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## August 2023 Newsletter.

August did not deliver the weather we had hoped for.

Our first scheduled event, President's Day at Buxton & High Peak GC on August 3<sup>rd</sup> had to be postponed due to heavy rainfall earlier in the week. We managed to re-arrange to a date later in the month.

August 14<sup>th</sup> saw us host the 3 Counties match at Burton on Trent Golf club, between ourselves, Leicestershire & Rutland and Cambridgeshire.

We then heard the very sad news on August 15<sup>th</sup> of the sudden death of Ian Glover (Past Captain of Burton on Trent GC and Derbyshire) Ian had played for us at Burton the previous day.



### Obituary:

**Ian Glover. (1961-2023) Ian was Captain of Derbyshire (2004-2007) and Captain of Burton on Trent Golf Club (2019)**

**Ian's funeral is to be held at Bretby Crematorium  
September 5<sup>th</sup> at 2-15pm.**

Our condolences go to Ian's family and his friends at Burton on Trent GC.

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### Match v Derbyshire Lady Captains.

Our Annual match against Derbyshire Lady Captain's was held at Erewash Valley Golf Club on Thursday August 23<sup>rd</sup>.

16 players from each side competed in this Matchplay competition and despite giving an average of 3 courtesy shots to each of the Lady Captains, we ran out winners by 4½ to 3½ retaining the trophy for a second year.

An enjoyable day was had by all.

### **3 Counties match:**



August 14<sup>th</sup> saw us host the 3 Counties match between ourselves, Leicestershire & Rutland and Cambridgeshire. Burton on Trent GC was the venue and 48 players took part (16 each side) and this individual Stableford event was competing for the 'Captain's Salver' held by Derbyshire for the past 12 months. After a very competitive series of matches, in tough conditions the eventual winners were Cambridgeshire with a total score of 363 from their top 10 players. Derbyshire were second with 348 points with Leicestershire & Rutland scoring 343 points.

This photograph shows Captain Alan preparing to Tee off with Paul Baxter from Leicestershire & Rutland (left) and Captain Stuart Watson from Cambridgeshire (blue sweater) together with our official 'Starter' Norman Harvey (Burton on Trent GC)



Vice-Captain Ken Holland (standing in for Captain Alan who was indisposed) presenting the 'Captains Salver' to winning Captain Stuart Watson from Cambridgeshire. Derbyshire were the previous holders of the trophy..

An indication of the difficult conditions at Burton was seen on the scorecards. Only one player managed to score par or better, that was our President Mike Whalley with 36 points. The average score for all players on the day was 26 points.

### **President's Day.**

August 17<sup>th</sup> was the revised date for President's Day. 39 players took part in this better ball Stableford event. The winners of the 'President's Salver' were Steve Leigh and Mick Bagguley with a total of 48 points. Second with 41 points were Gary Bagguley and Richard Mycock. Third with 40 points (won on countback) were Phil Godfrey and Ian Hopkins. Fourth, also with 40 points were Paul Longden and Andy Kernaghan.

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## President's Platform:

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Buxton and High Peak hosted Presidents Day on a sunny day in Buxton, a big thank you to all the members who supported the day and congratulations to the two locals who picked up the prizes and qualified for the end of season presentation at Radcliffe on Trent.

**A great deal of effort is being put into the organisation and structure of the society however we struggled a bit on players for our last two matches at Burton and Erewash, is there something we are missing? is there something we should be doing? if so let us know we welcome your comments and ideas.**

With a few events still to come I look forward to meeting with as many of you as possible.

Happy Golfing.

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## Our Patron Sir Richard FitzHerbert Bart.

We have created a link on our website to our Patron, Sir Richard FitzHerbert Bart's magnificent 'Tissington Hall'. This can be found under the links tab at the top of the website the second link being to Sir Richard's home.

Anyone visiting Tissington Hall is assured of a very warm welcome By Sir Richard and his staff.

[www.tissingtonhall.co.uk](http://www.tissingtonhall.co.uk)



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## Graham Naylor:



It has not been possible to see Graham as had been hoped in August, however I do expect to see him later this month. I will provide an update and hopefully a photograph or 2 once he and I have met.

In the meantime a reminder that the Just Giving page for the 'Stroke' charity we have set up can be found here:

[www.justgiving.com/page/alan-cunnigham1688124044021](http://www.justgiving.com/page/alan-cunnigham1688124044021)

Many thanks to those who have already given money to this appeal. I will be letting Graham know when I see him.

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### Important upcoming events:

1. September 6<sup>th</sup> Founders Trophy at Matlock GC. Thanks to all who answered our calls for more players.
2. September 18<sup>th</sup> Match v Worcestershire Captains at Chevin. We still require a few additional players. Please contact the Secretary if you would like to be considered for this match.
3. September 28<sup>th</sup> Captain v Vice Captain at Alfreton GC. Please let the secretary know if you would like to play in this match.
4. October 5<sup>th</sup> Millenium Trophy at Horsley Lodge GC. Entry can be made on the website or contact the secretary if you would like to play.
5. October 10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup>. St Mellion Captains Challenge. (The Captain has already picked the team for this match.)
6. October 20<sup>th</sup>. End of Season Presentation at Ratcliffe on Trent GC. Entries can be made via the website or by contacting the secretary directly.

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

Gentlemen

Looking forward to the next fixtures, Matlock on Wednesday, Match v Worcestershire at Chevin, Captain v Vice Captain at Alfreton, and the Millenium Trophy at Horsley Lodge. The weather looks good for us and not before time! Thanks for your participation this year. I know we all have ailments that affect our performances, in comparison to previous years, but accept it and continue to walk the fairways, we need to keep ourselves involved.

Your Captain



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**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. What we are looking for is someone to take charge of sales of merchandise and assist with the updating of the website (training provided). If anyone is interested to learn more about this position, please do get in touch.**

Here's hoping the that as we are now officially into the Autumn season we can look forward to some warmer weather and glorious sunshine.

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