogs to accompany players on the course – defeated.
- The 3-part motion proposed by Mr P Dowse – withdrawn.



**Alresford**  
Golf Club

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**John Dillon**  
*Club Captain*

Well, what a whirlwind of a weekend. It began with my installation as Club Captain on Friday night, which almost didn't happen. I think Mary was so delighted that the potential controversy over the motion in the Agenda had been resolved in such a sensible and amicable manner, that she started to declare the bar open before I had been installed. Fortunately she realised in time to prevent a stampede!

In my acceptance speech, I announced that Linda, Geoff and I had searched for a charity to support that would have a general resonance with the members and a specific connection with the club. After discussion we opted for Alzheimer's Research, as it might affect any one of us either as a sufferer or carer at some stage in our lives, mentioning the lovely Carol Halls, who tragically contracted the disease at a relatively young age, for which there is currently no known cure. Now that the car park work has finished, we will be re-introducing the Charity Car Park Space by the path to the first tee, and intend to designate the front right bunkers on the 6th and 16th holes as Charity bunkers. The cost of landing in one of these traps will be £1, which can be put in one of the collection boxes in the entrance hall or on the bar. Alternatively you can pay £5 up front to David Maskery or one of the captains to obtain an annual pass against incurring the fine.

On Saturday morning, with my new green jacket still warm from the night before, I was invited to introduce myself and our charity to the ladies at their AGM. They treated me gently and, after learning that Julia Parker had reduced her handicap by 12 shots in one year, I am a thinking of taking lessons from her rather than one of our professionals. Well done Julia.

The next event was of course the drive in on Sunday. I had decided to follow Terry's lead from last year, and invited Linda, Geoff and Christian to join me. We all know that these events do not put on themselves, so I must give the joint Captain's thanks to Gill Freemantle and her team for making the day such a success. As you will see, I was dressed up as Captain Pugwash, despite what the blackboard was indicating! David Sault was once again the presiding judge who had four condemned prisoners to sentence, after deliberating on various amusing and embarrassing mitigating events. I think those present will not forget David's pronunciation of lingerie as "lingery", or his revelation that Linda had once been a "hooker". The turnout was beyond expectation, and I hope that everyone enjoyed the day as much as I did, particularly as the rain held off. Steve and Asia put on a great Sunday roast, whilst John and Leslie behind the bar kept us all refreshed. Final and special thanks must go to Mary Rook, who must be one of the world's best "drive in" peg sellers. She set her stall out towards the end of last week and by the end of yesterday had raised £727.00 to start the charity ball rolling. Thanks must also go to those who helped to gather in the pegs after the event, including my eldest Grandson. The winners were Club Captain; David Robertson, Ladies' Captain; Cynthia Mariner, Vets Captain; Viv Pain and Juniors Captain; Terry Glynn.

Turning to more mundane matters, in November the Staff team won the Steward's Cup in fairly low scoring games, Jane Scott picking up the trophy for the best individual score, while the Captain's team prevailed over the ladies' team in the final match under Terry and Carol.

I will be putting up a request for players shortly for the annual mid February warm up match against the County team. I know this might seem early, but we need to field, 10 pairs of low handicappers as opposition, and 10 higher handicappers to enjoy the ride and partner a county player; so a total of 30 in all. With the festive season in between it will be upon us before you can blink!

I announced yesterday that the sheets are now up for the New Year's Eve dinner, so get your names down as soon as possible to avoid disappointment, and don't forget the Christmas draw night on the 12th December. There will also be the usual Captain and Pro's Challenge roll up between 0900 and 1000 on Boxing Day to work off some of that turkey, as well as a 9 hole roll up at 1100 on New Year's Day to clear those hogmanay blues, weather as ever permitting.

Finally, thank you for giving me the opportunity to represent the club in 2016. Rest assured that I will discharge my duties to the best of my ability, hopefully with credit to the club and, as the next Fore Info will be in January 2016, I wish you all a happy Christmas and prosperous new year.





**Linda Glynn**  
*Ladies' Captain*

As the old saying goes "doesn't time fly". It seems only moments ago Carol asked me to be her vice captain. After picking myself up off the floor and a quick drink, I really shouldn't drink wine by the bottle with a straw, surprising myself I said yes. Ever since that moment it has been a roller coaster but hopefully we have reached a calm after the heady days of the 125 celebrations.

Amazingly last Friday at the club AGM we said goodbye to Terry Glynn our 2015 Club Captain and hello to John Dillon our 2016 Club Captain. I do know how hard Terry worked this past two years but don't worry he won't get bored I have lots of jobs to keep him out of trouble.

On the Saturday morning, bright and early, the Ladies had their AGM where we said goodbye to Pat Wallis, who has been a tremendous competitions secretary, and, sadly, it was time to see Carol step down. On behalf of the ladies section I want to thank Carol for being such an inspirational Ladies Captain. She has always been there at all events representing us brilliantly and I hope she manages, in her retirement, to get some rest but, knowing Carol, that is very unlikely. On the brighter side we welcomed Di Peisley to the committee and Lynn Travers has taken over as the competitions secretary. I am sure they will both do a wonderful job.

I can't say that the day of the drive-in broke fair but for my family it was a perfect day with the birth of our granddaughter, Emelia, around 10 o'clock in the morning. After that it didn't matter that the wind blew, and of course it did.

The social committee, with great skill and humour, sentenced us to our year as captain and I want to thank them for their hard work. Unfortunately there is pictorial evidence so I shall say no more. Steve and Asia served a wonderful lunch and I would like to thank them and their staff for helping us have such a memorable day. Last, but never least, I want to thank so many of you for turning out to support and, of course, laugh with us or should that be at us.

It always seems so surprising in a golf club just how many committees we need but I can honestly say that the Ladies Committee is fun; probably a bit too much laughter sometimes but really you can never have too much laughter. And so we begin to plan out the year of golf.

With the turkey trot to compete in plus the 9 hole competition roll ups and the mixed winter foursomes there is certainly plenty of winter golf to play. I always thought golf was a summer sport played in warm sunshine, shows how little I knew before I got hooked.

On December 7th we will be playing the first round of the winter triple competition against Lee on the Solent and Corhampton. One match at each club with four pairs playing St Andrews greensomes. So Ladies, if you want to play, sign up lists are in the changing rooms. Our ladies vice captain, Jean Coveyduck, is the team captain for this competition, I will just have to hope I get picked.

On the very next day around 90 ladies get together to play nine holes of Texas Scramble, with some in fancy dress. Who knew reindeers played golf? The scramble is followed by Christmas lunch, carols and much hilarity.

The ladies will again be running the New Years Day roll up; bring your friends, relatives and hangovers up to the club for 9 holes around 11ish. I look forward to seeing you there.

Now it is only left for me to wish you all: A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

## Thanks



the brain injury association

It is with humble emotion that we say thank you to all the members for their generosity in supporting the Captains charity last year - Headway and Ian Voak, our son. It is almost four years ago that Ian had his accident which has left him severely brain injured - life changing! During that time he has progressed, regressed, improved and regressed again - a roller coaster four years! With the money raised we would like to get Ian a new wheelchair, one which suits his height and weight and maybe a motor to aid the 'pusher' as well as help Ian to control and manoeuvre himself. He is totally dependant on others for absolutely everything so this chair would greatly improve his comfort, well-being and satisfaction in doing something for himself. Once again, a huge thank you - John and Pat Voak



The October Medal was declared void as only four players completed the course due to bad weather.

### October Stableford

- Div 1** Linda Hainsworth 36pts
- Div 2** Lyn Jones 32 pts
- Div 3** Nancy Brooke 34 pts

### BREAST CANCER MEDAL

- Div 1** Elizabeth Thorne 73
- Div 2** Jenny Dillon 73
- Div 3** Jean Coveyduck 72

### November Stableford

*There were no players on the Saturday due to bad weather*

### 33 ladies played on Tuesday

- Div 1** Jane Hendry 32 pts
- Div 2** Gill Freemantle 33 pts
- Div 3** Liz Petheram 28 pts

*With difficult conditions the CSS was 75, and Gill's handicap was cut to 24.*

**Mandy Caldwell**  
Ladies' Handicap Secretary

## Ace's Corner

**Henry Glanfield** scored a Hole-In-One at the 6th hole on 21/11/2015 while taking part in the Mens Stableford



## Match Committee Report

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With the work on the 10th hole rendering it out of action, a hole on the "Academy" course is being used instead. County have been approached and had agreed that using "10A" instead still allows qualifying competitions. The men's qualifiers have finished for the year as the Turkey Trots are non-qualifiers. This is so that if a frost means more than one extra temporary green (10A is classed as a temporary) then you cannot have a qualifier for those going out first thing in the morning.

The Rules of Golf are updated every 2 years by the R&A and the USGA. Copies of the new version for 2016-2017 are now available as a conveniently sized handbook in the Entrance Hall. The two changes which are likely to affect members are ...

\* Prohibition on anchoring a club while making a stroke. This has been widely publicised for some time. Generally this affects players who use long handled or mid-length putters and who now will no longer be able to anchor a club either directly or indirectly against the body. The pictures on this page of the R&A website show permitted and prohibited strokes ...

<http://www.randa.org/en/Randa/~media/Randa/Related%20Documents/2015/2016%20Anchoring%20The%20Club%20Final.ashx>. The penalty for breach of the rule is loss of hole in match play or two strokes in stroke play.

\* Withdrawal of Rule on Ball Moving After Address - Rule 18-2b (Ball Moving After Address) has been withdrawn. This means that if a ball at rest moves after the player addresses it, the player is no longer automatically deemed to have caused the ball to move. A one-stroke penalty under Rule 18-2 will be applied only when the facts show that the player has caused the ball to move. There also changes to the CONGU handicapping system which will apply from 1st January 2016. These will be explained in next month's edition

## Competition results

### 1st Nov Men's Stableford

- Division 1** 1st Peter Grant 39 pts
- 2nd Charlie House 38 pts
- 3rd Nick Tebbet 37 pts (ocb)

- Division 2** 1st Lee Cheong 43 pts
- 2nd Jack Skinner 39 pts
- 3rd Tony Collins 37 pts

### 14 Nov Men's Stableford

- 1st Dave Seager 37 pts
- 2nd Dave Cooper 36 pts
- 3rd Jack Skinner 35 pts (ocb)

### 21 Nov Men's Stableford

- 1st Ashley Wright 37 pts
- 2nd Richard Prescott 35 pts
- 3rd Scot Johnston 33 pts (ocb)
- 4th Karl Evans 33 pts (ocb)

**Peter Spreadbury**  
Match Secretary

## ...a look at rules

## Fore Info

### 23/8 Worm Partially Underground

**Question:** is a worm, when half on top of the surface of the ground and half below, a loose impediment which may be removed? Or is it fixed or solidly embedded and therefore not a loose impediment?

Answer on page 5





**Geoff Jenkins**  
*Vets' Captain*

Not having been Vets Captain for more than what seems a couple of weeks and it being the “quiet time of year,” I thought I would not have a lot to write about. How wrong can you be.... however I will try not to waffle on for too long!

So firstly I would like to thank Stuart for making my year as his Vice Captain most enjoyable. I've been able to play lots of golf at many great clubs and met many oldies like myself who have a great outlook on life. Also many thanks to the 2015 Vets Committee who have taken me, a relative “newcomer” to the club under their wing and made me feel so welcome, which by the way is not limited in any way to just the Vets committee. So my thanks to many. Congratulations to Andrew who now leaves the Vets Committee and moves on to become Club Vice Captain. We wish him well.

On Sunday 29th, the day of the Captain's Drive In, I and my fellow Captains had our first and (hopefully only) experience of trial, conviction and sentencing under the steely rule of Judge David Sault. From the laughter of the members who attended this event, it would appear to have been enjoyed by all, even to some degree the Captains, myself included. I'll not talk about the experiences of the other Captains Drive Ins because I'm pretty sure they will do that for themselves, but I have to say that I was absolutely amazed when the winner of the Vets' Captain's Drive In prize was announced. Why? Because the winner, Viv (Pain) had been sitting next to me throughout lunch! What are the odds of that happening?

So now on to a quick round up of golfing matters. So far we have played three Vets Winter league matches. We have won one and lost two and the one we won was while Stuart was still Vets Captain! Not a good start to my Captaincy.

Summer League 2016. Cowdray Park, by all accounts an excellent course, have requested and we have accepted that they be included in our fixture list for 2016. Farnham on the other hand have removed themselves!

Vets AGM. I'd like to welcome Graham Lumb who was voted onto the Vets committee as Secretary, and the remainder for continuing membership of the committee. An updated list of committee members has been posted to the Vets notice board for those who wish to know who's who.

During the AGM a proposal was put forward to increase the Vets Annual Subscription by two pounds. This was superseded by a motion from the floor to increase the Vets Annual Subscription to £10. This motion was almost unanimously accepted (one objector) by the meeting although Joe (Kitchen) did say with his usual tongue in cheek humour he would have to dig deep into his pockets to fund it .... Joe is an honorary member!!

Also at the meeting it was proposed and discussed that in order to lessen the financial burden incurred by the Vet's Captain he would receive an honorarium from the Vets funds of a third of a years subscription. It was agreed that this could also have a beneficial effect in terms of creating a larger pool of members who would in future consider accepting an invitation to become Vets Captain.

Finally ... (if you've got this far full marks for perseverance!) ....the Texas Scramble and Christmas Lunch. Thanks to all who have signed up and complied with the request for payment by the 29th. Nov. I think there were only two who didn't so regretfully they will not be included in the draw on the 30th. For purpose of clarification, the £30 for this event covers the three course Xmas lunch, wine on the table followed by coffee. It also includes £10 Vets membership for the coming 12 months. So if you aren't able to attend this event but would still like to become a Vets Section member, just place ten pounds cash/cheque (payee: Alresford Golf Club – Vets Section) in an envelope, write your name on the outside, mark for the attention of Ken Coburn and leave in the office with David or Melissa. Alternatively pay at any Vet's Roll Up.

Finally, finally may I wish you all on behalf of the Vets Committee a Very Merry Christmas and Happy and Healthy New Year.

**Answer:** A worm which is half underground is not “fixed or growing” or “solidly embedded” within the meaning of those terms in the Definition of “Loose Impediments”. Accordingly, such a worm may be removed under Rule 16-1a(i) or Rule 23.



**(i) Winter project**

At lunchtime on the 3rd November, Steve Privett, Russell Talley from Hawtree Ltd and me, were to be found huddled over our respective smartphones, checking the weather on several web-sites. The diggers had arrived the day before and tons of soil were already being re-distributed around the surrounds of the 10th green. Our enemy was rain and we were keen to re-affirm that the weather would remain clement as forecast the previous week. Happily, apart from the odd light shower at night, the forecasters heralded that we had a clear run. We were relieved, if not a little smug.

We got half an inch of rain that night.

Then, with at least as much precipitation again on the Thursday, we were forced to abandon the work and stand the contractors down. It has rained pretty much constantly ever since, with the battering of storms Abigail and Barney continuing to keep the ground sodden. In the last 4 weeks we have had almost 5 inches of rain and only 3 completely dry days.

However, it is not all bad news, as 90% of the landscaping has been done. As soon as we get a dry window of a few consecutive days, we will be able to finish off the contouring and complete the turf laying. The hole will still reopen on schedule in the spring, but it is regrettable that the area will look unsightly for a bit longer than anticipated.

As soon as the 10th is done, we will complete the 18th bomb hole extension. Again, assuming a reasonable run of weather, this will require periodic closure of the green to the normal winter temporary over ten days or so.

Over and above this, the mild weather means that grass has still to be cut, leaves removed and you will have noticed areas where we have had to do turf repairs. Given all the rain, please be sensible about avoiding squishy areas to prevent them becoming a quagmire and, more importantly, keep you safe.

**(ii) General**

The course has held up well throughout the autumn. Fairways are relatively weed free and green speeds have been maintained at between 9.5 and 10.5 on average, over the last couple of months. Interesting though, that I immediately refer to green speeds to highlight the health of the greens – this is very rudimentary and somewhat mis-leading.

(Alert for technical bit...). Last month I attended a one-day STRI course at Camberley Heath and was reminded that speed was only one of a large number of determinants used to assess greens quality. Many of these are agronomic in nature to do with sub-surface conditions, such as the amount of organic matter, moisture retention, percolation rates, air-flow and root depth. From the golfers point of view, these factors all manifest themselves in surface conditions such as smoothness, trueness and of course, speed.

We were shown a slide produced by the USGA in 1980 when Stimp readings first came into vogue. For regular member play, they recommended 6'6" as medium and 8'6" as fast. For

tournament play, the corresponding numbers were 8'6" and 10'6". With softer balls and insert putters, these speeds have crept up over the years. Even in the last five years, the average UK Parkland green speeds, as measured over five hundred courses by STRI itself, increased from 7'11" in 2009 to 8'8" in 2013. This is an increase of 10% in just five years, driven by golfer demands for singling out speed as the only parameter of preference.

I know members will have glossed over that last paragraph, but it is worth reading again!

The consequence of this is that many greens are now too steep for their green speeds – slopes of four degrees from horizontal, according to the STRI, should not have green speeds of more than 7. Our 6th has some slopes of 8 degrees, so general course green speeds of 10.5 are manifestly unfair.

If you are still following this, you can see that we are creating problems by our continuing demands for continually faster greens, as many courses have reached their limit. Including our own.

Bear in mind also, that the accepted wisdom is that every increase in the Stimp reading by one foot, increases the time taken for a fourball match by 15 minutes. We need to be a bit more sensible about the quest for faster and faster green speeds. It is just not sustainable at many levels.

**(iii) Hornets**

Given the number of people who ignore the sheep fencing, I am sure some of you have also hopped into the exclusion zone around the hornets nest (just on the left after leaving the 9th tee) to watch the hornets, coming and going. These are our largest members of the wasp family and despite their fearsome appearance, are quite docile. By the time you read this, I suspect the nest will be inactive and the queens will be overwintering elsewhere. They do not return to the old nest – in the spring they will find a new spot to found a colony. It is worth looking at the defunct paper nest – a phenomenal piece of insect engineering which in its entirety, only weighs a few ounces.

Keep an eye out next year; I am sure we will have at least one nest on the course.

**(iv) Looking after your course**

Finally, we still have a large number of unfilled divots, on both tees and fairways. Some have been exceptionally large. A reminder that even though we are under Winter Rules, divots still need to be replaced on the fairways and please use the seed mix provided on the tees. Also pitch mark repair on the greens is even more crucial at this time of year as recovery is much slower.

As always, if you have any comments or observations, please email me at [greens@alresfordgolf.co.uk](mailto:greens@alresfordgolf.co.uk).

**Harry Dhand**  
*Chairman of Greens*

**SHEEP ON THE COURSE**

All members are reminded that entry into the sheep enclosure is **NOT** permitted.

**Members with pacemakers must stay away from the electric fence.**

If a ball is in the sheep enclosure, it **MUST NOT** be retrieved, and another ball must be substituted and dropped in accordance with Rule 25-1b. If it is known or virtually certain that a ball that has not been found is in the sheep enclosure, the player may take relief, without penalty, as prescribed under Rule 25-1c.

**THIS LOCAL RULE IS NOT OPTIONAL  
ALL PLAYERS MUST TAKE NOTE.**

**MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION RENEWALS**

It is intended that 2016 subscription invoices will be emailed to members on 11th December. This is the first time that we will be operating this with the new membership system – so please bear with us ! If you have not received your invoice by Christmas please let us know and we will print duplicate invoices

Payment can be made in person by cash, cheque and credit / debit card. Members are also reminded that they can post cheques or make payments via the telephone. Any payment with Credit card will however incur a 2% charge. We are also accepting payment by direct bank transfer and details of this will be sent out with the subs.

To assist the club and the Office workload we would appreciate payment of all invoices on time and even before the 1st January!

If you wish to change or upgrade your category please let us know as soon as possible and similarly if you intend not to rejoin – a telephone call to let us know is appreciated. Simply to ignore your invoice and subsequent reminders just causes us extra work.

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Why not join the ADVANCE SUBSCRIPTIONS SCHEME for 2017 ? Choose any amount to pay over 10 months towards your subscription bill in 2017. Build up a credit on your account which is offset against your renewal bill due 1st January 2017. Pay as much or as little as you wish. Speak to the Office for more details and to receive an ADVANCE SUBS mandate form.

**CLUB 'ROLL UP'**

Fancy a game in the week? All members are welcome to come along to the 'club roll-up' on Wednesday mornings. The usual start time is 11am during the summer and 10.30am during the winter months all timings subject to any advanced tee reservations.

**DECEMBER**

Wednesday 2nd - 10.30am

Wednesday 9th -10.30am

Wednesday 16th - 10.30am

Wednesday 23rd - 10.30am

Wednesday 30th - 10.30am

**JANUARY**

Wednesday 6th - 11.15am (golf society)

Wednesday 13th -10.30am

Wednesday 20th - 10.30am

Wednesday 27th - 10.30am

**DON'T FORGET...**

**BOXING DAY - Captain v Pro Challenge 9 -10am**

**NEED SOME FRESH AIR ON BOXING DAY ?**

**BLOW AWAY THE COBWEBS AND WALK OFF THE CHRISTMAS CAKE ?**

All members are welcome to bring friends or family to play in the **9 holes competition FREE OF CHARGE.** If you are not playing in the competition - normal green fees apply for guests and visitors.

**NEW YEARS DAY - 9 hole 'roll up' from 11am**

See the Social noticeboard for details.

**HEALTH & SAFETY REQUESTS FOR DECEMBER**

Winter is here and shortly the mornings of frost and ice. The fact that the course may not have been officially closed does not warrant that it is entirely fit for play.

Players have a duty of care not to behave in a manner that may be dangerous or cause harm to other players.

They also have a duty of care not to injure themselves by paying particular care and attention to the conditions.

\* Please take extra care with regards to slipping on the wet, muddy or frosty ground – golf shoes will collect mud and frost on the soles rendering your spikes useless.

\* Avoid walking up or down slopes and banks wherever possible – use the paths. Pay particular care when exiting the 1st and 6th greens and approaching the 11th tee.

\* Wooden sleeper edges will stay slippery and so do not walk on them.

Playing in such conditions can be dangerous – Players do so at their own risk !

**David Maskery  
Club Secretary**

The winners of the 100 Club prize draw for December were:

£100 - Claire Gould  
 £50 - Ian Cantrill  
 £32 - Ron Markwick  
 £32 - Sally Willis  
 £32 - Ray & Mary Panter  
 £32 - George Hand

Congratulations to this month's winners. A Merry Christmas and a Happy New year to all 100 Club members and thank you for your support. To ensure we meet the deadline for the next issue of Fore Info the next draw will take place on Wednesday 30th December.

#### ***Not a member of the 100 Club?***

The objective of the Alresford Golf Club 100 Club is to raise funds for projects and items requiring capital expenditure that will enhance the Golf Course and/or the Clubhouse. Such projects would generally be considered as 'extras' and not necessarily be within the Club budget. The 100 Club was launched in 1987 to raise funds to augment the Centenary celebrations of the Golf Club in 1990, but at the request of the members, the 100 Club has continued to raise funds for items such as the Information Board and Clock on the 1st tee and the Automatic External Defibrillator in the Entrance Hall.

If you're not a member of the 100 Club, you can become one for as little as £1 per month. Shares in the 100 Club are purchased for £1 per month and there is no limit on the number of shares which can be held. In general, most members have between 1 and 5 shares and pay by monthly direct debit, though it's also possible to pay quarterly or annually. Each share is allocated a number which is entered in the monthly draw. The top prize is £100, with a second prize of £50 and four other prizes of £32. For more information contact George Clelland on 01962735008 or [george.clelland@btinternet.com](mailto:george.clelland@btinternet.com), or call in to the Secretary's office.

**George Clelland**

#### ***Burns Supper 2016      Saturday 23rd January 7.00pm for 7.30pm***

As you start to think of what you're going to do after New Year and are looking for something to brighten up those dreary January nights, what better than an evening out with friends to enjoy a good hearty meal at one of the highlights of the social scene.

Come and enjoy the **24th Annual Burns Supper** - a uniquely Scottish experience in good company featuring whisky, haggis, neeps (mashed swede) and tatties, and a light hearted appreciation of Scotland's Bard, and of course, the skirl of the bagpipes. This is always a popular event in the social calendar so look out for the sign-up notice that will go up around Christmas. We've kept the cost of the evening at £26 per person for the fourth year in a row, and this includes a three course meal with coffee and a glass of your favourite tippie for the toasts after the meal. The main speakers are in the process of being confirmed and will be featured on the notice board.

Members and guests are all welcome. Contact John McIlree or George Clelland for further information. Dress: Black Tie

## Social Scene

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The social committee have been busy behind the scenes in recent weeks, ensuring that the Captains had a memorable drive-in, selling raffle tickets for the Grand Christmas Draw and planning the forthcoming New Year's Eve celebrations.

Sign up sheets are on the notice board for both of the aforementioned events - please sign up to avoid disappointment and don't forget to buy your raffle tickets.

**Gill Freemantle**

*Chair, Social Committee*

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