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July 2025 Newsletter.

For those wishing to be up to date with our fixtures for the rest of 2025 here they are:
All can be found on our website.

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August 8th 3 Counties match at Melton Mowbray GC
August 11th President's Day at Chesterfield Golf Club.
August 19th Match v Worcestershire Captains at Cavendish GC
September 1st Match v Derbyshire Lady Captains at Chevin GC
September 9th Match v Norfolk Captains at Burton on Trent GC
September 25th Founders Trophy at Micklegate GC
October 6th-9th Captains Challenge at St Mellion Cornwall.
October 14th Millennium Trophy at Rufford Park GC.

It would be very helpful, if you are interested in playing in a match or competition, that you advise the Secretary as early as possible. We have had a good response to the events so far this year although on occasions it has taken a 'reminder' email to get the numbers required. Simply advise the Secretary of your wish to be included, this is not a commitment but does give an indication of numbers for each event, you will then be asked to confirm your intention to play and to make payment for the event.

Society Lottery.

The first Lottery Draw will take place on Friday 29th August. We will tell you where and at what time the draw will take place nearer to the day. The tickets are limited to 90 with balls numbered 1-90 being put into the draw. There is still time to select your favourite number for the draw, simply contact the Secretary and select your number from those remaining unsold. Tickets cost £10 with 50% of the value of tickets sold being paid to the winning ticket, the remaining 50% going towards Society functions/charitable donations. **These funds will also enable us to continue our support of Graham Naylor in providing him with Sky Sports in his care home room. Something I know he really enjoys.**

Captain's words:

Dear Member,
July passed quietly with Scottie Sheffler decimating the field at Royal Portrush.
There were 2 society fixtures during the month of July. The first was against Warwickshire at a very friendly Kenilworth Golf Club, which is well worth a visit. We won 4 ½ to 3 ½.
The second fixture was the Captains team against the Vice-Captains team. I am pleased to say I selected an unbeatable team which won 3-2
The overall turnout was low but I have to pay tribute to Matlock GC who allowed us use of the course and provided us with 7 former Matlock captains. Well done Matlock GC.

During my victory speech at Matlock I noted the disappointing turnout and did call for members to break from their usual club routines and take advantage of playing other courses. It just takes one member in each club to chivvy other past captains to have a day out at a different course at great value.

By the time you have read this we will have played Leicestershire & Rutland and Cambridgeshire in a 3 cornered fixture at Melton Mowbray GC. Will we continue with our unbeaten record?

On Monday there will be the annual President's Day fixture, to be played at Chesterfield GC. There is a record 62 members playing, from 20 different Golf Clubs, another record for recent times. I know that our president, Derek Northin, will put this down to his animal magnetism but we all know differently. Perhaps it is because of the fact that we will be playing Chesterfield golf course or the significant prizes in prospect. It promises to be a great day.

Also make a date in your diaries for 19th August for our home fixture against Worcestershire at Buxton Cavendish. We would like to receive notice of your availability as soon as possible. We will shortly be coming to the back end of the season so opportunities for you will be limited.

While this year's fixtures are playing out, I would remind you that there is a substantial work going on behind the scenes, booking matches with other Counties, members competitions for 2026, annual dinner and various admin matters. I am sure that the Society will move on strongly next year with your support.

Bye for now

Richard
Captain

Survey results:

You will all have received the results of the 2 surveys carried out last month. The results were extremely interesting, and we thank everyone who took part and for the additional feedback given by some. The Executive Committee will be discussing the results in fine detail at the next committee meeting on August 21st and will provide you with their decisions or proposals after this meeting.

Match reports.

Match v Warwickshire Captains:



Kenilworth Golf Club was the venue for the match against Warwickshire Golf Captains on July 9th. On another sunny summer day on an excellent but slightly parched course, the team representing Derbyshire ran out winners with a score of 4 ½ to 3 ½.

The photo shows Captain Richard on the first tee with his partner (far left) Richard Wheeldon, their playing partners were Ron Saywell (second right) Captain of Warwickshire Captains and his playing partner (Second left) Nick Coleman 2025 Captain of Kenilworth Golf Club.

Captain v Vice Captain.

The Annual Captain v Vice Captain match took place at Matlock Golf Club on July 23rd. Although a limited number of players took part the day was again sunny and bright and the Matlock course was in excellent condition, benefitting from some rain a few days before the match. In a match played in excellent spirit the captain's team ran out winners, defeating the Vice Captain's team 3 matches to 2. The photo shows Vice Captain Bill Hibbert presenting the trophy to Captain Richard Smith.



President's Epistle

Gentlemen

It's nice to be able to start with some really good news. Our Secretary Mike tells me that we have had over 90 different players booked in for our fixtures so far this year. It's a surprisingly high number, so thank you to everyone who has supported the Society Events so far this year. It really does make it worthwhile for all the hard work and effort that particularly, our Secretary, but also Captain, Treasurer and Executive Committee do.

Now for the flipside, we had a Captain's Team Versus Vice Captain's Team Match at Matlock Golf Club with a disappointing entry, only 10 per side, and for a course in such superb condition. Perhaps we need to sprinkle a little stardust and change the format for this event for future years.

I'm looking forward to seeing you all at my President's Day at Chesterfield Golf Club on Monday 11th August. It looks like the weather could be blistering!
Derek Northin.

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Events are listed on the scrolling screen and in the events section below the home page screen.

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