



## Happy Birthday

Joyce Jarrett, a long-standing member of our club for over 60 years reached her 100th birthday on Friday 19 January 2024. Joyce became a 'life member' of the club having played a very active part over many years. She has been Lady Captain, Lady President, Junior Organiser and represented us in matches with other clubs and at county level. We did send Joyce a card to mark this significant milestone and wished her well for the future.



## Christmas lunches feedback



Many thanks to all those who celebrated the festive season with us as playing groups, families, individuals, and guests. We enjoyed very positive feedback and as the restaurant has not been used as much as in previous years, it was nice to see some growth towards getting back to much needed normality. The bar and restaurant facilities are yours to come and enjoy, so please do so. Camaraderie amongst members is so important, so please support your club. If you would like to book the restaurant for your special occasion, just contact Oli our catering manager who will be please to attend to your arrangements.

## Presentation evening

The presentation evening was a great success, and the excellent food was enjoyed by all who attended, many thanks to Chef Ed for that and Lynne Stone who kindly took all the photographs of winners receiving their trophies. All of the images are now on Facebook at this link [\(20+\) Facebook](#) or on Pixieset via this link [LHGC prize presentations 2023-24 \(pixieset.com\)](#). The images can be downloaded for free from both sites.

## Race Night Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February.

Place your £1 bets on your favourite horses at this fun event, the only "Dead Cert" is that you will enjoy a fun time. There will be 8 runners in each of 8 races shown on a large screen via digital projector. This is a Captains' charity event, so it is cash only please. You can sign up to be a **Jockey, a Trainer, or an Owner** for just £2 prior to the event by asking at the bar, where you can also sponsor a race for just £10. Follow this link to see images of previous race nights [Race night by jfy imaging \(pixieset.com\)](#)



## Social Callender. Dates for your Diary

- Spring Ball Saturday 16 March. This is a dinner dance with entertainment by Jamie Flanagan in the style of Michael Bublé.
- Captains Drive – Saturday 30th March
- Quiz Night – Friday 12th April. This is a Captains charity event.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> May Entertainment night with Billy Shannon from **Showaddywaddy**
- Lady Captains Day – Tuesday 11th June.
- Captains weekend – Saturday 29th June.
- Presidents Day – Sunday 28th July.
- Lady presidents Day – Tuesday 3rd September.

## Junior Organiser

The club's Junior Organiser, Geoff Sellars, is standing down after 4 years in the role. On behalf of the many junior members and their families that Geoff has supported during this time, the Board would like to thank him for his hard work and commitment to the role.

We are now looking for a new Junior Organiser to carry on this important work. Anyone interested in the position, or in finding out more about it, should contact the Club Secretary, David Martin in the first instance. Follow the link for last year's Junior competitions [Lilleshall Junior Competitions –](#)

## Keeping you informed!

Apologies for the repetition but we do routinely send whole-membership emails and we do urge those who have not read them to now do so. The Chairman's Letter, for example, can be read [Sent Emails \(intelligentgolf.co.uk\)](#) We continue to be thwarted by dreadful weather but our Course Director, Chris Cann, does provide regular updates on greenkeeping activity, and what we are trying to do to alleviate our drainage problems, examples [course update 20 January 2024 \(final version\).pdf \(intelligentgolf.co.uk\)](#) If you are not receiving membership emails, it may well be because you do not have your member contact preferences in IG set up correctly, in which case phone our Secretary, David, and he can talk you through this to ensure you do receive announcements and updates.

## A Little piece of History

This cutting was found by Maggie Pillips, a member of the Newport History society, in an album belonging to Mr Ford who is seen operating the plunger to dynamite some of the trees to make the back 9.

**Blasts A 9-Holes Course Through Forest**

**T**WENTY thousand giants of an ancient forest, surrounding Lilleshall Hall, Shropshire, former home of the Dukes of Sutherland, are being blasted with gelignite to clear the fairways for an extension of a golf course.

Each of the nine holes to be built in the wood will have cost more than £1,000 when the full course is opened next autumn. The present nine-holes course is an open park land.

**When the trees are blasted, logs fly as far as five hundred yards.** One log hurtled three hundred yards before it hit and killed a bolting rabbit. About five hundredweight of gelignite is used for each blast.

**JUST A NOVELTY**

The work is being financed by Mr. Herbert Ford, a Midland machinery magnate, who is the owner of Lilleshall Hall. He is building the additional nine holes in the forest simply because he feels that golf through a wood would be novel and fascinating.

**SEVERE TEST**

"It struck me that a most unusual form of golf would be provided," Mr. Ford told the *Sunday Dispatch*.

"It will require pretty accurate play, because a golfer who sliced his ball into the forest would find it practically impossible to get out.

"At any rate, it will be a severe test for language!

"They say a good golfer ignores scenery, but it would be an extraordinary man who would ignore the beauty of these glades that we have cut."

*Mrs. Ford pressed the plunger.*

*May 22<sup>nd</sup> 1938*

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