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Welcome

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Welcome to The Midlands Golf Guide

This magazine, which is now covering more clubs than ever before, has been designed to help the local and national golfer in selecting and finding the courses they want to play in the Midlands.

It gives each golf club in the region the chance to showcase their course and facilities with superb photography and information to whet the appetite of any golfer who wishes to visit. The first part of the magazine will bring you all the latest news from around the region as well as in-depth articles about courses in the area. The second part of the publication has all the relevant contact details of every club in the region.

Some courses are showcased with a two-page feature highlighting everything that the course has to offer, from signature holes to facilities. These clubs also include any offers that they currently running.

It is here where the guide is unique. We are primarily centred around golf clubs and our aim is to help the clubs profile with a double page feature in a high quality magazine.

The magazine is listed in alphabetical order with each course being colour coded by the counties they are in.

The areas included in this magazine are Bedfordshire, Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, Derbyshire, Leicestershire, Northamptonshire, Nottinghamshire, Oxfordshire, Shropshire, Staffordshire and Warwickshire.

A full course listing contains the name, phone number and website of every course in those counties.

As a publisher, we promote our clients in many different ways. One way is by hosting professionally-run amateur pairs events across our regions, including several tournaments in the Midlands during 2018.

Amongst the destinations were European
Tour Q School venue Collingtree Park and the

infamous Brabazon course at The Belfry.
The winning pair from each individual event
were invited to our European Competition
Finals on the Costa del Sol, Spain in November
2018 or February 2019.

This includes a three night stay at the four star Tamisa Hotel in Mijas, breakfast, return flights, all transfers and three competitive rounds of golf.

The Golf Guide also ran the 2018 Order of Merit, when the top 10 pairs progressed through to the Race to Fancourt UK Final at Fairhaven. Held at the end of October in conjunction with our travel partner Chaka Travel, the leading pair will win an amazing seven day trip to Fancourt, South Africa. With loads more prizes claimed at all the events, courtesy of our sponsors Callaway, Club Individual, Whitley Neill and others, more information can be found in the magazine. Although there is still time to enjoy plenty of golf before the clocks change this autumn, the 2019 schedule is included in the magazine. This expanded programme of 21 events will include competitions at some of the most prestigious venues in Europe, including the Home of Golf. St. Andrews.

The Midlands Golf Guide is not just about adult golfers. We are also keen to promote the next generation of club golfers, so we have worked closely with British Junior Golf Tour and clubs to encourage more boys and girls to take up the game.

We hope that you find this magazine to be an enjoyable read and part of your travels around the region as you play the best courses the Midlands has to offer.

There are plenty of great courses out there and thanks to The Golf Guide, you'll know exactly where to find them.

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"Then put it to six inches for a tap-in two on the first hole, birdied the second, third, and then aced the fourth. I didn't see it go in because the tee shot is blind, but the group in front said it pitched 15 feet away and spun straight back in." With the adrenalin flowing I hit the longest drive I've ever had down the par five next and I stiffed the gap wedge.

"At the sixth I nearly drove the green, but whilst talking to friends I wasn't really concentrating and chipped it 30 feet away - and then I holed that!

"I birdied the par five eighth, missed a six-footer for another at the next, but birdied the 10th to finish

"I had one or two beers during the day, so I've been told I did all this, I just don't believe it!!"

Anyone for the 56 Club?

Pro shoots 13 under at Kettering Golf Club

When a golfer wins a competition with a tally of 49 points, there are usually a few whispers about moustaches and sombreros, and especially when the victor doesn't even have an official handicap!

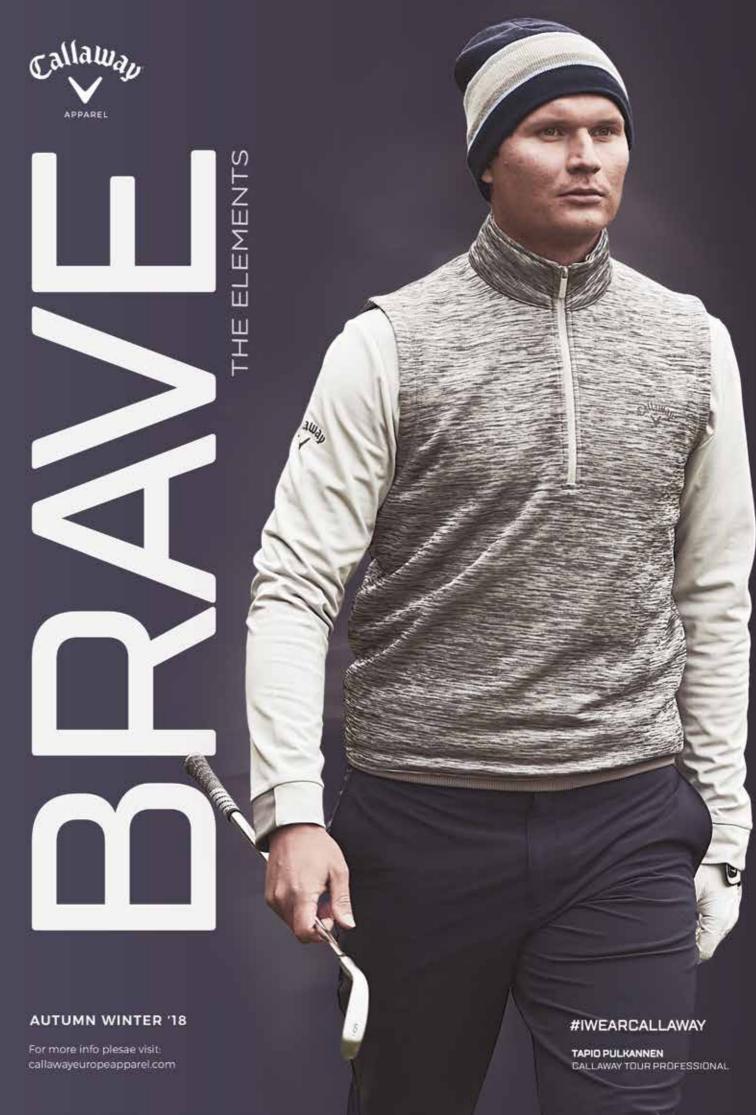
But that wasn't the case at Kettering Golf Club in the 2018 Thrapston Town FC Annual Golf Day because the winner was a professional called Kyson Lloyd, who had just posted an incredible 13-under-par score of 56.

The Wellingborough golfer, who competes on the EuroPro Tour, made the most of playing off the yellow tees as he matched his prodigious driving distance with a smart short game to finish seven points clear of the field.

Nine birdies were on the 26-year-old's scorecard, plus the fifth hole-in-one in his career on the fourth hole and another eagle at the par five next hole.

Lloyd said: "It was a charity event, so we'd already played 14 holes in the morning. In the afternoon shotgun event, I started on the 11th and birdied the 13th, 14th and 17th holes.





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The Golf Guide Tour

The Belfry

The world-famous Brabazon course has a long and distinguished reputation for creating history and the latest event on The Golf Guide Tour at The Belfry in early August was no exception.

Seve driving the green on the par four 10th, Christie O'Connor's approach shot to the 18th, and Sam Torrance and Paul McGinley's putts to secure two Ryder Cup wins for Europe - and now Sky Sports TV pundit Don Goodman has his first ever hole-in-one!

The former West Brom and Wolves striker, who played almost 600 football matches over a 20-year career, enjoyed his best moment on a golf course when he aced the 12th hole at The Belfry to win a bottle of Whitley Neill gin.

Goodman's exploits, alongside his partner, weren't enough to claim another prize as they were out of contention for a pairs victory that would have secured a three-day trip to Spain. With the tight fairways, perilous bunkers, lakes and fast undulating greens providing a stiff challenge in breezy conditions, countback was needed to decide the winners after three pairs came in with the leading mark of 43 points. Paul Timby and Neil Timby, who picked up one of the nearest-the-pin awards, had to be content with third position behind runners-up Stewart Brown and Lee Shenton. But the top prize belonged to Leek's Phil Davies

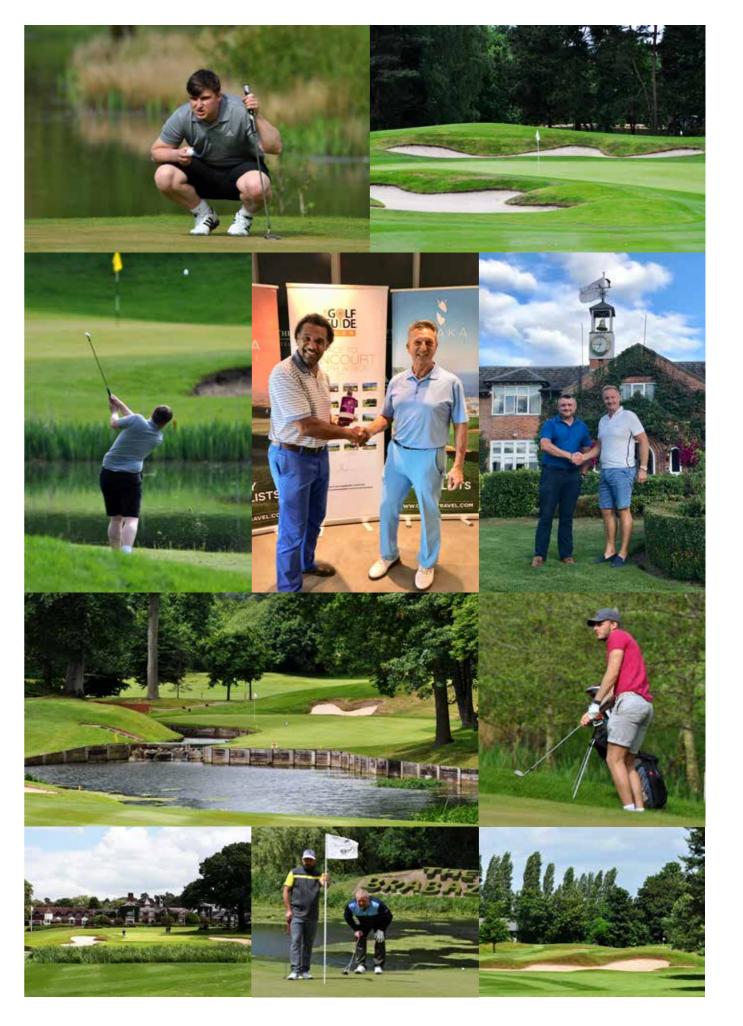
and Prestbury's Dan Smart, who had finished

runner-up on four previous occasions on The

Golf Guide Tour, as the duo broke their duck with the help of a magnificent back nine of 23

Leicestershire golfers Sam Peel and Ashley Jacobs will join Davies and Smart on the Spanish trip after they were successful in the opening midlands event at Collingtree Park GC. The Humberstone Heights GC members bagged 25 points on the outward half, before maintaining their touch on the back nine to finish with a magnificent winning total of 48

With the leading 10 pairs in the Order of Merit qualifying for the Grand Final, where a holiday to Fancourt in South Africa is up for grabs, the battle for vital points continues.





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US Open Venue

Wellingborough professional's view

lan Poulter led after the first round, Tyrrell
Hatton went on to take sixth - his best result
in an overseas major, while fellow midlands
professionals Tom Lewis and Ryan Evans both
missed the cut in the 2018 US Open.
But what was it really like to play at Shinnecock
Hills GC - reportedly the most difficult golf



course in the world? The Golf Guide Midlands Magazine chatted with Wellingborough professional Evans to find out.

Evans described: "I've shot 16-over-par for two rounds but really enjoyed it. It was a slogfest out there, but I know I'm not going to face that every week, so I loved the experience.

"The greens were hard, fast and bumpy - some of the flags were borderline crazy. In practice I was trying to plot where the pins would be but they were always on slopes. Some of them, if you rolled a putt three feet past, you were off the green.

"It didn't give you any relief. Bad shots were punished, and even half bad shots were too. The first cut of rough was eight inches, then it was 10 inches, then it was two feet deep. You had to accept that you were not going to move it anywhere.

"I hit a couple of wayward tee shots and was chipping out sideways from thick rough into slightly less thick rough. I went for a par five in two and missed the fairway by a foot, but I couldn't move it five yards.

"Rory McIlroy gave me some advice on how to play the course. He told me not to get sucked in by flags and play for the middle of the greens. "To actually do that is really hard because we all get sucked in and try and go for the flags. To stand in the middle of the fairway and aim 40 feet left of a flag knowing, if I go for it, I'm taking a risk of getting a bogey or worse, is so hard to do.

"Although you are aiming for that position, your body kicks in and goes for the flag, but if I did that I might make six or seven. I kept telling myself, if I'm out of position take the double bogey off the card.

"The USGA set it up to be one of, if not the, toughest test of golf. I played the Open at Royal Troon, which was tough, but it was also fair. "I've also played at Royal Lytham, which I thought was the hardest, but this was by far the hardest golf course I've ever played. I loved it!"













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The Midlands Golf Guide NEW:

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Stoke Park 'dream comes true'

The legendary golf coach David Leadbetter opened his new European academy headquarters at the multi-award-winning Stoke Park Country Club & Spa and described the venue as "one of the world's premier golf facilities". Leadbetter, who has coached players to 22 Major championships and more than 100 individual worldwide tournament victories, has more than 30 academies across the globe - with Stoke Park the 13th to open in Europe. Many of the world's top golf coaches have gone through the Leadbetter Golf Academy certification and Stoke Park's team of dedicated professionals has been undergoing the training programme. West Sussex-born Leadbetter said: "We're really excited to open our new academy at Stoke Park.

Stoke Park is one of the world's premier golf facilities, with an amazing hotel, a 27-hole golf course and a great practice facility.

"I want to thank (Stoke Park chief executive)
Chester King for his vision and everybody involved for making this happen, as this is going to be our European headquarters. We've had academies in the UK for some time, but to have a facility such as Stoke Park really is a dream

"It's going to be a tremendous facility and we can't wait to get started, to help the members out and really promote the game of golf in general. I know how much involvement Stoke Park has in developing young players and we look forward to being part of that as well."

Chris Murtagh, Stoke Park's head of instruction, leads the facility and his team of teaching professionals have been trained in the Leadbetter philosophy by coaches who have flown in from the USA.

Stoke Park's director of golf, Stuart Collier, added: "This is wonderful news for all connected with Stoke Park, for David Leadbetter is a legend in golf coaching. Few, if any, in the world game can match his track record in golf coaching - or the success his students have achieved. The opening of his academy's European headquarters here at Stoke Park is a further exciting development and will be of great benefit for golf in the south"





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Newark Golf Club

MGU Boys Champion of Champions event in September



Newark Golf Club are looking forward to getting a glimpse of the future as they prepare to host the Midland Junior Champion of Champions event on September 9th.

NEWS

With the leading boys and girls in the under-18, under-16 and under-14 categories from each county set to compete for their respective regional crowns, the Nottinghamshire course is expected to provide a good test of golf.

Several counties held their Boys and Girls Championships over the summer as the youngsters looked to book their places in the prestigious event.

William Hopkins, who triumphed in the 2017 MGU event with a six-under-par total of 140 at Coventry GC, will have the opportunity to defend his crown after winning the Lincolnshire Boys Championship again.

Northamptonshire's Charlie Salter, who won the men's title in his home county last year, has also qualified alongside Northamptonshire Girls Champion Ashleigh Critchley.

Oswestry Ladies

Summer 2018 Fashion Show



Oswestry Golf Club hailed their Summer Ladies Fashion Show as a success after almost 70 tickets were purchased for their special event, and clothing sales have increased as a result in the Pro Shop.

On a beautiful evening, the lady members joined together with visitors from neighbouring clubs and non-golfers to enjoy a preview of golf fashions for the coming season.

Event organiser Jane Jones said: "We held a Fashion Show last October to launch the Autumn/Winter range, which was a huge success, so we thought it would be great to do one at this time of the year too.

"The clothes featured were primarily from Rohnisch with some Glenmuir items too and all can be bought or ordered in the Pro Shop.
"It started between 7pm and 7.30pm and went on until 9.30pm. We gave a discount of 20% for anyone who purchased items on the night or within one week, and quite a few people took up this offer.

"There was a great atmosphere in the clubhouse, and a big congratulations to everyone involved, especially Louisa from Rohnisch, and my fellow models Elsa, Anne, Sarah and Margaret. It was a lovely evening."



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NEWS



As a gift for their 18th wedding anniversary, The Golf Guide Midlands editor Steve Jackson treated his wife Julie to a Par and Spa Break at The Waterfront Hotel in east Bedfordshire.

An opportunity for a relaxed break away from the office should not be wasted, so a trip to Wyboston Lakes fitted the bill perfectly. With golf and spa to come the following day, they both enjoyed a delicious three course meal at The Waterfront Hotel as they took in the lovely views across the water on a sunny first evening.

A full English breakfast was required to get them ready for their morning challenges - Julie wanted to finish her book, while Steve wanted to finish 18 holes with the same ball. You can guess which one was more likely to

happen, particularly with water being a course feature - although perhaps not as much as a player might think, with only a small handful of significant carries over lakes.

The exceptions are quite early on, where bigger hitters may need to cut the corner on the opening hole, while water could collect anything under hit on the short holes at three

Sharp dogleg holes are also common, especially on the par four fourth hole, which offers a big turn to the right.

The back nine works its way around the

perimeter of the course, with the lakes on the left, and out of bounds down the right. A clever game plan is needed at the stroke index one 14th hole, with no major reward for taking on the corner, while the 18th hole is a tight tree-lined approach to the green. This is an open and fair course but it does have a number of water hazards, so a player will do well to keep their ball throughout the round. For the record. Steve didn't! So how did Julie fair in her challenge? Not a lot better, or at least not the result she

After checking in and receiving her robe, towel and slippers, Julie got changed and booked a treatment for a scalp, neck and shoulder massage for 12.30pm. The plan was to try the steam room, the sauna room and the other areas, but before then she went to the decking area near the hydroptherapy pool and sat down in a comfy seat and started reading her book.

Unfortunately after a long but obviously well needed sleep the next thing she knew, it was 12.05. For the record, she read about half a

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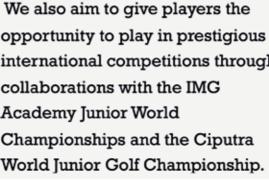
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Bridgnorth GC boast regional and county champions

Conor White and Callum Brown claimed a notable double for Bridgnorth GC as they enjoyed individual wins in regional and county competitions respectively.

White led from start to finish in the opening event on the MGU Order of Merit as he clinched The Finham Bowl by a couple of strokes at Coventry GC.

The plus-two handicapper bagged six birdies in his first 11 holes in a morning score of fourunder-par 69 to sit two clear, before adding a

one-under-par 72 in more difficult afternoon conditions.

Club-mate Brown's success came a few weeks later in the Shropshire & Herefordshire Men's Championships as he triumphed at Shifnal GC with scores of 75 and 67.

He said: "The first hole of the afternoon round I trebled, but then managed seven-under-par for the next 17 holes to win by one shot. It was a great day, with lovely weather, great food and great company."

The victory was even more impressive when you take into account that the scratch handicapper had played 36 holes in the Midland Closed Amateur Championship at Waltham Windmill GC just 24 hours earlier. Brown, who also finished sixth in the Finham Bowl, posted four birdies in an opening 72 before smashing six more in a brilliant 65 as a fourth place finish moved him to the top of the MGU Order of Merit.



FEATURE

Cavendish MacKenzie Trail

Following in the footsteps of a legend



Following in the footsteps of a legend is something all sportsman and sportswomen aspire to do. At Cavendish Golf Club in Derbyshire that happens every day of the week. Designed and built in the mid-1920s by Dr. Alister MacKenzie, golfers have the opportunity to play an undulating layout that went on to provide the ideas for his creation of Augusta National a few years later.

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The Adventures of Gregor the Golf Ball



'The Adventures of Gregor the Golf Ball' has been written to spark childrens imagination in the game of golf, by making them believe their golf ball is a character and engage in the feelings their ball will be experiencing when playing golf. The book can be read as a bedtime story or used as a learning tool with a glossary of all the golf words used in the book explained in an easy to understand format. There is also a Q&A section where children can name their golf ball and say what they would like Gregor to do next. The book is the first in a series that will grow as the child grows, with the next books planned being 'Gregor plays in the wind and the rain' proving golf is a game for any weather it just presents a different challenge, 'Gregor ioins a Golf club' here he will literally bump into Georgia the golf ball, and we will learn how golf is a great game on your own but even better

with friends and 'Gregor plays in his first flag competition' which he will not win but its all about taking part.

'The Adventures of Gregor the Golf Ball' is a book about a golf ball named Gregor who is waiting to play golf for the very first time. He has heard so many exciting stories about golf but as yet has never played. All that is about to change as a young boy called Peter and his Dad walk in to the golf shop looking to buy a golf ball. Peter is playing golf for the first time too, so they are learning together. Join Gregor as he feels the fresh air between his dimples for the very first time, feel the excitement as Gregor goes flying through the air, hear about the panic Gregor feels as he is lost in the rough waiting to be found, laugh with Gregor as he is tickled by the short grass on the golf green

before spinning around the cup and into the hole for his first putt. Learn about golf in a fun and engaging manner that kids will love.

The book is on ebay for £8.99 inc p&p or can be bought in bulk for Golf clubs etc (100+ copies) for £5 plus p&p by emailing emac1875@ gmail.com. The feedback so far has been 100% engagement with children wanting to know what happens next.

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Llanymynech

Golf Club

Llanymynech welcomes Ian Woosnam OBE

Llanymynech Golf club is very proud of its association with Ian Woosnam. It is at Llanymynech Golf Club that Ian first started his golfing career. To acknowledge the achievements that Ian has had Nationally and Internationally, Llanymynech Golf has erected a board in the Clubhouse Lounge to celebrate his successes.

On 7th August, Ian visited the Club to unveil his Honours Board and relive boyhood memories of his time on the fairways at Llanymynech Golf Club.

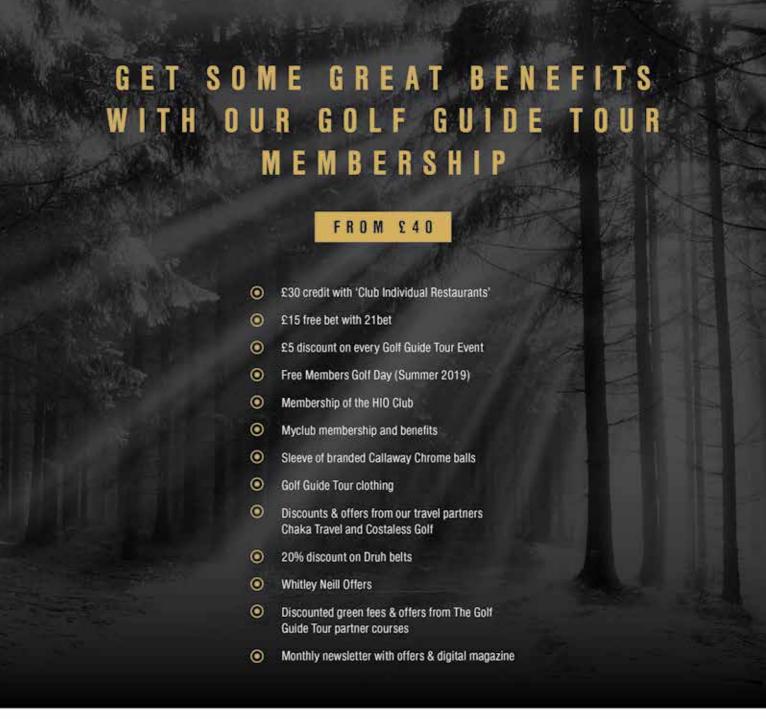
Donation from Brian Suckley President of Llanymynech Golf Club to Lingen Davies Cancer Fund.



Mr Brian Suckley, President of Llanymynech Golf Club (far right) donated £500 from his President's Golf Day at Llanymynech Golf Club to Jane Trudghill from the Lingen Davies Cancer Fund. Mr Suckley and members of the Club gave Jane a warm welcome when she popped in earlier his week.

The Lingen Davies Cancer Fund raises money to make a positive difference to lives affected by cancer in Shropshire Telford & Wrekin and Mid Wales. This year is their 40th Birthday and the money raised by Llanymynech Golf Club will go towards their 'Ruby Charity Appeal'.























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The Midlands Golf Guide NEWS

Oxford Golf Club

Oxford Pride Festival



Oxford Golf Club backed this year's Oxford Pride Festival by placing a rainbow themed flag in every hole on its course. All 18 holes on the historic course proudly displayed the dazzling Pride flag to celebrate the diversity of the Oxfordshire community.

The Oxford Pride theme this year was 'True Colours' and aimed to raise awareness and inclusivity of all LGBT+ people. With Oxford Pride being one of its community and charity partners, Oxford Golf Club also provided a prize for their annual raffle and had a presence at the festival, which took place between in early summer. Oxford Golf Club General Manager Stephen

Nicholson said: "The flags looked fantastic and everyone was talking about them. The response was so positive. We are proud to back Oxford Pride as one of our new community partners. "We're working hard to ensure Oxford Golf Club is an active part of the Oxfordshire community and we're pleased to have partnered with an important and inspiring organisation that is so active across the county." Oxford Pride Chair Paul McGinn said: "Oxford Golf Club's support has been simply fantastic

and it's quite humbling. The Club has such an

- the flags looked amazing."

inspiring sense of community and we're grateful

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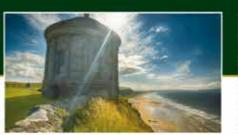


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Day 1 - 29th July 2019

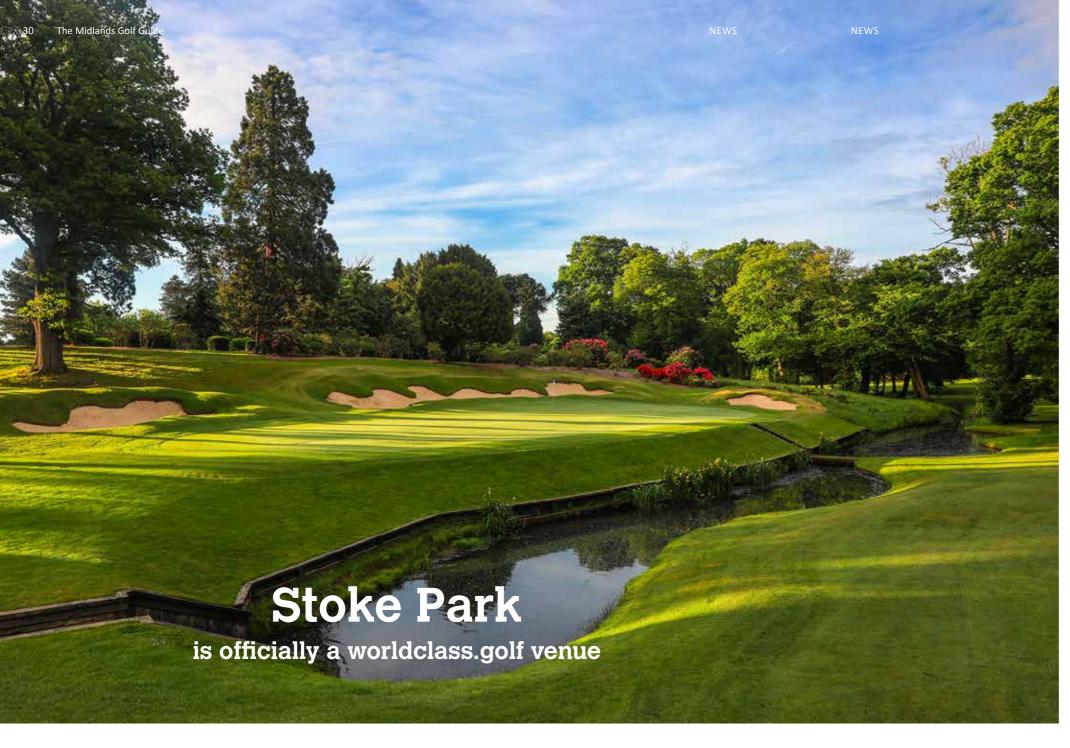
AM: Fly into Belfast PM: Afternoon round of golf at Malone Golf Club. Dinner in the clubhouse & overnight at the

Europa Hotel.

Day 2 - 30th July 2019

AM: Golf at Castlerock. PM: Lunch in the clubhouse. Dinner at Belfast restaurant & overnight at the Europa Hotel.

To book your place, please email competitions@thegolfguide.co.uk



Lenihan added: "Things such as the finishing touches that don't necessarily cost a huge amount of money but make you feel you are somewhere a little bit out of the ordinary. If you are invited to join, you will know that you are one of the very best golf facilities in the world." Stoke Park's director of golf, Stuart Collier, added: "We were thrilled to be considered for inclusion in worldclass.golf. It is clearly a global offering but, in its first year, has been limited to just 16 clubs - so it is an honour to be invited to join and be part of that exclusive group. "It has been designed to recognise truly worldclass venues and provide a guarantee of quality to golfers in search of the very best 'visitor journey'."

Lenihan and his team claim they have been "extremely selective about who is invited to join" and there is no charge made to the club to be a member. The collection has been created, says Lenihan, "to identify the very best properties and venues ... pulling together the world's elite golf courses under a single

In addition to being included within a lavish, global 'coffee-table' magazine, Stoke Park will feature on worldclass.golf's website and social media and receive individually designed logos for marketing purposes.

Voted the number one golf resort in England, in the inaugural Golf World 'Top 100 Resorts in UK & Ireland' ranking in 2017, the historic Stoke Park - one of just two five-AA Red Star golf clubs in England - boasts 27 Harry Colt-designed holes, a thriving golf club with around 850 members and is the European headquarters of the Leadbetter Golf Academy.

Set within 300 acres of mid-19th century Lancelot 'Capability' Brown-landscaped parkland, in Stoke Poges, Bucks, Stoke Park is only 35 minutes from London and seven miles from Heathrow Airport. The historic land on which it stands is recorded in the Domesday Book of 1086 and the celebrated course played host to the PGA Matchplay in 1910 and, even more famously, the golf match between Sean Connery's James Bond and Auric Goldfinger, in the 1964 film, Goldfinger.



The five-star Stoke Park Country Club, Spa & Hotel, in Buckinghamshire, is the only English venue to be accepted into a new collection of 'the world's premier golf destinations'. The collection, called simply worldclass.golf, has been created by Portman Publishing & Communications (PPC), publisher of GMé - one of the golf industry's oldest trade titles - in order to recognise "a sophisticated, cosmopolitan or cultured experience that goes well beyond what is expected". PPC's managing director, Michael Lenihan,

conceived worldclass.golf after growing frustrated at the number of superlatives being attached to what he believed were 'ordinary'

He explained: "For years, a lot of golf courses were referred to as championship courses - now it's 'world class'. The phrase is used an awful lot, but aspiring to be a world-class venue and actually achieving that high standard are two different things entirely.

"I believe there are several fundamental aspects to being genuinely 'world class' and the course is first and foremost. It's not solely about the design - which can be highly subjective and contentious - but more the presentation and conditioning that should never come into question. And besides four key areas that clubs need to meet in order to be invited to join, the overall visitor experience has to be fundamental to the application."

Each club accepted into worldclass.golf will have been required to meet strict entry criteria, while demonstrating first-class standards across the entire golf operation.







Joanne Simpson, Assistant Principle of the West Kidlington School, said: "We are so thankful to the Oxford Golf Club for visiting and providing such an engaging talk to our pupils. Providing a nurturing educational environment is so important to us and having key figures from the local community visit and share their knowledge is a big part of our strategy. We share Oxford Golf Club's values for healthy living and exercise and it was great to see the pupils really take to the golf session. It never fails to amaze me at how quickly children can take to a new sport, or skill." Children who sign up to the Junior Academy will receive a fantastic array of benefits, including membership to Oxford Golf Club, four 45-minute lessons from club professionals and a kids' golf set and stand bag. Plus, access to all club run junior events and social occasions. The package is open to children aged under 12, is just £195 per person and is available to 40 juniors. Oxford Golf Club created the value-formoney Junior Academy to offer budding golfers the opportunity to try the sport and get started. Oxford Golf Club is the oldest course in Oxfordshire and features a Harry Colt designed

Oxford Golf Club

Teaches school pupils the benefits of sport

Oxford Golf Club has been awarded national industry recognition for being one of the oldest courses in the world.

The age of the historic 18-hole course has been officially confirmed and the club has been formally entered on a website which collates unique golf courses according to categories. Oxford Golf Club entered the leader board as the second oldest course in England and 23rd globally having been opened in 1873.

The website, www.mostuniquecourses.com. is recognised in the golf industry as the bible of guides to unique courses and is used by

enthusiasts to discover rare clubs to play at. It recognises St Andrews Old Course as the oldest. with records showing the earliest round of golf was played there in 1552. While Royal North Devon is the oldest club in England dating back to 1864.

Stephen Nicholson, Oxford Golf Club General Manager said: "This is a fantastic milestone for the golf club and really puts us on the map both nationally and internationally. We often have guests visit to play here because we're a Harry Colt designed course and renowned for being one of the oldest courses in the country, so it's nice that it's now been recognised

We're extremely proud of the club's rich heritage and always ensure as current custodians we respect its history as we work to continue to provide a great club environment that balances the past with modern times." Oxford Golf Club has further claims to golfing fame, it was the original club of Oxford University and to this day features a course designed by legendary golf architect Harry Colt. Located on Hilltop Road, Cowley, it is also the oldest golf course in Oxfordshire.



Pupils at West Kidlington Primary School learned about the value of playing sport with professional golfers, thanks to the Oxford Golf Club.

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Oxford Golf Club PGA Pro's Joe Pepperell and Martin Woodbridge treated pupils to an inspirational talk during Assembly and explained how they became golfers. They visited the school to celebrate the launch of Oxford Golf Club's new Junior Academy, created to encourage youngsters to take up the sport. The pair talked about the importance of dedication, education and support and appealed to children to play sport and work as a team. Pupils then took part in an action-packed golf taster session on the school playing field with Joe and Martin providing golfing tips and

Club Head Professional. Joe, who is the Junior Academy lead coach, said: "It was a brilliant day, all of the children were so receptive and really engaged in the session. It was a pleasure to share our passion for golf and sport more generally and hopefully we have inspired some of them to take it up. It's important we pass on our experience and love of golf to youngsters and encourage people to play as the health benefits are so vast, that's a big part of why we set up the Junior Academy."

Martin added: "The Junior Academy is a great way to get into golf and the package is tailored towards helping children break into the sport. It was lovely to see so many of the pupils enjoy golf, their enthusiasm and thirst for learning was fantastic. There were certainly some budding golfers in the group."

18-hole course, putting green, practice area and coaching school. It is located on Hilltop Road, Oxford. West Kidlington School, in Oxford Road, Kidlington, has around 400 pupils, aged between five and 10 and has a nursery. If you would like to inquire about the Junior Academy please call 01865 244258.







Lindrick



Lindrick Golf Club is renowned as one of Britain's finest inland courses, providing an excellent challenge to golfers of all abilities at any time of the year.



Contact Details

Lindrick Golf Club Lindrick Common Worksop, S81 8BH

Telephone: 01909 475 282 info@lindrickgolfclub.co.uk www.lindrickgolfclub.co.uk

How to Find

M1 (From North or South) - Leave M1 by exit 31 - signposted WORKSOP A57. At roundabout take road signposted A57 WORKSOP. After 5½ miles turn right into Clubhouse drive For Sat Nav location please use S81 8BL as the postcode.

Facilities

Bar, Restaurant, Driving Range, Short Game Area, Putting Green, Pro Shop, Caddie Service, Lessons, Club Hire, Trolley Hire, Buggy Hire





Course Information

18 holes, Par 70 Championship Tees 6665 • 6503 (71) • 6281 (71) • 5772 (75)

HOLE	PAR		HOLE	PAR	
1	4	402	10	4	370
2	4	394	11	3	192
3	3	165	12	4	423
4	5	478	13	4	456
5	4	431	14	5	563
6	3	140	15	4	360
7	4	439	16	4	487
8	4	316	17	4	403
9	4	436	18	3	210

The calibre of this South Yorkshire course is supported by a most impressive list of credentials which span a whole spectrum of iconic golfing greats. This includes the great John Jacobs, who was literally brought up on the Club's premises and twice Captained Europe's Ryder Cup Team, to Designers Alister Mackenzie, Willie Park Jnr. and even "old" Tom Morris himself, who have each added to the architecture of the course. The Club has hosted the Curtis Cup and numerous Pro Tour events, which include the sensational 1957 Ryder Cup victory for the GB Team led by Dai Rees. In the present day, it has an exciting array of young amateur talent who choose to play and develop on this famous course. They all hope to emulate Lindrick's elite playing members who include a former World Number 1, a US Masters Winner and a current trio of Ryder Cup Players.

The Club's members have invested over £2m in recent enhancements at the Club. Two green to tee tunnels, new strategic fairway bunkers, the remodelling of greenside bunkers and new Championship tees has improved 11 holes in total so far, with more planned. Everything

has been done sympathetically to maintain character and ambience but also, crucially, to bolster the challenge of this atmospheric course.

Off the course the traditional Members' Club welcome remains, while the changing facilities and our Ryder Cup Suite have been completely rebuilt to accommodate the needs and expectations of the modern golfer. Our staff will do their utmost to ensure that all who visit Lindrick really enjoy a combination of our historic legacy and modern golfing trends, and will want to repeat it regularly in the future.





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The Kidderminster

Golf Club

Mature tree lined parkland course dating back to 1909 that offers a challenging round of golf to all levels, located in the centre of Kidderminster its a real hidden gem consisting of 18 holes.

Being straight off the tee is crucial to scoring well when playing at Kidderminster Golf Club. The course is tight and the greens are protected by the banks that surround many of them - miss a green and your short game will need to be sharp.

Our long-established course provides a memorable and challenging golfing experience to players of all standards, with a diverse mix of long and short par fours, expansive par fives and challenging par threes.





Contact Details

The Kidderminster Golf Club The Club House, Russell Road Kidderminster, Worcestershire, DY10 3HT

Telephone: 01562 822303 info@thekidderminstergolfclub.com www.thekidderminstergolfclub.com

How to Find

By Car: The Golf Club is located just 2 miles from Kidderminster town centre and is accessed off the Chester road south (A449) taking Oldnall road then Russell road to enter the clubs carpark.

By Motorway: The Golf Club is within easy reach of the M5 with junctions 3, 4, 5 and 6 just 20 minutes away.

By Train: The Golf Club is located just 1 mile from Kidderminster train station.



Facilities

Bar, Buggy hire, Club hire, Clubhouse, Practice area, Pro shop, swing studio GC2, Putting Green, Golf lessons

Course Information

18 holes, Par 72
• 6441 • 6145 • 5758 (73)

HOLE	PAR	• YDS	HOLE	PAR	• YDS
1	4	288	10	3	156
2	5	503	11	4	425
3	4	328	12	4	410
4	4	378	13	5	546
5	3	179	14	4	371
6	4	325	15	3	174
7	4	342	16	4	418
8	4	376	17	5	488
9	4	461	18	4	273

The Club has one of the largest practice grounds in the midlands stretching out over 350 yards - even the very best can practice their long game.

As a members' club the practice area runs on a "use your own balls" basis so golfers can practice for hours and hours.

Club membership is presently available in some categories and we welcome applications from those looking to enjoy their golf in beautiful surroundings and to be part of a true members' club with all the advantages that includes.

We welcome visitors throughout most of the week and we are a very popular venue for golf societies in Worcestershire and the Midlands, with everything you need for a great day out. We offer a range of society packages and they start from under £40 per head including 18 holes, breakfast and dinner.

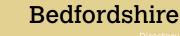
We participate in the County Card scheme and visiting card holders pay just £25 per round throughout the year. We also offer discounted fourball and threeball green fee rates.







Bedfordshire







Bedfordshire is at the top of the list of counties in England - or at least it is alphabetically!

Around three quarters of a million people live in the smallest of the 'Shires' counties, with approximately half of those residents taking up home in the two market towns of Luton and Bedford.

With the M1 and A1 providing two main roads from north to south, plus the railway links and London Luton airport, Bedfordshire is the ideal location for those looking to commute to the capital.

The beautiful countryside, and especially around the Chilterns, is another good reason to stay or visit this part of the country, while Woburn Safari Park and Whipsnade Zoo are a couple of popular tourist attractions.

John Bunyan, or more accurately his book, The Pilgrim's Progress, is one Bedford's most famous exports. It has been translated into more languages than any other book except the Bible.

Other well-known people to come out of the county in recent years include Ronnie Barker and Carol Vorderman, while Eric Morecambe has become an adopted son, mainly through his association with Luton Town Football Club.

In other sports, the county has helped develop the talents of cricketers Alastair Cook and Monty Panesar, plus Olympic gold medallists Victoria Pendleton, Tim Foster and Harold Abrahams, whose life was depicted in the Oscar winning film Chariots of Fire.





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www.mountpleasantgolfclub.co.uk

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www.lbgc.co.uk

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www.lutonhoo.co.uk

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Bedford & County Golf Club 01234 352 617 www.bandcgc.co.uk

Bedfordshire Golf Club 01234 822 555 www.bedfordshiregolf.com

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www.chalgravegolf.co.uk

Colmworth Golf Club 01234 378 181 www.colmworthgolfclub.co.uk

Dunstable Downs Golf Club 01582 604 472 www.dunstabledownsgolf.co.uk

John O'Gaunt Golf Club 01767 260 360 www.johnogauntgolfclub.co.uk

Pavenham Park Golf Club 01234 822 202

www.pavenhampark.com

Sharnbrook Golf Club 01234 222 524 www.sharnbrookgolfclub.co.uk

South Beds Golf Club 01582 591 500 www.southbedsgolfclub.co.uk

Stockwood Park Golf Centre 01582 413 704 www.activeluton.co.uk/stockwood-park-golf-centre

The Bedford Golf Club 01234 320 022

The Millbrook Golf Club 01525 840 252

www.thebedfordgc.com

www.themillbrook.com

The Waterfront Hotel, Spa & Golf 01480 223004

www.thewaterfronthotel.co.uk **Tilsworth Golf Centre**

01525 210 722 www.tilsworthgolf.co.uk





Bedfordshire Golf Club



Bedfordshire Golf Club warmly welcomes visitors to our two great golf courses, our driving range, our golf shop and for lessons with one of our golf professionals. Our extensive first floor bar, lounge and balcony, which overlooks the 18th green, is also open to both members and visitors alike, to relax and enjoy a drink and a wide range of food.

Combining 127 years of golfing history with excellent new facilities, Bedfordshire Golf Club is a great place to play golf, whether you are an experienced player, or just starting out. We cater for all golfers with our superb and highly rated 18 Hole Stagsden Course, and also our 9 Hole (Par 3) Academy Course - ideal for improving your 'short' game. In addition, we have a 24 bay, floodlit, covered driving range to hone your skills - both for some casual practice and for lessons (individual or in a group) with one of our Golf Professionals.

Located in the beautiful North Bedfordshire countryside at Stagsden, we are just west of Bedford and within easy reach of Milton Keynes, Northampton, Luton and Wellingborough. We are also centrally based between the M1 and A1 - therefore ideally located for your golf day. With up to 27 holes of golf on two courses, we offer the ultimate in flexibility. Indeed, playing both courses with lunch in between, and a drink afterwards for the prize giving. provides the perfect society day.



We also welcome enquiries from prospective members who would like to become part of Bedfordshire's oldest golf club, which is currently in its 127th year. Call us on 01234 822555 ext 2 to speak with one of our team to see what is currently available.

The view of this stunning championship course from the road at Stagsden is deceptive, as it gives the impression that the golfer could be in for some heavy exercise.

The drive to the Clubhouse only serves to heighten this suspicion, but from the elevated position of the 1st tee the course can be seen to be laid out along the contours and across the rolling valley, thus avoiding any significant climbs. The layout of the holes uses the natural topography and the course blends well into the surroundings rather than imposing upon it.

Constant feedback from both members and visitors alike, tells us that this course improves every year and by common consent, it is now in its best ever playing condition and presenting itself beautifully.

Contact Details

Bedfordshire Golf Club Spring Lane, Stagsden Bedford, MK43 8SR

Telephone: 01234 822555 ext 2 Email enquiries via website www.bedfordshiregolf.com

How to Find

Directions from Bedford: Take the A428 to Northampton and at Bromham (3 miles from central Bedford) turn left onto the A422 to Milton Keynes. After 1 mile turn left onto Spring Lane (signposted Kempston Church End) and immediately left again into the golf club entrance. Once through the entrance drive up the hill and the car park is on your right.



Facilities

18 hole championship course 9 Hole Academy Course **Driving Range** Full practice facilities Pro Shop

Bar, Lounge & Balcony (all open to visitors) overlooking the 1st tee and 18th green

Course Information

18 holes, Par 70 • 6565 • 6208 • 5595

	PAR	- VDC	HOLF	PAR	- VDC
HOLE	PAK	• YDS	HOLE	PAK	• YDS
1	4	340	10	4	370
2	5	561	11	4	382
3	4	355	12	4	443
4	4	406	13	3	186
5	4	419	14	5	579
6	3	164	15	3	165
7	4	413	16	4	365
8	4	383	17	4	396
9	3	224	18	4	414

Golf Days & Societies

Bedfordshire Golf Club welcomes golf societies and our facilities are ideal for your golf day. With competitive packages on both of our courses (18 hole Stagsden course & 9 hole Par 3, Academy course), a floodlit, covered driving range, Professional Shop and great Clubhouse and Banqueting facilities, you'll find it hard to locate better golf day facilities in the area.

We can tailor packages around our wide range of facilities, to suit your group's requirements. For example, an increasingly popular package during the summer months for those wishing to make the most out of their day comprises:



- Bacon Roll and Coffee/Tea
- 9 holes on our Par 3 Academy Course
- 1 or 2 course Lunch in our Dining Room
- 18 Holes on our Stagsden Course
- Drinks and Prizes in the Lounge
- Dinner menu options available For larger society groups, we also provide you with a 'Society Host' to ensure your visit to Bedfordshire Golf Club goes smoothly from the very start of your golf day. We'd be happy to provide you with feedback from other societies who have visited us. They usually have a great day, rebook and look forward to coming back. For full details of our

packages please call us on 01234 822555.





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Contact Details

The Waterfront Hotel, Spa & Golf Great North Road, Wyboston Bedfordshire, MK44 3AL

Telephone: 01480 223004 golf@wybostonlakes.co.uk www.thewaterfronthotel.co.uk

How to Find

By Rail St Neots Station is approximately 10 minutes drive away.

By Air

Luton and Stansted Airports are approximately 1 hour away.



Facilities

The Waterfront Hotel, Y Spa, Golf Studio, Pro Shop, Practice Putting Green, The Waterfront Restaurant & Bar, Ride Leisure Water Sports, Flood Lit Driving Range, Health And Leisure Club And Conference And Training Venue

Course Information

18 holes, Par 70 • 5986 • 5706 **•** 5595 (73)

HOLE	PAR	• YDS	HOLE	PAR	• YDS
1	5	481	10	4	435
2	4	358	11	4	427
3	3	135	12	4	349
4	4	396	13	3	154
5	3	144	14	4	414
6	4	283	15	5	500
7	3	170	16	3	190
8	3	362	17	5	525
9	4	332	18	4	330

The Waterfront Hotel has so much to offer... great golf, an exceptional spa, wonderful walks, fishing for those who like to catch a few and great home cooked food in The Waterfront Restaurant & Grill.

The Waterfront Hotel, Spa & Golf has been awarded a AA 4-star hotel rating and an AA One Rosette rating for hotel food. It's in a great location, with Cambridge and Milton Keynes a stone's throw away and easy access to and from London King's Cross.

If you are looking for a time out and a place to relax, Y Spa is the place for you. The spa itself



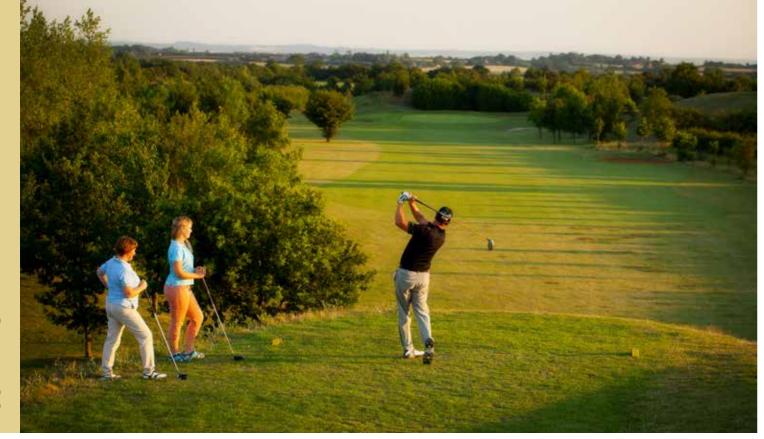
is hosted by well-trained therapists offering the latest in holistic and beauty therapy and is home to eleven treatment rooms, a Hydrotherapy Pool, Thermal Spa and two dedicated relaxation areas making it the perfect place for you to unwind.

With a warm & friendly atmosphere and views overlooking the south lake, The Waterfront Restaurant & Bar is the perfect setting for an enjoyable experience, whether you are dining with family and friends or having a few drinks with work colleagues.









Colmworth

Golf Club

Our 18 hole golf course, (Par 72 6446 yds), opened for play in 1991 and has now grown its fantastic reputation for remaining in excellent condition all year round. Never playing on winter greens and now even remaining on grass tees throughout the year.



Contact Details

Colmworth Golf Club New Road, Colmworth Bedford, MK44 2AP

Telephone: 01234 378181 info@colmworthgolfclub.co.uk www.colmworthgolfclub.co.uk

How to Find

From A1: At the black cat roundabout (A421 to Bedford). Take exit to Roxton and Great Barford. First right to Chawston, follow road to end, approx 4 miles. Turn left then first right onto New Road. Golf club is approx 300 metres on the left hand side.

From M1: Exit junction 13 Bedford A421, Exit at Great Barford slip road. Drive into Great Barford turn left at cross roads. (Golden Cross Chinese Restaurant) At T-junction turn right then immediate left to Colmworth. First left onto New Road. Golf club is approx 300 metres on left hand side.



Facilities

Bar, Buggy Hire, Club Hire, Clubhouse, Driving Range, Food, Practice Area, Putting Green, Golf Lessons, On-site Accommodation

Course Information

18 holes, Par 72 • 6446 • 6086 • 5531

HOLE	PAR	• YDS	HOLE	PAR	• YDS
1	4	360	10	5	576
2	4	370	11	3	194
3	4	396	12	5	453
4	4	399	13	4	376
5	3	160	14	4	420
6	5	482	15	4	283
7	4	360	16	4	362
8	4	351	17	3	198
9	3	159	18	5	547

Our signature hole is the 12th with its almost island green overlooked by our self-catering cottages and outdoor seating area from the opposite side of the lake. Colmworth is family run and is now seeing the 3rd generation taking a very active and constructive part in securing its future.

Our Par 3 Course doubles up as a Pitch n Putt and also FootGolf course and it's great to hear the squeals of laughter coming in from the

variety of people who utilise this facility. Golf Breaks - customise your own unique golf break. Choose to either self-cater or opt for breakfast and evening meals in the clubhouse. We have one cottage that sleeps up to 12 people, another 6 and we also have 2 x 1 double bed studio's. Some people use our cottages as a base to do a golf tour of Bedfordshire golf courses and play ours in the evenings while its quiet.







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OPTION 1

- Tea/Coffee
- Bacon Roll - 18 holes of golf

Price p/p

Weekday: £21.80 Sat: £27.80 Sun: £31.80

∥ OPTION 2

- Tea/Coffee
- Bacon Roll
- 18 holes of golf - Homemade Soup & a roll

Price p/p

Weekday: £25.80 Sat: £31.80 Sun: £35.80

OPTION 3

- Tea/Coffee
- Bacon Roll
- 18 holes of golf - Homemade Steak Pie, chips & Peas

Price p/p

Weekday: £31.80 Sat: £37.80 Sun: £41.80

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Berkshire lies in the south east of England and stretches 60 miles west from London to the Wiltshire border.

There are lots of tourist attractions to keep any visitor happy, with river walks, trips and countryside to explore. Travel guides are a useful asset for the main towns and cities in the county, as well as some of the villages.

The Thames runs along the northern boundary of Berkshire and this area, together with the parts of Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire that border the river, is known as the Thames Valley. Ideal for those long walks along the Thames.

An ancient county, Berkshire dates back to the time when King Alfred set the county boundaries and takes its name from the large forest of birch trees that once grew there.

Windsor Castle lies in Berkshire and in 1974 the county was recognised by HM Queen as the Royal County of Berkshire.

In 1998 the county was divided into six districts: Maidenhead and Slough. West Berkshire. Reading, Wokingham, Bracknell Forest and Windsor. However, the non-metropolitan county was not abolished and it is the only county in England to have multiple districts but no county council.

Berkshire also hosts the popular Legoland theme park, always a favourite with young visitors.

With several of the finest inland golf courses in the country, some of which have hosted a collection of famous tournaments, Berkshire is a golfing oasis not to be missed.



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Billingbear Park Golf Course

01344 869 259 www.billingbearpark.com

Bird Hills Golf Centre

01628 771 030 www.birdhills.co.uk

Blue Mountain Golf Centre

01344 300 220 Website N/A

Calcot Park Golf Club

0118 942 7124

www.calcotpark.com

Castle Royle Golf & Country Club

01628 820 700 www.castleroyle.com

Caversham Heath Golf Club

0118 947 8600

www.cavershamgolf.co.uk

Datchet Golf Club

01753 543 887

www.datchetgolfclub.co.uk

Deanwood Park Golf Club

01635 48772

www.deanwoodpark.co.uk

Donnington Grove Hotel & Country Club

01635 581 000

www.donnington-grove.com

Donnington Valley Hotel, Spa & Golf Club

01635 551 199

www.donningtonvalley.co.uk

Downshire Golf Club

01252 665277

www.downshiregolfclub.co.uk

East Berkshire Golf Club

01344 772 041

www.eastberkshiregolfclub.com

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01344 302 030

www.easthampsteadgolfclub.co.uk

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01344 893 344 www.lavenderparkgolf.co.uk

Maidenhead Golf Club

01628 624 693

www.maidenheadgolf.co.uk Mill Ride Golf & Country Club

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www.mill-ride.com

Newbury & Crookham Golf Club

01635 40035 www.newburygolf.co.uk

Reading Golf Club

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www.sonning-golf-club.co.uk

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Sunningdale Heath Golf Club

01344 620 507

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01344 295 282

Website n/a

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01628 824 795

www.templegolfclub.co.uk

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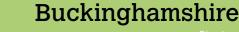
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Buckinghamshire





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A small county, merely 27 miles across east to west at its widest point and 50 miles in length, Buckinghamshire is nevertheless full of charm and beauty. Its numerous rivers such as the Thames and the Great Ouse, river valleys and hills, the Chilterns and picturesque villages, make for a wonderful place to tour, particularly on foot.

Aylesbury, the county town of Buckinghamshire, is a lively market town steeped in history. Located at the foot of the Chiltern Hills and at the heart of the rich agricultural Vale of Aylesbury, the town was a focal point in the English Civil War in the 17th century.

The ancient town of Buckingham dates back to the 7th century and contains some fine Georgian buildings as well as the imposing town hall and the distinctive Old Gaol, now a centre for Buckinghamshire Tourist Information. Nearby is Silverstone Motor Racing Circuit and Stowe Landscape Gardens, one of the finest Georgian landscape gardens in Britain.

The county is awash with wonderful golf courses, some of which you may have heard of before, others not so well known but still worth the trip. That's the kind of opportunity that awaits would-be visitors to Buckinghamshire the chance to explore and see something new.



Abbey Hill Golf Centre

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01895 835 777

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01626 661 448 www.bbgc.co.uk

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Stowe Golf Club

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www.windmillhillgc.co.uk

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www.woburn.co.uk

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01494 816 686

www.wycombeheightsgc.co.uk



Stoke Park

Country Club, Spa and Hotel



Stoke Park's 27 hole Championship parkland golf course, known as Stoke Poges, is one of the finest of its kind in the world. Designed in 1908 by one of the greatest course architects of his generation, Harry Shapland Colt, Stoke Park became the UK's first country club.

The course has received many accolades over the years; The Ultimate Member's Club 2015 by the 59club; World's Best Golf Clubhouse at the World Golf Awards, 2017; Fifth Best Golf Resort in the UK (Best in England) in Golf World's Top 100 Golf Resorts in the UK of 2017. And finally at the 2018 59club awards, Stoke Park received the Gold Flag award awarded for outstanding customer service for the fifth successive year.

Stoke Park is also notable for its many appearances on film over the years. Although the list is long, including the mini-break in Bridget Jones' Diary and the infamous closing scene to Layer Cake, however it is bound to be Goldfinger which jumps to a golfer's mind. Sean Connery's James Bond tangled with Auric Goldfinger on Stoke Park's 18th hole to produce the most memorable game of golf in cinema history.

As well as being a challenging and demanding course you will find it hard not to be stirred by the exquisite views and landscapes of the championship course. Harry Colt designed the course back in 1908 with the philosophy that his courses should blend in with their surroundings, be part of the landscape, not imposed upon it. He was blessed as the grounds had originally been landscaped by Humphry Repton and Lancelot 'Capability' Brown in the 18th century.



Memberships available from £1375 per year

Corporate golf days available from £90+vat per head to include coffee & bacon roll on arrival, private room hire, 18 holes of golf, buffet lunch or dinner

Golf & 2 course meal available from £95 per person

Call 01753 71 7171 or visit www.stokepark.com for more information

Contact Details

Stoke Park Country Club, Spa and Hotel Park Road, Stoke Poges Buckinghamshire, SL2 4PG

Telephone: 01753 71 7171 info@stokepark.com www.stokepark.com

How to Find

By Road from the M4:

Exit the M4 at junction 6 and take the A355 towards Slough then Beaconsfield After 2.5 miles turn right at the double mini roundabout in Farnham Royal on to the B416 (Park Road). The entrance to Stoke Park is 1.25 miles on the right.

By Road from the M40:

Exit the M40 at junction 2 and take the A355 towards Slough. After 5 miles, turn left at the double mini roundabout in Farnham Royal on to the B416 (Park Road). The entrance to Stoke Park is 1.25 miles on the right.

By Air:

Nearest Airport: London Heathrow (7 miles).

By Rail:

Nearest Stations: Slough and Gerrards Cross.

Helicopter Grid Ref:

O/S SU 970827

Please contact the Club before making your helicopter journey.

Facilities

5 AA Star Hotel with 49 Luxury Bedrooms, 3 Restaurants, Bars and Lounges including Humphry's - 3 AA Rosettes), 27 Hole Championship Golf Course designed by Harry Colt in 1908, award winning Spa, State-of-the-art Health and Racquet facilities (13 tennis courts- 6 Grass, 4 All weather, 3 Indoor) Designer Club Shop, 3 Designated Practise Grounds, Buggies all year round, Putting Green, Golf Academy and Tuition

Course Information

27 Holes

Colt/Alison, Par 70

• 6583 • 6232 • 5841

Alison/Lane Jackson, Par 71

• 6312 • 5964 • 5653

Lane Jackson/Colt, Par 71

• 6411 • 5996 • 5634



The club's 27-hole course is made up of the three independent nine-hole courses. Colt. Alison and Lane Jackson, and is one of only a few courses in Europe to do this. Colt's ethos was that a golfer should be able to clearly see where they are going. Nowhere is this clearer than our 400-yard opening hole, which heads away from the glorious surrounds of the clubhouse down a wide tree-lined fairway to the large, well-bunkered green. This is followed by two testing holes in to the prevailing wind to get you into your round. Colt always made the most of natural surroundings when working on a course, using contours and slopes to create undulating fairways and defend his greens.

Stoke Park's putting surfaces are often large, subtle and rolling, and this is certainly the case on the long fourth hole. Colt's mastery of short holes has never been so obvious than Stoke Park's signature seventh hole, an awe-inspiring par three often described as his single finest hole. A truly magnificent hole, played over a lake that runs all the way along the right side of the green, but is also heavily bunkered on the left. One of the largest greens on the golf course could not look smaller, especially if the prevailing cross wind is up.

The Alison nine begins with two more holes that have an 'Augusta feel', starting with a par four than was reminiscent of the seventh at

the Masters, with hungry bunkers surrounding the green. And then a short hole that equals the beauty of our signature hole, with strong similarities to Augusta's 12th hole. Stop on this tee to truly take in the beauty of Stoke Park - surrounded by tall trees, the tranquillity of the smooth green, and the billowing fountain. The 14th once again brings you back to the mansion, setting a spectacular backdrop to your second shot.

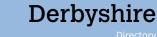
Having completed your round, your day is complete with a small libation on the Orangery Lawn, reminiscing over your game, whilst taking in the breath taking views of the memorial gardens. If your hunger for golf is still not sated, then the Lane Jackson course beckons... it is a testament to Colt's genius that his courses are admired by golfers at every level of the game.

The golf course is further enhanced by a Leadbetter Golf Academy which makes the most of the wonderful practice facilities. A double-ended driving range with an allweather mat or grass to hit from including some undercover bays for practice in inclement weather. A brand new short-game area with new bunkers will be joined by a pitching field giving opportunities to practice every element of the short game. And finally an indoor swing studio with the latest TrackMan technology which houses our coaching team.





Derbyshire





Derbyshire is renowned for being a hugely diverse county with town and city nestled in breathtaking countryside with industry and leisure working hand in hand. The county's premier city is Derby, which although steeped in history, is one of Britain's youngest cities, being awarded its Charter by Her Majesty the Queen in 1977.

Derby has many unique characteristics with a rich mixture of arts, tourism and cultural venues and a pedestrianised city centre, which makes shopping a joy. There are also several good-sized towns in the county.

Derbyshire can also claim the first national park to be set up in Britain - the Peak National Park which lies at the southern end of the Pennines, between Sheffield and Manchester. The park, which has boundaries that also spread into several other counties, covers over 500 square miles, three quarters of which lie within Derbyshire itself.

Despite being a landlocked county, it is the birthplace of Dame Ellen MacArthur, who held the record for the fastest solo circumnavigation of the globe in a yacht!

Heading out of the city there is a choice of bustling market towns such as Ashbourne, Bakewell and Chesterfield; and many picturesque villages nestled in unspoilt countryside such as Buxton. Situated in the heart of the Peak District, this beautiful Georgian Spa town boasts the highest market place in the country.

In the hilly districts the land is mostly in pasture - much of it is rocky and unproductive. Oats, barley, potatoes and wheat are cultivated, and there are many excellent dairyfarms. Warm mineral springs are numerous, the most popular being those at Buxton, Matlock and Bakewell. Coal is abundant, iron ore and lead are worked, while zinc, manganese and barytes are amongst the other mineral products.

Derbyshire offers a variety of scenery, a wide array of interesting places to visit and things to do, whatever the time of year.



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Allestree Park Golf Club

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Ashbourne Golf Club

01335 342 078 www.ashbournegolfclub.co.uk

Bakewell Golf Club

01629 812 307 www.bakewellgolfclub.co.uk

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01335 360 096 www.brailsfordgolfclub.co.uk

Breadsall Priory Hotel Golf & Country Club

01332 836 016

www.marriottgolf.co.uk/club/breadsall-priory

Breedon Priory Family Golf Centre

01332 862 406 www.breedonpriorygolf.co.uk

Broughton Heath Golf Club

01283 521 235

www.broughtonheathgolfclub.co.uk

Burton-on-Trent Golf Club

01283 544 551

www.botgc.co.uk

Buxton & High Peak Golf Club

01298 26263 www.bhpgc.co.uk

Cavendish Golf Club

01298 79708 www.cavendishgolfcourse.com

Chapel-en-le-Frith Golf Club

01298 812 118

www.chapelgolf.co.uk

Chesterfield Golf Club 01246 279 256

www.chesterfieldgolfclub.co.uk

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01332 841 864 www.chevingolf.co.uk **Derby Golf Club**

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Erewash Valley Golf Club 0115 932 3258

www.erewashvalley.co.uk

Glossop & District Golf Club

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Hope Golf Club

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Horsley Lodge Golf Club

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www.horsleylodge.co.uk

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Matlock Golf Club

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Maywood Golf Club

www.maywoodgolfclub.com

Mickleover Golf Club

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www.mickleovergolfclub.co.uk

Morley Hayes Golf Club

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www.morleyhayes.com

New Mills Golf Club

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www.newmillsgolfclub.co.uk

Ormonde Fields Golf Club

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www.ormondefieldsgolfclub.co.uk

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www.pasturesgolfclub.co.uk

Shirland Golf Club

01773 834 935

www.shirlandgolfclub.co.uk

Sicklehome Golf Club

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www.sickleholme.co.uk

South Chesterfield Golf Club

01246 856 044

www.southchesterfieldgolf.co.uk

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Tapton Park Golf & Leisure Centre

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Breadsall Priory

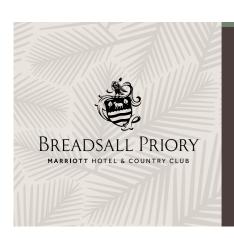
Marriott Hotel & Country Club

Standing in over 300 acres of parkland, near the Peak District National Park, Breadsall Priory, Marriott Hotel & Country Club offers 36 contrasting holes of golf in beautiful surroundings.

The two courses, The championship Priory and the Moorland, are both popular with members and visitors, not least because they offer a combination of exciting golf coupled with superb views over the surrounding countryside. The Priory, the eldest of the two, was designed by David Cox and opened for play in 1977. It measures 6,100 yards from the medal tees, which is relatively short by modern standards, but don't let that mislead you because it is

also tight and tree-lined and offers a real test to all but the most accurate strikers. Cox's lay-out has numerous fine holes, not the least of which are the panoramic 363 yard par 4 11th and the demanding 424 yard par 4 16th. However, the pick of the bunch might well be the delightful 183 yard par 3 17th, which is played from an elevated tee to a generous green guarded by bunkers and a ditch to the rear.

The newer Moorland Course measures a manageable 6,054 yards. Set on an adjacent hillside, it is ideal for year-round golf and affords fine views of the hotel and the surrounding area. Like the Priory, this Donald Steel design features a plethora of memorable holes including the demanding 452 yard par 4 2nd, the picturesque 126 yard par 3 6th and the 406 yard par 4 12th where a tall tree guards the right side of the landing area.



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Contact Details

Breadsall Priory Marriott Hotel & Country Club

Moor Road, Morley, Nr. Derby Derbyshire, DE7 6DL

Telephone: 01332 836016 mhrs.emags.golf@marriotthotels.com www.MarriottBreadsallPriory.co.uk

How to Find

Travelling North: At M1 J25, take A52 to Derby. At 1st roundabout after approx 7 miles take A61 to Chesterfield. At next roundabout take A608 to Heanor. After approx 3 miles turn left by the Three Horse Shoes Public House into Brick Kiln Lane. At the next junction turn left and the hotel is on the right after approx 1 mile.

2 x 18 Hole Golf Courses, Floodlit Driving Range - 6 Indoor Bays and 4 Outdoor Bays, Short Game Area, Practice Bunker, Putting Green, Golf Shop, 2 x Restaurants, 112 Bedrooms, 11 Conference Rooms, Leisure Club including, Gym, Swimming Pool, Sauna, Jacuzzi & Steam Room

Course Information

Moorland Course 18 holes, Par 70

• 6100 • 5833 • 5748 (73)

HOLE	PAR	• YDS	HOLE	PAR	• YDS
1	3	178	10	4	312
2	4	452	11	4	360
3	4	300	12	4	406
4	4	342	13	4	436
5	4	398	14	3	160
6	3	126	15	4	417
7	4	294	16	5	475
8	4	440	17	3	170
9	5	479	18	5	355

Championship Priory Course

• 6054 • 5875 • 5280 (72)

HOLE	PAR	• YDS	HOLE	PAR	• YDS
1	4	319	10	4	315
2	3	174	11	4	363
3	4	411	12	4	343
4	5	492	13	4	335
5	4	376	14	3	171
6	3	125	15	4	462
7	4	451	16	4	424
8	4	373	17	3	184
9	4	272	18	5	464



Make yourself at home at our stunning Derbyshire hotel.

An unforgettable experience awaits you in Derby at Breadsall Priory Marriott Hotel & Country Club. We're impeccably located on 300 acres of lush, gorgeously landscaped grounds in the spectacular Derbyshire countryside, only moments away from some of England's most noteworthy attractions. Our historic hotel has the proud distinction of being the oldest Marriott location in the world, with elegant Priory rooms dating back to 1260. Outstanding amenities within the hotel grounds include two 18-hole

championship golf courses, a luxurious spa, contemporary British dining at our on-site Cast Iron Bar & Grill, a fully equipped gym and a heated indoor pool. If you're hosting an event in Derbyshire, you can take advantage of our magnificent indoor and outdoor venue spaces and our delicious catering. And explore the area with ease; our Derby location offers close proximity to Chatsworth House, the Peak District and more. Plan your escape to the Derbyshire countryside at Breadsall Priory Marriott Hotel & Country Club.





Burton-on-Trent

Golf Club

Once a bit of a hidden treasure out in the woodland surrounds of South Derbyshire, now a fully-fledged England Golf Championship venue and one that reaches its 125th anniversary in 2019. No better time to visit and find out all that is good about Burton-on-Trent Golf Club.



The golf club is situated 2 miles out of the Town centre by the village of Bretby, just a couple of miles out of town so you benefit from a nice peaceful rural setting.

The course set in 150 aces of woodland was designed by world renowned course architect. Harry Colt. The mature 6510-yard, Par 71 course is one of the finest in the Midlands offering a serious challenge from beginner to even the lowest handicapper with accuracy, course management and shot selection being critical to maintain a low score.

With immaculate fairways, fast multi-tiered greens and an 'Augusta Style' 18th hole, your visit to Burton on Trent Golf Club will be an enjoyable and memorable one regardless of your finishing score.

Exciting times lie ahead for Burton-on-Trent Golf Club with a proposed first floor development of the clubhouse planned. In order to bring the facilities inside up to the high

Contact Details

Burton on Trent Golf Club 43 Ashby Road East, Burton On Trent Derbyshire, DE15 OPS

Telephone: 01283 544551 Email enquiries via website www.botgc.co.uk

How to Find

From A38 (Derby – Birmingham) Take A5121 at Clay Mills Junction. Follow A5121 to centre of Burton on Trent and take second exit left at Pirelli Stadium (Hawkins Lane). At mini-roundabout turn left onto Wharf Road. At end of Wharf Road turn right onto Wetmore Road. At end of Wetmore Road stay in left hand lane (A511 direction Ashby/ Leicester). Proceed over bridge and straight on up the hill, then over mini-roundabout for appoximately a further 500yards, look for the sign



Facilities

Bar, Restaurant, Buggy/ Electric Trolley Hire, Clubhouse, Practise Range, Chipping/Putting Practise areas, Golf Lessons, Function room and private dining area

Course Information

18 holes, Par 71 • 6510 • 6147 (70) • 5680 (73)

HOLE	PAR	• YDS	HOLE	PAR	• YDS
1	4	350	10	3	196
2	3	142	11	4	313
3	5	558	12	3	214
4	5	484	13	5	508
5	4	447	14	4	443
6	3	164	15	4	344
7	4	381	16	4	429
8	4	349	17	4	439
9	4	374	18	4	375

standards of the course outside. The former stewards living space is due to be converted into a new Golfers bar facility with a capacity inside of 60-70 people and a rap around balcony giving views out over the 9th, 10th and 18th holes.

Due to the high standard of course, the club regularly holds County events and prestigious amateur events however in 2018 held its first England Golf Regional Championships. In 2019 the club will be hosting England Golf's North-Midlands Region Australian Spoons Competition followed by host of Open Competitions to celebrate the 125th Anniversary of the club.



Membership at the club is still available with a and 7 day subscription cost of just £86.75pm plus a one off Joining fee. Golf Society booking are welcomed on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and on approval Sunday throughout the

2019 will be a fantastic year for the club and we welcome new members, golf societies, Captains Away day, Corporate Charity day to join us to celebrate our 125th Anniversary.

You can find more information at: www.botgc. co.uk or contact clubsecretary@botgc.co.uk -01283 544551







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Cavendish Golf Club

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Contact Details

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How to Find

Cavendish Golf Club is on Watford Road, to the West of Buxton, just off the A53 (St John's Road) and only minutes from the town centre. Buxton is conveniently situated 25 miles from Manchester and Sheffield and 20 miles from Stoke on Trent.



Clubhouse, restaurant, spike well-appointed and comfortable the course from the terrace area. game and to soak in the scenery. Practice area, putting green, pro shop, ample car parking.

Course Information

18 holes, Par 68 • 5721 • 5552 • 5162 (72)

HOLE	PAR	• YDS	HOLE	PAR	• YDS
1	4	354	10	4	422
2	4	314	11	4	403
3	4	285	12	4	350
4	3	122	13	3	183
5	4	420	14	5	496
6	4	412	15	3	116
7	4	312	16	4	403
8	4	389	17	3	160
9	3	139	18	4	441

Created by Dr. Alister MacKenzie and opened in 1925, Cavendish is one of over 100 golf courses around the world that he helped to design. Particularly notable among these are The Augusta National and Cypress Point in USA, Royal Melbourne in Australia and of course, Cavendish, here in Buxton.

In 1923 the Duke of Devonshire requested MacKenzie to design an 18 hole golf course in Buxton and the link with the Cavendish family has remained to date. The course has retained virtually all of the features present in MacKenzie's original design, making full use of the natural features and providing a true test for golfers at all levels of ability. Not long by

modern standards, it requires accurate play to the demanding greens, which have left many visitors longing for a return to our exciting course. Cavendish exemplifies MacKenzie's belief that "length has nothing to do with the quality of a hole". The abundance of wildlife such as buzzard, sparrow hawk, kestrel, deer and hares can be a distraction even to the most focused player, but we believe that it adds to the experience of playing in this quiet, private area of Buxton. Cavendish is thought by some to be Dr MacKenzie's most accomplished work in the UK and quite possibly the best layout in the world under 6000 yards.





TOP 100 English Course: 2016, 2017, 2018





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Kedleston Park

Golf Club



Kedleston Park is a beautiful, mature parkland course set in peaceful countryside within the grounds of the magnificent Kedleston Hall, a grand 18th century stately home just a few miles northwest of Derby city centre.



Kedleston Park Golf Club strives to create a memorable golfing experience for all to enjoy. Our Vision is to be the premier members golf club in the Midlands founded on the core values and traditions of golf. Our mission is to be renowned for our immaculate golf course and quality environment where staff are passionate and professional in providing outstanding service for our members and guests.

A host venue for Regional Qualifying for The Open from 2018, Kedleston Park is regarded as one of the best courses in Derbyshire by the 'Top 100 Golf Courses of the world'. Set in 155 acres of mature Derbyshire parkland, Kedleston Park was constructed in the late 1940s by renowned course architects Colt. Alison and Morrison to a design originally penned by the legendary five-time Open champion, James Braid.

Contact Details

Kedleston Park Golf Club Kedleston, Quarndon Derby, DE22 5JD

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How to Find

Sat Nav: DE22 5JD



Facilities

Bar, Buggy/Trolley Hire, Clubs Hire, Clubhouse, Driving Range, Food, Practice Area, Pro Shop, Putting Green, Golf Lessons, Function Room

Course Information

18 holes, Par 72 7008 • 6727 • 6440 • 5714 (74)

HOLE	PAR	• YDS	HOLE	PAR	• YDS
1	5	494	10	4	375
2	4	413	11	3	188
3	4	401	12	4	440
4	3	161	13	5	484
5	5	527	14	4	388
6	4	436	15	4	417
7	3	157	16	3	185
8	4	326	17	5	512
9	4	403	18	4	420

With 5 sets of tees measuring from 5.300 up to 7,000 yards, the par 72 course offers an excellent test of golf for players of all abilities within the stunning surroundings of Kedleston Hall.

The course benefits from USGA specified greens and a recent improvement programme to the bunkers, mounds and greenside complexes under the expert guidance of world-renowned golf course architects, Mackenzie and Ebert in preparation for hosting The Open Championship qualifying from 2018. The aims of Kedleston Park's upgrade programme have been twofold – to improve the visual appeal of the holes, and to enhance the course's strategic demands, ensuring that it continues to pose a suitable challenge to golfers of all abilities in the 21st century and beyond. Mackenzie's brief has primarily been to rework many of the course's bunkers, mounds and greenside complexes, reshaping and restyling some bunkers, repositioning others, and converting yet others into grass hollows or run-offs.

Kedleston Park's facilities were further enhanced in the Autumn of 2015 with a major redevelopment of the club's shortgame practice area, allowing members and visitors to really hone their touch around the greens. The excellent new Scarsdale practice facility comprises a 585m2 contoured green, surrounded by two bunkers and a variety of swales, mounds and hollows, all designed to allow golfers to practice the full complement of greenside shots.

The club offers a competitive vet friendly and welcoming environment for golfers with extensive practice facilities and an airconditioned clubhouse offering the finest Derbyshire hospitality.

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Contact Details

Morley Hayes Main Road, Morley Derbyshire, DE7 6DG

Telephone: 01332 780480 enquiries@morleyhayes.com www.morleyhayes.com

How to Find

By Rail: Derby Midland Station is approximately 15 minute drive away.

By Air: East Midlands Airport is approximately 25 minute drive away.

By Bus: Morley Hayes is located on the H1 bus route from Heanor to Derby. The bus stop is right at the end of the driveway into Morley Hayes. The bus service is every 20 minutes to and from Derby from 6am until 12 midnight and is operated by Trent Buses.



Facilities

Bar, Buggy/Trolley Hire, Clubs Hire, Clubhouse, Driving Range, Food, Practice Area, Pro Shop, Putting Green, Golf Lessons, Function Room

Course Information

Manor Course: 18 holes, Par 72 • 6710 • 6477 • 5847

HOLE	PAR	• YDS	HOLE	PAR	• YDS
1	4	379	10	4	406
2	4	446	11	4	431
3	5	481	12	3	210
4	4	421	13	5	537
5	4	366	14	4	364
6	3	170	15	4	375
7	4	366	16	3	161
8	4	333	17	5	526
9	4	312	18	4	442

The Manor Course is asuperb 18 hole, Championship length, par 72 course that will continue to challenge even the most experienced golfer with its wonderful undulating parkland layout. A relatively open course that is not too penal off the tee makes it inviting with some interesting features. Well placed water hazards that come into play around the 18 holes are complemented by greenside bunkers which can threaten to swallow up wayward strokes. The 10th hole is particularly memorable - a short par 4 with a green that is almost completely surrounded by water and requires an accurate approach.



The Tower Course is a distinctive 9-hole course, par 30, designed for golfers requiring a quick game, or those who wish to improve their short game, and for beginners to gain experience. It has 3 short par 4's and 6 par 3's of varied length.

A 17 bay, all-weather, floodlight driving range is available alongside state of the art practice facilities which form the East Midlands Golf Academy.

The impressive Pavilion clubhouse enjoys panoramic views over both courses as well as the surrounding Derbyshire countryside.





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Leicestershire & Rutland



Leicestershire is proud to be one of the most ethnically and culturally diverse counties in the UK, with the city of Leicester having a very high proportion of Asian residents in particular.

In the home of fox hunting, all the county residents have therefore always been more willing than most to move with the times.

Mind you that didn't prevent them taking an important step back into the middle ages in 2012 when the remains of King Richard III, who was killed in the Battle of Bosworth in the Wars of the Roses, were found underneath a city centre car park.

Making history is not something unusual for this midlands county however as their main football team emphasised a few years later with one of the most unlikely stories ever seen in sport.

Despite pre-season odds of 5,000-1, Leicester City captured the imagination of all underdogs throughout the world as they beat all their

big-spending rivals to lift the 2015/16 Premier League title.

Leicestershire has a long association with the clothing industry, with Next being one of a number of companies to have their head offices there.

Walkers Crisps, Melton Mowbray Pork Pies and Stilton and Red Leicester Cheeses are also some other tasty products to come out of the county.

With a landscape that includes the beautiful hilly countryside around Bradgate Park and Charnwood Forest, one of Leicester's famous sons is broadcaster and naturalist Sir David Attenborough.

Rutland Water, which is a large artificial reservoir to the east of Leicestershire, is also one of the most scenic parts of the midlands. Although Rutland is separate to Leicestershire, as the smallest county in England in terms of geographical size and population, it is often paired with its nearest neighbour.



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Kilworth Springs

Golf Club

Kilworth Springs was built in 1993 but despite its youth, the course has matured quickly. Situated in rural Leicestershire and offering extensive uninterrupted views of beautiful rolling countryside, it is now widely regarded as one of the premier layouts in the Midlands.



Contact Details

Kilworth Springs Golf Club South Kilworth Road, North Kilworth Leicestershire, LE17 6HJ

Telephone: 01858 575 082 admin@kilworthsprings.co.uk www.kilworthsprings.co.uk

How to Find

Kilworth Springs Golf Club is located just off the A4304, lee than 6 miles from Junction 20 of the M1, between the villages of North Kilworth and South Kilworth. We are easily accessible from the M69, M6 and A14.



Facilities

Clubhouse, Pro Shop, Lessons, Memberships, 23 bay driving range, Fleet of 20 buggies

Course Information

6669 • 6490 • 6250 • 5771 (73)

HOLE	PAR	• YDS	HOLE	PAR	• YDS
1	4	352	10	5	532
2	3	170	11	3	162
3	5	504	12	4	413
4	4	427	13	4	364
5	4	372	14	4	345
6	3	149	15	5	469
7	4	365	16	4	395
8	5	489	17	4	387
9	4	394	18	3	201

Due to it being on an oasis of sand and shale, Kilworth Springs is also one of the best drained courses in a hundred miles of the area. This also gives the course a superb quality of turf too.

Kilworth Springs is a superbly sculptured links style course offering all the best features and facilities for a great day's golf. The greens are built to USGA construction standards. The front nine offers a traditional links challenge, whilst the back nine, with its numerous lakes, adds water to the equation. The championship course measures 6718 yards, par 72.

Social membership at Kilworth Springs allows members to use the clubhouse and practice facilities throughout the week and at weekends. Social membership is offered at £40 per year with £20 of this going onto a membership card to be used on food and beverage purchases in the clubhouse.

The Bar serves breakfast from 7:30am and has an extensive lunch menu with daily specials, as well as our renowned Sunday lunches.







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Northamptonshire

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Northamptonshire, or Northants as it is also known, is the southernmost county in the East Midlands region.

Covering an area of 2,364 square kilometres (913 square miles), Northamptonshire is landlocked between the counties of Warwickshire, Leicestershire and Rutland, Cambridgeshire, Bedfordshire, Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Lincolnshire.

The boundary with Lincolnshire is recognized as the shortest county border in England - it's less than the length of a cricket pitch!

With a population of around three quarters of a million, the county's biggest town is Northampton, which has just over 200,000 residents, while Kettering, Corby and Wellingborough all have over 50,000 people living there.

Undoubtedly it's most famous sporting venue, which is known throughout the world not just

in the UK, is Silverstone motor racing circuit. The former RAF airfield, which has a capacity for 150,000 spectators, has held a series of major events, including the F1 British Grand Prix on more than 50 occasions.

Mercedes-Benz, who have won the last four F1 constructors titles, plus Force India and Cosworth, are all based in Northamptonshire.

Other sporting teams also play a significant role within the community. Northampton Town is the only Football League club in the county, while Northamptonshire Cricket Club and Northamptonshire Saints Rugby Club have enjoyed recent success.

The county hit the headlines in 2005 with the release of Kinky Boots, which was a film based on the true story of a family-run Northamptonshire shoe factory, who made fetish footwear in order to avoid bankruptcy. It was later adapted into an awarding-winning Broadway musical.





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Brampton Heath

Golf Centre

Two miles from Northampton town centre this undulating heathland course has built up a strong membership as well as being popular with visiting golfers and societies. The sandy soil allows play all year round and the course has a reputation as one of the best winter courses in the midlands.





The course opened in 1995 and now has a reputation as one of the best all year round courses in Northamptonshire. It has matured into a course that is not only very scenic, but also challenging for golfers of all abilities. There has been many course improvements over the past 2 years with additional tees and trees added as well as new water features on the 2nd, 7th, 9th and 18th.

Contact Details

Brampton Heath Golf Centre Sandy Lane, Church Brampton Northampton, NN6 8AX

Telephone: 01604 843939 info@bhgc.co.uk www.bhgc.co.uk

How to Find

Use Postcode NN6 8AX for Sat Nav



Facilities

Bar, Buggy Hire, Clubhouse, Food, Practice Area, Pro Shop, Putting Green, Golf Lessons

Course Information

18 holes, Par 72 • 6662 • 6210 • 5616

HOLE	PAR	• YDS	HOLE	PAR	• YDS
1	4	407	10	5	550
2	4	370	11	5	527
3	5	556	12	3	219
4	4	380	13	4	328
5	3	193	14	4	346
6	5	505	15	4	435
7	3	158	16	3	177
8	4	353	17	4	412
9	4	347	18	4	399

Brampton Heath is blessed with fantastic sandy soil and drainage, and was the only course to stay open throughout last winter (except when snow covered), never using temporary tees or greens, or tee mats. Trolleys are always permitted, as are buggies, unless there are exceptional circumstances.

There is a yearly Winter Series that runs from October through until March which is extremely popular with local golfers. It gives a chance of competitive golf all through the colder months, details can be found below.



The clubhouse has recently undergone a large extension with new mens and ladies changing facilities as well as function rooms that can be used by visiting groups and societies. They offer a selection of drinks and home-cooked meals and snacks and can cater for up to 120 golfers in the Cranshaw Suite overlooking the 9th & 18th holes.

The Golf Club welcomes visitors and societies and packages can be tailored to suit each groups needs. Starting at just £26 per person including golf on the championship length course it provides great value for money.





Winter Series Dates 2018/19

Tuesday, 2nd October Tuesday, 6th November Tuesday, 11th December Tuesday, 8th January Tuesday, 5th February Tuesday, 5th March

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Collingtree Park

Collingtree Park Golf Course in Northampton was opened in 1990 by designer and former British and US Open Champion, Johnny Miller. The 18-hole, par 72 course is a European Tour venue and is a unique and testing course that will challenge any handicap. With water on no less than 10 holes including surrounding the signature 18th green, they are extremely proud to share their stunning views with both members and non-members.



Contact Details

Collingtree Park Golf Club Windingbrook Lane, Collingtree Park Northamptonshire, NN4 0XN

Telephone: 01604 700000 enquires@collingtreeparkgolf.com www.collingtreeparkgolf.com

How to Find

Collingtree Park Golf Club is discreetly placed seconds off the A45. Leave the M1 at junction 15 and take the exit towards A45 Northampton/ Wellingborough. Drive past the turning for the Hilton Hotel and take the next slip road for East Hunsbury exit straight on, Rowtree Road. At the next roundabout, take the first exit, which will be signposted as Collingtree Park Golf Club. Follow Windingbrook Lane for approximately half a mile. Our car park is on the left.



Facilities

Bar, Buggy Hire, Club Hire, Clubhouse, Driving Range, Food, Practice Area, Pro Shop, Putting Green, Golf Lessons

Course Information

18 holes, Par 72 6908 • 6776 • 6277 • 5616 (74)

HOLE	PAR	• YDS	HOLE	PAR	• YDS
1	4	348	10	4	350
2	4	400	11	4	400
3	4	431	12	3	192
4	5	531	13	4	463
5	3	179	14	5	543
6	4	367	15	3	170
7	4	388	16	4	392
8	3	166	17	4	401
9	5	512	18	5	543

Designed by Johnny Miller, Collingtree Park Golf Course offers 18 holes of Championship Golf. Using all the skills and guile amassed over many years of tournament golf at the highest level, Johnny designed a testing 6,776-yard par 72.

Since 1992, Collingtree Park Golf Club has staged a variety of high profile events, including the British Masters and European Tour events.

Darren Clarke (2011 Open Champion and fourtime Ryder Cup winner) still to this day holds the professional course record at 62 - 10 under

Par whilst playing in the 1995 British Masters.

Last year, the PGA EuroPro Tour returned in

August having last been held at the course in

2013, and the week-long event was filmed by

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Wellingborough

Golf Club

Wellingborough Golf Club is a private members' club situated at the 18th century Harrowden Hall in the heart of Northamptonshire.





Wellingborough Golf Club Harrowden Hall, Great Harrowden Wellingborough, NN9 5AD

Telephone: 01933 677234 info@wellingboroughgolfclub.com www.wellingboroughgolfclub.com

How to Find

Situated 4 miles from Junction 9 on the A14 sitting on the A509



Facilities

WELLINGBOROUGH GOLF CLUB

Bar, Buggy Hire, Clubhouse, Food, Practice Area, Pro Shop, Putting Green, Golf Lessons

Course Information

18 holes, Par 72 • 6721 • 6374 • 5917 (74)

HOLE	PAR	• YDS	HOLE	PAR	• YDS
1	4	338	10	4	395
2	4	404	11	3	163
3	4	371	12	5	518
4	3	176	13	4	451
5	4	367	14	5	531
6	4	376	15	4	382
7	4	427	16	4	313
8	4	335	17	4	453
9	4	426	18	4	295

We offer a magnificent championship golf course set in 160 acres of fine rolling parkland, that regularly hosts a number of premier PGA & County events.

Harrowden Hall, which has been the home of Wellingborough Golf Club since the mid-1970s, is situated in amongst five acres of beautifully maintained gardens.

As we celebrate our 125th anniversary in 2018, the Club are looking forward to playing a course that has undergone significant redevelopment throughout the off-season.

With new re-designed bunkers on almost every



hole, we are keen to welcome more golfers to play our highly-acclaimed par 72 for years to come. We've been recommended in Today's Golfer as a "Quality parkland which improves every year, historic Harrowden Hall providing a dramatic backdrop." We were given a 4 star rating. Courtesy: Todays Golfer January 2012. We have also been recognised as having one of the best finishing holes alongside The Belfry and Carnoustie also courtesy of Today's Golfer March 2012.

We are happy to welcome non-members for any pre-bookable functions.





KETTERING

Contact Details

Kettering Golf Club Headlands, Kettering Northants, NN15 6XA

Telephone: 01536 511 104 info@kettering-golf.co.uk www.kettering-golf.co.uk

How to Find

Junction 8 on A14 in Northamptonshire. Turn right at first roundabout, continue down Lake Avenue and turn right at next roundabout onto Thurston Drive. Turn right at end of road, go over mini roundabout, and take next right into concealed entrance. Drive over the bridge (please not this is only wide enough for one vehicle). Kettering Golf Club, with car park, is on immediate right.

The oldest Golf Club in Northamptonshire came about after Dr John Allison visited Kettering from Scotland in 1889 only to discover that no golf course existed for him to play his beloved game. So, in 1891, he formed Kettering Golf Club and built a nine-hole course designed by Tom Morris of St Andrews. Shortly afterwards this was extended to the full 18 hole course we have today.

We are a Members Club, where the enjoyment of golf and companionship, taken from the spirit of Dr Allison, remains the bedrock of the club. We extend a warm welcome to visitors and guests, many of whom have commented that our course is the 'best playing surface in the county'.



Since 1891 our parkland course, which is an out-and-in layout, has matured into one which allows young and novice players to enjoy and perfect their game.

Over the years, we have produced several youngsters who have gone on to become professionals, our latest success being Charley

The course also enables our more mature players to continue to compete and enjoy the companionship of golf long after many other courses force retirement.

For all our members the course has used its years to provide challenges to keep us on our toes week-in week-out.



Facilities

18 hole parkland course, Bar, Buggy Hire, Clubhouse, Food, Practice Area, Pro Shop with simulator, Putting Green, Golf Lessons

Course Information

18 holes, Par 69 • 6057 • 5444 (73)

HOLE	PAR	• YDS	HOLE	PAR	• YDS
1	3	151	10	4	359
2	4	413	11	4	400
3	4	413	12	3	167
4	3	158	13	4	301
5	5	503	14	4	418
6	4	331	15	3	175
7	3	186	16	4	453
8	5	506	17	4	310
9	4	389	18	4	424



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Contact Details

Northamptonshire County Golf Club Golf Lane, Church Brampton Northampton, NN6 8AY

Telephone: 01604 843025 clubmanager@countygolfclub.org www.countygolfclub.org

How to Find

Exit M1 at Junction 16, turn onto A4500 (Weedon Road) and follow this road until a small roundabout. Follow signs for Harlestone and turn left on to Sandy Lane. At two mini roundabouts side by side, turn left at the first and right on the second. Follow until large roundabout, turn left to Harlestone, pass through the village, climb a hill, turn right into village of Church Brampton, turn right into Golf Lane. At the end of the lane is Northamptonshire County Golf Club.



Facilities

21 holes heathland course, Par 3 course, Bar, Buggy Hire, Clubhouse, Food, Practice Area, Pro Shop, Putting Green, Golf Lessons

Course Information

18 holes, Par 70 • 6721 • 6241 • 5843 (75)

HOLE	PAR	• YDS	HOLE	PAR	• YDS
1	4	454	10	4	413
2	5	554	11	4	443
3	3	181	12	3	135
4	4	353	13	4	392
5	4	449	14	4	377
6	3	232	15	3	185
7	4	434	16	4	451
8	4	312	17	4	460
9	4	392	18	5	504

Constructed in April 1909 and opened for play the following year, the original 18 holes were designed by the distinguished golf course architect, Harry S Colt.

This Open Championship Qualifying venue is a traditional heathland course with undulating woodland, gorse, heather and fine pine woods. The par 70 course has stood the test of time very well as relatively few major alterations have been made to it since.

The most notable was carried out by James Braid in 1947 when the pattern and arrangement of many bunkers were altered and the 18th green was relocated to its present position in front of the clubhouse.



A further three splendid holes designed by top course architect, Cameron Sinclair, were opened in May 2004 to provide a nine hole loop returning to the clubhouse for those wishing to play nine or 27 holes.

The traditional clubhouse has been sympathetically extended and improved over

The bar is central to the clubhouse atmosphere, where many enjoy their drinks and food, whilst watching players complete their rounds at the 18th hole.

With a dining room that can seat up to 100 people, food is available all day and late into the evening during the summer.





Nottinghamshire





Nottinghamshire

As good at archery as he is at pulling in the tourists, Robin Hood is probably the first thing that comes to your mind when you think of Nottingham. The story of Robin, Maid Marian and his band of Merry Men is one of the most famous medieval tales and has been the subject of TV and film adaptations.

Nottinghamshire, which is situated in the heart of England, is famous for the lace-making, bicycle (notably Raleigh bikes) and tobacco industries as well as Sherwood Forest - stretching over 30 miles from Nottingham to Worksop.

From the sleepy market towns and golden fields of the countryside, to the shops and clubs of the cosmopolitan Nottingham city, this is a county of contrasts and surprises.

This county has plenty of gardens, but many of its most interesting ones are well hidden accessible only at particular times of the year, or only known to horticultural specialists. Nottinghamshire is sheltered by the Pennines to the west, so receives relatively low rainfall.

Famous names connected to the county of Nottinghamshire include D H Lawrence, Lord Byron, Paul Smith and Jake Bugg. Nottingham is also host to the oldest football club - Notts County.

There is so much to do in this lively, funpacked county - see world class sport, amazing live performances, excellent nightlife and cutting edge art in some outstanding venues - what are you waiting for?



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01636 812 257 www.theorchardsgolf.co.uk

Radcliffe-On-Trent Golf Club

0115 933 3000 www.radcliffeontrentgc.co.uk

Ramsdale Park Golf Centre

0115 965 5600 www.ramsdaleparkgc.co.uk

Retford Golf Club

01777 703 733 www.retfordgolfclub.org

Riverside Golf Centre

0115 986 2220 www.riversidegolfcentre.net

Ruddington Grange Golf Club

ruddingtongrange.com

Rufford Park Golf & Country Club

01623 825 253 www.ruffordpark.co.uk

Rushcliffe Golf Club

01509 852 959 www.rushcliffegolfclub.com

Serlby Park Golf Club

01777 818 268 www.serlbyparkgolfclub.co.uk

Sherwood Forest Golf Club

01623 626 689 www.sherwoodforestgolfclub.co.uk

Southwell Golf Club

01636 816 501 www.southwell golf club.com

Springwater Golf Club

0115 965 4946 www.springwatergolfclub.com

Stanton-on-the-Wolds Golf Club

0115 937 4885 www.stantongolfclub.co.uk

The Nottinghamshire Golf & Country Club

0115 933 3344 www.thenottinghamshire.com

Trent Lock Golf Centre

0115 946 4398 www.trentlock.co.uk

Wollaton Park Golf Club

0115 978 7574

www.wollatonparkgolfclub.com

Worksop Golf Club

01909 477 731

www.worksopgolfclub.com





Newark Golf Club

Newark Golf Club, originally founded in 1896, is situated close to both the historic town of Newark and the City of Lincoln, The course which has benefited from the advice and guidance of Ken Brown has an excellent balance of heathland and parkland.





Contact Details

Newark Golf Club Sleaford Road, Coddington Newark NG24 2QX

Telephone: 01636 626282 office@newarkgolfclub.co.uk www.newarkgolfclub.co.uk

How to Find

Easy access from the A1 by either the Lincoln or Coddington Junctions, the Club is located on the A17 Newark to Sleaford Road just 4 miles from Newark Town centre.



Facilities

Fully Licensed Bar, Dinning Room and Spike Bar. Open Air Practice Range also with covered bays. Pitching and Bunker Area and Large Putting Green. Swing Analysis and Custom Fit Buggy Hire and Trolley Hire.

Course Information

18 holes, Par 71 • 6468 • 6271 • 5505

HOLE	PAR	• YDS	HOLE	PAR	• YDS
1	4	449	10	4	332
2	3	171	11	5	488
3	4	393	12	4	287
4	4	459	13	4	423
5	3	207	14	4	389
6	5	542	15	3	161
7	5	495	16	4	454
8	4	366	17	3	138
9	4	392	18	4	342

Formally established in 1901, Newark Golf Club moved to its current location four miles from the centre of Newark in 1934. The club and course have been continually developed and improved over the years to keep pace with the requirements of the modern golf club member. The natural easy walking topography coupled with course design improvements create a challenging but fair test for golfers of all levels of ability. The combination of woodland and heathland aspects make the focus on accuracy rather than distance, although there are occasions where both are required, for example the 4th and 16th holes. Every opportunity is also provided for golfers to improve skill levels



as Newark has superb practice and coaching facilities, both indoor and out. A range of group packages are available and visitors are welcome to tailor these to meet their own personal requirements. In recent years, Newark Golf Club has been selected to host the county championships and county opens for the top amateurs and Professionals throughout Nottinghamshire. The large Clubhouse with the Club's in house team can cater for the most refined to the biggest function, be it private celebrations or corporate events. The Club's website has a wealth of information on the many excellent facilities and services available.







Notts Golf Club

Hollinwell

Hollinwell is renowned as one of the UK's finest inland courses and was a well kept golfing secret. Now the word is gradually spreading and more and more golfers are discovering the joys of this stunning heathland course.









Set in the gently rolling hills of North Nottinghamshire in the heart of Robin Hood Country, only 10 minutes from the M1 J27, Hollinwell is more than just a beautiful, varied

The Official Ecologist to The R&A Championship Committee recently said "Notts Golf Club is one of the premier nature conservation sites within the UK, it is every bit a nature reserve as it is a golf course and indeed is well known for its nature conservation interests UK wide." Currently ranked as the UK's 40th best course by Golf World Top 100 and by National Club Golfer as an England Top 20 course, the club continues with the widely acclaimed course and environmental improvements accomplished over recent years and may well rise further up

Visitors receive a warm welcome at Hollinwell from proud staff and members and can also experience the fabulous championship course in it's natural setting and a clubhouse

Contact Details

Notts Golf Club (Hollinwell) Derby Road, Kirkby in Ashfield Nottinghamshire NG17 7QR

Telephone: 01623 753 225 office@nottsgolfclub.co.uk www.nottsgolfclub.co.uk

Instagram: @nottsgolfclub Facebook: @nottsgolfclub

How to Find

From the North, South & West To get to Notts Golf Club from the 27 and follow signs to Mansfield. At the first set of traffic lights, turn left on to the A611, following the signs for Mansfield, follow the main road through Annesley. As you leave Annesley you will reach open countryside. Notts Golf Club is approximately 1/2 mile outside of Annesley on the right sign posted

Facilities

Driving Range, Short Game Area, Pitching Area

Notts Golf Club (Hollinwell).

Course Information

18 holes, Par 72 7250 • 6914 • 6619 • 5871 (70)

HOLE	PAR	• YDS	HOLE	PAR	• YDS
1	4	366	10	4	364
2	4	428	11	4	360
3	5	514	12	4	430
4	4	440	13	3	198
5	3	189	14	4	387
6	5	540	15	4	439
7	4	404	16	4	353
8	4	363	17	5	501
9	3	178	18	4	460

with panoramic views over a course which is playable all year round with some of the best winter greens to be found.

Hollinwell really is well worth any journey there and no wonder Notts GC Professional Mike Bradley challenges anyone to find a better inland course anywhere in Britain. Hollinwell has hosted many prestigious tournaments over its long history including Final Qualifying for The Open in 2017 and 2018, the Brabazon Trophy for the fifth time in 2015 and in 2012 the R&A British Boys Championship which was won Matthew Fitzpatrick.

Final Qualifying for The 148th Open at Royal Portrush will be held in July 2019. With top UK and International players competing hard to qualify for one of only 3 places available, it promises to be another fantastic day for spectators. Entry and parking is free. To celebrate, Notts Hollinwell has launched a new open competition for visitors, available via the website in December 2018, called The Road To Portrush and the first prize for the winning pair is incredible - a free round on the Championship Dunluce Links at Royal Portrush Golf Club!

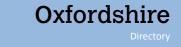








Oxfordshire





Oxfordshire

Oxfordshire is not one of the biggest counties in England, both in terms of land or population, but it is undoubtedly one of the most powerful.

This is mainly due to the strength of its education industry over a number of centuries, and especially in the city of Oxford, which boasts the oldest university in the Englishspeaking world at over 900 years of age.

Consistently ranked as the top University in the world, the list of attendants over the years includes some of the most prominent names from law, mathematics, science, literature, music, drama, religion, sport and much more.

In politics alone 27 British Prime Ministers have been educated at Oxford, including Theresa May, David Cameron, Tony Blair and Margaret

Thatcher, while Bill Clinton and Benazir Bhutto were just two international leaders that studied there.

Inevitably part of the attractiveness is the wonderful blend of green areas, ancient architecture and the more modern aspects of the city.

And the same goes for the rest of the county as it provides some of the most picturesque and walkable landscape in the UK.

From the River Thames, which forms the 70 mile length of Oxfordshire's southern border, across to the Uffington White Horse near Berkshire, all the way up to Warwickshire in the north, this has plenty to offer.





Badgemore Park Golf Club

01491 637 300 www.badgemorepark.com

Banbury Golf Club

01295 810 419 www.banburygolfclub.co.uk

Bicester Hotel, Golf & Spa

01869 241 204

www.bicesterhotelgolfandspa.com

Burford Golf Club

01993 822 583 www.burfordgolfclub.co.uk

Carswell Golf Club

01367 870 505 www.carswellgolfclub.co.uk

Cotswolds Club

01608 642 383 www.cotswoldsclub.co.uk

Drayton Park Golf Club

01235 528 989 www. drayton park golf club a bing don. co. uk

Feldon Valley Golf Club

01608 685 633 www.feldonvalley.co.uk

Frilford Heath Golf Club

01865 390 864 www.frilfordheath.co.uk

Greys Green Golf Club

01491 629 967 www.greysgreengolf.co.uk

Hadden Hill Golf Club

01235 510 410 www.haddenhillgolf.co.uk Henley Golf Club

01491 575 742 www.henleygc.com

Heythrop Park Golf Club

01608 673 488 www.heythropparkgolf.co.uk

Hinksey Heights Golf Club

01865 327 775 www.oxford-golf.co.uk

Huntercombe Golf Club

01491 641 207 www.huntercombegolfclub.co.uk

Kirtlington Golf Club

01869 351 133 www.kirtlingtongolfclub.com

North Oxford Golf Club

01865 554 924 www.northoxfordgolf.co.uk

Oxford Golf Club

01865 242 158 www.oxfordgolfclub.net Rye Hill Golf Club

01295 721 818 www.ryehill.co.uk

Shrivenham Park

01793 783853 www.shrivenhampark.co.uk

Studley Wood Golf Club

01865 351 144 www.studleywoodgolfclub.co.uk

Tadmarton Heath Golf Club

01608 737 278 www.tadmartongolf.com

The Oxfordshire Golf Club

01844 278 300 www.theoxfordshiregolfclub.com

The Springs Golf Club

01491 827 300

www.darwinescapes.co.uk

The Wychwood Golf Club

01993 831 841

www.thewychwood.com

Waterstock Golf Club

01844 338 093

www.waterstockgolf.co.uk

Witney Lakes Golf Club

01993 893 011

www.witney-lakes.co.uk





Feldon Valley

Feldon Valley opened it's doors in 1992. The 18 hole parkland golf course is set in an area of outstanding natural beauty. Feldon is the perfect place for a game of golf. The mature 18 hole course is one of the most picturesque, tranquil places you could choose to play.



For Sat Nav's use Postcode – OX15 5BB

Facilities

Contact Details

How to Find

Feldon Valley Golf Club Sutton Lane, Lower Brailes Oxfordshire, OX15 5BB

Telephone: 01608 685633 tom@feldonvalley.co.uk

Bar, Buggy Hire, Clubhouse, Food, Practice Area, Pro Shop, Putting Green, Golf Lessons

Course Information

18 holes, Par 71 • 6230 • 6059 • 5515 (72)

HOLE	PAR	• YDS	HOLE	PAR	• YDS
1	4	414	10	5	475
2	3	183	11	3	132
3	4	371	12	4	408
4	4	296	13	4	405
5	4	372	14	3	155
6	3	157	15	4	373
7	4	375	16	4	375
8	5	496	17	5	531
9	4	467	18	4	245

Measuring 6230 yards, to a par 71, the course is set up for any ability of golfer to enjoy. It is a fair test that will still demand the shot making skills of the lower handicapper.

Under new ownership since 2014, the course has improved beyond all recognition after major investment. In particular a new drainage system has transformed the fairways, which now drain freely, and the greens have undergone major maintenance work including total reseeding with "bent grasses", which now benefits us with fantastic putting surfaces.

In Spring 2018 we will be re-opening our newly renovated clubhouse. Offering stunning views across the course from within the clubhouse, or on our two generously proportioned balconies, you can enjoy delicious homemade food from our restaurant, and sample thirst quenching beverages from the bar, many from local producers.

In Autumn 2018 we will be opening our lodges so you can stay on-site. These stunning lodges have incredible views across the course and the Feldon Valley. So you can stay in luxury surroundings on the edge of the Cotswolds and enjoy a few days golf.

At Feldon Valley, a warm welcome is guaranteed, as is a game you won't forget. Our team will make sure you have a great day's golf and first class hospitality.







Heythrop Park

Open 365 days of the year, the Bainbridge Championship Course at Heythrop Park was redesigned in 2009 by Tom MacKenzie - the golf course architect responsible for many Open Championship venues, including Turnberry, Royal St. Georges and Royal Portrush. The 7088-yard par 72 course weaves throughout the 440 acres of rambling estate and provides the perfect challenge for all golfers.



Contact Details

Heythrop Park Resort Enstone, Chipping Norton, OX7 5UF

Telephone: 01608 673 488 www.heythropparkgolf.co.uk

How to Find

motorway at Junction 8 (signposted Oxford) and join the A40. Continue until first roundabout and take third exit.Continue North along the A40. Go straight across next roundabout and at next roundabout turn right onto A44 (signposted Woodstock, Evesham) Continue along this road, (passing under turn right at the Harrow Public House into "The Drive" to the crossroads and the entrance to Heythrop Park will be seen immediately facing you.

Hotel, Leisure & Spa, Clubhouse, Driving Range, Practice Area, Putting Green, Buggy Hire, Gol Lessons

Course Information

18 holes, Par 72 • 7088 • 6567 • 6282 • 5202 • 5803

HOLE	PAR	• YDS	HOLE	PAR	• YDS
1	4	404	10	4	384
2	3	154	11	5	551
3	4	406	12	4	376
4	5	510	13	3	176
5	4	332	14	5	513
6	4	305	15	3	160
7	4	401	16	4	326
8	4	394	17	4	431
9	3	190	18	5	554

The 18 hole course meanders over ridges and through valleys that are studded with ancient woodland, lakes and streams.

The course is quintessentially English and has several signature holes notably the 6th hole where the green nestles beside a fishing lake, the 14th, which sweeps leftwards around an ancient woodland and the closing hole which is as straight as a die and has the impressive mansion house as its backdrop.

Located 12 miles north of Oxford just outside Chipping Norton in the Cotswolds, Heythrop Park is within 90 minutes' drive time of London and the Midlands, making us very accessible.



On-site, in addition to the Bainbridge golf course, we have a range of leisure facilities, spa, gym, pool, steam room, sauna and a choice of 2 hotels: The Crowne Plaza Hotel and Heythrop Park. In the past 2 years Heythrop Park has hosted both the European Challenge Tour and the American Golf Long Drive final. The former was won by Belgian Thomas Detry who came within a whisker of the magical 59, but had to settle for a course record 60. The American Golf Long Drive final saw some monumental hitting on the par 5 eleventh hole with drives over 400 yards seemingly the norm and the longest drive of the day measuring 458 yards!









Oxford Golf Club

Oxford Golf Club, originally the Oxford University Golf Club, is the oldest golf club in Oxfordshire. We welcome all golfing visitors, from established senior players to novice golfers keen to continue their improvement as they take up the game.



How to Find

Contact Details

Oxford Golf Club

Hill Top Road, Cowley, Oxford Oxfordshire, OX4 1PF

www.oxfordgolfclub.net

Telephone: 01865 242158 (opt 1)

Situated at the Cowley side of Oxford, we are easy to find at the end of Hill Top Road, adjacent to both divinity Road and Southfield Road.



Bar, Buggy Hire, Club Hire, Clubhouse, Practice Area, Catering, Pro Shop - run by Joe Pepperell, Putting Green, Golf Lessons, Custom Fitting, Function room for celebrations, meetings & event hire

Course Information

18 holes, Par 70 • 6347 • 5906 **•** 5490 (72)

HOLE	PAR	• YDS	HOLE	PAR	• YDS
1	4	397	10	5	556
2	4	384	11	4	403
3	4	402	12	3	196
4	3	148	13	4	382
5	4	427	14	4	317
6	4	424	15	3	201
7	4	356	16	4	410
8	3	169	17	3	144
9	5	559	18	5	472

Our facilities include; a wonderfully designed 6,318 yard, 18 hole golf course courtesy of James Braid initially, before the course as you play it today was re-designed in 1922 by the legendary Harry Colt. A full practice ground and separate putting green, alongside a welcoming clubhouse with full catering and bar facilities. From the beginner, who wants to take up our

'Express Golf' methods of play, or the individual golfer looking to run round a quick 18 holes, we can cater for your needs. Society golfers hoping for a day of unadulterated golfing/dining pleasure or companies wanting to entertain clients, guests and colleagues in a corporate golf day, we offer the very best in customer experience and guest satisfaction.





Memberships available from only £8 per week!

Society Golf packages from only £17.50 per person

Shropshire





Shropshire is a county in the West Midlands of England. It borders Powys and Wrexham in Wales to the west and north-west, Cheshire to the north, Staffordshire to the east, Worcestershire to the south-east and Herefordshire to the south. As one of England's most rural and sparsely populated counties, with a population density of 136/km2, it may appear to be quiet but don't be deceived; there's still plenty to see and do.

The county, whose flower is the round-leaved sundew, has over 90 places to visit, including historic houses and beautiful gardens, the famous Ironbridge, museums and family attractions. It also has a long history of wild border conflicts which have left a legacy of atmospheric hillforts, earthworks and castles.

Shropshire has many traditional market towns including the county town of Shrewsbury, which is almost surrounded by the River Severn and is the birthplace of Charles Darwin - it is a medieval delight of black and white buildings.

If food is your thing then the gourmet town of Ludlow won't disappoint. As Shropshire's gastronomic capital, the restaurants with Michelin Star are supported by the numerous other delis, cafes and food markets, all serving quality local food and not forgetting the famous Ludlow Food Festival.

The Shropshire landscape reflects the fact that the county is geologically unique and creates the special habitats that ensures that the wildlife is so diverse. All this adds up to making it great walking country.

So whether you're out and about on Shropshire Hills, by the Meres and Mosses or strolling along with the Shropshire Union and Llangollen Canals you can guarantee the Shropshire air will rejuvenate and restore you.





Aqualate Golf Centre

01952 811 699 www.aqualategolf.co.uk

Arscott Golf Club

01743 860 881 www.arscottgolfclub.co.uk

Bridgnorth Golf Club

01746 763 315 www.bridgnorthgolfclub.co.uk

Church Stretton Golf Club

01694 722 281 www.churchstrettongolfclub.co.uk

Hawkstone Park Golf Club

01948 841 775 www.hpgcgolf.com

Henlle Park Golf Club

01691 670 680 www.henlleparkgolf.co.uk

Hill Valley Hotel, Golf & Spa

0344 879 9049 www.macdonaldhotels.co.uk

Horsehay Village Golf Club

01952 382640 www.horsehayvillagegolfclub.co.uk

Lilleshall Hall Golf Club

01952 604 776 www.lhgolfclub.co.uk

Llanymynech Golf Club

01691 830 983 www.llanymynechgolfclub.co.uk

Ludlow Golf Club

01584 856 285 www.ludlowgolfclub.com

Market Drayton Golf Club

01630 652 266 www.marketdraytongolfclub.co.uk

Meole Brace Golf Course

01743 364 050 www.shakespearegolf.co.uk

Mile End Golf Club

01691 671 246 www.mileendgolfclub.co.uk

Oswestry Golf Club

01691 610 535 www.oswestrygolfclub.co.uk

Patshull Park Golf Club

01902 700 100 www.patshull-park.co.uk

Shifnal Golf Club

01952 460 330 www.shifnalgolf.com

Shrewsbury Golf Club

01743 872 977 www.shrewsburygolfclub.co.uk

Telford Golf Club

01952 429 977 www.telfordgolfclub.co.uk

The Shropshire Golf Centre

01952 677 800 www.theshropshire.co.uk

Worfield Golf Club

01746 716 372 www.worfieldgolfclub.co.uk

Wrekin Golf Club

01952 244 032 www.wrekingolfclub.co.uk



CHURCH STRETTON



Church Stretton Golf Club

A spectacular golfing experience

Church Stretton is quite simply unique. It's 18 holes sit atop the stunning Shropshire Hills an area of outstanding natural beauty - and it's panoramic views are among the finest in England. This gem of a golf course has been here for over 100 years and in that time some of the finest golfers ever to play the game have taken on it's unique challenges.

Major champions such as Sandy Lyle, Ian Woosnam and Henry Cotton have graced the fairways, while legends Harry Vardon and James Braid helped design some of its most outstanding holes. When Woosnam played here, he simply labelled the course as "brilliant". Visitors will know exactly what he meant the moment they arrive.





If you do manage to avert your gaze from the views you will find bracken and heather-lined fairways that snake among hills and cavernous valleys, leading to undulating, tricky greens that will ask tough questions of your putting stroke. Church Stretton doesn't rely on freakish length or huge carries off the tee to give it teeth - the spectacular natural landscape gives it all the bite it needs.

The sandy soil and excellent year-round drainage means the course is a pleasure to play throughout the full season. Many of the golfing press have also come along to see what all the fuss is about. Today's Golfer, Golf Monthly and others have heaped praise on this "unique gem" and a recent course review described Church Stretton as "a spectacular golfing experience that anyone who loves the game should play". But don't just take their word for it - the only way to truly experience all that this unique course has to offer, is to come and play it yourself.



Church Stretton Golf Club Hunters Moon, Trevor Hill Church Stretton, Shropshire, SY6 6JH

Telephone: 01694 722281 pro@churchstrettongolfclub.co.uk www.churchstrettongolfclub.co.uk

How to Find

From the North: Follow the A49 south from Shrewsbury. On reaching the traffic lights in Church Stretton, turn right towards the town and go over the railway bridge. Travel to the end of the high street (Sandford Avenue) and turn right at the T Junction. Continue for about 400 yards and then turn left for Cardingmill Valley and Golf Club. After 150 yards, bear right to the top of the hill and turn sharp left into the car park



Facilities

18 hole course, Short game practice area, Pro shop, Changing rooms for food and drink available. Open to players of all abilities and age, men and ladies, members and visitors. Golf lessons are available with Head PGA Professional James Townsend.

Course Information

18 holes, Par 66 • 5030 • 4886 • 4582 (67)

HOLE	PAR	• YDS	HOLE	PAR	• YDS
1	3	181	10	4	308
2	3	111	11	4	433
3	3	165	12	3	175
4	4	423	13	4	365
5	3	197	14	4	368
6	4	361	15	4	321
7	4	250	16	4	252
8	4	267	17	4	323
9	4	356	18	3	174

At just over 5,000 yards in length, the course may be considered short by modern standards; but complacency is not recommended! Considered by many to be the hardest starting hole in the county, the 1st has a steep bank in front of the green and out of bounds to the right.

The 2nd and 7th both play to uphill flags, the 15th is steeply downhill, while the 13th and 14th are both superb driving holes. Some holes can be driven, such as the 16th, but beware - go off line and you are out of bounds. Many greens are raised or built into the side of a hill, requiring accuracy of length and direction. The borrows are subtle and can be misleading.



Take the 12th for example, where it is difficult to judge whether the green slopes away or towards the hill. The turf you will find delightful to play from with a distinctively 'links' type feel. The wind can be a factor on breezy days, challenging the golfers skill and imagination. During the summer months, ferns narrow the fairways waiting to consume errant tee shots, particularly on the intimidating 9th. With excellent drainage the course plays superbly throughout the year.

Because each hole is unique, the course always retains your interest, so no matter how many times you play, you will never tire of its character.







Llanymynech

Golf Club

Situated on the Wales/England border, Llanymynech offers a hilltop location with outstanding scenery and an excellent all year round course for all standards of golfers.



Contact Details

Llanymynech Golf Club Pant, Nr. Oswestry Shropshire SY10 8LB

Telephone: 01691 830542/830983 secretary@llanymynechgolfclub.co.uk www.llanymynechgolfclub.co.uk

How to Find

The club is situated approx. 6 miles south of Oswestry on the A483 trunk road. In Pant village, turn at the junction by the Cross Keys PH and follow the signs for the golf course.



Professional shop, practice area / putting green, full catering facilities and changing rooms

Course Information

18 holes, Par 70 • 6036 • 5873 **•** 5196 (71)

HOLE	PAR	• YDS	HOLE	PAR	• YDS
1	3	162	10	3	177
2	5	522	11	4	255
3	3	153	12	4	437
4	4	340	13	4	365
5	4	353	14	5	489
6	3	189	15	4	315
7	4	415	16	3	187
8	4	355	17	4	392
9	5	548	18	4	382

With our unique feature of having 15 holes in Wales and three in England, where else can you play two countries in one round? Indeed, on the fourth hole, you tee off in Wales and putt out in England.

Ian Woosnam learnt his golf here and still speaks fondly of it as one of his favourite

Being only one hour's drive from Liverpool, Manchester and Birmingham, we are ideally located for visitors and we guarantee a friendly welcome and hospitality to all our golfers - both old and new.



With gorse and trees running alongside its undulating fairways, tee to green can be a test for any golfer.

On the 12th tee, you will experience an unbelievable view as you are standing there with a 300 foot sheer cliff-face behind you and visibility up to the Snowdonia range to one side of you and the Shropshire/Cheshire plains to

Our website offers Special Deals for visiting golfers throughout the year and our Opens offer excellent value for all golfers.







Oswestry Golf Club



Oswestry Golf Club is a beautiful Par 70 parkland golf course nestled into the North Shropshire countryside. Design by James Braid in the early 1900's and home to two former Ryder Cup Captains, Oswestry Golf Club is something of a hidden gem.



Contact Details

Oswestry Golf Club Aston Park, Queen's Head Oswestry, Shropshire, SY11 4JJ

Telephone: 01691 610535 secretary@oswestrygolfclub.co.uk

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How to Find

Oswestry Golf Club is located on the A5 approximately 3 miles south east of Oswestry, heading towards Shrewsbury. Travelling from the on the right hand side just before you get to the Queens Head turn off. Coming from Shrewsbury we are on the left just after you see the Queens Head on your right.



Bar, Buggy Hire, Club Hire, Pro Shop, Putting Green, Golf Lessons, Conference facilities

Course Information

18 holes, Par 70

HOLE	PAR	• YDS	HOLE	PAR	• YDS
1	4	405	10	4	388
2	4	395	11	4	320
3	5	479	12	3	185
4	3	126	13	4	434
5	5	509	14	4	369
6	4	405	15	4	430
7	4	308	16	4	336
8	4	388	17	3	175
9	3	167	18	4	344

Whilst not being a long course at just over 6000 yards, there is a well thought-out mix of strategic Par 5's, testing Par 3's and a myriad of variety in the Par 4's to keep you interested. A friendly welcoming club, which provides an honest test of your golf and fantastic food and drink to finish.

Set in mature parkland, the course is well suited to players of all abilities, it was designed by James Braid, who is renowned for his two tier greens. With good tees, beautiful fairways and quality greens Oswestry, with its excellent drainage is ideal for all year round play.









TELFORD

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Telford Golf Club



Designed by John Harris and Brian Griffiths, both renowned architects and where, Woosnam won his first professional tournament, this 18 hole golf course was founded in 1977

Contact Details

Telford Golf Club, Great Hay Drive, Sutton Heights Telford, TF74DT

Telephone: 01952 422964 proshop@telfordhotelgolfresort.co.uk www.telfordgolfclub.co.uk

How to Find

Use Postcode TF7 4DT in Sat Nav

Facilities

Bar, Buggy/Trolley Hire, Clubs Hire, Clubhouse, Driving Range, Food, Practice Area, Pro Shop, Putting Green, Golf Lessons, Function Room

Course Information

18 holes, Par 70 • 6036 • 5873 • 5196 (71)

HOLE	PAR	• YDS	HOLE	PAR	• YDS
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3	3	153	12	4	437
4	4	340	13	4	365
5	4	353	14	5	489
6	3	189	15	4	315
7	4	415	16	3	187
8	4	355	17	4	392
9	5	548	18	4	382

Whether a member of the club or visiting on a golfing break, the course will challenge even a scratch golfer. The course offers 6741 yards of magnificent golf, along tree-lined fairways, through open greens and over strategic water hazards. The signature 8th hole is a 382 yard par 4. A good drive is needed to ensure the safety of the fairway avoiding the two bunkers. You must then negotiate the water hazard in order to reach the safety of the green – simple!

After a round on the course, relax in the club house, overlooking the 18th and, whilst enjoying a refreshing drink and snack, dissect every detail of your game.

We offer fantastic packages and rates for residential golf breaks and society golf, please do not hesitate to contact the golf club.

Staffordshire



Staffordshire, abbreviated Staffs, is a landlocked county in the West Midlands of England. It adjoins Cheshire to the north west, Derbyshire and Leicestershire to the east. Warwickshire to the south east. West Midlands and Worcestershire to the south and Shropshire to the west.

Staffordshire is famous for its potteries, its inland navigations, its foundries, blast furnaces, slitting mills and various other branches of the iron trade. The mines of coals, copper, lead and iron ore are rich and extensive, while there are also numerous quarries of stone, alabaster and limestone.

The county is also host to many other attractions including Alton Towers, Drayton Manor, Trentham Gardens and the National Brewery Centre. Staffordshire has the only beer that is still traditionally crafted in oak casks by the last remaining brewer in town, on the

fringes of England's National Forest. And let's not forget the world famous Oak Cakes that originate from this county.

Staffordshire is home to the highest village in Britain. Standing at 463 m (1518 ft) above sea level, Flash is in the Staffordshire Moorlands.

The football club Stoke City is one of the oldest professional football clubs in existence, and was founded in 1863 and played at the Victoria Ground for 119 years from 1878 until their relocation to the Britannia Stadium in 1997. They were among the 12 founder members of the Football League in 1888.

From the celebrated cities of Stoke-on-Trent and Lichfield to the peace and tranquillity of Cannock Chase, whether you're hiking in the peaks, beer tasting in Burton or ghost hunting in Tamworth, Staffordshire has it all!



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Barlaston Golf Club

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01283 512 211

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01785 661 901

www.broctonhall.com

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01782 837 006

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www.calderfieldsgolfclub.co.uk

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www.cannockparkgolfclub.com

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www.darnfordmoors.com

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www.druidsheathgc.co.uk

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01384 872 074

www.envillegolfclub.com

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0121 357 1232

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01902 326 682

www.halfpennygreengolf.com

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Little Aston Golf Club

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01782 617 006

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Norton Bridge

01785 761 117

www.nortonbridgegolfclub.webs.com

Onneley Golf Club

01782 750 577

www.onneleygolfclub.co.uk

Oxley Park Golf Club

01902 773 989

www.oxleyparkgolfclub.co.uk

Penn Golf Club

01902 341 142

www.penngolfclub.co.uk

Perton Park Golf Club

01902 380 073

www.pertongolfclub.co.uk

Sandwell Park Golf Club

0121 553 4637

www.sandwellparkgolfclub.co.uk

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www.themarkbutlergolfacademy.co.uk

South Staffordshire Golf Club

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www.southstaffsgc.co.uk

Stafford Castle Golf Club

01785 223 821

www.staffordcastlegolf.com

www.stonegolfclub.co.uk

The Chase Golf Club

01785 712 888

The Staffordshire

01902 897 031

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Three Hammers Golf Complex

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01782 658 800

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www.uttoxetergolfclub.com

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www.walsallgolfclub.co.uk

Wergs Golf Club

01902 742 225

www.wergsgolfclub.com

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01538 398 385

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www.wolstantongolfclub.co.uk

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Trentham Golf Club

01782 658 109

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www.whistonhall.co.uk

Whittington Heath Golf Club

www.whittingtonheathgc.co.uk

Wolstanton Golf Club



Beau Desert

Golf Club

Hidden among the towering canopy of Staffordshire's Cannock Forest, this Herbert Fowler classic stands proudly alongside his other English master-pieces such as Saunton, Walton Heath and The Berkshire, to name a few. The beauty of Beau Desert is hard to describe as, with only the occasional passing Stag as a critic of your ability to master the rolling fairways and testing greens, you will enjoy both a sense of isolation and peacefulness here allowing you to focus on your game and enjoy your visit to the full.



Top 100 Golf Courses - Course Review

The Midlands is not necessarily considered a hot spot for golf courses but Beau Desert Golf Club is one of the few exceptions.

This was the Marquess of Anglesey's golf course. He commissioned Herbert Fowler to design it and in 1911, Fowler completed the job. The golf club was formed and for the first seven years, played locally at Hednesford Hills before later moving to the current site, affording the poor Marquess some tax benefits and some income from the lease.

Beau Desert, or Beautiful Wilderness is an unusual name for a golf course, especially for a course located in such a picturesque landscape. The land once formed part of the Marquess's

Contact Details

Beau Desert Golf Club Rugeley Road, Hazelslade Cannock, Staffs, WS12 OPJ

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How to find

On leaving Cannock follow the A460 until you reach the area of Hednesford. After passing through the centre of Hednesford follow the road towards Rugeley and at the second set of traffic lights turn right onto Rawnsley Road. This is signposted for Cannock Wood. After approximately 1 mile you will turn left onto Rugeley Road. This is signposted towards the Golf Club. Follow the road for about 1 mile where shortly after leaving the village and entering the forest you will find the entrance to the Golf Club on your left hand side.



Facilities

Bar, Buggy/Trolley Hire, Clubs Hire, Clubhouse/, Driving Range, Food, Practice Area, Pro Shop, Putting Green, Golf Lessons, function room

Course Information

18 holes, Par 70 6458 • 6310 • 5961 • 5389 (71)

HOLE	PAR	• YDS	HOLE	PAR	• YDS
1	4	304	10	3	142
2	4	458	11	4	412
3	3	161	12	4	426
4	4	352	13	4	417
5	4	418	14	4	393
6	4	400	15	5	554
7	3	167	16	3	157
8	4	377	17	4	429
9	4	263	18	5	480

Beaudesert Estate. Once upon a time, the area may well have been wild, but it isn't anymore. This is a stunning heathland course. Heather and gorse-lined fairways, framed by acres of firs and spruces.

It's certainly not a long course, measuring 6,458 yards from the tips, but it's narrow. You need accuracy from the tee. The greens are quite large, especially the 18th, and they are full of wicked borrows, so expect a few three putts. Beau Desert is no pushover; on numerous occasions it has hosted Open

Championship qualifying, England & County Golf Championships and most recently the "Logan Trophy" (English Men's Open Mid-Amateur Stroke Play) in 2017. Invariably, the course is maintained in excellent condition.

One of the many treats at Beau Desert is that you play most holes in splendid isolation; you can lose yourself in the trees here. Additionally, the holes are varied and memorable. You will be hard-pressed to a better inland courses in the British Isles, except in Surrey and Berkshire.

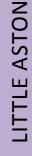






Host to the English Women's Amateur Championship 2021







Little Aston

Golf Club

Little Aston has a reputation as one of the UK's finest inland courses. Voted number 41 in England by Golf World in 2015, the course also boasts the position of highest placed parkland course in those rankings.



Contact Details

Little Aston Golf Club Roman Road, Streetly, Sutton Coldfield West Midlands B74 3AN

Telephone: 0121 353 2942 manager@littleastongolf.co.uk www.littleastongolf.co.uk

How to find

From M42 motorway

Exit at Junction 9 and take A446 signposted to Lichfield. Pass the Belfry Golf Centre on your right and carry straight on for about 3 miles to Junction with A38. Take A453 towards Sutton Coldfield to second set of traffic lights. Turn right and follow A454 towards Walsall at second set of traffic lights turn left into Rosemary Hill Road. After 40 yards turn right into Park Drive (private road), travel over the bumps to the top of the road and turn left, clubhouse on the right after 100 yards.



Facilities

Dining Room, Main Bar, Casual Bar, Visitor Changing Room and Showers, 9 hole Putting Course, Pro shop, Trolley and Buggy Hire

Course Information

18 holes, Par 72 6813 • 6704 • 6420 • 5762 (74)

HOLE	PAR	• YDS	HOLE	PAR	• YDS
1	4	392	10	4	432
2	4	446	11	4	393
3	5	503	12	5	485
4	4	317	13	3	161
5	3	161	14	4	326
6	4	423	15	5	549
7	4	362	16	4	398
8	4	392	17	4	380
9	3	193	18	4	391

The course was designed in 1908 by 6-time Open Champion Harry Vardon and later re-modelled by Harry Colt. There have of course been minor alterations since then but the main features remain with the exception of the 17th hole where the green in 2006 was moved into the lake.

The course measures 6813 yards, an ideal length for a course that caters for golfers of varying degrees of proficiency. The holes are sporting and call for all kinds of play and the greens, are, in normal conditions, almost perfect. There are a fair proportion of good two shot holes, several drive and pitch holes and three one shot holes, a combination of ingredients which make for ideal golf.

The Club has over the years hosted many major tournaments both Amateur and Professional. These include the English Amateur, the Brabazon Trophy and British Boys Championships, the Ladies British Open Amateur Championship, the English Ladies

Amateur and Strokeplay Championships and the Dunlop Masters Professional Tournament.

In recent years, Little Aston was a host venue for The Open Regional Qualifying Series 2013-17, the LGU Ladies Home Internationals in 2017 and the 2018 PGA Club Professional Championship.

Although a traditional members Club, Little Aston extends a warm welcome to Societies and Visitors throughout the year.







Visit our website for the latest news and offers www.littleastongolf.co.uk



The South Staffordshire

Golf Club

The South Staffordshire Golf Club (usually called 'South Staffs') is a superb golf course, prized by its members and praised by visitors.



Contact Details

The South Staffordshire Golf Club Danescourt Road, Tettenhall Wolverhampton, WV6 9BQ

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How to find

From M54 Junction 3

From Junction 3 of the M54, take the A41 signposted to Wolverhampton. Pass through 3 sets of traffic lights and after approximately 7 miles from Junction 3 of the M54, turn left into Danescourt Road. The Golf Club Visitors Car Park is situated on the bend on the left hand side.

Use Postcode WV6 9BQ in Sat Nav



Bar, Buggy/Trolley Hire, Clubs Hire, Clubhouse, Driving Range, Food, Practice Area, Pro Shop, Putting Green, Golf Lessons, function room

Course Information

18 holes, Par 71 • 6512 • 6277 • 5709 (73)

HOLE	PAR	• YDS	HOLE	PAR	• YDS
1	5	528	10	4	424
2	3	162	11	3	148
3	4	347	12	4	444
4	4	330	13	4	412
5	5	480	14	4	444
6	3	141	15	3	174
7	4	435	16	5	504
8	4	383	17	4	353
9	4	457	18	4	346

Originally designed in 1908 by one of the famous triumvirate, Harry Vardon, over the years the course has been 'tweaked' by such golfing luminaries as Harry Colt, James Braid and, more recently, Donald Steel. It is considered to be one of the finest courses in the Midlands.

Set in 160 acres, the 6512 yard par 71 course is maintained to the highest of standards and possesses a series of interesting and challenging holes, including no fewer than six par four holes of over 400 yards from the Medal Tees, contributing to a standard scratch of 72 and demanding a mixture of skill and imagination to play them well.

or at the 10 acre driving range and practice area which is for the exclusive use of the Members and visitors to the Club. The Clubhouse offers very comfortable surroundings where you can relax before or after a round of golf, including lounge bar, spike bar and terrace, television lounge and restaurant all

of which enjoy the splendid view over the 1st and

18th holes and the countryside beyond.

South Staffs has a well stocked Golf Pro Shop

Academy where lessons can be given and swing

improvements made in the indoor swing clinic,

by the first tee and the Peter Baker Golf





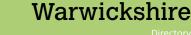




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Warwickshire





Warwickshire is not a large county geographically, but there are over one million residents in the nearby city of Birmingham, while Coventry is one of the largest growing cities in the country.

So there is plenty of activity in 'Middle-Earth' - a term first used by writer JRR Tolkien in The Hobbit and The Lord of the Rings as he remembered his time living in the Warwickshire village of Sarehole.

Tolkien wasn't the only great writer to gain inspiration in this county, in fact it is entirely appropriate to say 'some are born great, some achieve greatness, and some have greatness thrust upon them' in Warwickshire. This county is, of course, the birthplace of William Shakespeare.

Or more precisely Stratford-upon-Avon is the home of the great poet and playwright, so an opportunity to see a production of Twelfth Night, Hamlet or King Lear by The Royal Shakespeare Company should not be wasted.

A lot has changed since the Tudor period, and perhaps never more so than in the West Midlands. It was a hotbed of industrial activity during Victorian times, became the centre of the UK car industry, before suffering badly in the recessions of the early 1980s.

The redevelopment work which has gone into improving both Coventry and Birmingham, which has many pretty parks and walking paths around its large canal network, is beginning to pay dividends.

Another opportunity to display this progress will arrive in 2022 after the city of Birmingham was announced as the host for the Commonwealth Games.



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Bramcote Waters Golf Club

www.bramcotewatersgolfclub.co.uk

Brandon Wood Golf Club

02476 543 141 www.brandonwood.co.uk

Copsewood Grange Golf Club

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Coventry Hearsall Golf Club

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Edgbaston Golf Club

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Handsworth Golf Club

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Harborne Golf Club

0121 426 0043 www.harbornegolfclub.org.uk

Harborne Church Golf Club

0121 427 1204 www.mytimeactive.co.uk/harborne

Hatchford Brook Golf Club

0121 743 9821 www.mytimeactive.co.uk/hatchfordbrook

Hilltop Golf Course

0121 554 4463 www.mytimeactive.co.uk/golf/hilltop-golf-course

Kenilworth Golf Club

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Ladbrook Park Golf Club

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Leamington & County Golf Club

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Marriott Forest of Arden

01676 522 335 www.marriott.com

Marston Lakes Golf Club

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01926 421 157 www.newboldgc.co.uk

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01676 522 915

www.northwarwickshiregolfclub.co.uk

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02476 347 810

www.nuneatongolfclub.co.uk

Oakridge Golf Club

01676 541 389 www.oakridgegolfclub.co.uk

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Robin Hood Golf Club

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01788 542 306 www.rugbygolfclub.co.uk

Shirley Golf Club

0121 744 6001 www.shirley.golf

Stonebridge Golf Club

01676 522 442

www.stonebridgegolf.co.uk

Stoneleigh Deer Park Golf Club

02476 639 991

www.stoneleighdeerparkgolfclub.com

Stratford Oaks Golf Club

01789 731 982

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Sutton Coldfield Golf Club

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The Belfry Golf Resort

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The Stratford Park Hotel & Golf Club

01789 731 857

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The Warwickshire Golf & Country Club

01926 409 409

www.thewarwickshire.com

The Welcombe Golf Club

01789 295 252

www.hallmarkhotels.co.uk

Walmley Golf Club

0121 373 0029

www.walmleygolfclub.co.uk

Warwick Golf Centre

01926 494 316

www.warwickgolfcentre.co.uk

West Midlands Golf Club

01675 444 890

www.westmidlandsgolfclub.co.uk

Whitefields Golf Club

01788 521 800

www.whitefieldsgolfclub.co.uk

Widney Manor Golf Club

0121 704 0704

www.westmidlandsgolfclub.co.uk/Widney.htm

Windmill Village Golf Club

02476 404 041

www.windmillvillagehotel.co.uk

Wishaw Golf Club

0121 313 2110 www.wishawgc.co.uk



Edgbaston

Golf Club

Originally established in the Harborne area of south-west Birmingham in 1896, the Club then moved to its current location just one mile from the city centre in 1936.



Contact Details

Edgbaston Golf Club 25 Church Road, Edgbaston Birmingham, B15 3TB

Telephone: 0121 454 1736 (opt 1) secretary@edgbastongc.co.uk www.edgbastongc.co.uk

How to Find

From the North: Leave the M6 motorway at Junction 6 (Spaghetti Junction) and take the A38(M) into the city. Stay in the right hand lane signposted A38 South West. Go over the flyover and then under all of the tunnels. You will emerge on the south side of the city on the A38. Go traffic lights. At the next set of lights turn right into Priory Road. Go up the hill to the small traffic island and turn left into Church Road. The entrance to the club is 150 yards on your left.



Facilities

Bar, Buggy Hire, Clubhouse, Food, Practice Area, Pro Shop, Putting Green, Golf Lessons

Course Information

18 holes, Par 69 • 6106 • 5804 • 5386 (72)

HOLE	PAR	• YDS	HOLE	PAR	• YDS
1	4	360	10	4	456
2	4	431	11	4	288
3	3	166	12	4	369
4	4	399	13	4	378
5	3	175	14	3	165
6	4	431	15	4	315
7	3	156	16	4	280
8	4	439	17	5	499
9	4	394	18	3	405

Designed by HS Colt, the highly acclaimed 18 hole course is widely considered to be one of the finest in the area. Edgbaston Golf Club has a wonderful reputation for its friendly welcome, delicious catering and great service.

When you drive through the gates, you cannot help but be impressed by the splendour of the Georgian mansion clubhouse and the views from the patio across the course. The classic Colt-designed parkland is of modest length by today's standards, but defends itself well with its narrow fairways and small putting surfaces.



There are many pitfalls that await the stray shot, and the undulating greens will punish any poor putts. It is an enjoyable course that will demand your best attention and leave you wanting to come back for more.

Whether you are looking for your next society venue or perhaps wish to take advantage of the private dining and conferencing facilities, Edgbaston Golf Club really does have everything you need in one beautiful location.











Forest of Arden

Marriott Hotel & Country Club

The Forest of Arden, A Marriott Hotel & Country Club, is one of Britain's top golf resorts and its magnificent Arden Course is renowned around the world as one of the European Tour's leading venues.



Contact Details

Forest of Arden,
Marriott Hotel & Country Club
Maxstoke Lane, Meriden
Warwickshire, CV7 7HR

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How to Find

CV7 7HR, located close to the village of Meriden, within 5 miles of Birmingham International Airport, Birmingham International Train Station, in close proximity to M42, M6, M5



Facilities

Bar, Buggy/Trolley Hire, Clubs Hire, Clubhouse, Driving Range, Food, Practice Area, Pro Shop, Putting Green, Golf Lessons, function room

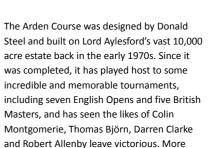


Arden Course

18 holes, Par 72

7213 • 6707 • 6451 • 5654

Aylesford Course
18 holes, Par 69
• 5801 • 5579 • 5068



The Arden Course starts off in gentle enough fashion with two short and relatively undemanding par 4s, but it can be stretched to 7,213 yards from the Championship tees. Arguably the signature

recently the course hosts The European Senior

Masters on the Staysure Tour (2017-2019).

hole is the par 3 18th which requires a 200 yard carry over a lake to an undulating green perched to the side of the hotel.

The newer Aylesford Course is considerably shorter than its exalted neighbour at 5,801 yards, but it's great fun to play and should not be underestimated as a test of golf. The Aylesford course has staged some prestigious county events including The Warwickshire Champion of Champions. Here the premium is on accuracy and never more so than on the 482 yard par 5 18th, which is reachable in two, but protected by both large trees and a water hazard - typical of a Donald Steel design where severe penalties await a wayward shot.





Leamington & County

Golf Club

Set in 120 acres just to the south of the historic town of Royal Leamington Spa, Leamington & County Golf Club is one of the hidden gems of Midlands golf. The gently undulating, tree lined fairways that complement the excellence of the tees and greens offer an exciting challenge to all golfers. Easy to reach, being just 10 minutes from the M40, you are assured a warm welcome.



Established in 1908 on land known as Mollington Hill Farm, the club first consulted Willie Park Jnr, twice winner of the Open Championship. But on receiving his quote for laying out the golf course they preferred to engage the now legendary Harry Colt. Leamington & County was the very first 18 hole course that Colt was professionally engaged to layout - his fee was five guineas a day! The official opening in May 1909 saw an exhibition match between the then Open Champion James Braid and former winner Harry Vardon. Braid returned a five-under-par 73 to beat Vardon by two, recording a drive of over 300 yards on the 16th. On the same day, the amateurs played for the Town Bowl - a trophy still played for today.

The club today has over 700 members across a variety of playing and social categories. As in the early days, ladies are an integral part of club

Contact Details

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How to Find

Postcode for Sat Nav – CV31 2QA



Facilities

Bar, Buggy Hire, Clubhouse, Food, Practice Area, Pro Shop, Putting Green, Golf Lessons

Course Information

18 holes, Par 72 • 6403 • 6165 • 5622

HOLE	PAR	• YDS	HOLE	PAR	• YDS
1	5	298	10	4	327
2	4	355	11	3	129
3	4	318	12	4	407
4	4	432	13	4	382
5	4	349	14	5	548
6	4	447	15	3	189
7	5	485	16	4	368
8	3	173	17	4	385
9	5	452	18	3	159

with more than 100 members although this is somewhat less than the 160 members of 1909. The club also has a strong seniors section that play on Mondays and Thursdays along with a traditional schedule of medal, stableford and matchplay competitions played both in the week and at weekends. Not everyone wants to play in competitions so there is always time left on the tee for those that want to play social golf.

A traditional inland parkland golf course that will test all standards of golfer. An opening par five eases the golfer into the round but is immediately followed by a series of challenging par four's. Possibly the best opportunity of a birdie on the outward half comes at the ninth with a reachable par four, while the back nine starts with a par four over the valley. The par three 11th hole, which was introduced to the layout in 1968, has quickly become the signature hole with its mature pines and well protected green. A golfer now faces a run of challenging holes where finding the fairway from the tee is critical to make par. The 189-yard par three 15th is the first of a challenging set of finishing holes, where good

distance control will be needed to keep your score going. The latest addition to the round is the par three 18th where, in still conditions and with a pin on the lower tier, it represents a good opportunity to finish with birdie. But into the prevailing left-to-right wind and with the pin on the upper tier where the target is just few yards wide, even bogey is a good return. Once your round is complete, relax and take in the views back across the course often musing over what might have been!! The club regularly hosts Warwickshire County events and is a popular venue for the best players across all age groups.











The Belfry

Hotel & Resort



The Belfry has become synonymous with golf and is a Mecca for both professional and amateur players. Host to more Ryder Cup matches than any other venue in the world, and steeped in tournament history, the three stunning courses, sculpted from acres of lush North Warwickshire countryside, have provoked some of the most dramatic moments in the history of the sport.



The Brabazon

The majestic fairways and carpet-smooth greens of The Brabazon form a world-famous stage on which some of golf's most exhilarating dramas have played out. Its meticulous design involves tight fairways, perilous bunkers, lakes and fast undulating greens, creating iconic holes that have challenged some of the games greatest.

As you'd expect, it's a challenging golf course, but a must-play for anyone who's serious about the sport. Walk in the footsteps of golfing legends... Seve's historic drive onto the 10th green, Sam Torrance's famous putt that won the 1985 Ryder Cup match for the European Team or Christie O'Connor Jr's belligerent 2 iron across the lake at the 18th. More recent changes have seen the 6th hole become one of the most demanding, rated highly by modernday great Lee Westwood.

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Course Information

The Brabazon

18 holes, Par 72 7253 • 6869 • 6449 • 5755 (73)

PGA National

18 holes, Par 70 7053 • 6639 • 6153 • 5735 (73)

The Derby

18 holes, Par 70 • 6099 • 5573 (71)

PGA National

With its inland links appearance, this championship golf course presents a unique challenge thanks to hard and fast running fairways, undulating greens, severe run-offs and its 70 strategically placed cavernous bunkers.

The PGA National, having hosted two European Tour events, is one of the West Midlands' finest golf courses, and fast becoming one of the top courses in the United Kingdom.

Recognised by the PGA as a world-class tournament course and the only PGA branded course in England, the PGA National is a



must for golfers who enjoy the creativity and shot-making required for links golf.

The Derby

The Derby is a parkland course with far-reaching views across the Warwickshire countryside, strategically placed bunkers, water hazards and well-designed risk and reward holes.

The Derby offers a gentle challenge and is perfect for players of all levels. Also designed by Peter Alliss and Dave Thomas the course demands accuracy right from the 1st tee, not to mention good club selection and intelligent course management.









Thomas Bjorn won three out of three Ryder Cups as a player, so victory as European captain in the 2018 match against the USA in France in late September will cement his position as Denmark's most famous golfer.

But Bjorn isn't the only wonderful golfing product in the Nordic country as The Scandinavian Golf Club boasts two world-class courses at the same venue.

Located just north of the capital city of Copenhagen, the two Robert Trent Jones II designed layout are bolstered by a stunning award-winning clubhouse, designed by Henning Larsen Architects.

The Old Course (it was only opened in 2010, mind you!) has feature holes almost from the start, with the par five second involving a snaking stream that cuts across the fairway

With natural lakes coming into play on several holes, the picturesque par three's at the 12th, 14th and 16th have plenty of character and beauty, while the doglegged 15th has a wall partly protecting the front of the green. Back-to-back par five's are also a characteristic with two superb holes around the turn and a couple of diverse long holes to finish the round. The New Course, which opened six months after its older sibling, has the ideal blend, from short and long holes, doglegs in both directions, holes with and without bunkers and several

The three holes around the turn involve shots over water before the round takes a twist with two feature holes.

The 11th is a gorgeous right-to-left dogleg around the trees, while the very long (588 metres!) 12th hole could involve two strategic lay-up shots to maximise the chances of reaching the green without getting wet.

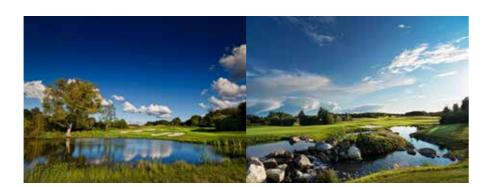
Sloping fairways and greens are common, but on a layout with plenty of water, it's inevitable that the round finishes with par five around the

The Scandinavian is undoubtedly a Great Dane.

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Sporting brilliance and the Spanish region of Catalonia have gone hand-in-hand for years - never more so than its main football team, Barcelona, who won the La Liga title again in

But golf isn't far behind in terms of quality with two of the leading courses in the region, and Spain as a whole, situated at the same destination, Real Club de Golf El Prat, which is north of the city of Barcelona.

Real Club de Golf El Prat has a total of 45 holes, and therefore a variety of different loops of 18 to play, but the Open Course and the Blue Course are regarded as the best.

After being used as the venue for the Spanish Open in 2011 and 2015, the Open Course is the most demanding layout.

The front nine, called Abajo, has a couple of picturesque holes early on, before a player works their way around the perimeter of the land. An ability to move the ball in both directions is useful during this stretch. It is a similar story on the opening hole on the back nine as this left-to-right dogleg goes up and around the tree to an elevated green. With keeping the ball out of the woods the priority on the back nine, called Arriba, a

player faces a sequence of good looking holes, including the bunker-laden par four 12th hole. The 14th and 15th holes are two excellent par fours at the far end of the course, the 16th offers the first and only sight of water, with a lake to the right of green, while the last two holes are both challenging.

On the Blue Course, which is to the west of the impressive modern clubhouse, a player takes on the Piscina and Bosque loops of nine.

The first half is more open, but with large areas of sandy wasteland and several bunkers, particularly on the par five fourth hole, it's not difficult to find trouble.

Back-to-back par fives take a player around the turn, before they face a selection of beautiful woodland holes.

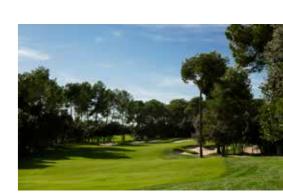
Arguably the most challenging are the par three 12th between two large trees and the par four 17th, which has a tight tee shot to a narrow fairway and a long approach to a well-protected

The 15th hole is one of the feature holes throughout the complex as a player face a par three with a huge wasteland surrounding the undulating putting surface. From the back tees, a driver may well be needed to hit the green.

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Golfers won't take long to find the hotel's Golf Desk, which is located in the main Reception area, and open 6 days a week, all year round. Here you can book golf packages, car hire and transfers in advance or you can simply book a round during your stay. Make sure to ask about special green fee offers at Sunset Beach Club's sister resort of La Cala, where you will find three championship courses. A golf club hire service is also available, which comes in handy, if you want to travel light.

The golf desk also caters for groups and golf societies. They can assist group leaders by organizing transfers, welcome parties, prize giving ceremonies, excursions, day trips and anything else to make sure your group's golf holiday runs smoothly.

After a day on the golf course, the hotel's Panorama Bar is a popular meeting point. With stunning views, large TV's showing all the main sporting events and a daily happy hour in the evenings, this is the ideal place to share golf tales over a pint or two. If you fancy heading



out, the hotel is within easy reach of local bars, restaurants, casino, Benalmádena Marina, and fantastic nightlife.

Keep fit enthusiasts won't take long to find Boyd's Fitness Centre, on the first floor of the hotel. Here you will find a very well equipped gym, sauna, indoor pool, exercise classes, and great discounts for hotel guests.

The 1 bedroom apartments at Sunset Beach Club are suitable for two golfers sharing, with a twin bedroom (separated from the lounge by sliding doors), lounge/dining area, kitchenette,

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Take the first step towards a fabulous golf holiday by visiting the Golf Section of the website www.sunsetbeachclub.com or by contacting the Golf Desk directly with any questions, or for a tailor-made quote: golf@sunsetbeachclub.com



Travel



It had been 3 three years since my last visit to Mauritius and with all the changes on the island I felt a trip was very much needed to get up to speed with things. Stuart and Jean from the office had both been over recently to see a lot of the changes which had whetted my appetite. With Marcella and I now being empty nesters it was great to be able to go away on a 'work trip' together and this was her first time back in 10 years. We flew out of Dublin via Dubai and couldn't find fault with Emirates who consistently rank as one of the world's leading airlines.



Day 1 Arriving to a Sunny Festive Mauritius and straight onto the Heritage golf course After a comfortable and stress free journey

from Dublin via Dubai with Emirates we arrived and were quickly out of the bright and modern airport and into a sunny, warm Mauritius morning. We were driven along the south coast by our charming concierge Clifford from Emotions who look after all of our clients transfers and local tours requirements as well as giving us a 365 day /24hr presence on the island. We passed an amazing Tamil religious festival enroute to the hotel, the bright bold colours of the silks and exotic flowers immediately stirred the senses, making us suddenly feel like we were a long way from the hustle, bustle and any stress left at home. Of course, within an hour of arrival at the African themed Heritage Awali Golf and Spa Resort I was out on the Heritage golf course. It was great to be back out on one of my favourite courses. I remember seeing the course when under construction and had the pleasure of watching it blossom into maturity when attending its official opening, over the years it's just got better and better. I enjoyed playing with the South African golf director Jonathan Menteath and his friend Nico who was over visiting from Legends Golf and Safari resort in SA. I've had the pleasure of visiting Legends 3 times and even taken on the ultimate golf experience with a helicopter up to the Extreme 19th! As such there were 3 of us Southern Africans playing together but unfortunately only two good golfers! I used every excuse in the book about our 8 month

winter in Europe to try and justify my wayward golf. I must thank them for their patience. The weather was absolutely perfect, 28c with a lovely soft breeze and clear blue skies, we played in these absolutely ideal conditions until the sun set. I was pleased to hear from Jonathan that they are soon starting the 2nd course and I look forward to playing it in the

After the obligatory post game Phoenix beer sundowners, I met up with Marcella and we enjoyed an early dinner at Infinity Blue restaurant down alongside the beach. Sitting outside with your feet in the sand at this relaxed restaurant was a perfect end to our first day back in Mauritius!

Day 2

Catching up with Golf Developments in

Another day in paradise for Marcella and I: beach, massage, food, beer and a tough lunchtime meeting with my old friend Michael Geerdharry at the stunning Heritage Le Telfair Resort. Michael has been involved in golf on the island since day 1 and I've known him for over 20 years! It was great chatting about how golf has developed on the island and I'm pleased to say more courses are in the pipeline including the second Heritage golf course! I love the local food in Mauritius and we had a delicious meal in the Mauritian-Asian style Zafarani restaurant at the Heritage Awali.



Meeting an old friend at the new Avalon Golf

After breakfast we headed up the from the south coast to Avalon Golf Club where we were met by the Estate Manager Ryan Dodds. Whilst it was my first round at Avalon it wasn't my first time meeting Ryan who I'm sure many will remember at Heritage GC just down the hill! Marcella and I really enjoyed this superb Peter Matkovitch course, he's a great designer and I'm pleased to say a fellow 7imbabwean. The course has spectacular views of the ocean from virtually every hole, surrounding tea plantations and nearby mountains. The course has wide forgiving fairways as it winds through rivers, ravines and indigenous forests, we thoroughly enjoyed our round yet again played in perfect



conditions. During the round we bumped into Jean Patrick who I had met many times over the years at Heritage Golf Club - it was really pleasing to see that a local Mauritian who had started working at the range has progressed to being Avalon's PGA pro, a true sign that Mauritius has matured as a golf destination. After golf we set off across the Island with our 'concierge supreme' Clifford who stopped at the very impressive recently constructed statue of Parvati the Hindu goddess of fertility, love and devotion - what an island, even after 23 years of coming here and still so much to see..... We went on to Anahita Golf and Spa Resort on the east coast of the island ending the day with a wonderful dinner on the veranda.

Some welcome down time at Anahita Golf and Spa Resort

After a fairly busy start to our trip we treated ourselves to a really relaxing day around the pool at Anahita Golf and Spa Resort. The resort is truly top class and offers a wide range of accommodation all set in beautiful gardens as well as having a superb golf course which I was looking forward to playing the following morning. In the evening we headed up the coast to the recently completely renovated One&Only Le Saint Geran resort for dinner with Rheena, the charming manager of Emotions and her equally charming husband Martin. We had a tour of the resort before enjoying a memorable meal in excellent company. One&Only LeSaint Geran for many years set the standard on the island and whilst we only enioved a short visit I believe it will have all of the other leading hotels knowing they will have to up their game as the bar has been raised.

An early golf game at Anahita then onto Shangri-La's Le Touessrok With another sunny morning I was up early

and the first out on the Anahita Golf Course, as always the course was in fantastic condition. With construction of a number of new villas alongside the course there was some background noise and the normally picturesque 4th hole had fencing most of the way down the fairway, fortunately the stunningly located green with wonderful views of the turquoise ocean was unaffected. The course is very forgiving off the tee box which suits me, to score well you need a good short game as designer Ernie Els made sure scoring wasn't easy with well protected, tricky greens. After lunch we moved around the bay to Shangri-La's Le Touessrok, Mauritius where we would be spending a couple of days. Having been taken over by Shangri La since my last golf break in Mauritius I was interested to seeing any changes. Having been to a number of Shangri La's resorts including the Shangri La's Rasa Ria Golf Resort in Malaysia. Borneo and the Shard in London I knew the standard would be high. Overall the biggest difference we found was that the resort had a more relaxed and informal feel having previously been very elegant and chic. I particularly enjoyed the late afternoon sundowner session they now have every afternoon on the beach which brought people together with music in the background creating a lively and fun atmosphere. Throughout our stay we were looked after like royalty by the affable marketing director Peter Donlevy, we joined him for dinner in the Japanese restaurant and the company and the food were of the



Day 6

A golf transfer with a difference - off to lle Aux Cerfs course by boat!

Marcella and I spent a magical day playing on the iconic Ile Aux Cerfs course. This was her first time there and I really enjoyed sharing the experience with her. Everything was perfect, from the boat ride out to the island, to playing the immaculately maintained course and enjoying post match drinks and lunch in the lovely clubhouse, it is truly an experience that will live long in the memory of anyone lucky enough to grace Ile Aux Cerfs fairways. The course was in tip top condition and with just a gentle cooling breeze conditions were once again ideal. I have played it many times and enjoy it a lot more now since they have made it easier to play - when it was first opened it was ridiculously tough! Hats off to the Director of Golf Marc Amelot and his team who do an amazing job in keeping the course at a consistently high standard!

Day 8

On your bike!

Marcella and I decided we needed to work off some of the amazing food (and in my case numerous cold Phoenix) so we hired some bikes and went off for a fun ride through the cane fields and down the east coast. Whilst the weather was cloudy and breezy it was great to get out of the resorts and enjoy the island. Later in the day we moved to the superb Constance Prince Maurice Resort, in my opinion the finest resort on an island famous for its world class hotels! Le Prince Maurice shares two superb golf courses, the Legend and the Links, with its sister hotel the Constance Belle Mare Plage. Le Prince Maurice is an extremely elegant resort, renowned for its exceptional service, luxurious décor, amazing cuisine and a wonderfully extensive wine list. After a cocktail at the floating bar we had an excellent meal at the Asian Restaurant, where the superb food is prepared by the chefs in full view of the diners.

Day 10

A warm welcome at the new C Palmar Resort

After this we moved to the new C Palmar Resort, I was really looking forward to seeing our great friends from Constance Resorts latest offering. This is a smaller boutique style resort and on arrival we were given a typically warm Mauritian greeting. As we walked through the hotel we took in the stunning view of the beach and sea which dipped beyond the horizon. The bright natural light as well as the airy feel to the resort really complimented the colourful setting. We were fortunate to have a room that shared this wonderful vista and spent the afternoon enjoying the crystal clear sea and sparkling white sandy beach! After the obligatory predinner cocktail we had dinner in the main restaurant. Whilst the buffet didn't have an overwhelming selection there was plenty to keep us happy and we were well looked after by the attentive and friendly staff.





Day 7

The ultimate in laid-back luxury – a relaxing day on a private island!

Le Touessrok - Ile Aux Cerfs

We spent most of the day at Shangri La's Le Touessrok's private island Ilot Mangenie - truly paradise!!! Just a short boat ride from the resort and you find yourself in heaven, nothing more than a few sun loungers dotted along the stunning beaches plus an excellent beach restaurant providing world class food - how do the Mauritians do it! Our overall impression was that the Shangri-Las Le Touessrok has notably changed and is now less formal but equally as impressive! After lunch we moved back around the bay to the Four Seasons Mauritius. We were lucky enough to be given a beachfront villa with a private pool. These outstanding villas are the absolute epitome of luxury as one would expect from Four Seasons. The resort has a number of excellent restaurants and dinner was enjoyed under the stars with a gentle breeze keeping things really comfortable.

Day 9

Epicureans & wine lovers, be ready!

Another day, another great golf course! This time Marcella and I played the Links course. Opened in 2002. The Links is Constance Hotels second championship golf course. it's a fair course that rewards good play but can be equally tricky, particularly on the back nine. There are reasonably generous fairways leading to tricky greens which puts an emphasis on solid iron play as well as making really think about your choice of approach shot. There's considerably less water than on the Legend course but there are still 6 water hazards as well as volcanic rock features that must be avoided. Following the golf we relaxed on the beach at the resort before winding down even further with a relaxing massage at the superb spa. We had a wonderful evening with pre-dinner drinks at the floating bar before the 'La Paulée' dinner dedicated to sumptuous wine and food pairings!

Day 11

A testing round at the new Mont Choisy golf course

We woke to strong winds and a cloudy sky so made sure we had waterproofs packed before heading to the north of the island to try out the new Mont Choisy golf course. We played with our old friends to and Rory Kirk who originated from South Africa but have been in Mauritius for many years. Jo did a wonderful job looking after our Mauritius Mixed Pairs tournament for many years and was as enthusiastic as ever to get out and show off their new golf club regardless of the weather. Fortunately the rain stayed away apart from one large shower and I really enjoyed playing a truly testing round in high winds, living in Ireland has made me accept it as part of the challenge! The course is another excellent Peter Matkovitch design, it's built on a former sugar plantation with few mature trees and offers wonderful views of the mountains. The 15th hole is an absolute



Day 12

$\label{thm:momentum} \textit{Home from home at the Belle Mare Plage}$

We thoroughly enjoyed the C Palmar and would have happily stayed on for another week but it was time to move on again! Luckily the trip wasn't too arduous as it was just a few minutes up the road to what is generally rated the best golf resort on the island - Constance Belle Mare Plage. Having first visited the resort in 1995 I have really enjoyed seeing the resort develop from a 'charming' old beach resort with one golf course to the wonderful stylish current version with two excellent courses and a third in the pipeline! Belle Mare Plage, like the island itself, really feels like a second home to me, we have had thousands of happy clients enjoy the resort and many of these return year after year and like me feel totally at home.

Day 13

Golf with old friends at the Links course

In the afternoon I caught up with my old friends Sarran and Dinesh who have been looking after the golfers at the Belle Mare Plage's two courses for many years. It is always a highlight of my visits to Mauritius playing golf with these fun loving, charming guys and it was a real pleasure playing the Links course with them. Golf with these laid back guys whilst enjoying a couple of beers on the way round is my type of golf, lots of laughs and whilst competitive it's

always played with in the right spirit. Many of our returning clients would know Sarran and Dinesh and I'm sure they would agree with me that the two of them, as well as the rest of the staff, really enhance the golfing experience with their charm and professionalism. It was a shame that Sebastian the director of golf was unable to join us due to a bad back but I'll be sure to get out with him on my next visit. Our delightful dinner in the Blue Penny restaurant at Belle Mare Plage was preceded by a tour of the very impressive wine cellar and a sumptuous wine tasting experience.

Day 14

On your bike again!

To combat all the wonderful food and drink on this trip we took on another bike ride, this time along the beautiful east coast of the island, the stretch along the Belle Mare public beach with the spectacular colours of the sea right next to us was truly memorable! A well deserved swim and lunch was followed by a lazy afternoon enjoying the resort. We ended the day at La Spiaggia, one of my favourite restaurants, where the superb food was up to its usual high standards, before heading to the main bar to listen to some music and enjoy a nightcap (or two).

Day 15

A quick 9 holes at the Legend Course and travelling like a star!!

Our final day had unfortunately arrived, however we were departing on an evening flight so still had the whole day to savour. We spent the morning relaxing on the beach and after lunch we went out for a final 9-holes on the Legend Course. The changes made to the course over the last two decades have been considerable, it now plays a little easier due to wider landing areas but the abundance of water as well as dense forest and volcanic rock means you can expect to lose a ball or two. Overall the course was in excellent condition with well-

maintained tee boxes, bunkers and pure well-paced greens. In the evening we tried out the Yu Lounge at the airport. This is in a separate building to the main terminal and is ideal for stress free travel. On arrival at the lounge your luggage disappears, and whilst you enjoy bubbly and excellent food your passports are taken away and returned with your boarding passes. When it's time to fly out you are taken to the main terminal in a Porsche Cayenne! At the terminal you are whisked through a private security route and onto the departure gate. This is one indulgence I recommend particularly for those who like to be pampered!

Constance Belle Mare Plage

Warm welcomes, superb golf and idyllic weather - what more could you want! May is the perfect time of year out here with great hotel rates and idyllic golf and beach weather! The courses were all in fantastic condition particularly considering winter officially started when we were out there. The Emirates flights were all on time throughout our journey and all of our luggage appeared at the right times and places, so we are grateful to them for their usual high quality service! I am so fortunate to have been to Mauritius many, many times and the island itself really feels like a second home to me. It was a real privilege and pleasure to spent two weeks with Marcella enjoying the best that the island has to offer. We could not have been looked after better and are very thankful for the kindness and hospitality we enjoyed throughout or visit. We have had thousands of happy clients enjoy the superb golf courses, idyllic weather and world class resorts that Mauritius has to offer, many of these return year after year and like me I'm sure they are always planning the next return to paradise!

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