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# Club Magazine

OCTOBER 2018

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# Entertaining day and evening with our Club President

WE are finally reaching the end of our summer, as we see our trees changing to their autumnal hues.

The initial tree project is almost complete and what a change it has made not only to the sky line, but around the fifth green. It looks almost 'Woburn-esque'.

I have played Harlestone and Kettering Golf Club's in the last week and both have 'placed on'. It will not be long before we will have winter rules in place.

We held our President's Day, and what a great turnout - I know Michael thoroughly enjoyed his day. The victors were Messrs Clansey, Henman, N Redding and Weekes.

The evening entertainment was performed by the Northampton Musical Theatre Company (pictured below) and was well received. Thank you Mr. President for giving us a fabulous day.

This month we have a Past Captain's v Captain's match followed by dining afterwards with an open invitation to your spouses/partners to join us.

For those wishing to play, it is on Sunday, October 14th. Tee times are booked from 8.30 to 9.30 from the first and ninth holes - subject to numbers. Please contact myself or Nick (Clansey) before October 7th.

Our quiz nights start again this month which is being held on the 19th, food as always is available beforehand. They make for a great start to the weekend.

The Social Committee is presently rehearsing for the Murder Mystery Evening on October 27th. Further details are on the website and I guarantee you there is going to be a MUUURDER!

A big thank you to all of our Wellingborough team for your hard work, it is much appreciated.

May I wish you good golf throughout October and thank you all again for your continued support.

Club Captain, Martin Wall





## Wellingborough Golf Club

### 125th Anniversary Birthday Bash

**Saturday, November 3rd**

**Two nine-hole shotgun starts at Wellingborough Golf Club over both nine's.  
All members are welcome.**

**Depending on the number of entries, there will be  
a 9.00am and a 12.00 noon starting option.**

**Food will be provided  
followed by a Fireworks Display at 4.30pm.**

## Tap-Ins

CLUB pro James Whittemore is looking to share some of the tips he collected from Pete Cowen (pictured front cover) with the Wellingborough members after meeting one of the world's top golf coaches at the 2018 Ryder Cup last month. Book your lesson with James by contacting the Club Shop.

**PLEASE don't forget to book your tickets for the in-house 'Murder Mystery Dinner' on Saturday, October 27th. See your Captain's Committee as you've never seen them before!**

KEITH Curryer beat Tiger Adams 2&1 to win the Watson Cup, while Matthew Redding lifted the Upchurch Cup after defeating Mark Davis on the 18th hole.

**IDA Jane Huggins narrowly missed out on a knockout treble after winning the Saxby Salvagers with David Hawkins and the Ladies Betterball Trophy with Lema Townsend, but losing on the 18th to Liz Waine in the Ladies Singles Handicap Cup.**

ANDREW Yearsley and Carl Martin beat Ed Billson and Michael Billson 2&1 in the Grey Jones Coffa TLWS Final.

**COLIN Armstrong carded rounds of 70 and 67 to clinch the George Cup by a single stroke from Chris Reading.**

THE Kevin Owen Golf Day takes place on Friday, October 12th in memory of our past captain. With money being raised for research into amyloidosis, there is a special rate for members of £140 for a team of four. To book your team, please email [kjowengolfdays@yahoo.com](mailto:kjowengolfdays@yahoo.com) or call 07834 490590.

**ASHLEY Connolly's birdie on the opening hole set the tone for victory in the September Medal as he secured top spot on countback from Tim Veal with a net 67.**

GERRARD Tomkins and Chris Dicks (40 points) did just enough to hold off the challenge of Paul Redding and Isaac Redding to win the Family Foursomes crown by two. Carl Leeson and Paul Leeson (36) finished third.

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# Swingers, Floosies, Marauders, Tipplers and more

LADIES Captain Mary MacLaren said: "With Ryder Cup fever in the air, we have just celebrated our Ladies Autumn Meeting in glorious sunshine.

"We had a great day as I tried to bring a bit of Ryder Cup nostalgia into the proceedings.

"So our dining room and Halfway House were decorated with 'stars & stripes' and 'European' flags.

"Come to think of it, those European flags might be worth a bit in a few years, if Brexit has anything to do with it!

"The tables at dinner were named after past Ryder Cup Captains. I was on 'Seve's Swingers' table, while other variations were 'Woosie's Floosies', 'McGinley's Marauders' and 'Torrance's Tipplers', to name a few.

"Sarah Groome was the big winner on the day, while Mary Phillips proudly took home the Granny Shield :)

"My inspiration for the prizes came from 'super-photographer' Janet and I would like to offer my huge thanks to her for allowing me to make use of her stunning pictures on this page.

"Also in the month, a group of about 20 ladies went to see Kinky Boots at the Derngate. Well, what can I say about this incredible show? it was AMAZING. Easily as good as anything I've seen in London for a long time.

"The cast were superb and I would highly recommend a visit to see this performance. At the finale, everyone was up singing and dancing in the aisles!

"Staying on the theme of putting on a show, our President, Mr. Billson, celebrated his big day at the start of the month and there was a terrific turnout from all the members.

"In the evening we had superb entertainment from the Northamptonshire Musical Theatre Company who sang a medley of 'Songs from the Shows'.

"They were fabulous and it was just a pity not more people were around to hear them - you missed out big time folks! Many thanks to Michael for putting on this event, it really was a special day.

"Thank you and happy golfing in October everyone."





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# Club members enjoy success at county level

MARK Davis added another title to his collection as the Wellingborough golfer won the NPGA Cantrell Cup by three shots in combination with former club pro Simon Lilly at Northampton GC.

In a 36-hole event that sees the top county pros join forces with the best county amateurs, the duo posted a bogey-free 65 in the morning betterball.

A strong start to their afternoon foursomes enabled Lilly and Davis, who won the County Championship in 2011, to move clear of the field on 135.

Glenn Harris and Ricky Sanders (pictured) won the NGL Seniors Pairs Open on their own course at Wellingborough after beating three pairs on countback with 41 points.

Fellow home club members Charlie Higgins and Martyn Amis took second spot ahead of club-mates Kevin Turner and Steve Crawley, who won the nearest the pin prize on the fourth hole.

With 40 golfers representing 11 different clubs taking part, Cold Ashby duo Dennis Mathers and Robin Coles had to be content with fourth place.

Wellingborough completed a gross and net double in the Ladies NGL Senior Championship as Carol Gibbs and Ida Jane Huggins grabbed the pole positions at Silverstone GC.

Gibbs needed a birdie on the 18th in a gross 80 to snatch a one shot victory from club-mate Mary MacLaren, with fellow member Gill Snelson fourth.

Huggins, who finished fifth in the gross, carded seven pars in a net 71 as she nudged one stroke ahead of two players in the net competition.



Youngsters Isaac Redding, Ashleigh Critchley, Jack Meakin and Olivia Barby will be competing in the 2018 NGL Junior Order of Merit Grand Final on Wednesday, October 24th at Northants County GC.

The Wellingborough quartet go head-to-head with the other 40 Grand Final qualifiers after superb displays in their respective Order of Merits in 2018.

Critchley, who played for Wellingborough's 2018 Ladies Scratch League winning team, clinched the Girls Gross 18-hole category, Meakin and Barby were successful in the Boys and Girls nine-hole divisions respectively, while Redding was ninth in the Boys 18-hole Net.

The Grand Final caps a successful re-launch of the Junior Order of Merit, which has seen fields more than double from 12 months ago, as an average of more than 50 boys and girls have taken part in each event, including the Wellingborough Junior Open.

## Seniors Home Internationals Irish selection for MacLaren

MARY MacLaren has earned selection for the Ireland Seniors Ladies team in the Home Internationals at Burnham and Berrow GC this month following good performances at the Irish Senior Open and British Ladies Open.

The Wellingborough Ladies Club Captain grabbed ninth in the Irish event at The Grange GC in the foothills of the Wicklow mountains, before finishing in the top 50 in the British Open, which was played in extreme weather conditions at Crail GC, Scotland.

MacLaren said: "The Grange is a beautiful parkland venue situated on the south side of Dublin.

"It had the most difficult greens I've ever putted on in my life - not just one elephant buried under them, more like a herd of wilderbeast!

"Going to Crail was like going from the sublime to the ridiculous though because, while I love links golf, the weather warnings of 60mph winds was not something to look forward to.

"Day 2 was abandoned completely, which meant they did away with the cut and all 90 players ended up playing their second rounds on the last day.

"The winds were 'only' blowing at 40mph so I shot 12 over par and I can easily say it was the best 12 over of my life - how sad it that?!"

# Bikers enjoy the ride at Wellingborough

LEADING motorcycle racers Leon Haslam, Alex Loves and Ben Currie (pictured right with head greenkeeper Steve Mackie) made a pit stop at Wellingborough GC on their way to the Silverstone British Superbike round last month.

Haslam has dominated the British Superbike (1000cc) Championship season on his Kawasaki, Lowes is currently sixth in the World Superbike (1000cc) Championship, while Currie is a clear second in the British Supersport (600cc) Championship.

Haslam said: "Our racing schedule means we hardly ever get together for a game now, so managing to do that and return to the great course that Wellingborough is was perfect."

Currie, who was playing his first round at Wellingborough, added: "I've heard the guys talk about the course so it's been a pleasure to enjoy for the first time, a lovely experience."



## Connolly and Dicks are the players to beat

**DAVE Connolly** may be wondering why his handicap has gone up this year after he won the 2018 Friday Evening Golf Order of Merit with some excellent nine-hole golf in the spring and summer.

With the top six scores to count towards a player's overall total, Connolly recorded three wins, two runners-up spots and another podium finish to end the season on 129 points.

Chris Reading, who won the last two Friday Evening competitions as well as grabbing second in the George Cup in September, finished runner-up on 127, with Dean Howells a distant third.

Chris Dicks (pictured) appears certain to win the 2018 Men's 18-hole Order of Merit after surging clear at the top of the standings with two brilliant performances in September.

After finishing third in the September Medal with a net 68, the six-handicapper was in great form over 36 holes in the George Cup a couple of weeks later as he grabbed eighth place.

With the October Medal and Courage Cup still to count, Dicks has a huge 133 point advantage from Steve Hammond, with Loz Weekes, Martin Noons, Adam Perry and Matthew Redding next in line.







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# Perfect season for Ladies Scratch Team

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. As we approach the end of the season, when the main prizes will be awarded, this is how our teams got on during September.



## Ladies Scratch League

Wellingborough 2  
Northants County 1 at Northampton GC

WELLINGBOROUGH (pictured right) ended their Championship winning season with a fourth victory in four matches.

Although Ashleigh Critchley was beaten by Hattie Billson, Mary MacLaren received a walkover win, leaving Carol Gibbs the honour of grabbing the crucial winning point for the team as she defeated Rachel Smith on the 18th hole.



Place	Ladies scratch	Played	Won	Drew	Lost	For	Agst	Diff	Points
1st	Wellingborough	4	4	0	0	11	1	10	4
2nd	Northants County	4	2	0	2	6	6	=	2
3rd	Overstone	4	2	0	2	6	6	=	2
4th	Whittlebury	4	1	0	3	5	7	-2	1
5th	Northampton	4	1	0	3	2	10	-8	1



## Ladies Intermediate League

Wellingborough 1  
Northampton 2 at Peterborough Milton GC

WITH Peterborough Milton having already wrapped up the title, Wellingborough saw their chances of claiming second spot suffer a severe blow as Northampton took the opening two ties.

Leah Ribano inflicted a first defeat of the year on Gill Snelson, before Jane Petts beat Miriam Johnson to confirm the Northampton win.

Lema Townsend prevented a whitewash defeat for Wellingborough by taking the last game 3&1.



Wellingborough 2  
Northants County 1 at Elton Furze GC

WELLINGBOROUGH finished third in the final table and condemned Northants County to bottom spot with a second victory of the season.

Although Snelson lost, a walkover win in game three meant Wellingborough needed a victory in the other match to end the season on a high.

And Townsend obliged as she won the 18th hole in her game to confirm the team success as County finished with four defeats out of four.

Place	Ladies Intermediate	Played	Won	Drew	Lost	For	Agst	Diff	Points
1st	Peterborough Milton	4	4	0	0	8	4	4	8
2nd	Overstone Park	4	2	0	2	7	5	2	4
3rd	Wellingborough	4	2	0	2	6	6	0	4
4th	Northampton	4	2	0	2	5	7	-2	4
5th	Northants County	4	0	0	4	4	8	-4	0

AUGUST  
**31**

### Seniors friendlies

Buckingham 3  
Wellingborough 5

THE Wellingborough Seniors team went into their September matches in confident mood after ending the previous month with a brilliant away victory in Bucks.

John Arnott and Andy Charter (4&3), Peter Davies and Nigel Grimmitt (5&4) and Nick Palmer and John Briggs (4&3) enjoyed superb wins.

Ed Roderick, pictured right, combined with David Wynn to grab a 6&4 victory, while Huw Rees and David Birkett (5&3) bagged another point for the away side.

SEPT  
**10**

Northants County 6½  
Wellingborough 1½

CAPTAIN Graham Bayes and Peter Davies recorded a 3&2 success in the opening tie, while Ed Roderick and Huw Rees picked up a half in game three.

But that was as good as it got for the visitors as Northants County took full advantage of local knowledge to record a comfortable win.

SEPT  
**13**

Wellingborough 7  
Market Harborough 1

WELLINGBOROUGH returned to winning ways in stunning fashion as they grabbed the last seven points against the Leicestershire outfit.

Steve Hughes and John Briggs (5&3), David Birkett and Peter Davies (5&3) and Chris Dickens and Iain Campbell (4&3) were the most impressive home pairings.

SEPT  
**17**

Staverton Park 6½  
Wellingborough 1½

HOME advantage once again proved crucial as Staverton Park recorded a collection of good wins as well as edging a couple of tight matches on the 18th hole.

The highlight for Wellingborough came with a 4&3 success for Peter Hooton and Dave Wynn, while Peter Davies and John Briggs bagged a half in the last match.

SEPT  
**26**

Wellingborough 7  
Market Harborough 1

AFTER losing the first five games in the reverse fixture back in April, Wellingborough were determined to come out of the blocks quickly this time.

Graham Bayes and David Birkett (2&1), John Briggs and Richard Briggs (5&4), Peter Hooton and Ed Roderick (6&5) secured wins.

With Andy Charter and Peter Davies picking up a half in game two, the only issue was whether the hosts could avoid defeat in all eight ties.

Although the team dropped just a half point in the home success against Scraptoft the previous month, that match only involved six pairings.

Wellingborough maintained their unbeaten run with two wins on the 16th hole, while Peter Gannon and Ian Jolly shook hands with their opponents on the 17th hole.

It was left to Ray Walker and Steve Townsend to seal a rare feat for the team this year as they halved their match.





# Two significant wins for Men's Scratch Team



## Scratch League

Kingsthorpe 3  
Wellingborough 5

A FIRST away success of the year was rarely in doubt as the visitors dominated the opening exchanges against a Kingsthorpe side, who had not lost on their home course since August 2015.

Duncan Cornish (5&4) and Adam Sherlock (6&5) grabbed big wins, before Roger Butler rolled back the years to beat teenager Elijah Woodward on the 17th hole.

Kingsthorpe, who had 12 wins and one draw in their previous 13 Scratch League home matches, quickly pulled one back, and also won the last two ties.

But it made no difference to the overall result as Richard Brown (3&2) and Tiger Adams (5&4) completed a brilliant away victory for Wellingborough, who moved out of the drop zone.



Wellingborough 8  
Peterborough Milton 0

WELLINGBOROUGH guaranteed top flight golf for another season with one match still to play following a stunning whitewash of relegation-threatened Milton.

Butler and Brown set the tone with two comfortable wins early on, while Gary Grimmitt extended the advantage on the 18th hole.

Cornish added another point for the home outfit, before Sherlock secured the team success by winning the closing hole.

With points difference a possible consideration in the battle to avoid the drop, the hosts took that out of the equation as Adams (4&3) and Jamie Milligan (6&4) won the last two ties by big margins, before Chris Howes completed the perfect day on 18.



## Intermediate League

Wellingborough 3½  
Northampton 4½ at Overstone Park GC

WELLINGBOROUGH qualified for the semi-finals as the fourth seeds after a narrow defeat to the Harlestone club in the last match of the League campaign.

Despite a point for Dave Wright and a half from Chris Ludwig early on, most of the damage was done in the middle ties as Northampton won games three, four and five.

Andrew Grimmitt and Paul Redding were both successful in their matches but Northampton grabbed the win, and second place in the table, when Andy Limbert beat William McArthur.



## Intermediate Semi-final

Collingtree Park 6  
Wellingborough 2 at Northampton GC

COMPETING against the unbeaten top seeds for a place in the final was always going to be a difficult task and so it proved as Collingtree proved too strong.

Three big defeats in games two, five and seven were only partly offset by an excellent 5&4 success for Mike Gibrook as Wellingborough struggled to grab more points.

Duncan Cornish clinched his match on the 18th but it was only after Collingtree had secured the necessary points to set up a final with Northampton, who beat Kettering 5½-2½ in the other semi.

Place	Intermediate League	Played	Won	Drew	Lost	For	Agst	Diff	Points
1st	Collingtree	6	5	1	0	32½	15½	17	11
2nd	Northampton	6	3	2	1	29½	18½	11	8
3rd	Kettering	6	1	4	1	23½	24½	-1	6
4th	<b>Wellingborough</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>22½</b>	<b>25½</b>	<b>-3</b>	<b>5</b>
5th	Overstone	6	2	1	3	21½	26½	-5	5
6th	Kingsthorpe	6	1	2	3	19	29	-10	4
7th	Cold Ashby	6	0	3	3	19½	28½	-9	3



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## Evans looking to make the most of home comforts

RYAN Evans is hopeful of being in action twice in the UK this month on the European Tour as the Wellingborough pro chases valuable points in a bid to retain his card for 2019.

Evans is definitely playing in the Alfred Dunhill Links Championship Kingsbarns, Carnoustie and on the Old Course at St. Andrews in early October, and has put his name down to compete in the Sky Sports British Masters at Walton Heath GC a week later.

Needing to finish in the top 110 to guarantee more starts on the main tour for next season, the former Wellingborough club champion currently lies 149th in the standings.

Fellow Club pro Kyson Lloyd missed out on a place in the second stage of European Tour qualifying after finishing 40th in the opening tournament at Frilford Heath GC. He carded five birdies in a 72 on day one, added 77 on the next day, before bouncing back with a bogey-free 70 in the penultimate round.

Needing a strong finish to progress through to Spain next month, Lloyd birdied all three par five holes on the last day, but could only pick up one more stroke as a round of 72 left him four adrift of qualification.

Meghan MacLaren, meanwhile, made her second appearance in a major tournament this year as she took part in the Evian Championship in France.

After making the cut in the British Open a few weeks earlier, the Wellingborough pro was unable to repeat the feat as rounds of 77 and 73 meant she missed the cut.

The 24-year-old, who also missed out on the weekend in the French Open the previous week, found better form in the Estrella Damm Ladies Open at Terramar GC later in the month.

After opening with a 72, MacLaren posted three birdies and an eagle in a four-hole run on the back nine in a second round 66, before adding scores of 68 and 71 over the weekend to finish in 28th spot.





# Results

## Ladies Autumn Meeting (September 25th):

**Overall: Winner: Sarah Groome (93 - 20 = net 73).** Division 1: 1 Josie Patrick (90 - 17 = 73), 2 Miriam Johnson (88 - 11 = 77), 3 Carol Gibbs (84 - 5 = 79). Division 2: 1 Mary Phillips (95 - 20 = 75), 2 Glenda Abbott (98 - 19 = 79), 3 Margaret Payne (101 - 22 = 79). Division 3: 1 Liz Beaumont (105 - 27 = 78), 2 Gill Rivers (103 - 24 = 79), 3 Yvonne Jolly (107 - 25 = 82). Division 4: 1 Margaret Pateman (114 - 34 = 80), 2 Judith Tann (113 - 31 = 82), 3 Gaynor Arnott (116 - 33 = 83).

## Family Foursomes (September 23rd):

1 Chris Dicks & Gerrard Tomkins (40 points), 2 Paul Redding & Isaac Redding (38), 3 Carl Leeson & Paul Leeson (36).

## September Sunday Stableford (September 23rd):

1 David Wright (39 points), 2 Alan Lindsay (38), 3 Michael Smart (37).

## Ladies September Medal (September 22nd):

Division 2: Winner: Caroline Anstee (121 - 36 = net 85).

## Friday Evening Golf (September 21st):

1 Chris Reading (20 points), 2 Richard Munns (18), 3 Dave Connolly (18).

## September Midweek Medal (September 20th):

1 Dereck Jewkes (89 - 18 = net 71), 2 Ricky Sanders (82 - 10 = 72), 3 Jason Robinson (94 - 19 = 75).

## Ladies Am-Am (September 18th):

1 Susan Holland, Liz Rees & Jenny Wilkinson (85 points), 2 Judith Tann, Susan Sharp & Ruth Bowe (85), 3 Pat White, Margaret Pateman & Janet Gower (83).

## George Cup (September 15th & 16th):

1 Colin Armstrong (70 & 67 = net 137), 2 Chris Reading (67 & 71 = 138), 3 Jon Harris (70 & 72 = 142).

## Friday Evening Golf (September 14th):

1 Chris Reading (19 points), 2 Dean Howells (19), 3 Richard Munns (18).

## Ladies American Foursomes (September 11th):

1 Liz Beaumont & Pat White (39 points), 2 Diana Groves & Vicki Hunt (38), 3 Lorna Winfield & Susan Holland (38).

## President's Day (September 8th):

1 Nick Clansey, Kevin Henman, Neil Redding & Loz Weekes, pictured right (126 points), 2 Ricky Sanders, Andy Sanders, Adam Sherlock & Chris Howes (126), 3 Graham Bayes, Ian Jolly, Gerald Bristow & Chris Dickens (123).

## Friday Evening Golf (September 7th):

1 Richard Munns (21 points), 2 Glen Gulla (19), 3 Christopher Otterwell (18).

## September Midweek Stableford (September 6th):

1 Richard Farrow (37 points), 2 Chris Reading (37), 3 Andrew Welsh (36).

## Seniors September 16-hole Stableford (September 5th):

1 Peter Gannon (38 points), 2 Graham Bayes (37), 3 Mike Blenkinsop (36).

## Ladies September Stableford (September 4th):

**Silver Division: 1 Mollie Graham (40 points), 2 Gillian Spencer (33), 3 Liz Rees (33).** **Bronze Division: 1 Jenny Wilkinson (45), 2 Diana Groves (38), 3 Margaret Payne (38).**

## September Medal (September 1st & 2nd):

Division 1: 1 Tim Veal (73 - 6 = net 67), 2 Chris Dicks (74 - 6 = 68), 3 Adam Perry (79 - 10 = 69). Division 2: 1 Ashley Connolly (82 - 15 = 67), 2 Stephen Maycock (87 - 17 = 70), 3 David Simpson (84 - 14 = 70). Division 3: 1 Dereck Jewkes (87 - 19 = 68), 2 Lou Everard (91 - 22 = 69), 3 Mark Howes (88 - 18 = 70).

## Friday Evening Golf (August 31st):

1 Chris Reading (26 points), 2 Wayne Wellborn (22), 3 Dave Connolly (21).

## Mixed Competition (August 31st):

1 Richard Munns, Gillian Spencer, Stephen Townsend & Lema Townsend (83 points), 2 Rod Gibbs, Carol Gibbs, Martin Cooke & Val Cooke (82), 3 Martyn Smith, June Smith, Richard Briggs & Pat Briggs (82).

## Ladies Summer Trophy (August 30th):

1 Susan Holland & Gill Rivers (net 67), 2 Ida Huggins & Lema Townsend (68), 3 Mary MacLaren & Geraldine Bunyan (68).



# Harrowden Hall: The War Years and beyond

*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 monthly article, he looks more closely at how the Golf Club coped during the Second World War, and then attempted to slowly rebuild from 1945 onwards.*

SOME serious consequences were felt by the club after war broke out in 1939. To begin with, the Annual Dance had to be cancelled and all cup competitions were held over!

More seriously perhaps was the petrol shortage which limited the club to five gallons a month for ALL PURPOSES.

There was also a serious shortage of beer and efforts were made to contact several different breweries to safeguard supplies.

Gin, however, had accumulated behind the bar and had to be sold off for £1 a bottle while other prices were increased.

Competitions were held regularly to provide funds particularly for the Red Cross and the Spitfire Fund, while green fees were reduced to 1/6d (7½p) for the Armed Forces.

But the club was more troubled by the suggestion that the second and third fairways should be ploughed up for farming; remember WGC was playing on the Bushfields Course at this time.

Initially fencing off the course from the sheep made it too costly but in 1943 they were ploughed for crops only to be re-seeded two years later.

There was a little compensation and a reduction in rent for the inconvenience.



The shortage of petrol meant that most members had to get on their bikes and in turn this resulted in the creation of a bike shed.

The alternative to cycling was to use the offices of Mr. Fillingham who owned a garage near to Eastfield Park.

He ran a taxi service to the Golf Club and back, with 'picking up' places at agreed points along the route, on Saturday afternoons and Sunday mornings.

Ever generous, the Club rewarded the drivers with a drink on Sunday morning.

The war took its toll of members. In 1939, Membership was 125 men and 65 ladies but in 1945 it was down to 84 men and 49 ladies.

After the war, Wellingborough was in for considerable expansion with new estates, schools, colleges and other facilities.

For the Golf Club, it was time for 'an improvement fund' and a new bar, new furniture, new crockery and towels were ordered.

On the course, an appeal fund was launched for water to be laid to the greens - all completed and paid for by 1950.

Under the strong Presidency of Stan Collier, the Club found its feet again: cattle were not allowed on the course (as requested by the farmer) and neither were the sheep.

Membership began to increase and now cost in modern terms £4.75 for men and £3.15 for ladies - schoolboys continuing to pay 52½p.

By 1950, the Club's annual income had risen to around £740 (from £366 in 1945).

At the end of 1945, Arthur Husk was appointed assistant to George Craddock, whose health was failing, at £3 a week.

The Craddocks were highly regarded by the Club and received bonuses every year.

The men's Spring weekends away on the east coast were well supported - that in April 1948 was at Sheringham and cost £2.25 a head.

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## October 2018 fixtures

Date	Start/End	Event (1st tee, unless stated)
Mon 1st	12:00-12:45	Ladies Medal Salver
Tue 2nd	09:30-12:45	Ladies Alternative Competition
	10:30-12:00	Ladies Exchange Day
Wed 3rd	08:00-11:00	Seniors Lonsdale 8
Sat 6th	07:00-14:00	October Medal
Sun 7th	08:15-12:00	October Medal
Tue 9th	10:00-13:00	Ladies Needham Bowl
Thu 11th	From 08:00	October Yellow Tee Midweek Stableford
Fri 12th	12:00-17:00	Kevin Owen Charity Day (All Tees)
Sat 13th	09:30-10:15	Ladies October Medal
Sun 14th	08:30-09:30	Past Cptn's v Cptn's Team (1st & 9th)
Mon 15th	From 10:00	Seniors at Bedford & County
Tue 16th	10:00-13:00	Ladies EG Medal
Wed 17th	07:50-11:05	Seniors Competition
Thu 18th	10:00-15:00	Seniors Open (1st & 10th)
Sat 20th	From 12:00	Scratch League at Northampton
Sun 21st	07:50-13:15	Courage Cup (1st & 10th)
Mon 22nd	12:00-12:30	Ladies Medal Salver
Tue 23rd	10:00-13:00	Ladies Pro Challenge
Thu 25th	From 08:00	October White Tee Midweek Medal
	09:30-10:00	Junior Club Championships
Fri 26th	10:00-13:30	Mixed Comp - 18 Holes (1st & 9th)
Sun 28th	08:30-10:00	Medal Winners Salver
Tue 30th	10:00-12:45	Ladies Greensomes - 16 Holes
Wed 31st	08:00-11:15	Seniors Competition



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