



Fine Art Golfing Society 2021 Calendar

15 December 2020

I have just finalised the 2021 programme for the society. I've packed the calendar with events throughout the year on the assumption that we can expect some disruption. I've also started us earlier than usual as it looks like golf will still be the best way to socialise well into next year.

The events are a mix of 18 and 36 holes, we will play 36 at The Berkshire, Worplesdon and Swinley Forest. We will play all of the 3 Ws in Surrey: Worplesdon, West Hill and Woking in a single year. At West Hill we will try a new format for the day and meet at 11 for a communal brunch and play from 12.

Some thoughtless friends have arranged an Italian wedding to clash with Swinley Forest so I have moved that date into August, rest assured that we will be back in mid-July in 2022. All events are shown in the online calendar and many can be booked or bought right now. Naturally, everything is subject to change.

- March, Wed 10 Hankley Common (18)
- April, Wed 14 Ashridge (18)
- May, Thur 13 The Berkshire (36)
- June, Tue 15 Moor Park (18)
- July, Wed 21 Worplesdon (36)
- August, Thur 26 Swinley Forest (36)
- September, Thur 30 West Hill (18)
- October, 4-6 Scotland Tour
- December, Tue 7 Woking (18)

Scotland trip

The trip to Scotland will run from Monday 4th until Wednesday 6th October and we will be based at The Marine Hotel in North Berwick for two nights. John Dixon of Georgian Antiques in Leith, also LAPADA board member, has greatly assisted with the organisation and by calling in favours has helped in keeping the costs down. The trip will include...

- 2 nights B&B accommodation in a **Seaview room** at the newly renovated Marine Hotel
 - <https://marine-hotel.co.uk/>
- Dinner in a private dining room at The Marine Hotel on Monday 4th Oct
- Match at The Renaissance Golf Club, home of The Scottish Open, Tuesday 5th Oct
 - <https://trcaa.com/>
- Dinner at the historic New Club in the shadow of Edinburgh Castle, Tuesday 5th Oct
 - <https://www.newclub.co.uk/>
- Match against Scottish Art Dealers at Dunbar Golf Club, Wednesday 6th Oct
 - <http://www.dunbargolfclub.com/>

The trip is limited to 12 players and the cost will be £745 and includes all meals. Please let me know if you would like to join us, if necessary Eric and I will organise a draw for places. If each item was

booked without local assistance this trip would cost close to £1000, John Dixon has played a blinder for us in helping to put a great itinerary together at greatly reduced cost.

Additionally I have organised a match in the north of England early on Monday 4th Oct for those driving up to Scotland. David Brindley, FAGS member based in the Peak District, has arranged game for us at Cavendish Golf Club "The course that inspired Augusta". We would stay in The Palace Hotel in Buxton on the way north on Sunday 3rd October. <https://www.cavendishgolfclub.com/>

A few of us will travel on to St Andrews for a couple of extra day's golf, staying Wednesday and Thursday night at the Hotel du Vin and hoping to play the Eden and Jubilee courses with Philip de Bay who regularly plays in St Andrews.

Please let me know if you would like to join us on the Scotland trip and please also advise whether you are interested in the Peak District and/or St Andrews extensions.

2021 Subscriptions

Subscriptions for 2021 are now due, the monies are necessary to run the society, buy prizes and pay deposits etc.

I've held the price at £25 but as an incentive for you to respond immediately to this appeal I will offer a free FAGS towel to the first 40 to renew their subscriptions.

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Sponsorship

Ours is a prestigious society playing prestigious courses, some of which come with matching price tags. I am keen to invite members to sponsor events to help keep the costs down. Several members have generously offered additional financial support in 2021, I'd like to thank them here publicly and appeal to any other benefactors willing to support us.

Thank you to the following members all of whom have offered to support the society...

David Brindley, Robert Frew, Berdia Qamarauli, Eric Bryan, Gavin Graham, Sam Loxton

A few words from new Captain Andrew Jobson...

"Dear Members

I am truly honoured and pleased to be your Captain for 2021. I would like to thank the past Captain, Robert Frew, for guiding us through the difficulties of this last year and we all thank him for generously adapting to picking up the bar tab instead of wine at lunch. This past year has been difficult for so many and golf has been one of the few pleasant respites from lockdown.

We are very lucky indeed to have such an energetic and creative Secretariat; Simon and Eric have put together a delicious fixture list for next year, including two new courses at Hankley Common and West Hill and an exciting trip to Scotland in the autumn. For the first time we will be playing Surrey's three 'W's and my Captain's Day will be at my home club of Worplesdon. I hope, Robert, that you will win... for graciously allowing me to pip you at the post on your Captain's Day.

There can't be many societies that can boast such a prestigious fixture calendar or so many silver trophies. However we can't take the future of FAGS for granted. Simon tells me we only had 33 members play at our meetings this year which is down from around 50 in a normal year. Maybe we can blame Covid for some not being able to attend. Of the 33 members playing this year 5 were new members which is encouraging. However, in order to keep access to these wonderful courses at prime times of the year, we need to maintain healthy numbers at each meeting. Therefore as an antidote to the gloominess of 2020, I encourage you to dust off your clubs and come to as many fixtures as you can, hopefully bringing a guest and even better, someone who may be interested in becoming a member. Please discuss potential introductions with Simon or Eric.

May I wish you all a peaceful and safe Christmas and New Year and many happy FAGS golfing days in 2021."

And so say all of us!

Simon