



#### A report from our Secretary.

I guess that the majority of us now know the sad news that our **\*\*President, Reg Taylor\*\*** passed away on Thursday 26th October 2017. Reg has been a stalwart supporter of our Society since he became a member in 1996. He was a regular attendant at our Members Meetings and played in many of the County Matches over the years and was a regular supporter of the overseas tour.

He was our Captain last year (2016) and our reigning President.

He enjoyed some success having won the Langley Park Salver in 2001, The Wildernesse Salvors in 2007 along with D. Knight and in 2008 he won The West Kent Salvors partnering J. McGill.

#### 12th September 2017 Charity Presentations.

##### A Report from Past President Phil Draper.

The Captain and I had a good day on Tuesday distributing the funds to the two schools selected for this year.



The Schools, one of which we have supported before (**Riverside School**) were both quite different in the types of facilities they provided for the children. **Riverside School** is quite a large establishment, which caters for all types of physically and mentally handicapped children with special needs. I have to say this is my second visit, Past Captain Terry Ralph will remember our first visit I am sure. I am still in awe of the exceptional work these people do. The plight of some of the children, just makes you realise how lucky we are, especially if, like me you are fortunate enough to have children that are fit and well. Some of you will remember I am sure that Phil Skelton (**Wrotham Heath**) who's daughter worked at the school, put us in touch with Riverside School.



The second school we visited was **Birtley House**. This independent school was the idea of a chap who worked for the Bank of England, was head hunted by an American bank and went to live in the United States with his two children who suffered from one of the autistic type disabilities. It seems that his children received such special care and attention in America he felt it would be a good idea to put something in place in the UK. He funded the purchase of a large Manor type house, which needed extensive work done to it, and again he funded that work. He proceeded to get people and teachers involved, including the lady who acts as the school secretary manager and the head teacher, who has spent most of her working life teaching special needs children. Again a real eye opener! We were put in touch with Birtley House by Brian Stokes (**Woodlands Manor now at Paversham**) who's granddaughter attended the school for a number of years. Brian says this school made a real difference to her life and that of her family.



Queens Jubilee 14th August 2017. A report from Team Manager, David Honnor.



This year's event was hosted by Bedfordshire Captains Golfing Society at John O'Gaunt Golf Club.

There are seven Counties represented and the result is decided by taking each counties best 6 scores from 8.

This year's Kent teams was:

Brad Smith (Sittingbourne) – David Eldridge (Ashford) – Gary Snell (St. Augustine's) - John Grant (Wrotham Heath) – Paul Roberts (Woodlands Manor) – Richard Lamb (Bearsted) - Adrian Foster (Bearsted) and Ray Williams (Eltham Warren) with our Captain William Alberty also in the photo.

Playing this prestige event on one of Bedfordshire premiere golf courses saw our team so nearly lift the Trophy having amassed 184 pts (6 out of 8 scores) on an excellent but testing golf course.

We waited with bated breath as Society of London Captains still had one score to be recorded and were the only County who could catch us.

However, their last player scored an excellent 36 points which was the best score of the day and elevated London to a total of 190pts leaving us in second place.

Our thanks go to our team, Bedfordshire Captains Golfing Society and John O'Gaunt Golf Club for a very well organised day and our congratulations go to Society of London Golf Captains for winning the 2017 Queen's Jubilee Trophy.



**Friday 11th August 2017. Match v Lady Captains of Kent Golf Clubs.**

Once again we hosted this annual match at West Kent Golf Club and competed as mixed pairs, one team selected to represent the men and one for the ladies. We played American greensomes & points were aggregated to establish the winning team. Another fine day and most of us had a very enjoyable day, enjoying the course the company and hospitality. Our thanks to the ladies and to our match organiser Harry Wanless who this year took on the task, so ably done previously since its inception by Ian Dunlop . The mens team scored 446 points versus the Ladies 362. As is customary some individual prizes were presented as follows.



1st. Robin Fullager & Christine Farley (mens team)  
42 pts. Photo left.



2nd. Steve Poole & Trisha Cheeseworth (mens team)  
39 pts. photo right



3rd. Mike Stephens & Julie Flanders (mens team)  
36 pts. photo left



4th. Terry Ralph & Susan Phillips (mens team)  
35 pts (countback) Photo R.

others on 35 pts. Brian Gallagher & Jackie Poole & William Albery & Judie Smith.

2017 Bench Presentation at Faversham Golf Club. 30th July.

Over 50 guests attendend this years bench presentation to Faversham Golf Club to mark the Society Captaincy of William Albery. Past presidents, committee members and their partners were all in attendance to witness Society President, Reg Taylor, present a bench on behalf of hour Society to Faversham President Jeff Last. The occasion was also graced by the attendance of 7 Faversham Past Captains in addition to William Albery our 50th Captain.



2017 Bench Presentation at Faversham.



Photos:

President Reg with Captains wife Helen  
President Reg with Sandra Last wife of Faversham President Jeff.



Jeff Last addresses the throng

Faversham Past Captains



Helen Albery & The Captain

President Reg, The Captain, President Jeff Last.







### 2018 Spring Tour.

Photo Alamos Golf.

The Captain has announced that the 2018 Spring Tour will be to Portugal.

The Tour will commence on the 18th April for 7 days and will have an option to extend the stay to 10 days. We will be staying at the 4 star Vila Gale Hotel, Lagos, in the Algarve.

Two games of golf have been arranged at the now revamped 'Palmares' Golf Club. This course has been totally transformed by the American course designer Robert Trent Jones Jr.

Two games will also be played at another of the newer courses, namely 'Alamos'. The Alamos Golf Course is one of the newer courses to open in the Algarve, located just north of Portimao the 18 hole course is laid out as a neighbour to its sister course the Morgado Golf Course. The fairways meander through a 980 hectare estate with small valleys.

Transfers to both courses are included. Palmares is 15 minutes away while Alamos will take about 35 minutes.

Golf Buggies are included as are the services of Caddie Express who will take our clubs and cases to the hotel for us.

An 'all inclusive' hotel package has been arranged and will also cover the two drinks receptions. Full details are available from the Secretary upon request. Please act promptly since numbers are limited and it is expected that this tour will be over-subscribed very quickly.

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