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April 2023 Newsletter.

To all the 153 Members and guests who attended the Annual Dinner at Chesterfield in March we would like to thank you. The feedback we have received from those attending has been excellent and leads us to believe this was one of the best Annual Dinners for some years.



Graham Gooch as the main Guest Speaker was excellent and kept the audience well entertained with his many humorous stories.

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## President's Platform:



Welcome all to our 2023 golfing season.

Thank you to the members who attended the society dinner at Chesterfield F C stadium a hugely successful evening our guest speakers, J A Draper (Tony) President Manchester Captains and Graham Gooch OBE were on top form providing interesting entertainment.

The Society is moving from strength to strength in terms of communication and fixtures, offering a variety of venues for all members.

I encourage everyone to make full use of our new website which will keep everyone up to date with news and activities and a special thanks to our new secretary Mike Gaunt for his hard work developing this new program.

Our new Captain Alan Cunningham and I look forward to seeing you all very soon.

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It is now a month since the AGM when I took over as Secretary from Peter McGrath and Narinder Chopra took over the Treasurer's role from Martin Eyre. The Executive Committee would like to thank both Peter and Martin for their excellent work and wish Peter all the best for his year as President of Derbyshire Golf. We welcome our new Captain, Alan Cunningham and the new Vice Captain Ken Holland. Tony Davis and Colin Barnard were also elected to the Executive Committee.

We expect to be in a position to circulate the accounts for 2022 shortly.

The executive committee has decided they wish to improve communications with all the Derbyshire Past Captains and as such we will be making several changes to the ways in which you, as members, can find out more easily what activity is taking place.

The first change you will notice is our new website, still at the same URL. Location: [www.derbyshiregolfcaptains.co.uk](http://www.derbyshiregolfcaptains.co.uk)

The new website is much more up to date in design, and we hope you will find it more useful than its predecessor. Please bear with us in the short term as the new website is still 'work in progress' and still requires some further work, especially on the information pages.

Please feel free to email me with any thoughts you may have to help us make this a website that every member finds useful.

If anyone has information, they feel should be circulated to Members please let us know and we will do our best to communicate it to everyone via the website.

Please look at the future events on the website, we have some excellent fixtures against other Counties, at some great Golf Courses, and we are eager for as many members as possible to play in these matches. We also have details of all the Trophy events with dates for this year. For all those new members, or members that have not been actively involved with our events for some time, we can promise that you will be looked after and always made extremely welcome. Our first fixture of the season is against Shropshire and Hereford Captains at Mickleover on May 2<sup>nd</sup> and you will find the report on this match soon after both on the website and in the next newsletter.

If you haven't already put your name down for any of the upcoming matches please do as we would love to see you.

Please note that for most of the matches we require 16 players and for the Inter Counties match we need up to 25 players

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### **Captain's Corner:**

A huge welcome to all Ex Captains, and to this year's Captain's from Derbyshire Clubs.



I'm excited to be elected as your Captain and hope our new website and forthcoming fixtures are to your liking.

We have 3 Trophy events, 8 matches against other counties and 5 further events. All these can be seen on the website. Please make your availability known to our new secretary, Mike Gaunt for these fixtures.

My chosen charity this year will be "Stroke". As most of you are aware our Past Captain and Secretary Graham Naylor was badly affected by a serious one, hence my decision.



Happy golfing in 2023

Your Captain: Alan Cunningham.

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Our plan is to provide you with this kind of newsletter each month with the latest information about our matches and events. These will be available in the News section of the new website and available for downloading.



WhatsApp chat feature: We have included a chat facility on the website, this is the green symbol at the side of the web pages, next to the purple contact us tab (you can remove these by clicking the black arrow as required.) Clicking the WhatsApp button will take you to a page on WhatsApp and allow you to message anyone in the Society, who has signed into WhatsApp. One use of chat is asking for a playing partner for an event. (Using WhatsApp is optional)

Assistant Secretary: We still have a vacancy on the committee for an assistant secretary, this is not a major task within the society and will not involve a great deal of time commitment. If anyone is interested to learn more about this position, please do get in touch.

Here's hoping for better golfing weather for the month of May.

Mike Gaunt  
Hon. Secretary.