

Club Magazine

AUGUST 2018

Championship Weekend

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Why are the
Ladybirds
Semi
happy?



You make me proud to be your Captain

WELL, the hot weather stayed with us through the majority of the month of July.

So, once again a special thanks to Steve Mackie and his greenkeeping team for keeping our course in great condition, particularly as we held the Glazerite Trophy Pro and Pro-Am days.

I was fortunate to play in the Pro-Am on Friday and a thank you to John Hewitt for his sponsorship of this event, including the facility of the marquee and music entertainment on the evening.

Following the Glazerite, the Club Championship Weekend was upon us and I was very pleased, as I understand, to be the only golfer shooting under the course par 72 on that first day.

Sadly, I could not maintain the momentum for the second day, probably due to too many red wines the previous evening - haha!

Congratulations to everyone who took part (all the details of the winners are on page seven).

It was our first weekend where the Ladies played their final rounds of their Championship. And both the Ladies Captain and myself felt there was an extra buzz around the Club during the inauguration of the Ladies section.

Thank you to all involved in putting on a great Club Championship Weekend! Thank you to all who were able to attend my Captain's Away Weekend at Belton Woods. The Champion Player of the Weekend was Keith Curryer - congratulations to him.

Thank you to George Khaw (Vice Captain), Andy Foster and Richard Munns for their support and organisation during the weekend.

A special thank you to Nick Clancey (Past Captain) who assisted me in the preparation of this event. A very special thank you to all in attendance and for their contribution towards the thoughtful and generous gifts that were presented to me by George Khaw after the final day's presentations!

During the course of the weekend we raised £305 towards the Captain's Charities, thank you to Loz Weekes and Mike Gilbrook for your contribution in raising this money, it's greatly appreciated.

Belton Woods informed me that they have many societies visit them (third busiest venue for golf played all year round in the UK) but the feedback from the event staff was very positive as they complimented me on the behaviour and politeness of our members. I am truly honoured, proud and humble in my position of Captain of our Golf Club!

Our Captain and Pro Challenge, which started in June, is still ongoing and David and I look forward to competing with those who have entered.

The second Captain's Away Day on August 10th still has places available and details of which are advertised overleaf.

On Friday, August 17th we have our Captain's Charity Shield Day, which at the time of writing is being organised by our Vice Captain George Khaw, details of which are already published and advertised around the Course and the Clubhouse.

May I wish you all good golf throughout August and thank you all again for your continued support!

Club Captain,
Martin Wall



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Tap-Ins

CURRENT Wellingborough Vice Captain George Khaw announced on Martin Wall's Captain's Away Weekend that his Vice Captain Elect for 2019 will be David Hawkins.

CLUB Pro James Whittemore will continue to offer his new comprehensive coaching programme through to the Autumn and into the Winter. Contact the Club Shop for more details.

MIRIAM Johnson was crowned 2018 NGL County Intermediate Ladies Champion after finishing three shots clear of the chasing pack with a gross 84 at Kettering GC.

FELLOW Wellingborough members Ruth Bowe and June Smith both finished on the podium in the NGL Bronze Ladies Championship as they grabbed third in the net and gross comps respectively.

KEVIN Henman carded the joint fifth best gross score of 79 in the NGL County Seniors Championship at Northants County GC. Henman combined with Wellingborough club-mates Roger Butler and Mike Gilbrook to take the runners-up gross prize in the team event.

ALAN Bird, Michael Smart, Chris Reading and Richard Munns were the individual winners of the four Friday Evening competitions in July.

LOCAL knowledge helped in the latest 125th anniversary competition against near neighbours Oundle and Northampton as Club President Michael Billson won the 1893 Tri Club Challenge.

FORMER County President Roger Butler combined with Neil Brown to shoot the second best net score in the NGL Scratch Foursomes at Peterborough Milton GC.

MARTIN Cooke clinched first place in the sixth round of the Seniors Lonsdale as a tally of 39 points lifted him one clear of Roy Tomlin.

PAT Wilson fired a magnificent round of net 66 in the Ladies July Medal as she finished seven strokes clear of her closest rival.

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Happy to follow the wildlife

LADIES Captain Mary MacLaren said: "The theme for July and our Ladies Section has to be 'Ladybirds', closely followed by 'The Stag' - all will be revealed if you keep reading!

"Under the guidance of Captain Supreme Miriam Johnson, 'Ladybirds Rock' is very much in evidence with our Cecil Leitch team.

"Since providing little 'Ladybird' clips to all the team, the ladies have gone from strength to strength to reach the semi-finals, when all supporters are welcome.

"Getting to see the 'Guys n Dolls' performance proved to be a fun day/night out for the ladies as we went on our annual outing to Kilworth House.

"A delightful picnic was arranged via Chef (the best picnic yet Peter!) and Sheena organised our transport and tickets - 40 ladies attended and it was a fabulous show especially in the warm evening air. It's always a treat to go to Kilworth and I know the ladies look forward to this every year.

"Lady Captain's Day - what can I say! It was a very green day! And fantastic to see so many ladies getting in the spirit of the day; many thanks to Teena at the HWH for all her efforts in 'dressing up' the seating area for me; and it was even more memorable to have all my family there, including my mum.

"Thanks to Meghan for giving up her time by hosting a 'Beat the Pro' on the fourth hole and helping to raise some funds for our Charities.

"I must admit I nearly missed the deadline for this month's article as I was busy at my Lady Captain's Holiday and am only just back - but what a time we had as 36 ladies visited Forest of Arden for a couple of days and we had a blast.

"Although only playing the Championship course once, I got the feeling that everyone enjoyed the experience of this fabulous layout.

"There were a few hazards that you wouldn't normally see on the golf course, i.e. the Stag alongside many other deer (pictured above right) wandering across the putting green - we decided to let them have priority, naturally :)

"The hotel team looked after us extremely well and we also found a hidden talent in Josie Patrick and her guitar playing. Watch this space for future appearances.

"Congratulations to Miriam Johnson on taking the 'Fish Dish' as our overall winner. Thank you to all the Ladies (pictured below) for my stunning picture gift; I will treasure it."



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More club success for Davis and Gibbs

MARK Davis was crowned 2018 Men's Club Champion with a one stroke victory from Tiger Adams over 36 holes on Championship Weekend.

The former County Champion, pictured right with Club Captain Martin Wall, bagged five birdies in an opening round of 74 to sit joint first with Jon Harris, who carded 14 pars in his two-over-par total.

Although birdies proved more difficult for both leaders to find on day two, a run of seven consecutive pars from Davis at the start of the back nine in a second round 76 proved decisive.

With Harris dropping out of contention, teenager Adams emerged as the closest challenger thanks to an eagle on the 14th hole but he couldn't force a play-off after bogeying the last hole.

Leslie Hornby took the net plaudits on countback from Richard Munns after adding a magnificent net 69 to his opening 77.

Nick Sanders lifted the Charles Griffiths Bowl after winning the mid-handicap gross category by four from Craig Evans and Steve Coles.

Sitting in a tie for 11th after an opening score of 90, the 12-handicapper posted nine pars and two birdies in a brilliant second round of 80.

Gary Bishop (net 68) won the Rabbits Cup by a single shot from Mark Nesbitt as a gross par on the 18th hole edged him ahead home.

Carol Gibbs was crowned Ladies Club Champion for the eighth time as she held off the challenge of fellow County Scratch team members Ashleigh Critchley, Mary MacLaren and Ellie Darnell.

With the first round taking place earlier in the week, Critchley and MacLaren (both 82) took a one shot lead over Gibbs into the Saturday round, with Darnell a further stroke off the pace.

Two birdies in the first six holes moved Gibbs into the lead, something she didn't relinquish at any stage throughout the rest of her round as she finished one and two ahead of Critchley and MacLaren respectively.

Margaret Payne and Val Cooke, pictured below with Gibbs, lifted the Bronze gross and net titles with totals of 198 (gross) and 152 (net) respectively.





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National selection for Wellingborough pros

EUROPEAN Tour professionals Meghan MacLaren and Ryan Evans were both selected to represent Great Britain in the inaugural European Golf Team Championships at Gleneagles, Scotland on August 8th-12th.

MacLaren will be involved in the new historic mixed tournament that sees golfers from 15 countries compete for medals.

The Wellingborough pro, who is competing in the British Women's Open at the start of August, is paired with Michele Thomson and then Liam Johnston.

At a venue which will be hosting the 2019 Solheim Cup, MacLaren will be looking to impress European Team Captain Catriona Matthew, who is also in the field alongside Georgia Hall and four-time Major winner Dame Laura Davies.

Evans had the pleasure of competing in the US Open, prompting Club President Michael Billson (pictured below) to be interviewed live on BBC Radio Northampton, but results haven't gone so well in recent weeks with four successive missed cuts.

The 31-year-old has therefore reluctantly decided to pull out of the European Golf Team Championships so he can concentrate on trying to retain his Tour card with six successive events across the continent.

Ladies Club Captain, and Meghan's mum, Mary MacLaren echoed the thoughts of every club member when she stated: "How lucky we were, as a Club, to have two of our members selected to play in this inaugural event.

"We wish Ryan good luck in his pursuit of his Tour card, also good luck to Meghan at Gleneagles. Wellingborough Golf Club salutes you both!"





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Next generation get ready for Junior Open

HARROWDEN Hall will welcome some of the best young golfers in the region on Wednesday, August 15th when the club holds its Junior Open.

With the event also forming part of the NGL Junior Order of Merit, boys and girls from within Northamptonshire and outside the County will compete over 18 and nine holes.

Wellingborough members Ashleigh Critchley, Ellie Darnell, Jack Meakin and Olivia Barby were amongst a field of 55 youngsters taking part in the Junior Open at Overstone Park on July 26th.

Junior captain Darnell carded the lowest girls gross score of 75, while Barby (pictured right) served notice of her potential by finishing runner-up in the nine-hole event with a superb score of 25 points.

County Girls champion Critchley and eight-year-old Meakin were also in action in the Peterborough Milton Junior Open less than a week later.

Critchley compiled the best girls gross score of 76, while Meakin (pictured below) finished sixth in the nine-hole event after posting 25 points over the front nine.

With the competitions at Overstone and Milton boasting fields of over 50 boys and girls, please come and support the next generation of golfers playing in the Wellingborough Junior Open.



One step closer to 2018 County finals

WELLINGBOROUGH have enjoyed a proud record in NGL team events in recent years as the men, ladies and seniors have claimed the plaudits in many tournaments. This is how our teams got on in the latest round of fixtures in July.

JUNE
2 **NGL Hollingsworth Trophy - Group B**
Silverstone 1
Wellingborough 4

WELLINGBOROUGH'S men booked a semi-final meeting with Kettering B at Northampton GC on Sunday, August 5th (tee time 11:30am) after finishing first in Group B with three wins, and just one narrow loss away to Rushden, from their four matches.

Needing to avoid a heavy defeat at Silverstone in the last fixture to guarantee top spot, the side produced arguably their best performance of the season.

Mark Davis and Isaac Redding got the scoreboard ticking with a 5&4 success in the opening tie, before the hosts replied with a similarly comfortable win.

But that was the only negative for Wellingborough as Chris Howes and Jon Harris (pictured below) triumphed 7&6, Tiger Adams and Duncan Cornish came through 3&1, before Tim Veal and Martin Dalton capped a fantastic day on the closing hole.

If Wellingborough, who won the last of their four Hollingsworth titles in 2016, beat Kettering they will face Farthingstone in the final on August 11th after they defeated Staverton Park 4-1 in their semi-final at Harrowden Hall towards the end of July.



JULY
12

Ladies Cecil Leitch - Group B

Wellingborough 5
Northampton 2

THE Wellingborough ladies team kept their semi-final hopes alive with a controlled home victory against Northampton, who would have topped the group with a win.

Emma Maziak and Ida Jane Huggins helped the hosts seize control as they took the opening two games on the 17th hole.

Geraldine Morris and Helen Brownless replied, but it proved too little, too late for Northampton as the 'Ladybirds' (as the home side are affectionately known) took the plaudits.

Jackie Banks, Bina Shah and Valerie Cooke secured the vital points for Wellingborough, who still needed to beat Staverton Park by the same scoreline the following week to progress into the last four.

JULY
20

Wellingborough 5
Staverton Park 2

WELLINGBOROUGH (pictured below) qualified for the semi-finals in thrilling fashion.

With Staverton only needing to win three ties to secure top spot on points difference, the visitors got off to the ideal start as they took games one and two.

The hosts didn't panic as Liz Waine (3&2) and Liz Rees (3&1) levelled the match score, before Susan Sharp strolled in with a 6&4 victory under her belt.

Jackie Banks secured another Wellingborough point by winning the 18th hole against Sharon Jones, before Bina Shah confirmed a stunning team success by beating Tracy Lane on the last.

Wellingborough play Northants County on Tuesday, August 14th at Brampton Heath, while the other semi sees Oundle take on defending champions Whittlebury Park on the same day.



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Scratch League - Divison 1

Wellingborough 3½
Northampton 4½

HOPES of a successful defence of their Scratch League crown are as good as over for the men's team after a second home defeat of the year.

Despite two convincing wins from Duncan Cornish and Tiger Adams, a narrow victory for Jon Harris and a half from Dominic Holden, the hosts were outplayed by their unbeaten opponents.

With three away outings in their remaining four fixtures, attention must now switch to maintaining their top flight status for another year.



Intermediate League

Overstone Park 2½
Wellingborough 5½
at Kettering GC

THREE wins on the 18th hole from Richard Munns, Duncan Cornish and Tim Veal ensured Wellingborough bagged their first victory of the season.

Adam Perry (3&2) and Thomas Cheevers (5&3) were also successful, while Martin Dalton collected a half.



Kettering 4
Wellingborough 4
at Northampton GC

WELLINGBOROUGH needed to show all their battling qualities to maintain their unbeaten start to the campaign as they grabbed a share of the spoils with a strong finish.

Adam Perry was in top form in the second tie, but Kettering took games one, three and four, before big wins from Paul Redding and Tim Veal and two halves from Mike Gilbrook and Duncan Cornish meant the match finished all square.



Wellingborough 1½
Collingtree Park 6½
at Cold Ashby GC

THE battle between two of the unbeaten sides turned into a one-side contest as Collingtree stormed to their fourth successive victory.

With just three of the eight ties going the distance, Paul Hughes recorded Wellingborough's only win by taking the 18th hole, while Dean Smith grabbed a half point.

Wellingborough remain second in the table, but having played more matches than many of their rivals, they will need to rediscover their best form to grab a semi-final spot.



Handicap League - Group C

Wellingborough 12
Brampton Heath 3

AN opportunity to reach the semi-finals remains alive after Wellingborough defeated the leaders with a solid performance.

With the match evenly poised at three points apiece after two ties, the home side seized control, thanks to wins from Tom Houghton and Adam Perry (one hole) and Loz Weekes and Steve Coles (four holes).

A three-hole success for Ashley Connolly and David Hawkins made sure of the team win, before Carl Martin, pictured right, and Aaron Tebbutt extended the advantage by one in the last game.

Wellingborough still need to win both their remaining two home fixtures, and also get a result at Staverton Park on Sunday, August 5th to snatch top spot from Brampton.



Seniors matches go down to the wire

JULY
9 Seniors friendlies
Wellingborough 4½
Kibworth 3½

THE hosts were given a stiff test by the Leicestershire club before snatching victory from the jaws of defeats with a magnificent fightback.

Although Chris Dickens and Lou Everard collected a half in the second tie, defeats in games one, three and four left Wellingborough on the verge of a rare home reverse.

Edward Roderick and Peter Gannon (4&2) and Martin Cooke and Peter Davies (5&3) enjoyed two solid wins.

The other two points both came on the 18th hole as Kevin Henman and Richard Greenbank levelled the match score, before Andy Charter and Steve Hughes sealed victory.

JULY
12 Luffenham Heath 4½
Wellingborough 3½

FOUR days later the team were involved in another thrilling match as they lost by a single point away to Luffenham Heath.

In an incredibly tight contest when seven of the eight games reached the 18th hole, Wellingborough made a decent start as captain Graham Bayes (pictured) and David Wynn took the opening game, while the next game was halved.

Two more halves and a one-hole success for Steve Maycock and Peter Hooton moved the away side close to victory but one-hole defeats in the last two ties meant Luffenham grabbed the honours.

JULY
16 Wellingborough 4
Northants County 3

WELLINGBOROUGH'S players needed to show all their battling qualities on home turf against their local rivals as they secured another narrow victory.

County made the early running as they took the first two points, before Peter Gannon and Richard Briggs replied with a 3&1 success.

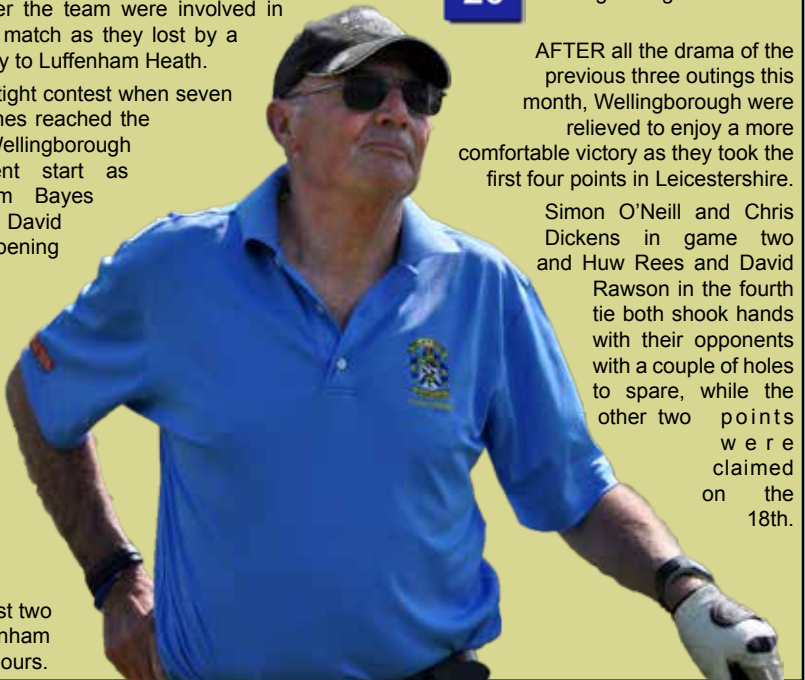
With Peter Hooton and Simon O'Neill (5&4) and Steve Maycock and Michael Billson (3&2) in control of the final two ties, the result came down to games four and five - both of which went the distance.

Edward Roderick and Lou Everard bagged a half to ensure Wellingborough took at least a draw, while Martin Cooke and Steve Hughes confirmed the team win by finishing all square in their game.

JULY
20 Scraftoft 2
Wellingborough 4

AFTER all the drama of the previous three outings this month, Wellingborough were relieved to enjoy a more comfortable victory as they took the first four points in Leicestershire.

Simon O'Neill and Chris Dickens in game two and Huw Rees and David Rawson in the fourth tie both shook hands with their opponents with a couple of holes to spare, while the other two points were claimed on the 18th.



JULY
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Seniors friendlies

Overstone 6
Wellingborough 2

WELLINGBOROUGH couldn't find their A game in Northamptonshire as only Graham Bayes and Richard Briggs (3&2) and Iain Campbell and Kevin Henman (2&1) scored for the visitors.

The final scoreline was probably a little harsh on the away side since Overstone won half of their points on the closing hole.

JULY
25

Wellingborough 5
Buckingham 3

THE team wasted little time in returning to winning ways as Wellingborough clinched five of the eight ties.

Most of the damage was done early on as the hosts grabbed the first two points on the 17th, before making it 3-0 when Richard Briggs and Gerald Bristow won the closing hole.

Although Buckingham responded with back-to-back points, a 3&2 success for Kevin Henman and Peter Gannon followed by a 2&1 win for Andy Charter and David Wynn meant a narrow home defeat in the final game made no difference.



JULY
26

Bedfordshire 5½
Wellingborough 2½

THREE matches in the space of four days proved too difficult a task for Wellingborough.

Peter Hooton and David Wynn picked up a point, Peter Gannon and Gerald Bristow grabbed an impressive 5&3 win, but a half for David Rawson and John Arnott, pictured above, in the last game was the only other time Wellingborough troubled the scorers.

Ladies stay unbeaten after victory over champions

JUNE
14

Ladies Scratch League League

Wellingborough 3
Whittlebury Park 0
at Northants County GC

WELLINGBOROUGH'S ladies made it two victories out of two matches this season with a convincing success against the reigning Scratch League champions.

Mary MacLaren (2&1) and County Ladies Champion Ellie Darnell, pictured right (4&3) were both in good touch to confirm the win.

County Girls Champion Ashleigh Critchley added an excellent 5&3 victory as the team moved level with Northants County at the top of the standings.

Wellingborough take on Overstone Park next at Whittlebury Park GC on Sunday, August 5th, before facing a potential winner-takes-all title decider against Northants County at Northampton GC in late September.



Members, guests and pros enjoy Wellingborough sunshine

TWO of Wellingborough's favourite annual outdoor summer events benefitted from glorious weather conditions this year as the Glazerite Trophy and Party in the Gardens were both hailed as successes once again.

Oakmere Park's Andrew Willey (pictured right with Club President Michael Billson) won the MPGA Glazerite Trophy in a play-off against Beedles Lake's Matthew Cort after both came in with the leading 36-hole total of 140.

Former Wellingborough pro Simon Lilly, who was the highest placed Northants player in the field in 17th spot, continued his good form into the Pro-Am the following day.

Lilly carded 70 to finish third in the individual, behind winner Daniel Whitby-Smith (Whittington Heat) and runner-up Morgan Jackson (The Welcombe), and second in the team competition behind Burton-on-Trent Pro Chris Rippon's side.

Just over a week later the club members and guests made the most of the superb weather as they were entertained by two bands in Party in the Gardens.



Club Captain Martin Wall and Ladies Captain Mary MacLaren said: "I hope you all enjoyed the musical choice of The Binks and of course the Take That tribute band, which was 'Take This'.

"The gardens for the day and evening were in fabulous condition and thank you to Don and Debbie for their care and attention.

"A special thank you to Peter Clark for supplying a trailer to us which, with the assistance of Steve Bailey and the Social Committee meant we were able to produce the stage for the event.

"Thank you also to Paul Sisman and his Grandson Charlie who worked tirelessly from the Friday morning through to the Monday morning clear-up."



Results

July Sunday Stableford (July 29th):

1 Colin Barnes (43 points), 2 Daniel McLaven (41), 3 Matthew Redding (40).

Friday Evening Golf (July 27th):

Winner: Alan Bird (19 points), runner-up: David Jackson (16).

Ladies Past Captain's Vase (July 26th):

Overall: Winner: Sue Sharp (42 points). Division 1: 1 Jackie Banks (40), 2 Jacqueline Mudd (36). 3 Lorna Winfield (34). Division 2: 1 Pauline Kendall (31), 2 Pat Wilson (30), 3 Margaret Payne (25). Division 4: 1 Janet Gower (22), 2 Doris Redden (22).

Ladies PING Fourball Betterball (July 24th):

1 Lema Townsend & Ida Huggins (42 points), 2 Ellie Darnell & Emma Maziak (41), 3 Mollie Graham & Gill Rivers (39).

July Medal (July 21st & 22nd):

Division 1: 1 Joe Giammalva (80 - 10 = net 70), 2 Adam Perry (81 - 10 = 71), 3 Harry Newman (78 - 5 = 73). Division 2: 1 Mike Davis (79 - 12 = 67), 2 Dean Howells (83 - 15 = 68), 3 Loz Weekes (83 - 14 = 69). Division 3: 1 Gerrard Tomkins (83 - 18 = 65), 2 Alun Rees (86 - 20 = 66), 3 Jamie Jones (85 - 18 = 67).

Friday Evening Golf (July 20th):

1 Michael Smart (20 points), 2 Kevin Parker (19), 3 David Jackson (17).

Past Captains Trophy (July 19th):

1 Tim Veal (40 points), 2 Ian Ferris (37), 3 Roger Mudd (36).

July Midweek Medal (July 19th):

1 Cliff Evans (88 - 21 = net 67), 2 Michael Smart (88 - 19 = 69), 3 Steve Crawley (81 - 10 = 71).

Seniors Hinckley Exchange Day (July 18th):

1 Kevin Henman & Iain Campbell (43 points), 2 Martin Cooke & Steve Hughes (42), 3 Gerald Bristow & Graham Bayes (42).

Ladies Nine-Hole July Stableford (July 17th):

1 Doris Redden (16 points), 2 Susan Keyes (16), 3 Ann Wooley (14).

Ladies July Medal (July 14th & 17th):

Silver Division: 1 Ashleigh Critchley (77 - 4 = net 73), 2 Susan Holland (93 - 19 = 74), 3 Ida Huggins (93 - 16 = 77). Bronze Division: 1 Pat Wilson (96 - 30 = 66), 2 Ruth Bowe (103 - 28 = 75), 3 Patricia Dawson (103 - 27 = 76).

Friday Evening Golf (July 13th):

1 Chris Reading (23 points), 2 Dave Connolly (22), 3 Mark Nesbitt (21).

July Midweek Stableford (July 12th):

1 Chris Hartley (43 points), 2 Mike Gilbrook (41), 3 Nigel Sargent (39).

Seniors Lonsdale 6 (July 11th):

1 Martin Cooke (39 points), 2 Roy Tomlin (38), 3 Graham Thompson (37).

Ladies Captain's Day (July 10th):

1 Val Cooke (41 points), 2 Emma Maziak (39), 3 Ellie Darnell (39).

Club Championship (July 7th & 8th):

Gross: 1 Mark Davis (74 & 76 = gross 150), 2 Tiger Adams (78 & 73 = 151), 3 Jon Harris (74 & 80 = 154). Net: 1 Leslie Hornby (77 & 69 = net 146), 2 Richard Munns (75 & 71 = 146), 3 Adams (76 & 71 = 147).

Charles Griffiths Bowl (July 7th & 8th):

1 Nick Sanders (90 + 80 = gross 170), 2 Craig Evans (92 + 82 = 174), 3 Steve Coles (87 + 87 = 174).

Rabbits Cup (July 8th):

1 Gary Bishop (93 - 25 = net 68), 2 Mark Nesbitt (93 - 24 = 69), 3 Mick Matthews (94 - 24 = 70).

Ladies Championship (July 3rd & 8th):

Gross: Winner: Carol Gibbs (83 + 78 = gross 161), runner-up: Ashleigh Critchley (82 + 80 = 162). Division 1: 1 Mary MacLaren (82 + 81 = 163), 2 Ellie Darnell (84 + 83 = 167), 3 Frances Woods (91 + 91 = 182). Division 2: 1 Margaret Payne (101 + 97 = 198), 2 Pat Briggs (101 + 105 = 206), 3 Susan Sharp (99 + 107 = 206).

Friday Evening Golf (July 6th):

1 Richard Munns (18 points), 2 Steven Munns (16), 3 Alun Rees (16).

Ladies Wells Cup (July 3rd):

1 Janet Haynes (35 points), 2 Margaret Pateman (35), 3 Judith Tann (34).

Friday Evening Golf (June 29th):

1 Glenn Harris (21 points), 2 Alan Price (21), 3 Stephen Roche (19).

2018 Order of Merit

	Player	Points	Comps
1	Steven Hammond	450	8
2	Chris Dicks	418	8
3	Matthew Redding	392	8
4	Loz Weekes (pictured)	374	8
5	Alun Rees	367	8
6	Paul Leeson	335	8
7	Paul Albery	335	7
8	Martin Noons	310	8
9	Joe Giammalva	305	8
10	Adam Perry	304	8

	Competition	Result/Date
1	Courage Cup (2017)	Winner - Loz Weekes
2	March Medal	Not Played
3	April Medal	Winner - Dan Barker
4	Miller Cup	Winner - Graham Flawn
5	Handley Cup	Winner - Paul Leeson
6	May Medal	Winner - Tim Coleman
7	VE Cup	Winner - Andy Sanders
8	Centenary Medal	Winner - Adam Perry
9	July Medal	Winner - Gerrard Tomkins
10	August Medal	August 18th-19th
11	September Medal	September 1st-2nd
12	George Cup	September 15th-16th
13	October Medal	October 6th-7th
14	Courage Cup	October 21st

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The Don: A passion for plants, gardening and greenhouses

WITH Wellingborough Golf Club celebrating its 125th anniversary in 2018, member David Wilson investigates all the significant changes that have occurred at the Club. In the latest article, he looks at Don Russo - the man who has made Harrowden Hall's gardens the envy of many for a quarter of a century.

VISITORS never fail to compliment us on the 'glory of the garden' as they sit comfortably on the terrace after a round and that is due in no small measure to gardener Don Russo's efforts.

Don left school to be a motor mechanic but felt unfulfilled, so he took on the gardens at Harrowden Hall and has never looked back.

"I can't wait to get out there at six in the morning and tend the flower beds and lawns," he says.

He loves his horticultural labours and the Golf Club recognises the magnificent work he does.

Over the years, Don has developed and improved the flower beds that were present when he arrived and has put in new ones, most recently the crescent bed in front of the entrance door.

But you cannot fail to notice the small touches that have appeared over the years.

This includes; the mini-knot bed to the right of the front door, the seating area between the entrance gates, the small beds round the bases of some of the great trees, the tropical garden in the secluded area between the Hall and the Chapel and, of course, the many beds in the walled garden.

Don works mainly alone but does have the assistance of Debbie who is meticulous over the care and maintenance of the beds.

In 2000, Don began a project with his newly-retired English teacher, David Wilson, to renovate the four ancient, Foster & Pearson teak-framed greenhouses in what used to be the kitchen garden.

The structures, installed in the early 1900's, had been allowed to deteriorate to such an extent that permission had been granted to demolish them.

But the restoration project would allow them to become useful, even profitable, again and would provide the Club with a fine-looking asset.

So both men gave their own time, several days a week during winter and summer.

They pressure washed the structures, removed all the hundreds of panes of glass, scrubbed each one individually by hand.

They returned them using modern mastic sealant, made good the wood, brick and metal work and finally oiled the timber frame, painted all the metal and planted up the interior.

The underground water collection and the heating systems were left as they were.

Over the next seven years, all four greenhouses, the large plant house, the small house, the lean-to and the small forcing house were restored.

It had been a labour of love and Don now had all the equipment needed to do his horticultural work for the club.

The project had cost the Club perhaps £1000 for glass and other materials and that is all!

The two men also planted the border of the reservoir with 100s of daffodils.

So now golfers can recite Wordsworth's famous lines about daffodils 'beside the lake, beneath the trees' as they pass.



August 2018 fixtures

Date	Start/End	Event (1st tee, unless stated)
Wed 1st	08:00-11:00	Seniors Lonsdale 7
Thu 2nd	09:30-10:00	Junior Ladies Cup
	15:00-15:45	B Team v Kibworth
Sat 4th	14:30-15:30	Handicap League v Daventry
Sun 5th	08:15-14:30	County 1st team v Suffolk
Mon 6th	From 13:15	Junior League at P'boro Milton
Tue 7th	10:00-13:00	Ladies Daily Mail Foursomes Qual
Wed 8th	07:45-11:00	Seniors' Veterans Cup
	12:30-13:00	Juniors Waples Plate
Thu 9th	From 08:00	Midweek Yellow Tee Stableford
Fri 10th	From 09:00	Captain's Away Day at Aspley Guise
	10:00-11:00	Seniors v John O'Gaunt
Sat 11th	09:30-10:00	Ladies Medal/Breakthrough Brooch
	12:00-13:00	Handicap League v Staverton
	14:00-15:00	A Team v The Leicestershire
Sun 12th	11:00-16:00	Mens Open (1st & 10th)
	From 14:00	Scratch at Northants County
Mon 13th	09:30-12:10	Seniors v Kirby Muxloe (1st & 10th)
Tue 14th	10:00-13:00	Ladies Medal/Breakthrough Brooch
Wed 15th	09:00-12:00	Junior Open
Thu 16th	09:30-12:10	Seniors v Scraftoft (1st & 10th)
Fri 17th	12:00-17:00	Captain's Charity Shield (1st & 10th)
Sat 18th	07:30-15:00	August Medal
Sun 19th	08:30-12:00	August Medal
	13:00-14:00	Mixed Match v Rushden
Mon 20th	10:00-13:00	Seniors Medal Championship
Tue 21st	09:00-09:30	Junior Vets Cup
	10:00-13:00	Ladies Stableford
Wed 22nd	08:00-10:00	Seniors Medal Championship
Thu 23rd	From 08:00	Midweek Medal - White tees
	11:00-12:00	Ladies v The Leicestershire
Fri 24th	11:00-11:30	Junior Club Championship
Sat 25th	13:00-14:00	B Team v Market Harborough
Sun 26th	08:00-12:30	Lee Dalton Trophy
Mon 27th	From 11:00	Mixed Competition
Tue 28th	10:00-12:30	Ladies Summer Trophy
Fri 31st	10:00-15:30	Ladies Autumn Open (1st & 10th)

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