

[From the Captain, Mike Wilson](#)

I am looking forward to the privilege of being Club Captain this year. I do so in the knowledge that the Club is in good shape in so many ways: the course is in beautiful condition in spite of adverse weather; our membership is very supportive of the club; our finances are holding up very well in these recessionary times, and the new Club House feels increasingly like home. These things have been achieved partly through the excellent and obvious efforts of Miles Skehan our Green Keeper and Ian Henley the Club Manager. But there is also a group of often nameless and unsung volunteers who have made (and continue to make) a tremendous contribution to the success of the club over the years. An important part of my job in the coming year is to support these individuals and groups by reflecting to them, the views of the playing membership. It is important therefore not to hesitate in letting me know your views on any aspect of the Club and its activities.

On a more personal note, I intend to see as many other 'quality' 9-hole golf courses as I can during the coming Summer. One or two of these claim to be the best or among the best in the country. I will take a look and report back!

[From the Lady Captain's Team \(Pat, Betty, Aileen and Margaret\)](#)

Welcome to a new year of golfing, the course is in great condition and a pleasure to play on. We welcome 2 new lady members, Karen and Mary and possibly a third in the near future. We still meet up every Thursday morning at 9.30, so please come along if you would like to play 9 holes and have a coffee and a chat afterwards. There is always someone at the clubhouse on a Saturday morning, with bacon butties if required and always someone there to have a game of golf with or just a chat, if you have any questions I'm sure we can find the answers for you. The Ladies are having a get together on Monday the 6th of May at 10.00, we will play 9 holes of golf and have lunch in the clubhouse, if you could all bring some food or drink along that would be very welcome, one of the reason for the get together, is so that you can put forward any ideas of how you think we could improve how we do things, or if you have any new ideas. look forward to seeing you on the course.

The Ladies team wishes to place on record their thanks to the greenkeepetr, Miles Skehan not only for his excellent greenkeeping but also for his co-operation and approachability.

[From the Manager](#)

[Annual General Meeting](#)

Our AGM will take place on Tuesday 14th May at 8 pm at the Clubhouse. The agenda includes the submission and approval of the accounts for the year, reports from the Captains, Handicap Secretary, Manager and Greenkeeper, the ratification of the election of the Club Officers and the election of the Club Committee. The AGM is, of course, open to all members.

[Membership Renewals.](#)

There are still quite a number of members who have yet to renew. Unfortunately, a number of members have indicated that they will not be renewing this year; the main reason being infrequency of playing golf. To all those of you who have yet to renew – please do so; your membership is highly valued. Special rates to accommodate special circumstances can be

negotiated.

Course Furniture

So far this year, we have renewed our flags and poles, added ball washers and bins and we will shortly add a replacement practice net. The clubhouse exterior has been repainted by an enthusiastic band of volunteers. A cupboard has been added to the clubroom, courtesy of Ian Warriner. Betty has cleaned the windows and we have a team of cleaners although more volunteers to join the cleaning team would be welcome. We intend to extend the patio slightly and level the parking area alongside. We also intend to tidy up the area behind the clubhouse and maintain the very attractive garden areas at its sides.

We would like to do more. However, further enhancements depend upon the generation of additional funds. Last year the atrocious weather resulted in a significant decrease in green fees. We hope that this year the weather will be much kinder and enable us to meet if not surpass our budget targets.

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