

# **MEMBERS' HANDBOOK 2017**

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## **WELCOME TO THE 2017 HANDBOOK**

### **1. INTRODUCTION**

This handbook contains information from the Club Management and the Competition Committees for you, the Member. It covers a range of club, membership, course and competition matters. Please speak to one of the Management Team regarding club matters, or Committee Members regarding competition matters, at any time for any further information. This handbook can also be downloaded from [www.avgc.co.uk](http://www.avgc.co.uk)

### **2. COMMITTEE NEWS**

#### **2.1 The Competition Committees for 2017**

<b>Post</b>	<b>Men's Committee</b>	<b>Ladies Committee</b>	<b>Senior's Committee</b>
<b>Captain</b>	Andrew Bond	Jane Codrai	Mark Leech
<b>Vice-Captain</b>	John Barker	Jane Barker	TBA
<b>Treasurer</b>	Russell Crane	Jean Edwards	John Parmenter
<b>Competitions Secretary</b>	David Lea		David Lea
<b>Admin Secretary</b>	Roger White	Jane Barker	Lance Redler
<b>Handicap Secretary</b>	Neil Garrett	Danka Lawson	N/A
<b>5 Day Representative</b>	Peter Codrai		N/A
<b>Member Post</b>	Bob Doherty		(Social) Peter Codrai
<b>Member Post</b>	'Binzy' Bowden		David Friend
<b>Member Post</b>	Graham Freshwater		David Simons
<b>Past Captain</b>	Adrian Fallon	Jan Chambers	Bob Phillips

#### **Junior Organiser – Russell Phillips/Kim Burnage**

The above Committee details are subject to ratification at the AGM held in March and elections for posts will be after the publication of this handbook. However, the new details will be posted on the club noticeboards.

Our thanks, as always, go out to our Captains and committee members for all their efforts over the past year.

#### **2.2 Men's Section**

A full calendar exists for the men's section. The varied range of golfing competition and formats can be found at the back of this handbook. We have the usual medals and stablefords and plenty of pairs and individual competitions for you to enter. Keep an eye on the notice board in the locker room for sign-up sheets.

The club matches are enjoyable social occasions. Teams are not selected on ability. The prerequisite of selection is an ability to laugh and stand your round at the bar. If you are unsuccessful once, try again; we do try to include as many players as possible throughout the season. For club matches, medals, whatever, do join in and be a part of a happy, social golf club. After a beer in the bar results seem meaningless!

## **2.3 Ladies Section**

Our Ladies Section has a great friendly atmosphere and warmly welcomes new members. We hold a variety of competitions - Stableford, EGU medals, mixed competitions and also numerous fun events including Christmas Bring & Win and Breast Cancer charity day. Jane will be delighted to have a chat with anyone thinking of joining any of the competitions, details of which can be found at the back of this handbook.

We also play in the Chiltern League, open to all lady members. There are many friendly matches against other clubs, at the weekend and during the week, for those who prefer less pressure! These are social occasions so do put your name down.

Don't forget to look at the boards in the Ladies changing room for the sign-up sheets for any of our club competitions or friendly matches and enjoy the get together afterwards.

Between April and October ladies will tee off after the Seniors from 10am on Mondays and Wednesdays subject to Seniors medal competitions on Mondays when it is 1030. These are light hearted competitions, all ladies are welcome and many will meet for coffee half an hour before the first tee off time. From November to March meet at 9.30 a.m. before playing at 10. All new members are warmly invited to join in. Please do not worry about your standard of golf, or not having a handicap, as you will be well looked after.

Lady 5-day members are also welcome to enter the following weekend competitions without payment of a green fee: Lady Captain's Day, Captain's Day, Captains' Charity Day, Lady President's Day, Christmas Bring & Win, Good Friday Competition and Medal of Medals.

Terry Bunyan holds regular group lessons during the week, which are very popular and everyone will be made welcome.

Enjoy your golf and let's have fun!!

## **2.4 Seniors Section**

The Seniors Section continues as a very active, ever growing part of the club.

The seniors are involved in a number of internal competitions during the year with details available on the seniors' notice board. We also play 26 matches against 13 other local clubs (home and away) and a further 8 matches in a winter league with a presentation event. We will also have two away days, a Senior Captain's Charity Day and support the other sections in a number of their competitions and events. The Senior's Four Nations competition will be in aid of 'Help for Heroes'.

We hold regular fun competitions on a Monday from 8.15 a.m. and Wednesdays from 8.30. We extend an open invitation to all newcomers to the club to join in and meet the seniors. The section is open to all male members who are 55 years or over.

## **2.5 5-Day Members.**

Five-day members pay a reduced £13 green fee in the pro shop, before play, if they wish to play the course on weekends or Bank Holidays. This year Easter Monday will require a green fee but Good Friday requires no payment. All members will be warmly invited to take part in Annette's Hat Competition on Good Friday. There are a few other specific competitions, which may detail an exemption on the entry form. These include Captain's Day, Lady Captain's Day, Captain's Charity Day and Presidents Day when all members are welcome to come along and enjoy the day.

## **2.6 Junior Section**

Russell Phillips (the lead junior coach) has a structured coaching plan in place for juniors of all ages and abilities with some fun days in place. He has a guidance pamphlet available for juniors to pick up a copy in the pro shop.

**We would like to thank Kim Burnage, Bob Phillips, John Kitchen and Jane Codrai for their assistance with the juniors and look forward to the new season.**

Juniors with a handicap of 28 and below are invited to enter the Men's Medals. You can enter any of the junior competitions without a handicap, as we will use that round to help you to get

your handicap. Please speak to the manager on duty if you would like to know how to put in a card for your handicap. Parents please note that young juniors need to have a responsible person with them at all times and it is the responsibility of the parents to ensure this before leaving their children at the golf club. The manager on duty cannot fulfill this role. Juniors can be left if involved in a coaching session with Russell, but a register must be signed before parents leave. This year Russell will be organizing some fun golf over a shortened course. These will be specific booked dates, within 3 hours of dusk, across the front 9 holes.

### **3. MEMBERSHIP NEWS**

Our ongoing philosophy is to improve the golf course as much as we can each year, to keep member's fees at a rate that offers good value for money and to retain the friendly family feel of the club.

#### **3.1 Membership Enhancements**

##### **3.1.1 Members Loyalty Card**

Every member can receive a loyalty card, free of charge, by requesting one from the shop. Please do return it to us if you leave.

###### **Rules for loyalty card:**

10% discount will be given only when the member's card is used *and* when that card has sufficient credit on it to meet the full payment. The card can be topped up at any time, with a minimum amount of £20, no maximum. Competition credit, once received from the committee, will be transferred onto the winner's card. This does not include 2's club money as Dave Lea hands this out personally.

###### **The discount will apply to:**

All catering in the downstairs bar  
All bar items  
All shop items.

###### **It does not apply to:**

Professional services (re-grips, lessons, club alterations)  
The coffee machine

###### **Other matters:**

The cards can be used to pay for buggies, range tokens and room hire but since there are already discounted rates for member's no further discount applies. The cards will not be used in the upstairs bar.

All meals for club matches are pre-priced separately and not paid for using the cards.

##### **3.1.2 Tee Booking System**

**Members and their invited guests can roll up and play prior to 10am. The tee booking system for members and visitors begins at 10am. Visitors (not guests) are not permitted to play until 11.30am at weekends and Bank Holidays.**

The aim of booking a tee is to smooth out the peaks and troughs such that any long waits in line at the 1<sup>st</sup> tee become a thing of the past. Further, as golfers know who they are following, they can use their time to practice chipping or putting, or relax and have a coffee, rather than standing in a queue. Also you can book from the comfort of your own home computer.

###### **How to book online tee times on the AVGC Website**

1. Open the AVGC website ([www.avgc.co.uk](http://www.avgc.co.uk)). On the top line of the web page click 'Online Tee Booking', the next page displays 'Internet Reservation Service'.

2. To **Register as a Member** click on the 'Members Click Here' icon and follow the instructions. An e-mail will be generated from the golf club confirming receipt of your registration details and a further e-mail forwarded to confirm your eligibility for member's privileges.

3. You only need to register once. Then, **to book a time**:

Click on the circle for 1,2,3 or 4 players, then click on 'Book Tee Time'. The next page will show your booking summary and the total price for payment, insert the details requested to confirm the booking. (No cost if you are all members).

Members can book a tee time up to 3 weeks in advance.

If you don't have a computer you can call 01525 240196 and we will book the time for you.

### **Your assistance for the system to run smoothly.**

There are over 650 UK courses running this tee time booking system and the operators have plenty of past experience with potential pitfalls. The bottom line is that there is no perfect solution to get all the members of a golf club off the tees exactly when they want, without any queues and without having to book. Given that premise, we look for a system that gives us the best compromise. The operators have highlighted the following issues that affect all users but the co-operation of members goes a long way to reducing any difficulties:

#### **1. Reporting in to the shop.**

This should be done as soon as you arrive at the club, and must be done a full 10 minutes before your tee off time.

Explanation:

a). It can take 10 minutes for golfers to prepare prior to tee off. In an ideal world you would be striking the ball at your allotted tee time.

b). If we know that you are already here well in advance, and we also know that one of the party in the tee time booked ahead of you is not here yet, then we can offer your group the chance to take the earlier time. This can assist us greatly, as the late comers can take your slot, where otherwise they would have to take the next free one which could be a considerable wait.

#### **2. I'm going to be late. What do I do?**

Telephone the shop on 01525 240196 as soon as possible, even if you have to pull off the road to use a mobile. This gives us more chance to allocate you a later free tee slot, before that slot is booked by someone else.

#### **3. No Shows.**

'No shows' are bad news for other members as a whole. They can waste a tee time that sometimes cannot be filled by others. The tee booking operators have a system to identify those that book a tee time, but then don't show, and have not contacted us to cancel it. We basically click on each individual as 'arrived' in the shop, and there is a summary report produced each day of 'no shows'. We can then assess the reasons for no show and the frequency of no shows. If we detect that the system is being abused then we can deny the ability for that person to book for a set period of time, or permanently.

Non-members will be required to pay a deposit upon making a booking which serves to reduce no shows.

#### 4. Starting from the 10<sup>th</sup> Tee.

**All members are to obtain permission from the shop prior to starting on the 10<sup>th</sup> tee. Subject to the 9<sup>th</sup> fairway and green being clear, members can then proceed to the 10<sup>th</sup> tee, however, any golfers that catch you up need to be waved through without delay.**

If you are planning to play 18 holes, and will arrive back at the 1<sup>st</sup> tee after 11 a.m., then you will need book a tee time from the shop. This needs to be a 'generous time gap'. You can always putt for 10 or 15 minutes, waiting for that time slot to become available, but if you assume that you will play your first nine quicker than you actually do, you could miss your only available tee slot altogether.

#### 5. Change-over from non-bookable times to bookable times at 10am.

The 20 minute period before booked tee times begin is a tricky transition period. How to deal with two groups of players are ready to go down to the tee but with just 8 minutes left before the tees are booked? You can either allow them both to tee off, which then will put everyone back by 8 minutes that has booked a tee time, or you have to inform the last group to arrive that they are already too late and will have to book the first available tee slot.

We run with the latter option, since the whole point of booking a tee time is to know roughly when you are teeing off. Hopefully, by having explained this potential problem, the frequency of members arriving from 9.40 am will be reduced because of the risk element involved.

#### 6. Accuracy of Timings

Tee times reduce long queues but short delays to your tee time can still occur. We would request a little tolerance from all if you are not striking the ball away to the precise minute!

#### 3.1.3 The SmartGolfer Network

The network continues to grow and offers great 'added value' to your membership. As a full 7-day or 5-day member of AVGC you are able to have 2 free rounds per year on these golf courses and possibly more, subject to the host club's acceptance. The following is a current list of network clubs, but do check the website below as other clubs are added during the year:

GOLF CLUB	WEBSITE (www.)	TEL No
BARNHAM BROOM, Norfolk	barnham-broom.co.uk	01603 759393
BOURN, Cambridge	bourngolfandleisure.co.uk	01954 718057
BRAMPTON PARK	bramptonparkgc.co.uk	01480 434700
BUSHEY HALL, Watford	busheyhallgolfclub.co.uk	01923 222253
CHALGRAVE, Toddington	chalgravegolf.co.uk	01525 876556
CHARTRIDGE PARK, Amersham	cpgc.co.uk	01494 791772
CLACTON ON SEA	clactongolfclub.com	01255 421919
COLNE VALLEY, Colchester	colnevalleygolfclub.co.uk	01787 224343
DRAYTON PARK	draytonparkgolfclubabingdon.co.uk	01235 528989
ENFIELD	enfieldgolfclub.co.uk	02083 623223
EPPING, Essex	eppinggolfcourse.org.uk	01992 572282
EPSOM, Surrey	epsomgolfclub.co.uk	01372 741867
FINCHLEY, N London	finchleygolfclub.com	02083 462436

GARON PARK, Southend	garonparkgolf.co.uk	01702 601701
GIRTON, Cambridge	girtongolf.co.uk	01223 276169
GREAT YARMOUTH & CAISTER	club-noticeboard.co.uk/greatyarmouth	01493 728699
HAZLEMERE	hazlemeregolfclub.co.uk	01494 719306
KINGSTHORPE, Northants	kingsthorpe_golf.co.uk	01604 710610
LONDON SCOTTISH, Wimbledon	londonscottishgolfclub.co.uk	02087 891207
MITCHAM	mitchamgolfclub.co.uk	0208 6402480
MOUNT PLEASANT	mountpleasantgolfclub.co.uk	01462810100
OUNDLE, Northants	oundlegolfclub.com	01832 273267
PAVENHAM, Bedford	pavenhampark.com	01234 822202
RAMSAY	ramseyclub.co.uk	01487 812600
REDHILL & REIGATE, Surrey	rrgc.net	01737 240777
ROYSTON	roystongolfclub.co.uk	01763 242696
RUSHDEN	rushdengolfclub.org	01933 418511
SOUTH KYME, Lincs	skgc.co.uk	01526 861113
STANMORE, N London	stanmoregolfclub.co.uk	02089 542599
THE SPRINGS, Oxford	thespringshotel.com	01491 827310
WYKE GREEN, Middx	wykegreengolfclub.co.uk	02085 608777

[www.smartgolfer.co.uk](http://www.smartgolfer.co.uk) provides information and access to each club website. Courses can change within the year so the website will be the most up to date.

### **Easy Guide to Network:**

- 1. Get your free network ID card from the pro shop. Cards should be renewed on 1<sup>st</sup> December each year to ensure that only current members can benefit.**
- 2. Book your tee time with host club.**
- 3. Play golf and enjoy!**

1. Take a small photograph (2.5cm x 2.5cm) of yourself to Tony, in the shop, and he will make up your network identity card for 2017. The card will state whether you are a 7-day or 5-day member. There is no charge for the card.

2. All 7 and 5-day members can play for free on the other courses, Monday to Friday. Seven-day members can also play for free at weekends and bank holidays, subject to availability at the host club. Then book your tee-time with the club of your choice between 5 and 2 days in advance.

The more detailed rules of the network are available from the pro shop and from the website at [www.smartgolfer.co.uk](http://www.smartgolfer.co.uk)

### **SmartGolfer Network Societies**

When more than 4 network golfers want to play at a host course together, this is deemed as a 'Network Society'. There are special reduced rates for these. For example, the rate Royston quote for network society golf is £12. However, the first 4 golfers can be free on the network.

Hence, in this example, if 9 AVGC network members wanted to play Royston then they would pay  $9 - 4 = 5$ , @ £12 each, totals £60 for the 9 players.

#### **3.1.4 Courtesy Golf at Chartridge Park Golf Club**

If we have a particularly busy day at the Vale then have a chat with Chris to see if a few more than four might play at Chartridge Park. We have some good past links with this club and we can help each other out sometimes if there is availability at the other club.

#### **3.1.5 County Card**

There are many more local courses in the County Card Scheme. We are affiliated to Bedfordshire but this scheme also covers many other counties. This card can be obtained from the pro-shop. You can play the member courses at either 50% fee or 'with member' rate, as dictated by the host club.

#### **3.1.6 'THE VALE' Newsletter**

Lance Redler kindly puts together a monthly newsletter for members. This includes items from all sections of the club as well as a helpful 'What's on this Month'. This will be available as a downloadable attachment from the website. You will be sent a brief e-mail telling you when it is ready to be downloaded.

If you **are not** receiving the e-mail each month regarding 'The Vale' then please give your current e-mail address details to the shop. We only use the e-mail address for club matters and will not pass them on to anyone else.

#### **3.1.7 Five Years for the price of Four**

We offer five years of membership for the up-front payment of four times the current membership fee. We reinvest these funds into course improvements. The investing member also gets a really good deal with one free year of membership, and fixed prices for the full term of the membership. These savings have greatly outstripped possible returns from savings accounts and investments in recent years.

The offer is open to all categories of membership including new members. Please speak to Chris, Jason or Tony if you are interested and we will give you a copy of the written guarantee that comes with the offer. This offer is subject to availability and could change.

#### **3.1.8 Members' Discounts and Guest Rates**

Driving Range tokens are discounted from £2.40 to £1.90 for a bucket of 35 balls. Bulk purchase of five tokens for £9.50 and get one free.

Buggy hire is reduced from £20 to £15. Members can also have a buggy season ticket for £320 for a year.

Any member can sign in up to three guests at the 'with members' rate provided that they are playing golf with them in the same fourball. Five-day members can also sign in guests at this rate on weekends and bank holidays and the five-day member pays a £13 fee.

Midweek the 'with member' rate is £17, at weekends it is £20. These rates are for 18 holes but day and 9-hole tickets are all separately priced in the shop.

Use of the Loyalty Card will give members 10% discount in the shop, bar and restaurant.

Members can hire the upstairs lounge for their own parties in 2017 at discounted rates. Please seek out Jason or Chris to plan your party.



### **3.1.9 'Member Only' time periods 2017**

#### **'Member only' time periods: (Subject to competitions, matches etc)**

(This allows members to bring guests, provided that they are playing golf with them)

Weekends and Bank Holidays from 0600 to 1130hrs

### **3.2 Meeting Other Members**

An 'Availability Book' is with the other files, above the pigeonholes. Please add your name, preferred playing time and contact telephone number to the file. You can then take a look at the other entries and give someone a ring to arrange a game. Please remember that the member of staff in the pro shop is always on hand to fix you up with a game, so let us know that you are seeking playing partners as soon as you arrive and we will do our best.

You can enter a men's medal without a handicap, as a vehicle to submit a card for handicap. You will be paired up with someone that already has a handicap and they will mark your card. You will also be given an exact tee off time. Obviously you cannot take part in the competition itself until the handicap secretary has allocated your handicap.

### **3.3 Avoiding the Busy Times**

In the hallway, just outside the downstairs bar, are lists of all competition and society tee bookings for the subsequent three weeks. The Vale newsletter will include the next month's forthcoming fixtures, and will include the variable scratch match and mid-handicap dates, if we have received the information in time. If you would like to see all bookings on a particular day then log onto the club website for tee bookings. This will give you good visibility of bookings and hence the information required to select a quieter time for yourself.

Monday and Wednesday mornings have booked tee times for our senior and lady members. Monday and Wednesday afternoons, in contrast, are the quietest times of the week.

The later you play at weekends the quieter it becomes.

### **3.4 Young Golfers**

Juniors	Age 7 to 12	£80	tee off after 2pm Sat/Sun/BH with an adult
Juniors	Age 13 to 18	£170	No restrictions
Intermediate	Age 19 – 29	See Below	No restrictions

<u>Age</u>	<u>% of Full Fee</u>
19	45%
20	50%
21	55%
22	60%
23	65%
24	70%
25	75%
26	80%
27	85%
28	90%
29	95%

All juniors / youngsters will be invited to join in club competitions provided they have a handicap. Tee off time restrictions for under 13's will not apply if they are taking part in an official club competition off medal tees.

The cheaper rate of £80 per year for the under 13's is to encourage them to join the club. Russell Phillips, PGA professional, holds many group lessons for different ages. Pick up his

information flyers from the shop. Members – if you know a young neighbour that might be interested in golf then give them one of Russell's fliers!

Russell will be running some junior / beginner sessions on published dates, late in the day across a shortened front nine.

#### **4. CLUB INFORMATION**

##### **4.1 The Pro Shop**

Thank you to all members who have used the shop over the last year. We try to keep all prices that little bit lower than other pro shops - check it out when you play an away course! Members paying by their Loyalty Card will have a 10% discount, regardless of how much you spend.

Russell offers a club custom fitting service with PING clubs. There is no substitute to having your clubs 'made to measure' for your individual swing.

SHOP OPENING HOURS: Summer - March to November 7.15 am – 5pm  
(6.45 a.m. W/E)  
Winter - December to February 7.30 am – 4pm  
(7.15 am W/E)

Once the shop has closed please ask the duty manager in the clubhouse if you require anything.

##### **4.2 Club Professionals:**

PGA Professional - Russell Phillips  
Golf Professional – Terry Bunyan

##### **4.2.1 Lessons**

We benefit from 2 professionals at Aylesbury Vale Golf Club, each with their own unique style of coaching. Russell is a PGA qualified professional who moved to AVGC midway through 2011. He uses some of the most recent methods of coaching including his Video Equipment, **Explanar** Swing Ring and biomechanics of the golf swing. Russell is keen to develop the junior activity at the club and therefore offers a large variety of sessions to suit all ages and abilities (see Junior Handbook). Terry has been with the golf club since 2002. His golfing success includes making the cut for the first stage of qualifying for the British Open and has over 30 years coaching experience. Terry plays on the senior golf tour and his own tournament experience can greatly benefit your golf game through advanced coaching and the mental side of golf.

Both professionals teach adults individually or in groups and both have their own tailor-made lesson programmes to suit your budget and lifestyle. Players who have lessons are seeing the benefits with good competition results and lowering their handicap.

There are often promotions for lessons throughout the year. These can be found displayed in the bar, changing rooms and other notice boards. So keep your eyes open and don't miss out!

#### **ALL MEMBERS GET 20% OFF STANDARD LESSON PRICES**

**Individual Lessons.** This is the most effective way to better your game. Having an individual lesson gives you the professional's full attention to look deep into your swing and to find the key swing faults that need rectifying. These can be used to develop your long game, approach shots, bunker play, chipping, putting, course management, rules and etiquette.

**Individual 9 hole playing lesson.** Here you will play with one of our club professionals through 9 holes of golf. This gives them the chance to assess your game strategy on the course and gives you the chance to see how a professional plays. These are very popular!

**Ladies Group Session.** Terry runs ladies group sessions throughout the year. Keep an eye out for his chalkboard to find out when the next one is taking place.

**Beginner Experience Days.** Russell is trying to encourage new players to try the wonderful game of golf. If you know anyone who want to try or start playing golf then this is the perfect experience for them! There are now more opportunities than ever for new players to get into golf. Sport England are trying to increase the number of active players in golf and so offer sponsored lessons for new players making them more affordable than ever! Russell has a structure in place for player wishing to take the game further after the experience day.

**Junior Lessons.** Russell runs beginner sessions, advanced sessions, grouped or individual sessions, young sessions, older sessions, all for members and non-members. To find out more contact Russell.

CONTACT EITHER OF OUR CLUB PROFESSIONALS BELOW:

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TERRY BUNYAN  
07588272322

#### **4.2.2 Club Repairs and Re-Grips**

Russell offers a full service of club repairs from broken shafts to club extensions or shortening. If you have a club that needs fixing bring it into the pro shop.

#### **How often should you get your grips changed?**

Often a question that players don't know the answer to, the table below shows when:

Average rounds played per week	How often should grips be replaced?
3+	12 months
1-2	15 months
<1	18 months

Are you guilty of having old grips? It's a little known fact that part worn grips or grips moulded by the hand through pressure cannot be used in competitions as they can be classed as a 'training aid'!

New grips can have a dramatic impact on your performance. Russell has a large selection of grips in stock from as little as £5 per grip! If it's not in stock then Russell can order ANY grip you like from a huge catalogue of grips. He will attempt to complete all re-grips and repairs within 48 hours!

#### **4.2.3 Custom Fitting Service**

Russell can fit your current clubs to suit your swing by altering the lie angle and loft or your clubs. Having the correct lie angle is critical to help ensure the ball flies towards the target.

The professionals emphasise the importance of having the correct equipment to suit your swing. Simple checks can be done to see if your clubs are set up correctly to get the best out of the swing you have. It is important to have the correct grip size, shaft length, shaft flex, shaft torque, shaft bend point, iron head style, lie angle and loft, so make an appointment with one of our professionals now to find out more information.

Whether you are short, tall, old, young, fade, draw, steep swing plane or shallow, slow club head speed or fast, etc. etc. get the clubs that will be 'made-to-measure' for you.

### **4.3 Captains' Charity**

The three main sections of the club all combine together to support our charities. This year the main charity will be Willen Hospice, with one-off days for Help for Heroes and Breast Cancer. The bird and bee boxes around the course were all made by Pennyhook Farm by Autistic Children in Andy Ashcroft's year as Captain. Many members will be familiar with the great work of Willen Hospice and all your Captain's bunker/pond 50 pences help greatly!

### **4.4 Member Charity Days**

Many of our members are involved with fund raising for their own projects. We have held events such as raising funds for a children's play area, church steeple, cystic fibrosis, cancer care etc. Should anyone wish to organise a fundraising golf day with us in 2017, Monday to Friday, then we will donate £5 per player to your cause from the green fee. A golf day can be one of the easier and more pleasurable methods of fundraising! See Chris, Tony, Jason or Garry for more details.

### **4.5 Catering**

Thank you to the many members who regularly use the catering provided by Heinz and Lee. Watch out for the Sunday roasts! Also, if you would like to use the club for a meeting and a meal we have the ideal room upstairs so come and have a chat. Examples of those using us now are choirs, scout leaders and cheese and wine tastings.

### **4.6 Member's Parties – 2017 offer to members.**

The upstairs lounge is a stylish venue for your party with great views over the course. You can choose between round, rectangular and horseshoe table settings. Heinz can cater for your parties, weddings, anniversaries, christenings, societies or work events. Have a chat with Jason or Chris if you would like some price quotations. We can hold weddings with all the style that you expect from a typical wedding venue but leaving you enough in the coffers for a fantastic honeymoon afterwards!

-	Members	-	£ 75
-	Non-Members	-	from £ 150

The room is also excellent for training courses or business conferences, so let us see if we can save your business money too! Speak to Jason or Chris for further details.

### **4.7 Club Opening Hours**

The gate is opened by 6.45am. during BST (6.30am. at weekends) and 7.30am. during winter (7.00am. at weekends). The gate is not locked until the last car has left the car park and it is therefore imperative to speak to the manager on duty if you need to leave a car here overnight.

The Clubhouse opens at 7.15am. midweek and 6.45am. at weekends. Golfers teeing off earlier than this are welcome to leave their shoes undercover, by the back door, and we will transfer them to the changing room for you as we open up. You can pre pay for free format competitions, men's and seniors, and obtain your date stamped scorecard in advance.

We remain open as long as there are golfers still on the course, driving range or in the Clubhouse.

Please ensure you contact us if you are planning a special event that would require a very early start or late finish and we will assist.

### **4.8 Social Events**

Please do come and have a chat with Jason or Chris if there are any members or committee members would like to organize a race night, casino night etc.

#### 4.9 AVGC Website

The website is [www.avgc.co.uk](http://www.avgc.co.uk) and the e-mail address is [info@avgc.co.uk](mailto:info@avgc.co.uk).

#### 4.10 Advertising

There are opportunities for members to advertise their business in the clubhouse or on the driving range. Please see Chris, Tony or Jason for more details.

#### 4.11 Personal Property and Golfing Insurance

Unfortunately, in common with other clubs, we cannot watch items of personal property and the management cannot accept responsibility for loss or damage to property or vehicles on the premises. We have discussed the matter of security with our local crime prevention officer and most of the advice is common sense preventative measures:

- a. Always lock your car. Use steering locks, immobilizers etc.
- b. Never leave anything on display but lock it in the boot. Laptops, mobile phones, sat nav's and golf clubs are particularly at risk.
- c. Do not leave any items of value unattended. This applies to items left within your golf bag as well as items left unattended in the changing rooms. Pay particular attention to your car keys, especially those with a remote unlock button. A thief with these keys can identify and unlock your car in an instant and will drive straight off.

Once you have finished golf for the day please ensure that you have taken your belongings home. We will have a complete clear-out of all abandoned items in the changing rooms on the first Thursday of each month, store them in black bin bags for one month and then pass them on to charity.

**On a more positive note we would recommend the use of lockers. Our thanks go to the Captain and committee for the new lockers and for smartening up the locker room which is a great improvement on the previous steel lockers.**

Small lockers rent for £15, Medium for £20 and Large for £25 per calendar year. (All lockers do not take clubs). Please contact Russell Crane at [russellcraneavgc@hotmail.com](mailto:russellcraneavgc@hotmail.com) for information. There is currently a waiting list for members requiring lockers but existing locker holders that are not renewed may become available. Small items of extreme value can be handed to management and locked away if required.

**We strongly recommend that all members take out a golfers' insurance policy** since everyone needs cover in the event of injuring someone on a golf course or sustaining injury yourself. On the 1<sup>st</sup> April we provide a list of current, paid up members to Golfguard Ltd for some limited cover relating to personal liability insurance. We ask Golfguard Ltd to give us documentation to specify the extent of that cover. We will then display the insurance certificate from Golfguard Ltd on the noticeboard so that members can read about that cover. Golfguard will also then supply details of a 'top up cover' that the named members can take out on their own behalf to cover other matters such as equipment, hole in one cover etc. This extra cover will be at a discounted rate and it will be up to the individual member to take out that additional cover with Golfguard Ltd. You will be able to contact Golfguard on 0800 581801 to discuss any additional cover.

On the course, from the health and safety aspect, nothing changes! Do not strike the ball if you are in danger of hitting a human being!

## 5. ON THE COURSE

### 5.1 Course News

The last year has seen improvements in the following areas:

**Greenkeepers.** We have 5 full time greenkeepers and a part time mechanic. We have a strong team in place that can keep the course looking 'cared for' as well as developing new course features.

**Greens.** We can now verti-drain whenever we like and the selection of groomers and aerators that are fitted in front of the cutting blades on the greens machine are working well.

**Tees.** We continue to build new teeing areas. This reduces wear and tear, gives variety to the golfer and enables us to play without the need for winter mats.

**Fairways and Rough.** The aim is to verti-drain the whole course as often as we can to aid drainage and root structure. We have also added drainage around the 6th green.

**Trees.** Last year we planted 150 new 4m staked trees to enhance the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> holes. We can now keep the rough mown short in these areas which will help to speed up play. The maintenance of the existing trees is an ongoing project.

We have a few requests for members using the new pitching green!

- When you have finished playing your chips or pitches to the green please pause and ***replace all the divots that you have just taken!***
- Please don't hit long shots from the pitching area across onto the driving range. You can use the range, the new grass tee on the range or grass areas at the side of the range.
- Please consider the safety of others when practicing in this area. Common sense dictates that if someone is already using the practice bunker then you need to wait until they have finished before sending high balls in. Equally, if someone else is already chipping then find yourself a spot where you don't endanger them or yourself.

**Teaching facilities in the driving range.** Russell and Terry use video cameras for lessons so that you get great instant feedback on your swing. Russell has also bought the Explanar Swing Ring, which is a fantastic teaching aid, and he has also installed mirrors so you can check your alignment.

### 5.2 General Course Matters.

***Play from White Tees*** – White markers on the grass tees remain **exclusively for competition play**.

***Signs*** "Greenkeepers have Priority" – We have signs on the course stating that greenkeepers have priority. We have already liaised with the greenkeepers and set up a system whereby the most intrusive jobs are completed first thing in the morning (cutting greens and surrounds) so that disruption to golfers is minimized. Then, if mowing the rough or mowing around trees is left until later in the day, there is more scope for the greenkeeper to move out of the way.

However, the task of maintaining and playing the course will inevitably clash at some point and we cannot stress strongly enough that a ball should never be struck if there is a chance of hitting a greenkeeper. Also, early birds teeing off before 8 a.m. should note that this is crucial greenkeeping time and that you may experience slight delays whilst greenkeepers finish off greenside work.

**Air Horn** - The air horn will be sounded at regular intervals to indicate that golfers must walk off the course. This could be because of lightening, waterlogging or snow.

**Fire** - In the event of a fire the evacuation point is the Captains parking area of the car park.

**Members' Assistance** is required to progress the huge task of presenting the course well at all times. A plea from the Greenstaff - please replace divots, repair pitch marks, rake bunkers and do not discard rubbish around the course. The bins at each tee provide convenient rubbish disposal points. Please use the seed and sand mix provided on par three tees to help divot marks recover. There are small boxes on some tees for broken tee pegs.

**Trolleys** Please keep all trolleys at least 10 yards away from the greens to protect the fine turf fringes. Trolleys should NEVER pass between the green and an adjacent greenside bunker. We all play golf for the exercise – please walk a little further to ensure good lies for those following.

### **5.3     Spikes and secure footing.**

Although we do not insist on the wearing of metal spikes for winter, and leave the choice to each individual, it is strongly recommended that metal spikes are used.

We believe they give better grip in wet or icy conditions on slopes and on tee steps. There are certain ground conditions where ice can be crushed and picked up under the splayed soft spike. These small lumps of ice then resemble rugby studs offering reduced grip and damaging greens. Please take extra care on all wood, sleeper or concrete surfaces when wet or icy. You are always at liberty to walk on the grass and avoid these steps altogether in extreme conditions. Please use the steps for gaining access to the 1<sup>st</sup> tees and don't try to step on top of the brick walls.

### **5.4     Etiquette**

The maintenance of good standards of etiquette on the course is for the benefit of all. Avoiding slow play and calling through is probably of greatest importance. Please take time to read carefully through the rules of etiquette for our club.

#### **RULES FOR CALLING THROUGH:**

**Slower groups should call faster groups through.**

**Call through the following group if you are searching for a ball.**

The maximum number of golfers allowed to play together is four. Five-balls, or more, are strictly prohibited.

#### **Amplification of 'Calling Through Rules'.**

Slower groups should call faster groups through, even if the slower group thinks that they are playing at a reasonable speed. Letting golfers through depends upon their speed, not their sex! When searching for a ball, call through ***immediately*** and then use your 'five minutes' to continue your search as the others are playing through.

'But they had nowhere to go!' How often have you heard this lame excuse given by a fourball? The course is clear in front of Fourball A. Fourball B is playing behind them at the same speed. Twoball C come up behind Fourball B but are not let through because Fourball B thinks there is 'nowhere for them to go'. Fourball B is breaching golfing etiquette. They should let faster Twoball C through, then Fourball A can do likewise and Twoball C can be on their merry way.

#### **Civility and Good Manners when Calling Through.**

Communications between golfers is all a part of good etiquette. Ideally golfers should call through without a request needing to be made. However, if a request is necessary then

***please make it a polite one!*** Hopefully, all concerned can then conduct themselves with good grace and the result will be a faster round for all golfers.

Golfing secretaries hear complaints from both parties, in the following scenario, all too frequently: One group of golfers comes up against a slower group ahead. One individual starts to get wound up. Sometimes they hit a ball when it is not safe to do so (exceedingly dangerous). By the time they meet the group ahead the request to come through is not polite but is either rude or there is a demand, not a request, to be let through. The result is then “No, you can’t come through – if you had been polite that would have been different” or words to that effect. Mr Angry then seethes even more, but although his playing partners don’t want to provoke another outburst, they know that Mr Angry has handled this badly. Without Mr Angry they would have been called through by now!

Politeness will get you a long way! It is just as much a part of golf etiquette as calling someone through.

### **Competitions and Calling Through.**

The fact that you may be playing in a competition off medal tees in no way excuses you for slow play or failing to call through. One slow fourball could hold up many, many golfers. Thus competitors in medals or individual matches, where you arrange your own start time (e.g. knock outs or mixed league matches), must either keep up with the pace of play or call faster groups through.

### **The realities of teeing off behind a large field of golfers.**

It is simply a fact that any large field of golfers, for example, men’s medal, large society, club match, will take longer to play 18 holes than a smaller field. Therefore it makes practical sense for all members to plan to leave a time gap after any large group before teeing off themselves.

**Divots.** Please replace and press firmly down. On the tees, divots should be filled with soil/seed mix if available. Please warm up and take practice swings away from the tees.

**Bunkers.** Please rake thoroughly after use. Push sand up bunker slopes.

**Pitch marks.** It takes 20 minutes for the grass to die in winter or summer so please repair your pitch-marks as you play.

**Starting on the 10th tee** There is nothing more frustrating than having your round interrupted mid-flow by golfers who are slow to start. Priority must be given to golfers already playing the 9th hole. You may start on the 10<sup>th</sup> tee if the 9<sup>th</sup> hole is clear but if you are subsequently caught up by golfers already 'well into their stride', then simply stand aside and call them through. The chain across the path to the 10th tee with the 'closed' sign will indicate that all golfers must start from the 1st tee only.

**Dress.** The rules regarding dress on the course are as follows: jeans, denim, tee shirts, tracksuits and non-tailored sports shorts are not appropriate. Golf shoes are required on the course.

Indoor shoes are required within the Clubhouse (no golf shoes or stocking feet). Outdoor waterproofs should be left in the changing rooms and not brought into the bar. All members should also inform their guests of the dress standards. However, should a guest be genuinely unaware of the required dress on their first visit then they will not be turned away. Please bring them to the pro shop where we have a range of washed and ironed clothing, as well as second hand golf shoes, that they are welcome to use for the day without charge. A member of the Management will request appropriate dress on subsequent visits. Please advise your guests to carry their spikes up to the clubhouse and to change in the changing rooms so that they have their shoes for the bar and restaurant.



**Dogs** Dogs are banned from the course. Guide dogs and detection dogs are allowed with prior permission.

## **5.5 Trolleys**

There are two possible restrictions for trolley use, dependent upon weather and ground conditions:

1. **ABSOLUTELY NO TROLLEYS.** This means that all trolleys are banned on the Course.
2. **NO POWERED TROLLEYS.** This measure comes into force if we deem that the powered, driven wheel could mark up the ground. This is a ban measure across the board. However, we do give out our own hire push/pull trolleys free of charge when this measure is in force.

The course is assessed at 8am. each morning to determine the trolley status. Telephone calls are welcomed after 8.15am. to discover the ruling. All trolleys should be kept at least 10 yards away from the greens, all year round, to ensure that the fine fringe grasses are not flattened for your delicate chip shots.

## **6. GOLF COMPETITIONS**

The section of the handbook referring to golf competitions is now included within the file entitled 'AVGC Men's Competitions'. The first half of this file details the formats of our various competitions and the second half covers matters such as handicaps, competition rules and pre-payment scheme. You can take this file through to the bar to read, if you wish, but please ensure it is returned back to the file rack above the pigeon holes.

### **6.1 Golfing Calendar 2017**

Those members looking to avoid the booked times can use the '1<sup>st</sup> Tee Closed From and To' times as a guide. The times given represent our best estimate, based upon the number of entries for each competition in 2016. The exact time taken up for competitions in 2017 will be known when the entry list comes down and David sees the number of entries. At this point we will update the Tee Reservation Board, in the clubhouse, with the more accurate information. (for example, how much tee time a men's medal may occupy). You can get an accurate picture of tee usage by logging onto the website and looking at the tee booking system.

We encourage all members to look at the website or read the sheets in the corridor just outside the downstairs bar. It will also detail times of visiting societies and club matches (Scratch matches, Mid - Handicap League, Ladies Scratch League etc), which are not included in this handbook. Members can also telephone 01525 240196 for information or log onto [www.avgc.co.uk](http://www.avgc.co.uk) and click on the BRS Booking System or the AVGC Golfing Calendar for up to date information.

## MARCH 2017

Date		Type	Description	1st Tee Closed From To		Entry List Opens Closes	
Wed	1	Seniors	Competition	08.30	10.00		
		Ladies	Stableford	10.00	11.00		
Thur	2						
Fri	3						
Sat	4	Mens	Medal (Shotgun Start at 0800)	06.00	12.30		
		Mens	AGM @ 13.30 (approx)				
Sun	5	Ladies	Medal	08.45	09.30		
Mon	6	Seniors	Competition	08.15	10.00		
		Ladies	Competition	10.00	11.00		
Tue	7	Seniors	W/L Match v Chartridge Park GC	09.15	10.30		
Wed	8	Seniors	Competition	08.30	10.00		
		Ladies	30+ Handicap Comp	10.00	11.00		
Thur	9						
Fri	10						
Sat	11	Mens	Zodiac Texas Scramble	07.45	09.45		
			PRESENTATION DINNER (7pm)				
Sun	12						
Mon	13	Seniors	Competition	08.15	10.00		
		Ladies	Competition	10.00	11.00		
		Mens	Midweek Medal (13 to 17 Mar)	Free	Format		
Tue	14						
Wed	15	Seniors	Competition	08.30	10.00		
		Ladies	M/W Medal	10.00	11.00		
		Halton	RAF Halton Medal	13.00	13.30		
Thur	16						
Fri	17						
Sat	18	Ladies	Hellen Rowley Plate	08.45	09.45		
Sun	19	Mixed	Spring Foursomes	08.45	10.00		
Mon	20	Seniors	Competition	08.30	10.00		
		Ladies	Competition	10.00	11.00		
Tue	21						
Wed	22	Seniors	Competition	08.30	10.00		
		Ladies	Competition	10.00	11.00		
Thur	23						
Fri	24						
Sat	25	Ladies	Medal of Medals	09.45	10.30		
Sun	26	All	Captains Drive-In	14.00	14.30		
Mon	27	Seniors	Competition	08.30	10.00		
		Ladies	Competition	10.00	11.00		
		Mens/Ladies	Midweek Stableford (27 to 31 Mar)	Free	Format		
Tue	28						
Wed	29	Seniors	Competition	08.30	10.00		
		Ladies	Competition	10.00	11.00		
Thur	30						
Fri	31						

## APRIL 2017

Date		Type	Description	1st Tee Closed From To		Entry List Opens Closes	
Sat	1						
Sun	2	Ladies	'Australian Spoons'	09.45	10.30		
Mon	3	Seniors	Seniors Medal (1)	08.00	10.30		
		Ladies	M/W 'Australian Spoons'	10.30	11.30		
Tue	4						
Wed	5	Seniors	Club Match v Beadlow Manor GC	08.45	10.00		
		Ladies	30+ H'cap Comp	10.00	11.00		
Thur	6						
Fri	7						
Sat	8	Mens	Burcott Trophy	07.45	10.15		
Sun	9	Mens	Medal	06.45	11.30		
Mon	10	Seniors	Competition	08.15	10.00		
		Ladies	Competition	10.00	11.00		
		Mens	Midweek Medal (10 to 14 Apr)	Free	Format		
Tue	11						
Wed	12	Seniors	Competition	08.30	10.00		
		Ladies	Monthly Stableford	10.00	11.00		
Thur	13						
Fri	14	Mixed	'Annette's Hat' Competition	08.45	11.00		
Sat	15	Mens	Easter Cup	07.45	10.00		
		Ladies	Weekend Stableford	FREE	FORMAT		
Sun	16	Ladies	Weekend Stableford	FREE	FORMAT		
Mon	17						
Tue	18						
Wed	19	Seniors	Club Match v Mt Pleasant GC	08.45	10.00		
		Ladies	M/W Medal	10.00	11.00		
Thur	20						
Fri	21						
Sat	22	Ladies	Medal	09.45	10.30		
Sun	23	Ladies	Coronation Foursomes	08.45	09.30		
Mon	24	Seniors	Summer Six (1)	08.00	10.30		
		Ladies	M/W Coronation Foursomes	10.30	11.30		
		Mens/Ladies	Midweek Stableford (24 to 28 Apr)	Free	Format		
Tue	25						
Wed	26	Seniors	Competition	08.30	10.00		
		Ladies	Competition	10.00	11.00		
Thur	27	Ladies	Club Match v Leighton Buzzard GC	10.15	11.15		
Fri	28	County	Beds Past Cpts v Ladies Cpts	12.00	13.45		
Sat	29	Mens	Committee Cup	07.45	10.00		
Sun	30	Ladies	Spring Stableford	09.45	10.45		
		Juniors	Red and Blue Comp	13.00	14.00		

## MAY 2017

Date		Type	Description	1st Tee Closed From To		Entry List Opens Closes	
<b>Mon</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Ladies</b>	<b>Mixed Invitation</b>	<b>08.45</b>	<b>10.00</b>		
Tue	2						
Wed	3	Seniors	Club Match v Three Locks GC	08.45	10.00		
		Ladies	M/W Medal	10.00	11.00		
Thur	4						
Fri	5						
<b>Sat</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>Mens</b>	<b>Medal</b>	<b>06.45</b>	<b>11.00</b>		
<b>Sun</b>	<b>7</b>						
Mon#	8	Seniors	Competition	08.15	10.00		
		Ladies	Competition	10.00	11.00		
		<b>Mens</b>	<b>Midweek Medal (8 to 12 May)</b>	<b>Free</b>	<b>Format</b>		
Tue#	9						
Wed	10	Seniors	Club Match v Aylesbury Park GC	08.45	10.00		
		Ladies	Competition	10.00	11.00		
Thur	11						
Fri	12						
<b>Sat</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>All</b>	<b>Lady Captains Day (1<sup>st</sup> &amp; 10<sup>th</sup> Tees)</b>	<b>06.30</b>	<b>11.00</b>		
<b>Sun</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>Mens</b>	<b>Foursome Medal</b>	<b>07.45</b>	<b>09.15</b>		
Mon	15	Seniors	Summer Six (2)	08.00	10.30		
		Ladies	30+ H'cap Comp	10.30	11.30		
Tue	16	Ladies	C/L Match v Chiltern Forest GC	10.15	11.15		
Wed	17	Seniors	Competition	08.30	10.00		
		Ladies	Competition'	10.00	11.00		
Thur	18	Ladies	Club Match v Aylesbury Park GC	10.15	11.15		
Fri	19						
<b>Sat</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>Ladies</b>	<b>Medal</b>	<b>09.45</b>	<b>10.30</b>		
<b>Sun</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>Ladies</b>	<b>'PING' 4BBB Stableford</b>	<b>08.45</b>	<b>09.30</b>		
Mon	22	Seniors	Seniors Medal (2)	08.00	10.30		
		Ladies	M/W 'Ping' 4BBB Stableford	10.30	11.30		
		<b>Mens/Ladies</b>	<b>Midweek Stableford (22 to 26 May)</b>	<b>Free</b>	<b>Format</b>		
Tue	23						
Wed	24	Seniors	Competition	08.30	10.00		
		Ladies	'Fun' Competition	10.00	11.00		
Thur	25						
Fri	26						
<b>Sat</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>Mens</b>	<b>Scratch Cup Qualifier (1<sup>st</sup> Round)</b>	<b>07.45</b>	<b>09.15</b>		
<b>Sun</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>Mens</b>	<b>Scratch Cup Qualifier (2<sup>nd</sup> Round)</b>	<b>07.15</b>	<b>08.45</b>		
		<b>Juniors</b>	<b>Red and Blue Comp</b>	<b>13.30</b>	<b>14.30</b>		
<b>Mon</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>All</b>	<b>Derek Hall Memorial Trophy</b>	<b>07.45</b>	<b>11.00</b>		
Tues	30						
Wed	31	Seniors	Club Match v Weston Turville GC	08.45	10.00		
		Ladies	Monthly Stableford	10.00	11.00		

**# HOLLOW CORING OF GREENS ON 8<sup>th</sup> AND 9<sup>th</sup> MAY**

## JUNE 2017

Date		Type	Description	1st Tee Closed From To		Entry List Opens Closes	
Thur	1						
Fri	2						
Sat	3	Mens	Club Match v Magnolia Park GC	09.45	11.00		
Sun	4	Ladies	Medal	08.45	09.30		
Mon	5	Seniors	Seniors Medal (3)	08.00	10.30		
		Ladies	30+ Handicap Comp	10.30	11.30		
		Mens	Midweek Medal (5 to 9 Jun)	Free	Format		
Tue	6	Ladies	Club Match v Waterstock GC	10.15	11.15		
Wed	7	Seniors	Club Match v Chartridge Park GC	08.45	10.00		
		Ladies	Competition	10.00	11.00		
Thur	8	Ladies	Invitation Day	10.00	12.30		
Fri	9						
Sat	10	Ladies	Summer Cup	08.45	09.30		
		Mens	Club Match v Aylesbury Park GC	09.45	11.00		
Sun	11	Mens	Medal	06.45	10.30		
Mon	12	Seniors	Summer Six (3)	08.00	10.30		
		Ladies	'Grandma's Cup'	10.30	11.30		
Tue	13						
Wed	14	Seniors	'Jones' Drawn Pairs Stableford	08.15	10.00		
		Ladies	M/W Medal	10.00	11.00		
Thur	15	County	High H'cap & Team Championship	10.00	11.30		
Fri	16						
Sat	17	All	Mens Captain Day (1 <sup>st</sup> & 10 <sup>th</sup> )	06.00	14.00		
Sun	18	Mens	Greensomes Stableford	07.45	09.00		
Mon	19	Seniors	Competition	08.15	10.00		
		Ladies	Monthly Stableford	10.00	11.00		
		Mens	Midweek Stableford (19 to 23 Jun)	Free	Format		
Tue	20						
Wed	21	Corporate	RAF Supply Champs	08.45	13.00		
Thur	22	Corporate	RAF Supply Champs (1 <sup>st</sup> & 10 <sup>th</sup> )	06.45	13.00		
Fri	23	Seniors	Rabbits v The Rest	08.15	10.00		
		Ladies	Competition	10.00	11.00		
Sat	24	Mens/Ladies	Pairs Championship	07.45	10.00		
Sun	25	Mens/Ladies	Pairs Championship	07.45	10.00		
		Juniors	Red and Blue Comp	12.15	13.15		
Mon	26	Seniors	Seniors Medal (4)	08.00	10.30		
		Ladies	Competition	10.30	11.30		
		Ladies	Midweek Stableford (26 to 30 Jun)	Free	Format		
Tue	27						
Wed	28	Ladies	Competition	08.30	09.30		
	28	Seniors	Club Match v Kirtlington GC	09.45	11.00		
Thur	29						
Fri	30						

## JULY 2017

Date		Type	Description	1st Tee Closed From To		Entry List Opens Closes	
Sat	1	Mens	'Penny' Cup	07.45	10.00		
Sun	2	All	PRO-AM	12.00	14.30		
Mon	3	Seniors	Summer Six (4)	08.00	10.30		
		Ladies	Competition	10.30	11.30		
		Open	SENIORS PROFESSIONAL OPEN	13.00	14.15		
		Mens	Midweek Medal (3 to 7 Jul)	Free	Format		
Tue	4	Open	SENIORS PROFESSIONAL OPEN	08.30	09.45		
Wed	5	Seniors	Drawn Pairs Greensomes Stableford	08.15	10.00		
		Ladies	Seniors Shield	10.00	11.00		
Thur	6						
Fri	7						
Sat	8	Mens	Medal	06.45	10.30		
Sun	9	Ladies	'Power Ball' Comp	09.45	10.30		
Mon	10	Mens	Midweek Club Championship	07.15	10.30		
		Ladies	Competition	10.30	11.30		
Tue	11						
Wed	12	Seniors	Competition	08.30	10.00		
		Ladies	M/W Medal	10.00	11.00		
Thur	13	Ladies	C/L Match v Princes Risborough GC	10.15	11.15		
Fri	14						
Sat	15	Mens	Marstons Trophy	07.45	09.00		
		Ladies	Seniors Cup	09.45	10.30		
Sun	16	Mens	Club Match v Shendish Manor GC	09.45	11.00		
Mon	17	Seniors	Seniors Captain Day (1 <sup>st</sup> & 10 <sup>th</sup> Tees)	06.00	12.30		
		Mens/Ladies	Midweek Stableford (17 to 21 Jul)	Free	Format		
Tue	18						
Wed	19	Seniors	Competition	08.30	10.00		
		Ladies	3 Clubs + Putter	10.00	11.00		
Thur	20						
Fri	21						
Sat	22	Mens	Professionals Cup	07.45	09.30		
Sun	23	Ladies	Medal	08.45	09.30		
Mon	24	Seniors	Competition	08.30	10.00		
		Ladies	30+ H'cap Comp	10.00	11.00		
Tue	25	Ladies	Club Match v Mt Pleasant GC	10.15	11.15		
Wed	26	Seniors	Competition	08.30	10.00		
		Ladies	Monthly Stableford	10.00	11.00		
Thur	27	Ladies	Club Match v Tilsworth GC	10.15	11.15		
Fri	28						
Sat	29	All	PRESIDENTS DAY (1st & 10th Tees)	06.00	12.30		
Sun	30	Ladies	Harries Shield	08.45	09.30		
		Mens	Club Match v Stocks GC	09.45	11.00		
		Juniors	Red and Blue Comp	13.00	14.00		
Mon	31	Seniors	Seniors Medal (5)	08.00	10.30		
		Ladies	Drawn Greensomes	10.30	11.30		
		Mens	Midweek Medal (31 Jul to 4 Aug)	Free	Format		

## AUGUST 2017

Date		Type	Description	1st Tee Closed From To		Entry List Opens Closes	
Tue	1						
Wed	2	Seniors	Seniors v Ladies	08.30	10.00		
Thur	3						
Fri	4						
Sat	5	Ladies	Club Match v The Bedfordshire GC	10.15	11.15		
Sun	6	Mens	Medal	06.45	10.30		
Mon	7	Seniors	Club Championship	08.15	11.00		
		Ladies	Competition	11.00	12.00		
Tue	8						
Wed	9	Seniors	Club Match v Wavendon GC	08.45	10.00		
		Ladies	30+ Handicap Comp	10.00	11.00		
Thur	10						
Fri	11						
Sat	12	Ladies	Professionals Cup	09.45	10.30		
		Juniors	Club Championship	11.00	11.45		
Sun	13	Ladies	Medal	08.45	09.30		
Mon	14	Seniors	Summer Six (5)	08.00	10.30		
		Ladies	Competition	10.30	11.30		
		Mens/Ladies	Midweek Stableford (14 to 18 Aug)	Free	Format		
Tue	15	Ladies	C/L Match v Weston Turville GC	10.15	11.15		
Wed	16	Seniors	Competition	08.30	10.00		
		Ladies	Competition	10.00	11.00		
Thur	17						
Fri	18						
Sat	19	Mens	Club Match v Chalgrave GC	09.45	11.00		
		Ladies	Weekend Stableford	FREE	FORMAT		
Sun	20	Mens	Secretary Cup	07.45	10.30		
		Ladies	Weekend Stableford	FREE	FORMAT		
Mon	21	Seniors	Memorial Day	08.45	11.00		
		Ladies	Competition	11.00	12.00		
Tue	22						
Wed	23	Seniors	Competition	08.30	10.00		
		Ladies	M/W Medal	10.00	11.00		
Thur	24						
Fri	25						
Sat	26	Mens/Ladies	Club Championship (1st Round)	06.45	14.00		
Sun	27	Mens/Ladies	Club Championship (2nd Round)	07.15	10.00		
		Mens	Club Champs (FTQ Plate) 10th Tee	08.30	10.00		
Mon	28	Mens	Midweek Medal (28 Aug to 1 Sep)	Free	Format		
Tues	29						
Wed	30	Seniors	'Lawson Shield'	08.30	10.00		
		Ladies	Monthly Stableford	10.00	11.00		
Thur	31						

## SEPTEMBER 2017

Date		Type	Description	1st Tee Closed From To		Entry List Opens Closes	
Fri	1						
Sat	2						
Sun	3	Ladies	Medal	08.45	09.30		
Mon	4#						
Tue	5#						
Wed	6	Seniors	Drawn Pairs Texas Scramble	07.30	10.00		
		Ladies	30+ Handicap Comp	10.00	11.00		
Thur	7	Halton	Halton Medal	13.00	13.45		
Fri	8						
Sat	9	Mens	Medal	06.45	11.15		
Sun	10	Ladies	Matrimonial Greensomes	08.45	10.00		
Mon	11	Seniors	Seniors Medal (6) & Ed Burns Putter	08.00	10.30		
		Ladies	Competition	10.30	11.30		
		Mens/Ladies	Midweek Stableford (11 to 15 Sep)	Free	Format		
Tue	12	Ladies	Club Match v Bletchley GC	10.15	11.15		
Wed	13	Seniors	3 Club & Putter Stableford	08.30	10.00		
		Ladies	Competition	10.00	11.00		
Thur	14						
Fri	15	All	'Breast Cancer Awareness' Charity (1 <sup>st</sup> & 10 <sup>th</sup> Tees from 0800)	06.00	13.00		
Sat	16	Ladies	Barbara Pincherle Cup	08.45	10.00		
		Mens	Club Match v Three Locks GC	10.00	11.00		
Sun	17	Mens	Medal of Medals	07.45	09.00		
Mon	18	Seniors	Summer Six (6)	08.00	10.30		
		Ladies	Competition	10.30	11.30		
Tue	19	Seniors	W/L Match v Oaklands Park GC	09.15	10.30		
Wed	20	Seniors	Competition	08.30	10.00		
		Ladies	M/W Medal	10.00	11.00		
Thur	21	Halton	Halton Stn Champs	08.30	09.15		
			Halton Stn Champs	13.30	14.15		
Fri	22	Seniors	Four Nations Trophy	08.45	11.00		
Sat	23	Mens	Four Nations Trophy	09.30	11.15		
Sun	24	All	'Waddington' Shield (Texas Scramble)	07.45	10.00		
		Juniors	Red and Blue Comp	13.00	14.00		
Mon	25	Seniors	Club Match v Leighton Buzzard GC	08.45	10.00		
		Ladies	Autumn Cup – 'Iron Lady'	10.00	11.00		
		Mens	Midweek Medal (25 Sep to 29 Sep)	Free	Format		
Tue	26						
Wed	27	Seniors	Committee v The Rest	08.45	10.00		
		Ladies	Midweek Club Championship	10.00	11.00		
Thur	28						
Fri	29						
Sat	30	All	Club Captain's Charity Day (1 <sup>st</sup> & 10 <sup>th</sup> Tee)	06.00	13.00		

**# HOLLOW CORING OF GREENS ON 4<sup>th</sup> AND 5<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER**





## OCTOBER 2017

Date		Type	Description	1st Tee Closed From To		Entry List Opens Closes	
Sun	1						
Mon	2	Seniors	Competition	08.15	10.00		
		Ladies	Competition	10.00	11.00		
		Ladies	Club Match v The Bedford GC	11.00	11.45		
Tue	3						
Wed	4	Ladies	Competition	08.30	09.30		
		Seniors	Club Match v Silverstone GC	09.45	11.00		
Thur	5	Corporate	Society Cup	09.00	10.30		
Fri	6						
Sat	7	Ladies	Hi-Lo Pairs	08.45	09.30		
		Mens	Club Match v Abbey Hill GC	09.45	11.00		
Sun	8	Mens	Medal	07.15	11.00		
Mon	9	Ladies	Competition	08.45	09.45		
		Seniors	W/L Match v Winter Hill GC	09.45	11.00		
		Mens/Ladies	Midweek Stableford (9 to 13 Oct)	Free	Format		
Tue	10						
Wed	11	Seniors	Competition	08.30	10.00		
		Ladies	30+ Handicap Comp	10.00	11.00		
Thur	12	Seniors	Club Match v Chalgrave Manor GC	09.15	10.30		
Fri	13						
Sat	14	Ladies	Medal	09.45	10.30		
Sun	15	Mens	Daily Mail Foursomes	07.30	09.00		
		Ladies	Daily Mail Foursomes	09.00	09.30		
Mon	16	Seniors	Competition	08.15	10.00		
		Ladies	M/W Daily Mail Foursomes	10.00	11.00		
Tue	17						
Wed	18	Seniors	Competition	08.30	10.00		
		Ladies	M/W Medal	10.00	11.00		
Thur	19						
Fri	20						
Sat	21	Mens	AVGC v SAS	07.45	09.00		
Sun	22	Mixed	Mixed Invitation	08.45	09.45		
Mon	23	Ladies	Competition	08.45	09.45		
		Seniors	W/L Match v Weston Turville GC	09.45	11.00		
		Mens	Midweek Medal (23 to 27 Oct)	Free	Format		
Tue	24						
Wed	25	Seniors	Competition	08.30	10.00		
		Ladies	Monthly Stableford	10.00	11.00		
Thur	26						
Fri	27						
Sat	28	Ladies	Weekend Stableford	FREE	FORMAT		
Sun	29	Ladies	Weekend Stableford	FREE	FORMAT		
		Juniors	Red and Blue Comp	13.00	14.00		
Mon	30	Seniors	Competition	08.15	10.00		
		Ladies	Competition	10.00	11.00		
Tue	31						

## NOVEMBER 2017

Date		Type	Description	1st Tee Closed From To		Entry List Opens Closes	
Wed	1	Seniors	Competition	08.30	09.15		
		Ladies	30+ Handicap Comp	10.00	11.00		
Thur	2						
Fri	3						
Sat	4	Mens	Medal	07.15	10.30		
Sun	5	Ladies	Medal	08.45	09.30		
Mon	6	Seniors	Competition	08.30	09.15		
		Ladies	Competition	10.00	10.30		
		Mens/Ladies	Midweek Stableford (6 to 10 Nov)	Free	Format		
Tue	7						
Wed	8	Seniors	Competition	08.30	09.15		
		Ladies	Competition	10.00	10.30		
Thur	9						
Fri	10						
Sat	11						
Sun	12	Ladies	Barbara Carr Plate	08.45	09.30		
Mon	13	Seniors	Competition	08.30	09.15		
		Ladies	Competition	10.00	10.30		
Tue	14						
Wed	15	Seniors	Competition	08.30	09.15		
		Ladies	M/W Medal	10.00	11.00		
Thur	16						
Fri	17						
Sat	18	Ladies	Winter Stableford	09.45	10.30		
Sun	19						
Mon	20	Seniors	Competition	08.30	09.15		
		Ladies	Competition	10.00	10.30		
		Mens	Midweek Medal (20 to 24 Nov)	Free	Format		
Tue	21						
Wed	22	Seniors	Competition	08.30	09.15		
		Ladies	Monthly Stableford	10.00	10.45		
Thur	23						
Fri	24						
Sat	25	Ladies	Weekend Stableford	FREE	FORMAT		
Sun	26	Ladies	Weekend Stableford	FREE	FORMAT		
Mon	27	Seniors	Competition	08.30	09.15		
		Ladies	Competition	10.00	10.30		
Tue	28						
Wed	29	Seniors	Competition	08.30	09.15		
		Ladies	Competition	10.00	10.30		
Thur	30						

## DECEMBER 2017

Date		Type	Description	1st Tee Closed From To		Entry List Opens Closes	
Fri	1						
Sat	2	Mens	Turkey Trot	07.45	09.45		
Sun	3	Ladies	Medal	08.45	09.30		
Mon	4	Seniors	Competition	08.30	09.15		
		Ladies	Competition	10.00	10.30		
Tue	5						
Wed	6	Seniors	Competition	08.30	09.15		
		Ladies	M/W Medal	10.00	11.00		
Thur	7						
Fri	8						
Sat	9	Ladies	Bring & Win (9 Holes)	10.00	11.00		
		Seniors	PRESENTATION NIGHT (7pm)				
Sun	10	Mens	Medal	07.45	10.30		
Mon	11	Seniors	Competition	08.30	09.15		
		Ladies	Competition	10.00	10.30		
		Mens/Ladies	Winter Stableford (11 to 17 Dec)	Free	Format		
Tue	12						
Wed	13	Seniors	Competition	08.30	09.15		
		Ladies	9 Hole Comp + Christmas Lunch	10.00	11.00		
Thur	14						
Fri	15						
Sat	16						
Sun	17						
Mon	18	Seniors	Competition	08.30	09.15		
		Ladies	Competition	10.00	10.30		
Tue	19						
Wed	20	Seniors	Competition	08.30	09.15		
		Ladies	Monthly Stableford	10.00	10.30		
Thur	21						
Fri	22						
Sat	23						
Sun	24						
Mon	25		CHRISTMAS DAY. COURSE and CLUBHOUSE CLOSED				
Tue	26						
Wed	27	Seniors	Competition	08.30	09.15		
		Ladies	Competition	10.00	10.30		
Thur	28						
Fri	29						
Sat	30						
Sun	31						

## JANUARY 2018

Date		Type	Description	1st Tee Closed From To		Entry List Opens Closes	
Mon	1						
Tue	2						
Wed	3	Seniors	Competition	08.30	09.15		
		Ladies	Competition	10.00	10.30		
Thur	4						
Fri	5						
Sat	6	Mens	Medal	07.45	10.00		
Sun	7						
Mon	8	Seniors	Competition	08.30	09.15		
		Ladies	Competition	10.00	10.30		
		Mens/Ladies	Winter Stableford (8 to 14 Jan)	Free	Format		
Tue	9						
Wed	10	Seniors	Competition	08.30	09.15		
		Ladies	Competition	10.00	11.00		
Thur	11						
Fri	12						
Sat	13	Ladies	Medal	09.45	10.30		
Sun	14						
Mon	15	Seniors	Competition	08.30	09.15		
		Ladies	Competition	10.00	10.30		
Tue	16						
Wed	17	Seniors	Competition	08.30	09.15		
		Ladies	M/W Medal	10.00	10.30		
Thur	18						
Fri	19						
Sat	20	Ladies	Weekend Stableford	FREE	FORMAT		
Sun	21	Ladies	Weekend Stableford	FREE	FORMAT		
Mon	22	Seniors	Competition	08.30	09.15		
		Ladies	Competition	10.00	10.30		
Tue	23						
Wed	24	Seniors	Competition	08.30	09.15		
		Ladies	Monthly Stableford	10.00	10.30		
Thur	25						
Fri	26						
Sat	27						
Sun	28						
Mon	29	Seniors	Competition	08.30	09.15		
		Ladies	Competition	10.00	10.30		
Tues	30						
Wed	31	Seniors	Competition	08.30	09.15		
		Ladies	Competition	10.00	10.30		

## FEBRUARY 2018

Date		Type	Description	1st Tee Closed From To		Entry List Opens Closes	
Thur	1						
Fri	2						
Sat	3						
Sun	4						
Mon	5	Seniors	Competition	08.30	09.15		
		Ladies	Competition	10.00	10.30		
		Mens/Ladies	Winter Stableford (5 to 11 Feb)	FREE	FORMAT		
Tue	6						
Wed	7	Seniors	'AGM' Cup	09.00	10.30		
		Seniors	AGM at 3pm				
		Ladies	Competition	10.30	11.00		
Thur	8						
Fri	9						
Sat	10	Ladies	Medal	09.45	10.30		
Sun	11	Mens	Medal	07.45	11.00		
Mon	12	Seniors	Competition	08.30	09.15		
		Ladies	Competition	10.00	10.30		
Tue	13						
Wed	14	Seniors	Competition	08.30	09.15		
		Ladies	M/W Medal	10.00	11.00		
Thur	15						
Fri	16						
Sat	17						
Sun	18						
Mon	19	Seniors	Competition	08.30	09.15		
		Ladies	Competition	10.00	10.30		
Tue	20						
Wed	21	Seniors	Competition	08.30	09.15		
		Ladies	Competition	10.00	10.30		
Thur	22						
Fri	23						
Sat	24	Ladies	Weekend Stableford	FREE	FORMAT		
Sun	25	Ladies	Weekend Stableford	FREE	FORMAT		
Mon	26	Seniors	Competition	08.30	09.15		
		Ladies	Competition	10.00	10.30		
Tues	27						
Wed	28	Seniors	Competition	08.30	10.00		
		Ladies	Monthly Stableford	10.00	11.00		

## MARCH 2018

Date		Type	Description	1st Tee Closed From To		Entry List Opens Closes	
Thur	1						
Fri	2						
Sat	3	Mens	Medal (Shotgun Start at 0800)	06.00	12.30		
		Mens	AGM @ 13.30 (approx)				
Sun	4	Ladies	Medal	08.45	09.30		
Mon	5	Seniors	Competition	08.30	10.00		
		Ladies	Competition	10.00	11.00		
Tue	6						
Wed	7	Seniors	Competition	08.30	10.00		
		Ladies	30+ Handicap Comp	10.00	11.00		
Thur	8						
Fri	9						
Sat	10	Mens	Zodiac Texas Scramble	07.45	09.45		
Sun	11	Ladies	Medal of Medals	08.45	09.30		
Mon	12	Seniors	Competition	08.30	10.00		
		Ladies	Competition	10.00	11.00		
		Mens	Midweek Medal (12 to 16 Mar)	Free	Format		
Tue	13						
Wed	14	Seniors	Competition	08.30	10.00		
		Ladies	M/W Medal	10.00	11.00		
Thur	15						
Fri	16						
Sat	17	Ladies	Hellen Rowley Plate	09.45	10.30		
Sun	18	Mixed	Spring Foursomes	08.45	10.00		
Mon	19	Seniors	Competition	08.30	10.00		
		Ladies	Competition	10.00	11.00		
Tue	20						
Wed	21	Seniors	Competition	08.30	10.00		
		Ladies	Monthly Stableford	10.00	11.00		
Thur	22						
Fri	23						
Sat	24		PRESENTATION DINNER (7pm)				
Sun	25	All	Captains Drive-In	14.00	14.30		
Mon	26	Seniors	Competition	08.30	10.00		
		Ladies	Competition	10.00	11.00		
		Mens/Ladies	Midweek Stableford (26 to 30 Mar)	Free	Format		
Tue	27						
Wed	28	Seniors	Competition	08.30	10.00		
		Ladies	Competition	10.00	11.00		
Thur	29						
Fri	30						
Sat	31						