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Comment

Once again a year has flown by and it is time to thank our outgoing Captains for their dedication, whilst welcoming our incoming Captains (see photos below) and wishing them well for their year in post. We also have a change of charity for the year, as can be seen from the logo at the top left of this page.

Sincere Editorial thanks also go to the three outgoing Section Captains for their enthusiastic and prompt support for *The Vale* during their year in post, helping to keep all members informed.



Larry Goddard Seniors' Captain



Men's Captain



Lady Captain



Freddie Perkin Junior Captain

John Barton

We report with regret the death of John Barton, a respected Club member who was also Seniors' Captain in 2005.

John Barton's funeral service takes place at Stewkley Church on Wednesday 10 April at 10:30am, followed by a ceremony at Milton Keynes Crematorium at 12:15pm and refreshments at Shenley Wood Retirement Village MK5 6GJ from 1:00pm.

News and Updates from the Club Management

The Course

Please be advised that we will be working on the greens on 29 and 30 April and also 1 May. We are hiring a Graden machine that makes inch deep parallel slits in the green and is designed to remove thatch from the greens. The course can be played on these days but you may come across a green where the hole has been removed whilst the work is undertaken. The greens will also be seeded and top dressed. The course is not fit for knockout matches on these three days.

The verti-drainer has been running yet again this month across the fairways and the greens and collars were all fertilised. The course as a whole has been cut more frequently than normal in March due to the good weather.

<u>Buggies</u>. We now have eight petrol buggies available for hire. We do not have any electric buggies this year. The weather forecast looks better for April.

<u>New Members</u>. We are looking to replace any members that have left over the winter period. We offer a £20 top up onto your white card if you introduce a new member to the Club between 1 and 30 April 2019.

Sunday Roast Date. Heinz will be cooking his next roast on Sunday 12 May.

<u>David Armor Memorial Day</u>. Abbey Hill GC is holding a memorial day for David Armor on Sunday 16 June and details can be found on their website. David was a PGA Pro here in the early '90s and our founder members may wish to take part in the day.

<u>Annette's Hat</u>. The Annette's Hat competition is open to all on Friday 19 April (Good Friday). This is a day on which 5-Day members can play without payment of a green fee. Monday 22 April is a Bank Holiday and would require a green fee from 5-Day members.

And finally, the Captains' Drive-In on 31 March will have seen Steve, Julie and Larry drive in. May we take this opportunity to thank Jane, John and David for all their hard work over the last 12 months. May they finally enjoy a round of golf!

Chris Wright

Rules of Golf

When to Start a Round (Rule 5.3a). Did you know...you must start at (and not before or after) your starting time. The penalty for breach of this Rule is DISQUALIFICATION, unless:

Exception 1: you arrive at the starting point, ready to play, **no more than five minutes late**. In this case the 'general penalty'* is applied to your first hole;

Exception 2: you start **no more than five minutes early**. In this case the 'general penalty'* is applied to your first hole;

Exception 3: Committee decides that exceptional circumstances prevented you from starting on time. In this case there is no breach of this Rule and thus no penalty.

* A 'general penalty' is loss of hole in match play and a two-stroke penalty in stroke play.

Tip of the Month from your Club Professional, Terry Bunyan

Driving the Tee Shot. Here are the golden rules for the tee shot:

STAY behind the ball RELEASE the club

These are the main two ingredients you need to hit the ball far and straight, yet these are the most misunderstood and most common faults I see in nearly every Club golfer. Simply put - at impact you must not have moved ahead of the golf ball and your hands must 'fire' the club, turn over and release. For a full explanation of these points come for a lesson or attend my open group lessons.

Lesson Offers from Terry Bunyan

Get ready for the new season with these great lesson offers:

9-hole playing lesson: £40 18-hole playing lesson for 2 people: £90

Ladies special: 2 ladies for 1 hour lesson for just £40 - that's just £20 each!

Game improvement programme:

On course assessment 2 short game lessons (chipping, pitching, bunkers and putting) 4 range lessons Just £199

To book, call Terry Bunyan: 07588 272322

Masters Discounted 3-hour Package!

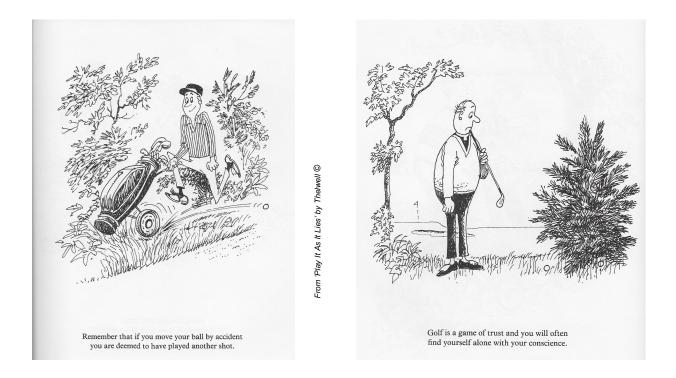
With the golf season now in full flow, Russell Phillips is putting together a 3 x 1 hour pack of lessons to work with your current swing and look for simple improvements that can get you hitting the ball better. He will be working with you to improve your game and give you the edge this season.

3 x 1 hour lessons are normally £120 for members and £150 for non-members. Book your first lesson before the end of April and get this pack for **£90 members and £120 non-members.**

To book contact Russell on 07843 692948 or email <u>r.phillips@avgc.co.uk</u>.

Just Keep on Doin' It!

Was this the oldest 3-ball in the history of AVGC? Eric Browning (88), John Lloyd (83) and Larry Cullen (80), played together in the Seniors' AGM Cup competition on 13 March – their ages total 251 years. Well done! (Dave Lea has threatened to put the Editor (80) with them next time as a 4-ball, so as to make 331!)



Hole-in-One.



Dwayne Cowans is congratulated on achieving a hole-in-one (his first) at AVGC's 15th hole, on Saturday 30 March, during social play.

Men

A Word from the Departing Men's Captain...

Well my year has drawn to a close and by the time you're reading this I will have handed over the roll of honour to 2019 Men's Captain Steve Chandler. However, just before I close, I have a couple of thank yous.

Firstly, the Men's committee members who, less we forget, all volunteer their own time. My Vice-Captain Steve. We may not have been an ideal 4-ball match pairing success, but I have appreciated your support and company over the past year. To all the AVGC members who turned up and supported our Charity Fun Days, internal Club competitions or represented an AVGC team.

For me the biggest winner this year has been our chosen charity, Florence Nightingale Hospice, who through AVGC generosity will receive over £5k.

I would like to thank my fellow Captains, David and Jane, all in all we haven't done too bad a job even if I do say so myself.

Finally, Good Luck to the 2019 Captains.

Wishing you all the best for keeping it on the short stuff.

John Barker

A Word from the Incoming Men's Captain...

Firstly, I would like to add my congratulations to all the outgoing Captains for what has been a very successful year. I'm sure everybody will agree that John, Jane and David have been friendly, approachable Captains and have represented the Club in an impressive manner; their efforts will have been appreciated by everyone.

I have greatly enjoyed my year as John's Vice-Captain and would like to thank him for his time and patience whilst preparing me for the forthcoming season. I look forward to utilising his many talents over the coming months!

This year's Committee has a new look to it and, in addition to the new Vice-Captain, Sheffield's finest, Keith McGoverne, we welcome Keith Loxton as Treasurer, Neil Meldrum as Handicap Secretary and Mark Mansfield into one of the Member posts.

If you have any ideas for any of the Captain's Days (such as formats, spot prizes etc) or any questions on areas the Committee is responsible for, please talk to members of the Committee and all ideas will be gratefully received!

We are fortunate at this Golf Club to have very generous members who always wholeheartedly support our charities and I'm sure you will continue to show your amazing support for this year's charity, which is Hospice at Home Volunteers.

Many of you are intrepid travellers to other courses in and around our geographical area. It would be great if, when playing these courses, you could ask if they would donate fourballs for our Charity Days. We can then use these to raise money for our very deserving charity.

As I write, this year's Drive-In is looming and my thoughts are starting to focus on which tatty ball from my golf bag I should use for my drive, bearing in mind there is a fair chance of it having to be retrieved from a bush/tree/ditch/bunker! My sole aim is to hit it further than Julie, for if I don't I will never hear the last of it!

I am really looking forward to the coming year, working alongside Julie, Larry and Freddie and would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone an enjoyable successful season on the course!

May all your 'gimmies' be big ones!

Steve Chandler

The March Medal saw 64 players tee it up in the traditional shotgun start and in Division 1 there was some excellent scoring, with four players all returning nett 69s. Following countback it was Will Platten who took top spot from Darren Horne, while Neil Garrett and Ian Macaulay took the next two places. In Division 2 Paul Herridge was the winner with a nett 71, a shot clear of second placed Phil Jelley who beat Gary Clark on countback. Dean Ridley was a clear winner in Division 3 recording a nett 70. Neil Meldrum (nett 73) was second, a stroke ahead of third placed Richard Piggott.

The opening competition of the season, the Zodiac Trophy, saw 12 teams take part and despite the blustery conditions there was some very good scoring in the Texas Scramble format. The winning nett score of 61 was recorded by Tom Read, Shaun Houghton, Alex Robins and Jamie McMillan. Runners up was the team of Johnny Frankland, Shane Lea, Micky Parslow and Mark Botha.

Men's Committee

As appointed at the AGM, the Men's Committee for 2018/19 is:

Captain: Steve Chandler Vice-Captain: Keith McGoverne Treasurer: Keith Loxton Competition Secretary: Dave Lea Admin Secretary: Roger White Handicap Secretary: Neil Meldrum 5-Day Representative: Peter Codrai Members: Adrian Fallon, Mark Mansfield Immediate Past Men's Captain: John Barker Seniors' Captain: Larry Goddard

Competition and Match Results (Men)

2 March	Div 1 1 st : Will Platten nett 69 2 nd : Darren Horne nett 69 3 rd : Neil Garrett nett 69		Div 3 1 st : Dean Ridley nett 70 2 nd : Neil Meldrum nett 73 3 rd : Richard Piggot nett 74
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Seniors

A Word from the Departing Seniors' Captain...

This will be my last contribution to this august organ and I am sure that readers will breathe a collective sigh of relief.

Results:

Bob Phillips won the last Winter 8, however Nigel Welling was the overall Winter 8 competition winner, on count back from Ken Slatter. Nigel continued his winning streak by producing an excellent score in challenging conditions to win the AGM Cup. Another fine score off a low handicap saw Richard Braithwaite win the inaugural running of the Celebratory Cup and Noel Hodges came out on top in the Stableford competition that followed. Well done to all these competition winners and to other winners throughout my year of Captaincy. To those of us who tried but failed to quite get over the line, hope springs eternal, that is way of the golfer.

The Winter KO Competitions are now coming towards a conclusion, as well as the two divisions of the Eclectic Competition. As I write this Hugh Frood seems to have the Under-19 division sewn up. However, it is a close-run thing in the 19 and over division - only 0.4 of a stroke separates leader Ken Slatter from defending champion Larry Goddard, with only a couple of available rounds to go before the end of March.

I reflected on my year of Captaincy at our recent AGM, and I will not dwell on this again at length in this piece. Suffice to say it has been an honour and privilege to be your Captain for the last 12 months and I thank all Seniors, my Committee and fellow AVGC Captains for their support and good humour in so many aspects both on and off the course. Please give this in at least equal measure to Larry and his new Committee in the coming period.

I will also echo my comments at the AGM as to fellow Seniors looking to share the load of running our Section by joining the Committee in future years. We all enjoy the benefits of the various regular events that the Committee organises, so why not give something back? You may not have the time or

aspire to become Seniors' Captain but there are a number of other important posts that still need to be filled every year. As I exit into the sunset like the end of an old John Wayne movie, at least I can take comfort that I have done my bit.

Dave Símons

A Word from the Incoming Seniors' Captain...

It is a pleasure to write my first comments for *The Vale* as the Seniors' Captain for 2019/20. I am grateful for the support shown to me during my year as Vice-Captain and hope that will continue to be merited over the next 12 months as I work with the Seniors' Committee to bring an enjoyable year of golf to our Section.

We will maintain our excellent links with other Sections of the Club and I send my best wishes for a successful year to Steve, Julie and Freddie, my colleague Captains of their respective Sections.

The Section will wish to join me in acknowledging the positive Captaincy of Dave '8:29' Simons and thank him for his considerable efforts over the past year. We welcome some new members to the Committee who will bring a fresh perspective and hopefully continue our drive to ensure the Committee is current in its thinking and effective in managing the golfing activities of the Seniors we represent. A Vice-Captain was not elected at the AGM for the third time in four years and, after some initial representations had been made to more long-standing figures which proved fruitless, we chose not to persuade other possible candidates in the expectation that we will review the position later in the year and bring a solution to the membership.

There are a number of changes to our Calendar this year as a reduced number of matches has enabled me to include some new events which I will mention in later editions of *The Vale*. Our first two summer friendlies fall in April and I invite those who enjoy this facet of our golf to ensure its continuance by signing up early. Many of our home matches (and some away matches) will be very informal and a light lunch of sandwiches and chips will be served as players come off the course.

We will continue to use the Seniors' web pages as a primary method of communication and I urge all Seniors to regularly check what is new. Charity will not be a primary focus for the year, but I very much hope that as a Section, we will actively support the other major days where this is a driver and the first such event is Annette's Hat, which is scheduled for Friday 19 April.

Since our AGM, the Committee has reviewed our Captain's Competitions and roll-ups and some changes have been introduced around latest arrival times and prize distribution. Please check our website and our notice board in the changing room for the latest protocols.

Finally, I will reference my remarks at our AGM on slow play. From comments made to me, this is increasingly a vexation for many members. Avoiding slow play is a duty especially on leading groups once they notice that they are playing slower than a following group. Courtesy demands that in that situation, one should either speed up or let them through. Seniors play around 90 shots each per round; if we all save just five seconds on the time it takes us to complete each stroke and carry on, a three-ball saves over 20 minutes a round and this would help some groupings get round in a time that even the quicker players would find hard to complain about.

Larry Goddard

Seniors' AGM and 2019 Committee

A copy of the Minutes of the AGM held on 13 March can be seen online and a copy is in the document box on the window ledge in the changing room.

The Seniors' Committee for 2019 appointed at this AGM is:

Seniors' Captain: Larry Goddard Seniors' Vice-Captain: post vacant Treasurer: Keith Loxton Admin Secretary: Mike Pelizzoni Competition Secretary: Dave Lea Social Secretary: Peter Codrai Members: Chris Cox, Terry Neve Immediate Past Seniors' Captain: Dave Simons Men's Captain: Steve Chandler

Winter League (by Peter Nightingale)

Our final match in the Winter League was against the team that had achieved seven straight wins (their last loss was the final game in last year's Winter League, when we beat them 6:0 at home). Chartridge Park were therefore on a high, hoping to be the first team to win eight straight games in the competition. We knew we could not be top of the table, but were set on breaking this run and getting a win. Our second place was assured, no matter what the result was to be.

Tuesday 5 March was a perfect day for golf, and after an excellent breakfast the match began. The first pairing of Christopher Cox and myself took on their Captain and partner and, after a tight match, we came in with a 3 and 2 win. The second match of Richard Braithwaite and Martyn Gates won their match 4&3. The tension was building after Andrew Bond and Tom Hobbs came in with a 2&1 loss. It now stood at 2:1 to us, so I was a little apprehensive, but I need not have been. The fourth match was between David Needs and Lance Redler (who came in as a reserve at the very last moment), who won their match 3&1. The fifth match was Dave Dean and Bob Phillips who won 6&4 and the final match of Dave Simons and Ken Slatter won 3&1. The overall result was a 5:1 success for AVGC - an excellent day with an excellent result.

Well done team, and to all those who played in this Winter League round of matches, a big thank you for your efforts and let's hope we can go one better in 2019/2020.

The final Winter League table, and match results, read:

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TEAM	Pl	W	D	L	W	D	L	Points
Chartridge Park	8	4	0	0	3	0	1	17
Aylesbury Vale	8	3	1	0	1	2	1	13
Little Hay Oakland Park	8 8	1 2	2 0	1 2	0 0	1 1	3 3	5.5 5.5
Weston Turville	8	2	1	1	0	0	4	5

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Chartridge Park vs Little Hay	4 - 2
Aylesbury Vale vs Oakland Park	4 - 2
Aylesbury Vale vs Little Hay	3 - 3
Weston Turville vs Chartridge Park	0.5 - 5.5
Oakland Park vs Chartridge Park	2.5 - 3.5
Chartridge Park vs Oakland Park	4.5 - 1.5
Aylesbury Vale vs Weston Turville	4.5 - 1.5
Weston Turville vs Aylesbury Vale	3 - 3
Little Hay vs Chartridge Park	1.5 - 4.5
Chartridge Park vs Aylesbury Vale	5 - 1
Oakland Park vs Little Hay	5.5 - 0.5
Oakland Park vs Weston Turville	4 - 2
Weston Turville vs Little Hay	5 - 1

Oakland Park vs Aylesbury Vale	2 - 4
Little Hay vs Aylesbury Vale	3 - 3
Chartridge Park vs Weston Turville	4.5 - 1.5
Little Hay vs Weston Turville	4 - 2
Aylesbury Vale vs Chartridge Park	5 - 1
Weston Turville v Oakland Park	4.5 - 1.5
Little Hay vs Oakland Park	3 - 3

Competition and Match Results (Seniors)

Winter League home match vs Chartridge Park 5 March	Won 5:1
Winter Eight (8) 11 March	1 st : Bob Phillips 37 Pts 2 nd : Mickey Parslow 36 Pts 3 rd : Dave Dean 36 Pts
AGM Cup 13 March	1 st : Nigel Welling 41 Pts 2 nd : Bev Hughes 38 Pts 3 rd : Clive Gear 36 Pts
Celebratory Cup 25 March	1 st : Richard Braithwaite 40 Pts 2 nd : Bob Phillips 37 Pts 3 rd : Peter Codrai 35 Pts
Celebration Day Stableford 25 March	1 st : Noel Hodges 39 Pts 2 nd : Larry Cullen 37 Pts 3 rd : Martin Shefferd 35 Pts

Ladies

A Word from the Departing Lady Captain...

This time last year there were no competitions to report on due to horrendous weather conditions, thankfully we are experiencing much better weather, despite lots of wind!

Talking of wind, the Helen Rowley Plate competition was played in gusting winds of 40+ miles an hour. Well done to Anne Bridges who won with 35 points in very challenging conditions.

Thank you to everyone who attended or gave apologies for the AGM. If the consumption of wine (five bottles), coffee and tea and nibbles, were anything to go by, it was a good event.

The Mixed Spring Foursomes in the middle of March was by far the best supported mixed competition during my Captaincy. It was really fantastic to see 16 couples playing, with 31 of us staying for another lovely Heinz steak and ale pie lunch. Angela and Keith Panes, who are new members and were playing in the competition for the first time. came third with 33 points. Lesley Wright and Nick Bowden (who, very kindly, only became a pair the evening before) came second with 35 points. Anne Bridges and Binzy won with 37 points. Congratulations to you all and I do hope you enjoyed the day as much as John and I did.

The March Midweek Stableford was handsomely supported with 19 ladies going out to play, I'm sure this must be a record for this time of year. Well done to Jan Chambers, whom I had the pleasure of playing with, winning with 34 points.

Another reminder for the Ladies Invitation day on Thursday 6 June. The sign-up sheet is on the Ladies notice board, so don't forget to enter to enjoy this day.

Congratulations to Julie Lea and Sue Bellingham who won their round in the Daily Mail Foursomes at Leighton Buzzard. Good luck for the next round to be played at The Buckingham.

This is my last entry for the magazine and it just remains for me to thank everyone for your support over the last year, helping to make it such a successful and enjoyable one for me. I have had a great time being your Lady Captain and learnt lots along the way. I wish Julie Lea all the very best for her year as your Lady Captain.

Jane Barker

A Word from the Incoming Lady Captain...

I would just like to take this opportunity to congratulate Jane on a fantastic year and hope that this year would be the same.

Captains Drive-In is looming and hopefully I will hit one straight down the middle.

My first Captain's event is Annette' Hat day which is on Good Friday and all will be welcome to play.

Lady Captain's Day will be on 11 May. Hopefully we will raise plenty of money for our local charity Hospice at Home, based in Leighton Buzzard.

Julíe Lea

Ladies' Committee

The Ladies' Committee appointed at their AGM for the coming year is:

Captain: Julie Lea Vice-Captain: Kath Scott Treasurer: Charlotte Simpson 7-Day Competition Secretary: Sheila Perkins 5-Day Competition Secretary: Jackie Boden Admin Secretary: Lesley Wright Handicap Secretary: Jean Barnett Member: Linda Davies Member: Vacant Immediate Past Captain: Jane Barker

Competition and Match Results (Ladies)

Weekend Medal 3 March	1 st : Abi Pearce nett 70 2 nd : Sue Bellingham nett 73 3 rd : Jane Barker nett 76
9-hole Stableford (3)	1 st : Angela Panes 19 Pts 2 nd : Jane Barker 16 Pts 3 rd : Shirley Power 14 Pts
Helen Rowley Plate 16 March	1 st : Anne Bridges 35 Pts 2 nd : Sue Bellingham 32 Pts 3 rd : Sheila Perkins 28 Pts
Midweek Stableford 20 March	1 st : Jan Chambers 34 Pts 2 nd : Angela Panes 32 Pts 3 rd : Vivien Craker 32 Pts

Midweek FF Stableford

1st: Jackie Boden 34 Pts 2nd: Jean Edwards 34 Pts 3rd: Jane Barker 34 Pts

Juniors

Junior Induction Day

Anyone who is looking to join the red or blue tee membership this year should come along to this Junior Induction Day. We will have a 30-minute meeting with all the parents and children discussing what we have planned for the Junior members this year. The new Junior Handbook will be available to everyone explaining what tournaments will be on throughout the year, along with coaching, social events, contact information and child protection regulations implemented at the Club. There will be a free sleeve of balls for anyone who signs up for membership on the day.

After the discussion all Juniors will be heading out onto the golf course to play nine holes on either red or blue tees, followed by some food. All this is free!

The date is Thursday 18 April and the meeting is from 4:00-4:30pm following the Junior Induction Day. Children then go and play golf if they wish and should be finished at about 7:00pm. To get involved please contact Russell on 07843 692948 or email <u>r.phillips@avgc.co.uk</u>.



Easter Open Days

These fun days are designed for all children aged between 6 and 11 of any ability to have a fun day learning how to play golf (even if it's for the first time!). There is a special Easter Egg theme where children will have the chance to win some Easter eggs! Children will be organized into teams and get the opportunity to win team events throughout the day. Registration starts at 10:00am and the day concludes with a presentation of all the prizes at approximately 4:00pm. They do not need their own equipment to take part, however if they have any they should bring it along and clothing worn should be smart.

The whole day includes lunch (nuggets, chips and beans) and costs just £30 per child! Juniors who are Blue Tee members will get 10% off and Juniors who are full red tee members will get 20% off.

The Junior Open Days run from 10:00am-4:00pm on: Monday 8 April and Thursday 18 April.

You must book your child's place by contacting Russell Phillips on 07843 692948 or email <u>r.phillips@avgc.co.uk</u>.

Challenge Start Dates and FREE TASTER!

The next set of Junior Challenge dates start just after the Easter holidays. This is the pathway into Junior membership and is a great chance for new or existing Juniors to better their game in golf. For players new to the challenge programme there is a taster session on **Sunday 28 April at 1:00pm**. The taster will lead to the challenge start dates on **11 and 12 May**.

Pro Shop

<u>Sale</u>. This month all plain polo shirts are reduced to ± 16 and logo polo shirts to ± 17.50 . We have had 30 new shirts delivered so there are new designs to choose from. Members paying on their white cards will get a further 10% reduction.

<u>Ping Sale</u>. There is currently a sale of Ping golf clubs and Ping bags in the shop.

and in Conclusion...

...the last word is... to make this monthly newsletter (even) more interesting, why don't *you* write something to be published – perhaps a report of a SmartGolfer course that you really liked (or otherwise), or a golf holiday that you recommend?

...and a touch of humour... some have said that all golfers should wear two pairs of socks (just in case of a hole-in-one).

Lance Redler

Editor

cc: Club Professionals, charities

What's on This Month and Next? (All-Section and Club events are in **bold**)

Men:

Saturday 6 April – Burcott Trophy 0745-1015 Saturday 6 April – mid handicap away match vs Mount Pleasant 1300 Sunday 7 April – Medal 0630-1130 Friday 19 April – Annette's Hat 0745-1100 Saturday 20 April - Easter Cup 0730-1000 Saturday 27 April - CBL away match vs The Three Locks 09:00 Saturday 27 April - Committee Cup 0715-1000 Sunday 28 April - mid handicap away match vs Tilsworth 1330 Wednesday 1 May - hollow coring of greens Saturday 4 May - Medal 0645-1100 Sunday 5 May – home match vs Waterstock 0945-1100 Monday 6 to Friday 10 May – midweek Medal Sunday 12 May - CBL away match vs Oakland Park 10:00 Monday 13 to Friday 17 May – midweek Stableford Saturday 18 May - CBL home match vs Mill Green 1000-1045 Sunday 19 May - Foursomes Medal 0745-0915 Sunday 19 May - mid handicap home match vs Aspley Guise 1300 Saturday 25 May - Men vs Seniors 0930-1100 Sunday 26 May - CBL away match vs Chesfield Downs 09:00

Seniors:

Monday 1 April - Medal (1) 0730-1000 Wednesday 3 April - Captain's competition 0800-1000 Monday 8 April – Summer Six (1) - 0730-1000Wednesday 10 April - Captain's competition 0800-1000 Monday 15 April - Captain's competition 0800-1000 Wednesday 17 April - Captain's competition 0800-0845 Wednesday 17 April - home match vs Aylesbury Park 0850-1000 Friday 19 April – Annette's Hat 0745-1100 Wednesday 24 April - Captain's competition 0800-1000 Wednesday 1 May – hollow coring of greens Wednesday 1 May – AwayDay Staverton Estate GC Monday 6 to Friday 10 May – midweek Medal Wednesday 8 May – Rabbits vs The Rest 0830-0930 Monday 13 May - Medal (2) 0730-1000 Monday 13 to Friday 17 May – midweek Stableford Wednesday 14 May – away match vs Whipsnade Park Wednesday 15 May - Triple Challenge 0800-1000 Monday 20 May – Summer Six (2) 0730-1000 Wednesday 22 May - Captain's competition 0800-1000 Wednesday 22 May – away match vs Chalgrave Manor Saturday 25 May - Seniors vs Men 0930-1100 Monday 27 May - Derek Hall Memorial Trophy 0745-1100 Wednesday 29 May - Captain's competition 0800-0845 Wednesday 29 May - home match vs Weston Turville 0845-1000 Friday 31 May - AwayDay Northampton GC

Ladies:

Monday 1 April – competition 1000-1100 Wednesday 3 April – 30+ handicap competition 1000-1100 Monday 8 April – competition 1000-1100 Wednesday 10 April – midweek Medal 1000-1100 Thursday 11 April – home match vs Leighton Buzzard 1030-1100 Sunday 14 April – Coronation Foursomes 0915-0945 Monday 15 April – Midweek Coronation Foursomes – 1000-1100 Wednesday 17 April – Stableford 1000-1100

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Juniors

Captain: Freddie Perkin

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Ladies (cont):

Friday 19 April - Annette's Hat 0745-1100 Wednesday 24 April - 9-hole qualifier 1000-1100 Saturday 27 April - Medal 1000-1030 Sunday 28 April - Mixed Invitation 0845-1000 Wednesday 1 May - hollow coring of greens Sunday 5 May – Spring Stableford 0845-0930 Wednesday 8 May - midweek Medal 1000-1100 Thursday 9 May - home match vs Tilsworth 1030-1100 Saturday 11 May - Lady Captain's Day 0630-1230 Monday 13 May - competition 1000-1100 Monday 13 to Friday 17 May - midweek Stableford Tuesday 14 May - CL home match vs Aldwickbury Park 1015-1100 Wednesday 15 May – 30+ handicap competition 1000-1100 Saturday 18 May - Medal 0915-0945 Sunday 19 May - Ping 4BBB Stableford 0915-0945 Monday 20 May - midweek Ping 4BBB Stableford 1000-1100 Wednesday 22 May - 'fun' competition 1000-1130 Saturday 25 to Sunday26 May - weekend Stableford Wednesday 29 May - Stableford 1000-1100 Thursday 30 May - home match vs Tilsworth 1015-1115