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Message from the Editor

IT'S not my place to express my thoughts and opinions in the Wellingborough Golf Club Magazine, and I'm not sure you're normally that interested anyway.

But this is the 100th publication I've edited and, after the year we've had, I felt this could be the ideal time.

There's no disguising that 2020 has been absolutely dire - you don't need me to go into the full details because we all know the reasons why.

Unfortunately, it's probably going to get worse before it gets better - in the short term, at least. However, as we move into a New Year, there is genuine optimism that there is some light at the end of the tunnel.

But that light has been there all along, and over the last few months, whilst publishing a digital version of the Club Magazine, I've seen it on several occasions at Wellingborough Golf Club.

I've received more messages than ever before from you about how important this type of communication has been - in some cases, it has been your only contact with your Golf Club, your colleagues, your fellow members and your friends.

You have thanked me, and I want to thank you in return.

You have a very special Golf Club, with some incredible and inspiring people at all levels. I think over these difficult months, like myself, you have learnt to appreciate this more, and it will stand us all in good stead for years to come.

This Magazine includes a review of 2020, which seems like that the last thing you want, but there are still plenty of positives to come out of Harrowden Hall during the last 12 months, so I hope you enjoy reading all about them.

I've waited 100 editions to pass on my words of wisdom, and I've done it now. So, I'll speak to you again in my 200th edition - by then, hopefully the pandemic will be over!

Best wishes, and keep safe.

Steve Jackson.
Club Magazine Editor



Happy New Tier: AGM is a Virtual Reality

THE Club Annual General Meeting will be slightly different this year as it takes place virtually, via Zoom, on Friday, January 8th from 7:30pm.

With a link to Zoom being sent to the membership in the coming days, the evening will include the election of members to the Captain's Committee and the Board of Directors, plus a new Trustee. The following nominations have been received.

Captain's Committee - four vacancies, with four nominations, so a ballot will not be required:

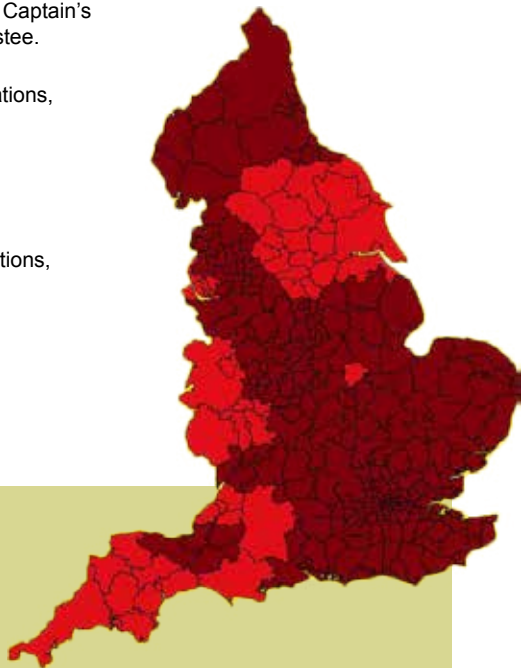
- Chris Smith (Competitions)
- Nigel Grimmitt (Junior Organiser)
- Andrew Gallagher (Social)
- Steve Hammond

Board of Directors - three vacancies, with three nominations, so a ballot will not be required:

- Ian Ferris
- Andy Mills
- Rod Gibbs

Trustee - one vacancy, with one nomination, so a ballot will not be required:

- Jackie Mudd



Tap-Ins

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE's move into Tier 4 of coronavirus restrictions means Club members can only play in two balls. Tee time bookings need to be made online.

PLEASE keep an eye on the latest coronavirus info because the Tiers for different areas may change and therefore dictate if you can play golf at the Club. If you are unsure or need to cancel a booking, email info@wellingboroughgolfclub.com.

FOR any members who haven't registered yet on the new Club V1/howdidido software, please can you do so asap by clicking on the howdidido logo on the members page on the Club website. As well as booking into golf, you can enjoy a host of other features.

WITH adverse weather conditions expected, members should check the website and course line 01933 400600 before leaving home to play.

WELLINGBOROUGH Golf Club lost three popular members towards the end of the month as David Dunham, Malcolm Nicholson and Past Ladies Captain Anne Drage all passed away.

LEE Pendered and Dave Coombes defeated Dave Connolly and Martin Dalton on countback in the Boxing Day Competition with 46 points.

EWAN Lee carded a superb nine-hole tally of 23 points to beat a field of 12 boys and girls in the Christmas Junior Stableford. Luca Brown, Joseph Wiggins and Hal Robinson all shot 21.

THE Club have received a grant of £1,000 for 2021 from Northamptonshire Golf Ltd to be used for Golf Foundation junior coaching equipment.

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Reflecting on a tough time, whilst staying positive for 2021

LADIES Captain Jenny Wilkinson (pictured, during her first year in office) said: "As 2020 draws to a close, there are plenty of positive things to reflect back on, and definitely looking onwards to 2021.

"When the course reopened in May, following the first lockdown, it was in fantastic condition thanks to the hard work of Steve Mackie and his team of greenkeepers.

"The weather was glorious and everyone was able to enjoy limitless rounds of golf. The sun shone and plenty of drinks were enjoyed on the terrace looking over the beautiful grounds.

"Despite national lockdowns and restrictions on socialising we have raised over £15,000 for our chosen charities, not to mention the magnificent effort of some members, who cycled from John O'Groats to Lands End raising over £100,000 for We Mind and Kelly Matters (for more details, turn to page 18-19).

"There is definitely positive news in 2021 with both the announcement of the EU deal and the approval of the AstraZeneca vaccine coming within seven days of each other.

"By the time Spring comes, hopefully we will be back to some sort of normality at the Golf Club, maybe even have some social events.

"The last 12 months have been both challenging and enjoyable. As someone who likes to be organised and have a plan, I have needed to rein myself in occasionally. I have enjoyed my position as Ladies Captain over the year and I am very much looking forward to 2021. Happy New Year."



Monthly competitions will continue for Seniors... hopefully!

SENIORS Captain Chris Dickens said: "More of the same, well it certainly looks that way at the moment. COVID-19 is still affecting our lives and looks to be on the increase as we start 2021.

"Let's hope the vaccination programme is effective and we can get back to some sort of normality but I cannot see this happening until the second half of the year.

"Nevertheless, Seniors continue to get on the course and play social golf, although I am aware that many of you are restricted from playing at the moment owing to the electric trolley and buggy ban.

"Having badgered the greens committee to keep them available for as long as possible, course conditions dictated that they had no option than to restrict their use. But I am very grateful for their efforts to allow as many as possible to play.

"I know they continue to review the status regularly but I would not be surprised if the course were to close unless the conditions improve!

"Nevertheless, your Secretary will press on with planning a fun competition at least once a month.

"The 2021 Lonsdale competitions will start in March - remember this year you will be required to play at

least three Lonsdale's in the previous 12 months to qualify for the Veterans Cup and O'Neal Trophy.

"Talking about competitions, it is important that all cards are clear and correct. We are in a position where we cannot sign our own cards, so we are reliant on playing partners to fill them in properly.

"These cards must clearly record the competition, date, handicap and gross score against each hole as a bare minimum. But the addition of the handicap index, net score, markers score and total would help the checker immensely.

"Also note that the result will not be published immediately as the cards will remain in the box for at least two days before being handled by whoever is checking the results.

"The World Handicap System (WHS) appears to have been accepted with little difficulty although I think we will have to get into the habit of entering more scores from social and knockout competitions.

"This is a subject that I will bring up with the Competition's Committee. Moreover, the ability for the club to make adjustments needs to be addressed, so we will keep you informed.

"Finally, the new website, and the consequent change in the booking system, came in with a bang. I know us older members may be resistant to change and are not as computer literate as our younger colleagues but give it time and don't be afraid to seek assistance.

"For myself, I have long campaigned to have a system that shows our personal account and the money being withdrawn for competitions, bar charges and, for some, input of prize money.

"The new system caters for this, but I have also found many other excellent features and I am sure the system will be appreciated as we get to know it.

"On behalf of myself and the Senior's Committee, may I offer you and your families a much better and prosperous 2021. Hopefully by the second half of the year, matches, shotgun starts and roll ups will be back."



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Review of 2020: Memorable year on and off the course

THE last 12 months have witnessed some of the most incredible developments in world history, with the coronavirus pandemic shaping all aspects of our everyday lives. Inevitably golf has also been adversely affected, but that doesn't mean nothing positive has occurred at Wellingborough Golf Club in this period. Here is a month-by-month guide to the golfing highlights from Harowden Hall in 2020.

January

BOB Reid (pictured) and John Ashton lifted the Kelly Bowls on New Year's Day from Mark Rashley and Glenn Harris on 44 points.

Carol Gibbs recorded two wins at the start of the year - the second by just one point from Miriam Johnson in the Ladies January Stableford.

Graham Bayes and Peter Hooton's 45 points secured the Seniors American Foursomes title by two from Andrew Foster and Martin Wall.

February

ONE point was the margin of victory in the Ladies Team Am-Am as Gill Snelson, Ida Huggins and in-form Carol Gibbs (79) held off Fran Woods, Lema Townsend and Jane Sisman.

Roger Seamark, Roger Snelson and Alan Smith (149) were the trio to beat in the Seniors Yellow Peril event as they finished five clear of the field.

March

THE two Ladies Stableford divisions saw close finishes as Jackie Mudd beat Lorna Winfield on countback in the top section, while Sarah Chudley nudged one ahead of Sue A Joyce and Ellen Steel in the high-handicap category.

Both Kevin Larham (44 points) and Les Hillman (41) birdied the 18th hole to secure the top two spots in the second Seniors Lonsdale event.

Twenty one points over 12 holes won both divisions of the Ladies Stableford as Ida Huggins edged out Carol Gibbs, while Sue Kellett enjoyed a two-point lead in the other section.

Wellingborough Golf Club was forced to close indefinitely on March 23rd following an announcement from Prime Minister Boris Johnson that the UK was being placed in lockdown to help prevent the spread of coronavirus.

The Club received England Golf guidelines that our greenstaff were allowed to continue essential work in order to maintain the course in anticipation of golf's return.

April

WELLINGBOROUGH were amongst several clubs assessing how their membership numbers could be affected in the wake of the COVID-19 outbreak as golfers faced up to the prospect of a long wait before getting back on the fairways.

Members hoping to play in 2021 county or national competitions were advised by the governing bodies that all events and face-to-face coaching wasn't allowed until August at the earliest.

In late April, UK Culture Secretary Oliver Dowden agreed to assess whether golf could be one of the first sports to re-open if the government decided to ease coronavirus lockdown restrictions.



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May

CLUB members reacted with delight to the UK Government announcement that golf could resume in England on Wednesday, May 13th.

It came with limitations however as golf could only be played with members of the same household or with one other person from outside the household, while keeping two metres apart.

The Club's decision to introduce a member tee booking system for the first time, as well as limiting golfers to just nine holes initially, was hailed as a success as more than 250 members played on each of the opening few days.

Following a partial lifting of lockdown later in the month, Wellingborough handed members the chance to play a full round of 18 holes, although rules remained on group sizes and tee times.

June

COMPETITIONS returned to Wellingborough as Kate Nolan wasted little time in compiling the best net score of 53 in the Ladies June Eclectic.

The 23-handicapper grabbed the Bronze plaudits by a couple of shots from Sue Kellett, with Jane Sisman another stroke further adrift in third position.

Carol Gibbs recorded a double in the Silver Division as she beat Gill Snelson by seven in the gross on 63, and by one from Liz Rees in the net comp.

July

NET 67 was the best score in the first men's event since lockdown as Adam Folwell, Christopher McCarthy and William Wilkins claimed the podium places in the Mulliner Qualifier.

Countback was needed in the July Sunday Stableford after four players came in with the leading score of 41 points. Tom Marshall's one-over-par back nine proved vital to beat John Carter, Tom Houghton and Colin Armstrong.

Ellie Darnell enjoyed a convincing victory in the Ladies Stableford as a tally of 39 points lifted her three ahead of Miriam Johnson.

A couple of points was the margin of victory for John Briggs in the third round of the Seniors Lonsdale as the 20-handicapper secured top spot from Robert Lewis (39).

Dan Filios was successful in the fourth round later in the month with a magnificent total of 42 points as he finished two ahead of Gary Grimmitt, David Wynn and Charles Galvin.

In events away from Harrowden Hall, teenager Leah Ribano emphasised her potential by winning a Junior European Open regional qualifier for the Champions Final with a four-over-par 75 in windy conditions at Stonebridge.

Ashleigh Critchley showed signs of discovering her best form in the Faldo Series North East Qualifier at Slaley Hall as she finished fourth in the Girls Under-16 category after carding nothing worse than a bogey



Pictured (from left): Ashleigh Critchley, William Wilkins, Tom Marshall, Leah Ribano & Adam Folwell.

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August

JONATHAN Harris (pictured) was at his consistent best over 36 holes in the Men's Club Championships as scores of 73 and 74 earned a three shot victory from Ryan Connolly.

The mid-handicap competition went to Lee Gardner as he held off a strong finish from John Hughes to pick up the Charles Griffiths Bowl by a single stroke on 165.

Wayne Dent lifted the Rabbits Cup, which is a competition over 18 holes, thanks to a net 68.

The Seniors Medal Championships, which was played over two days a week earlier, went to Seniors Captain Chris Dickens (net 135) by three from Paul Leeson.

David Goswell's 41 points led the scoring in round five of the Seniors Lonsdale Series as four pars in the last six holes helped the 24-handicapper finish two ahead of Steve Bason.

Birdies on the 13th and 18th holes capped a fine display from Patricia Dawson in the Ladies Gilbert Bowl as she triumphed with 44 points.

Forty nine points was a magnificent winning score from Finley Jones in the Juniors Charter Cup as the youngster saw his handicap slashed from 50 to 40.

Pauline Kendall enjoyed a comfortable five shot victory in the Ladies August Medal after shooting a net 69, while Libby David won the Nine-hole Ladies Stableford.

The August Mid-week Stableford saw a tight contest between a couple of three-handicappers as Sam Waite's 41 points claimed first position by one from Adam Sherlock.

Edward Billson beat the course by seven holes to lift the Miller Cup by three from Stephen Blenkinsop, Paul Saunders, Nick Blount and Adam Perry.

Susan Holland and Bina Shah picked up the Ladies Harrowden Hall Cup as a tally of 36 points nudged them just ahead of Pauline Kendall and Lema Townsend (35).

The Seniors Vets Cup was also a close contest with Robin Butler (40 points) earning a countback success from David Birkett after carding eight gross pars and just one bogey over the inward stretch.



Forty eight points was the winning score in the Lee Dalton Trophy as Paul Smith and Richard Armitage triumphed by three from David Woolf and Gerry McGrady.

Richard Armitage recorded a countback win over fellow mid-handicapper Harry Turner in the August Medal after both shot net 68.

Leah Ribano lifted the County Girls Championship trophy with a dominant display at Northampton as she carded back-to-back one-over-par 74's to finish 16 clear of the field.

Ashleigh Critchley had plenty to smile about in the English Girls Championship as she bagged a hole-in-one on the 15th hole at Sandy Lodge.



September

ELLIE Darnell was crowned Ladies Club Champion from Mary MacLaren on 156. Miriam Johnson (Intermediate), Sue Kellett (Bronze) and Sue Joyce (Wells Cup) took the other titles.

Back-to-back birdies on the 13th and 14th holes helped Loz Weekes (net 67) beat Elliott Hunt on countback in the September Medal.

The Ladies Stableford also needed countback to decide the winner as Lema Townsend just squeezed in front of Lulu Denton after both shot a net 73. Forty two points was the best score in the September Mid-week Stableford as Alan Grey took the plaudits by one from Jim Baylis.

Christopher Otterwell lifted the George Cup after beating Lawrence Berryman and Edward Billson by two shots with a 36-hole net total of 140.

Richard Prescott (41 points) edged out Gary Grimmitt in the September Mid-week Stableford.

Club Captain Dave Hawkins, Ashley Connolly, Carl Martin and Mark Hawkins formed the winning team in the Teena Marshall Charity Day.

In County events, Glenn Harris and Ricky Sanders won the Seniors Pairs Open for the second time in three years at Brampton Heath.

Ellie Darnell, Ashleigh Critchley and Mary MacLaren claimed second, third and fourth in the Ladies County Championships at Collingtree.

October

STEPHEN Townsend and Lema Townsend were crowned Mixed Pairs Club Champions.

Amanda Rawson snatched the Ladies Needham Bowl from Carol Gibbs with a birdie at the 18th.

Paul Saunders held off a strong finish from Ed Keech to win the October Medal by a single shot.

In-form Lema Townsend was a convincing winner of the October Ladies Stableford with 38 points.

Seniors Captain Chris Dickens recorded a countback success in the eighth round of the Lonsdale Series as he edged out Gary Grimmitt.

Michael Smart birdied the 18th to snatch victory in the October Yellow Tee Mid-week Stableford.

Steven Munns lifted the Courage Cup as the 12-handicapper found his consistency to beat John Carter by one with a total of 39 points.

Fran Woods compiled the best round of net 75 in the October Ladies Medal. The second division went to Pat Briggs, while Melanie Ross won the Nine-hole Stableford.



Les Hillman was crowned 2020 Seniors Lonsdale Order of Merit winner after holding off Kevin Meagher (217) by one point. Kevin Larham and Stephen Maycock (both 210) were next in the nine-event tournament.

Ellie Darnell kept her composure on the closing holes to win the County Ladies Champion of Champions title with a gross 76 at Overstone.

In the Midland Veteran Ladies Championship, Gill Snelson won the gross individual prize in the 65 & over age category at Thorpeness.

November

MEL Ross, Karen James and Sarah Evans were dancing for delight after winning the Ladies 123 Waltz with an exceptional tally of 55 points. Miriam Johnson, Liz Rees and Di Dickinson finished runners-up on 51.

Seven points was the margin of victory in the Wellingborough Men's Am-Am as Kevin Larham, Darren Wilkins, Nick Metaxas and Will Bissaker (95) comfortably held off Richard Munns, Steven Munns, Ed Bilson and Alan Stokes

Roger Mudd (net 70) clinched the Mid-week Medal by two from John Nicholas. A shot further back was in-form Larham, who was runner-up to Sam Waite in the Men's Order of Merit.

Michael Coles and Matthew Coles were crowned Family Foursomes Champions after beating William Butler and Wendy Butler by one.

Dennis Dickinson and Ted Carroll (42 points) combined well in the Seniors American Foursomes competition as they nudged one in front of Alan Smith and Stefan Mycawka.

December

CAROLE Cornforth, Aileen Pyle, Carol Gibbs and Sarah Pyle won the Ladies Christmas Am-Am with a total of 54 points.

The runners-up prize was shared as Jackie Mudd, Lorna Winfield, Jenny Wilkinson and Ruth Bowe tied with Sue Kellett, Mollie Graham, Rachael Owen and Karen James on 52.

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Wellingborough professionals hit the world stage

THE Golf Club had plenty of interest on the world stage over the last 12 months as top professional Charley Hull joined Wellingborough, while Meghan Maclaren continued to emerge as a prominent voice in the women's game. With Ryan Evans back on the European Challenge Tour and Tiger Adams taking his first steps in the professional game, this is how our playing pros fared in 2020.

CHARLEY Hull wasted no time in recording a debut victory under the Wellingborough banner as she triumphed in a play-off at the first event on the newly-formed Rose Ladies Series at Brokenhurst Manor.

The 24-year-old (pictured) was also runner-up at Royal St George's and JCB Country Club, fourth at The Buckinghamshire and The Shire, and sixth at Moor Park to sit second in the Order of Merit ahead of the Grand Final.

With the showpiece tournament being played over three courses at North Hants, The Berkshire and Wentworth in early August, Hull finished runner-up to leapfrog Georgia Hall in the overall standings.

The next few months saw Hull face contrasting emotions as she missed the cut in the British Open, pulled out of the ANA Inspiration after contracting COVID-19, before finding her best form in November and December.

The four-time Solheim Cup player recorded four top 10's in six starts in late season events on the Ladies European Tour and LPGA Tour, before finishing 13th in the end-of-season Tour Championship.

Maclaren also enjoyed some excellent results on the Rose Ladies Series as she won the Moor Park event, finished runner-up at Bearwood Lakes and had three more top fives to finish in fourth overall.

COVID-19 seemed to check her momentum on the Ladies European Tour however as her best results came just before lockdown and then at the end of the year, especially in Dubai where the past Wellingborough Club champion challenged for victory before finishing sixth.

Away from the course, the 26-year-old's exceptional writing talents were utilised by the LET in a Solheim Cup promotional video, before Today's Golfer signed her up as a feature writer.

By promoting equal opportunities in the golf industry, emphasised by her decision not to compete in a lucrative tournament in Saudi Arabia, this was arguably Maclaren's biggest success in 2020.

For Ryan Evans, the last 12 months has been a frustrating period as he's played less than a handful of events on the Challenge Tour, whilst attempting to regain his European Tour card.

It was a different story at the start of the year on the Portugal Pro Tour as he recorded a hat-trick of runners-up finishes in the Palmares Classic, Penina Classic and Faldo Classic competitions.

Although the 33-year-old won the Di Data Pro-Am team prize at Fancourt in South Africa, once the pandemic struck, playing opportunities dried up as the Challenge Tour events were postponed.

Despite increasing his earnings by caddying for Charley Hull, the only other prize money came in September with an 11th place in a European Challenge Tour event in Northern Ireland, before illness brought a premature conclusion to his season the following month.

Wellingborough's newest Tour professional Tiger Adams also had few opportunities to show his skills with the highlight being a 17th place finish on his debut in the TP Tour event at Hankley Common.



Team effort to help those in need was worth it

IT has been a tough year, when getting anything done has been difficult to achieve on many occasions. But it's not impossible as 12 men, including seven members of Wellingborough Golf Club, plus support crew, proved when they completed an emotional 13-day 1000-mile bike ride from John O'Groats to Lands End for the We Mind & Kelly Matters charity.

RIDE organiser John Hewitt reflected: "I have spent the past few days looking through pictures of the ride. With lockdown restrictions and rule changes having such a huge impact on our everyday lives, it's only now that I'm beginning to realise the enormity of what Kelly's Heroes achieved during 2020.

"We all, at times in our lives, ask the 'what if?' question and mine obviously relates to Kelly and the pain she endured during the last few months of her life. But over the last few days, the 'what if?' has also been about the timing of the ride - what if we had set the date a few weeks earlier or later?"

"Well, I can say with some certainty that we would have been forced to postpone the ride and that, for myself and the rest of the riders, would have been a disaster.

"In a year when none of us have had much to get our teeth into, or look forward to, we trained extremely hard to take on this challenge - we didn't want to let our loved ones, or Kelly, down.

"We were all very aware that we wanted to send out a strong message of support to all those struggling with their mental health, something even more poignant this year.

"We hoped that people, who had been restricted for months on end, would watch our journey and come along virtually for the ride, and there is little doubt that this is exactly what happened.

"It's not until after the ride, when you re-read comments and messages of support, encouragement and love, that you realise how many people were behind us, willing us on through so much pain and the most awful weather to get to Lands End.

"We always said that our pain would be short term, others are not so fortunate and to those people we wanted to let them know that they don't have to be alone - help is out there waiting for them.

"We won't have the final figures until early January but it looks like we will pass £125,000, which is a figure far beyond what any of us could have imagined. This is an amazing amount of money that Kelly's Charity (We Mind & Kelly Matters) will be able to use to benefit those in need.



Hewitt continued: "Over the next four to six weeks we will hopefully be rolling out some brand new projects under the 'umbrella' of M.A.S.K (Mental Health Awareness & Suicide prevention in Kelly's memory).

"Every penny raised will go directly to these projects - we are aiming to fund administration costs through business donations. So to everyone who donated, we cannot thank you enough.

"As well as the donations, the discussions and openness has, without doubt, helped raise awareness and brought this subject into the open.

"This should not be underestimated - there is a need to be continually encouraged, so well done and thank you to everyone that commented, liked and shared our journey.

"There is a long way to go but, with more and more people prepared to share their feelings and their story, we're on the right road.

"The Charity and Kelly's Heroes won't be slowing down, the job is far from done and, COVID permitting, we plan to put more fundraising events on in 2021, including those postponed this year, and a re-arranged Rust Bucket Rally (www.rustbucketrally.co.uk) planned for the summer.

"Masters-qualified psychotherapist Sherry Adams has agreed to become CEO of the Charity, while we are also very proud to announce Kelly Smith MBE as our new Patron.

"We are due to launch a brand new website on January 1st, 2021 with the right 'signposts' and improved information to help people in need.

"Beyond that, early in 2021, Kelly's Heroes will be announcing the dates for their next 'epic' adventure which is scheduled to take place in 2022. Here's to a happier, healthier 2021 for everyone.

"Below is a message received during the cycle from a friend, who wants to remain anonymous, of one of our riders. This is why we did it, thank you."

Morning XXXXX! Sorry I completely forgot you were doing this challenge. I will 100% donate this morning! This is a cause and charity that is very close to my heart. Closer than you probably realise.

For over 2 years I have been battling severe depression and anxiety. 5 weeks ago I had a full breakdown and was struggling to see a way out. Long story short I never made it to work that day.

XXXXXX and the rest of the family we're worried that I'd do harm to myself so they called the police. Who thankfully found me in one piece. I've spent the last 4 weeks in a psychiatric hospital near London getting the help and support I desperately needed.

I got home on Tuesday this week. I feel better than I have done for over 2 years. Still work to be done but I'm heading the right way. I'm sorry that the story for your friend Kelly ended so tragically.

I take my hat off to you and the rest of the cycling team. I'm sure your friend Kelly would be incredibly proud. Keep up the good work and keep raising awareness on this extremely important subject.

Feel free to share this with your teammates if you think it might help motivation when the saddle sores get too much to bear. (Please don't tell anyone back home other than XXXXX of course)

Much love my friend. Catch up when you're home.



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Boxing Day Betterball Stableford
(December 26th):

1 Lee Pendered & Dave Coombes
(46 points), 2 Dave Connolly &
Martin Dalton (46), 3 Ashley
Connolly & Ryan Connolly,
pictured (45), 4 Neil Morris &
Jon Gould (45).

**Junior Christmas Nine-hole
Stableford (December 21st):**
1 Ewan Lee (23 points), 2 Luca
Brown (21), 3 Joseph Wiggins
(21), 4 Hal Robinson (21).

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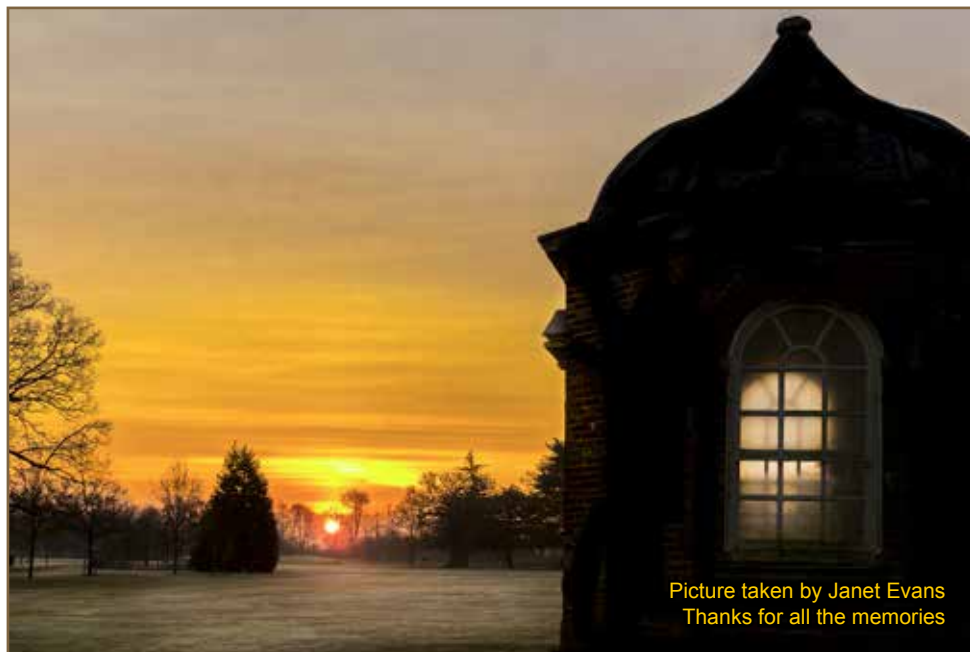
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