

# Old Tauntonian Golfing Society

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Dear OT Golfers,

A very Happy New Year to you all. Can I say at the outset if you would prefer not to receive correspondence from the OTGS please do let me know. Unwanted emails are such an irritant.

This year we have good news and bad news. I'll start with the bad news. Two OTGS members have died this year. Ken Farmer and Iain Polley were known to many of you; perhaps David Brighton was not. He was not a member of the OTGS, as far as I can find, but will be known to many as a regular attendee at the OTA annual events. Indeed, he attended every Summer Reunion, bar one, since he left school. He died on Christmas Eve on holiday in South Africa with his family aged 85.

Now the good news. The AGM at St George's Hill was again a success with 12 attendees, not a record but better than many years. The golf which followed was fully subscribed. Swinley Forest again attracted a record 40 participants thanks to David Murrell's efforts and generosity. School golf has taken a serious turn for the better. Jack Malden, OT has returned to teach at TS and has been given authority to rejuvenate the golf. He himself played off 18 or more at school but improved steadily while at University, where he ended up as Captain, and is now off 3. He has bought equipment and got numbers being coached up to 20 per week. The school came 3<sup>rd</sup> in the West of England Schools Championships and Jack is now trying to secure fixtures with other schools.

Financially we are solvent thanks to the guiding hand of Richard Norris. There is no compulsory subscription to be a member of the OTGS but we would always welcome more subscribers to help offset the increasing cost of entering the important competitions (>£1400 last year). Many alumni golfing societies have generous support from their parent school for these competitions in order to maintain the school's presence; we are not so lucky so if you feel able to help please send your donation to our Treasurer, Richard Norris, at 26 Sutton Court, Chiswick, London W4 3JE. (£25, or more! would be kind).

Below are details for this year's events; I really hope that you will be able to play in some of them. Don't wait to be asked; and if you know of any OT golfer who is not on the OTGS radar or has now just taken up golf please introduce them to the society and get them to play in some of the meetings. Just contact the Match Managers shown below.

## EVENTS 2020

### Society Meetings (all welcome)

10.3.20 (Tu)	Invitation Meeting	Swinley Forest	David Murrell
3.5.20 (Su)	Thone Cup and OTGS vs TS	Taunton + Pickeridge	Hugh Todd Clive Large
10.5.20 (Su)	Fairwater Cup + AGM and OTGS Championship	St George's Hill	Richard Willacy Clive Large
30.6.20 (Tu)	Old Honitonians	Honiton	Richard Jowett
28.8.20 (Fr)	Invitation meeting	Reigate Heath	Richard Willacy
27.9.20 (Su)	Rose Bowl	Oake Manor	Hugh Todd

### Scratch Competitions (Bona fide OTs only)

27-29.3.20 (Fr-Su incl. practice)	Brent Knoll Bowl	Burnham + Berrow	Richard Willacy
31.3-5.4.20 (Tu-Su incl. practice)	Halford Hewitt	Deal/Sandwich	Richard Willacy
31.5.20 (Su)	Grafton Morrish Qualifier	North Hants	Richard Willacy
24-27.6.20 (We-Sa incl. practice)	Cyril Gray (over 50s)	Worplesdon	David Morgan
9-11.10.20 (Fr-Su)	Grafton Morrish (event)	Hunstanton	Richard Willacy

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With all good wishes for 2020,

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