

Old Tauntonian Golfing Society

A Record of the Old Tauntonians in the Halford Hewitt Cup 1938 - 1996

Every April, Old Tauntonian golfers travel to East Kent to play for the Old Boys at a large and very important meeting. It is certainly large, because there are 640 competitors all squeezed on to 2 links courses in a corner of the country. It is certainly important because of the prestige of the tournament; as a Halford Hewitt school, you will be known to a large number of amateur golfers and the name of the school will reach a wide audience. It cannot be emphasised too strongly that it is a privilege and an immense pleasure to take part in this competition, which has no counterpart anywhere in the world.

Bill Williams (appearing as H Williams in these pages) used to chortle about a very snobbish story in which somebody asked which school a certain golfer played for. The reply was "Oh I'm afraid he didn't go to school". No doubt he went to a very good school but in the golfing context, if it was not a Halford Hewitt school it did not signify.

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1. The Origin and Development of the Tournament.

The story is told that some golfers were chatting about the possibility of organising an Old Boys golf competition and John Beck, Carthusian and successful Walker Cup captain, agreed and said that all that was needed was for some damn fool to present a prize. At that moment, another Carthusian, Halford Hewitt, always known as Hal, walked through the door and agreed to be that damn fool.

Where the organisers were wise was to make it a foursomes competition. When two players are playing one ball, the pressure is much stronger than if you are playing your own ball. Where they were wise again was to make it five foursomes (ie 10 players) per side. This favoured what Bernard Darwin, the finest golf writer, called "the big battalions", but he pointed out that, had it been restricted to, say, 2 pairs a side it would have had a totally different flavour. Bernard Darwin also particularly mentioned his admiration for the schools of modest ability, who turn up year after year and whose greatest hope is to win a round.

The ten man team, although it favours the better known schools, has one excellent effect in that it makes golf, as near as is possible, into a team game. The team spirit is something to be seen, far greater than in, say, the Walker Cup, because roughly the same players appear year after year. Your own match is only important in its relation to the team's result and when it is over you rush over to see what is happening elsewhere. Sometimes all players in both sides are congregated round one match, searching for that elusive third point which will see you through to the next round. It is small wonder that this meeting is for many the most enjoyable in their golfing year.

Apart from its other virtues, the Halford Hewitt cup is extremely well organised - it has to be with the number of players now involved - and is played on two of the finest links in England. After a year when the teams played on mutually agreed courses, the competition moved to the Royal Cinque Ports, Deal, which has a portrait of the founder (just "Hal" underneath), but on expansion has played half the first two rounds at Royal St. Georges, Sandwich.

The opening tournament in 1924 had 9 schools and the field gradually expanded to 64 schools by 1958, after which a waiting list had to be introduced, but there seems to be little chance of anyone falling out. Taunton entered in 1938 and will be dealt with in the next section.

Over the 65 years that it has been played, 3 schools have, between them won 35 times. These are Charterhouse, Harrow and Eton with 14, 11 and 10 wins respectively. Harrow are still formidable and won again this year (1995), but Eton are less so, having won several times in the very early years. Apart from Rugby, with 5 wins, no other school has won more than 3 times. Only 16 schools, exactly 25%, have ever won out of the 64. Everybody would like Malvern (5 times runners up) and Loretto (sometimes too convivial) to win also.

On the following 2 pages, there is a summary of the Halford Hewitt schools with the dates when they entered. It is made a bit more complicated by the habit of some schools of entering, withdrawing and then re-entering. Also some schools took more time to get organised after the war.

1924	Original Schools	Charterhouse, Eton, Harrow, Highgate, The Leys Malvern, Mill Hill, Rugby, Winchester		=	9
1925	IN	Marlborough, Repton, Tonbridge, Uppingham, Wellington			
	OUT	The Leys, Mill Hill	+ 3	net	= 12
1926	IN	Aldenham, Clifton, Felsted, Haileybury, Lancing, Westminster	+ 6		= 18
1927	IN	Bradfield, Cheltenham, Downside, Loretto	+ 4		= 22
1928	IN	Forest			
	OUT	Loretto		no change	= 22
1929	IN	The Leys and Loretto return			
	OUT	Lancing	+ 1	net	= 23
1930	IN	Bedford, Cranleigh, Hurstpierpoint, Radley, Sherborne, Shrewsbury + Lancing and Mill Hill return			
	OUT	Highgate, Loretto	+ 6	net	= 29
1931	IN	Highgate return, Oundle	+ 2		= 31
1932	IN	Eastbourne, Rossall, St. Paul's	+ 3		= 34
1933	IN	Blundell's, Chigwell	+ 2		= 36
1934	IN	Beaumont, Watson's			
	OUT	Bedford, Blundell's		no change	= 36
1935	IN	Bedford return, Dulwich, Stowe, Whitgift			
	OUT	Downside	+ 3	net	= 39
1936	IN	Downside return, Brighton, City of London, Edinburgh, Epsom, Wellingborough			
	OUT	Bedford	+ 5	net	= 44
1937	IN	Bedford and Blundell's return, Berkhamsted, Gresham's, Liverpool			
	OUT	Edinburgh, Wellingborough	+ 3	nett	= 47
1938	IN	Merchant Taylors', St. Bees, Taunton			
	OUT	Forest, Uppingham	+ 1	nett	= 48
1939	IN	Forest and Uppingham return, Bancroft's	+ 3		= 51
1947	IN	Trent			
	OUT	Beaumont, Berkhamsted, Brighton, Cheltenham, Downside, Eastbourne, Gresham's, Oundle	- 7	nett	= 44
1948	IN	Beaumont, Berkhamsted, Brighton, Eastbourne, Edinburgh, Oundle return also King Edward's, Birmingham and King's Canterbury			
	OUT	Blundell's, Liverpool, Stowe, Trent	+ 4	nett	= 48
1949	IN	Blundell's, Cheltenham, Gresham's, Liverpool, Loretto, Stowe, Trent return also Bishop's Stortford			
	OUT	Forest	+ 7	nett	= 55
1950	IN	Forest			
	OUT	Bancroft's (for good)		no change	= 55
1951				no change	= 55
1952				no change	= 55
1953	IN	Fettes, Framlingham, Merchiston, Stonyhurst	+ 4		= 59
1954	IN	Ampleforth, Wrekin			
	OUT	City of London	+ 1	nett	= 60
1955	IN	Wellingborough return + Canford			
	OUT	Stonyhurst	+ 1	nett	= 61
1956	IN	Stonyhurst	+ 1		= 62
1957	OUT	Rossall	- 1		= 61
1958	IN	City of London, Downside, Rossall return	+ 3		= 64

The figure of 64 schools is a maximum and there is now a waiting list. The only change since 1958 is that in 1968, when Beaumont ceased to be a school, their place was taken by Glenalmond.

There are a number of walkovers recorded, particularly in the earlier years and presumably because the school was unable to raise a side. Most of these schools have since appeared in the competition, but Christ's Hospital, King's Wimbledon and St. Edward's Oxford have not. Nowadays the failure to raise a side would be regarded seriously.

The record of Bancroft's is unique in that they played in the competition for 4 years and then retired.

Also apparently unique is the Preliminary round played in 1938 between St. Bees and Fettes, won by St. Bees and Bancroft's and Taunton, won by Taunton. Bancroft's came in the next year, but Fettes did not reappear until 1953. It is odd that Merchant Taylors' who also started in 1938, did not play a qualifying round. There are other minor oddities, such as why Rossall did not play in 1957 (and shortly after won 2 years running) and why Downside, who entered the competition early, did not resume after the war until 1958.

2. Old Tauntonians in the Competition

The school entered the competition in 1938. That they did so was due mainly, possibly entirely, to George B Johnson. GB went to look at the play, probably in 1937, and reported to other OTs that he felt that we could keep our end up with the golfers he saw. So the first OT team assembled under GB at his house in Birchington, but after at the Fayreness Hotel, Kingsgate, where we have stayed many years. Later, Doris Johnson, a great supporter, joined us.

The results over the years are listed at the end. They are unfortunately not quite complete. We always have details of our side and margins of wins and losses but there may be slight errors in the names of our opponents and we have no record of our opponents' names in 1962. Since GB's death in 1959, our secretary almost to this day has been Gordon Jackman, whose task, in getting out a team of 10 players has probably been more difficult than that of GB. Earlier there was a choice of a sufficient number of reasonable golfers, but this fell off in the 1960s and 1970s. Gordon would start in January each year and never failed to raise a side by April. Since then the position has improved a lot, but we have never been in the position of having a wide range of people to choose from. The fact is that the number of OT golfers is very small, compared with some, but not all, other schools. As an illustration, Tonbridge recently had a weekday meeting at the Berkshire golf club and had a turnout of about 50 and there is nothing abnormal about this for them. In our meetings at Weston, which have been held since 1961, we never remotely approach this figure.

The pattern over the years, in which we have played can be roughly divided into 3 phases. The first, which started with rather a bang, lasted until 1959 and was reasonably satisfactory. The second, up to 1977, was completely barren, with some close matches, but no wins. The third phase has lasted until the present day, with wins coming now and then, but not perhaps as often as we would like.

The first 3 years looked a good augury for the future, but things faded after 1948. Perhaps the best effort was in 1939, when we won the top 2 matches against all-

conquering Charterhouse. GB had a story that we were up in the third match at the turn, at which point the Carthusians asked the Tauntonians what their handicaps were (purely out of interest) and when it was disclosed they were rather high, the Carthusians buckled to and won the match. The final match of the first phase (1959) was a classic. We lost the first 2 matches easily, but the bottom pairs looked promising and eventually both won, so the outcome depended on Fred Marshall and Leo McMahon in the third. One down on the 14th tee, Leo struck firmly out of bounds into Princes. Fred, returning to play 3 said to Leo as he passed "what you need, boy, is a swift kick in the fork". The Merchant Taylor's caddie, not realising how Welshmen talk to each other, said to his man "You are all right now, sir, they are at each other's throats". Eventually they squared at the 18th, halved the 19th, unbelievably halved the 20th and then Fred, having hit a glorious shot over the marker to the old 3rd said sotto voce (but we all heard it) "That — (the ball) is on the green and that — (his opponent) cannot get there" Fred was right.

Since that memorable match, we remember especially 1984, when we had our best win in recent years, beating Dulwich, who had been runners up in 1982. 3 of our best current players, Geoff Boyce, Ian Westwater and Richard Willacy started about that time and Mark Luckett's start this year makes things look even more promising.

3 Alphabetical List of Old Tauntonian Halford Hewitt Players and Playing Records up to 1995

A. N. Andrews	1947 to 1965	played 21	matches in 12 years
R. E. Batten	1947 to 1952	6	3
N. P. Beer	1990	1	1
G. Boyce	1981 to date	15	10
W. Bridgewater	1939	1	1
R. N. J. Burgess	1938 to 1939	6	2
G. V. H. Cameron	1966 to 1978	6	6
R. N. Compton	1985 to 1991	3	3
L. Curran	1968	1	1
R. C. Daniel	1972 to 1983	3	3
T. J. Davidge	1976 to date	22	15
B. G. Drew	1963 to 1983	20	18
T. C. Flory	1965 (gallantly came in at the last moment)		
C. A. R. Forrester-Bennett	1979 to date	6	3
R. H. Fuente	1948 to 1958	17	11
F. Glossop	1957 to 1967	13	9
R. Glossop	1938 to 1967	11	6
E. P. Graham	1988 to date	3	2
H. Green	1951	1	1
N. C. M. Greenhalgh	1950 to 1970	13	11
P. J. A. Griffiths	1960 to 1977	6	5
J. E. Hawkins	1975	1	1
G. D. Hector	1994 to date	3	2
R. Hedley-Miller	1948 to 1985	39	31

R. V. Hill	1938 to 1939	5	2
D. Hillcox	1964 to 1967	2	2
A. D. Horne	1987 to date	8	7
D. P. Horne	1965 to date	36	29
C. Hunt	1993 to date	4	3
T. O. Hyland	1963 to date	37	29
G. T. I. Jackman	1960 to 1971	8	8
M. P. Jenkins	1990 to date	5	4
A. Gareth Jones	1939 to 1969	23	14
F. C. Lloyd	1957	2	1
P. M. Lloyd-Jones	1960 to 1961	2	2
M. Lockett	1995 to date	2	1
L. F. W. McMahon	1955 to 1989	12	7
W. B. Mann	1953 to 1969	17	12
F. D. Marshall	1950 to 1963	16	10
R. D. S. Marston	1974 to 1977	4	3
M. E. Masters	1993 to date	4	3
G. E. Newell	1938 to 1939	4	2
G. E. Newton	1938 to 1959	24	12
J. P. G. Nicholls	1938	4	1
A. R. Nunn	1972 to 1989	22	16
M. G. Peaker	1976 to 1979	3	2
S. E. Phillips	1962 to 1967	5	5
B. J. Priddy	1960 to date	36	29
W. C. Rees	1973 to 1974	2	2
P. A. C. Richardson	1956 to 1987	6	5
E. E. Samuel	1938 to 1969	37	22
W. D. Scott	1938 to 1955	18	9
H. E. Terry	1947 to 1958	9	5
G. A. Thomas	1970 to 1971	2	2
E. R. Tipple	1938 to 1966	13	6
W. R. Topping	1938 to 1939	5	2
M. J. Turner	1973 to 1974	2	2
C. H. Webb	1970 to date	19	15
A. J. P. Webley	1980	1	1
I. R. Westwater	1984 to date	17	12
G. Whalley	1995 to date	1	1
B. White	1955 to date	48	36
R. J. O. Willacy	1982 to date	16	12
B. P. Williams	1938 to 1949	13	5
H. Williams	1947 to 1962	27	16
Total	65 players		

In the next section, individual records will be given. This will include the percentage of wins and halves in the total matches played. Thus 4 wins and 1 half out of 10

matches gives 45%. This percentage will be given for people who have played a minimum of 6 matches, but not for players with fewer.

Meanwhile here are a few random comments—

- 1 In 1965, Fred Glossop was about to leave the clubhouse, when his studs slipped on a stone floor and he fell and broke his arm. Our President Cliff Flory took his place in his city suit and with borrowed clubs.
- 2 When Robin Marston first played for us in 1974, we thought we were on to a very good thing, because he has a very fine swing. Little did we suspect that, when he left the army, he would work permanently in Nepal.
- 3 Can we possibly attract back into the team 2 very good players, who only appeared briefly - Paul Graham and A. J. P. Webley?

Playing Records of Old Tauntonian Golfers

- 1 A. N. Andrews
Alec Andrews was a member of Shirehampton Park, Bristol, at which club he had a lot to do with redesigning the course after the war. As a player he had a smooth neat swing and formed one of the most successful partnerships with Bill Williams. They really were the "bankers" of the team on many occasions.
Won 11 and halved 1 out of 20 matches = 57.5 %
- 2 R. E. Batten
Ronnie Batten had no successes in his 6 matches, but he played with great enjoyment and raised everybody's morale by always driving to the course in his Rolls Royce.
- 3 N. P. Beer
Just played once before turning professional. Is there a chance he might resume amateur status?
- 4 G. Boyce
Geoff is an excellent player with a really professional look. Although he lives in London he is still a member of Burnham and Berrow, which he obviously cannot visit too often, so he could have more golf and play even better. He played in the top foursome in our splendid win over Dulwich.
Won 8 out of 15 matches = 53.33 %
- 5 W. Bridgewater
This golfer was a reserve and owed his place in his only match to the absence of R. V. Hill, whose car had broken down.
- 6 R. N. J. Burgess
Ronnie Burgess won 2 of his 6 matches. He had the pleasure in his final match of playing with Gareth Jones against the famous Carthusian pair of J. S. F. Morrison and Henry Longhurst. Unfortunately a very long delay on the 6th tee enabled Henry to recover from a big session in the bar and to start playing well and win the match.
- 7 G. V. H. Cameron
Geoff only played a few times in the Hewitt, winning none of his 6 matches. In the Cyril Gray (see later) he played some very good golf and we were all shocked by his recent death aged 53.
- 8 R. N. Compton
Richard is rather similar to Geoff in that he plays better in the Cyril Gray. In the HH he halved one of his 3 matches.
- 9 L. Curran
Laurie has only played once. He lives in Bath and presumably still plays at Sham Castle.
- 10 R. C. Daniel
When Colin first emerged he looked very good, but somehow progress was not

maintained. He has not won any of his 4 matches.

11 T. J. Davidge

Terry has been a reliable servant of the team, turning out year after year and displaying his excellent short game. More recently he has come up from Somerset to support.

Won 6 and halved 1 of his 22 matches = 29.5 %

12 B. G. Drew

Brian, like Terry, was always ready to appear when the call went out, chiefly when we were going through a bad patch.

Won 4 and halved 1 of his 20 matches = 22.5 %

13 T. C. Flory

Cliff's one appearance meant that we have never been a man short.

14 C. A. R. Forrester-Bennett

A very cool performer, whose work in the Diplomatic Corps has precluded his playing more than a few times. This is a pity because he could be a valuable team member.

Won 2 of his 6 matches = 33.3 %

15 R. H. Fuente

Bob was a very experienced foursome player and was a devil with that funny old putter like a piano. He lacked a really fluent swing but made up for it in tenacity. He was a member of the West Sussex club at Pulborough, where much foursome golf is played.

Won 6 and halved 1 of his 16 matches = 40.6 %

16 F. Glossop

Fred was so to speak the junior partner of the two brothers. Although from Wales, he lived and played in Dorset and was a member of Broadstone, a most attractive course, where the OTs had 2 meetings in 1959 and 1960, before moving to Weston-super-Mare.

Won 4 and halved 2 out of 13 matches = 38.5 %

17 R. Glossop

Roy was a high class golfer, who was many times a Welsh international and was once runner up in the Welsh amateur. You had only to see his swing to appreciate his quality. Like most Welshmen he was a great fan of Royal Porthcawl.

Won 5 and halved 1 of 11 matches = 50.0 %

18 E. P. Graham

Paul is strongly built, ideal for links golf and it is a great pity that we see so little of him. When we do, he is often playing for the Erratics in the Brent Knoll Bowl at Burnham. He has won 2 and halved 1 of the 3 matches he has played.

19 H. Green

Harold has played only once and very well too, taking his match against Harrow

to the last green. Harold is from Cardiff. His swing might be described as agricultural but effective.

20 N. C. M. Greenhalgh

Neal was one of the most deceptive golfers who ever played for us. His handicap was high (or so he said) but he was one of those golfers who are always full of confidence and never beat themselves. His swing was simple but effective. He hit the ball straight, but was perhaps a little short. He was a member of Knole Park, Sevenoaks with Bill Williams.

Won 5 and halved 1 of 13 matches = 42.3 %

21 P. J. A. Griffiths

Philip came first when he was quite young, but never developed as he might have done. He comes from Cardiff, where his father Ron was a well known OT golfer. Like several other OT golfers, it was a case of "might have been". He won 1 of his 6 matches.

22 J. Hawkins

John had a slightly odd style, but there was no question that when he was on his putting, he was capable of holing anything. He was a farmer from the Somerset levels. A car crash set him back badly. He played only 1 match, which he lost.

23 G. D. Hector

Gary has made a promising start and we look forward to a lot of good golf from him in the future. He has played 3 and has yet to win.

24 R. Hedley-Miller

Roger has played for the school over a long period. He played for Oxford in 1949 and 1950 and subsequently in a lot of foursome matches over the years in the Oxford and Cambridge Golfing Society. This was very good practice for the Hewitt. He is also a member of the R. and A., but unfortunately his game had left him to some extent by the time he was elected.

Won 15 and halved 2 out of 39 matches = 41 %

25 R. V. Hill

A pre war player, who won 2 out of his 5 matches.

26 D. Hillcox

David only played twice for us and was defeated both times.

27 A. Horne

Andy will, we hope, be around for a long time. He has a notably unflustered approach to the game, which should be worth a lot of points in the future and could be a good thing in a captain. He is a member of Bearsted Golf Club, Maidstone.

Won 2 and halved 1 out of 8 matches = 31 %

28 D. P. Horne

David, Andy's father, has played most years since he started in 1965. He has one of the most consistent long games of anybody who has played for us. It is rare to

see him mishit a shot. His short game has also been effective, but it is perhaps in this department that he is no longer quite so good.

Won 14 and halved 1 out of 35 matches = 41.4 %

29 C. Hunt

Charles started in 1993, with his partner Michael Masters. They lost a very close match to the legendary Dick Champion and Naylor of Marlborough and in 1994 they had a fine win against Fettes. This year 1995 they discovered that the opposition can be very tough. Charles plays at Taunton and Pickeridge.

30 T. O. Hyland

Ollie has played for us most years since his start in 1963. He has a fine temperament and is a pleasure to play with. As a player, he is armed at all points and has an excellent approach to the game. Ollie is a member of the Croham Hurst Club in Croydon.

Won 10 and halved 4 out of 37 matches = 32.4 %

31 G. T. I. Jackman

Gordon's value to the Old Boys has been immense as Secretary and Halford Hewitt team raiser, but he has also played in the team. He plays at Harpenden, where he gets the odd thrashing from his wife, also Brocket Hall, a new course in a mature park. He has won one of the 8 matches played in the Hewitt.

32 M. P. Jenkins

Mark, having started his professional career at Burnham and Berrow, is now assistant at Shrivenham, Wiltshire. He is a fine swinger of the golf club, but had an unsuccessful time in the HH, losing all his five matches.

33 A. G. Jones

Gareth was always a dashing type of golfer and a long time member of Royal Porthcawl, also of the Oxford and Cambridge Golfing Society. His approach to the game was very positive and he had a fine contempt (undisclosed) for his opposition eg "I have never seen a worse putter than this man". To illustrate his inaccurate play and his brilliant play consider this—

A drive off the 2nd tee at Deal, which nearly finished in the sea.

A shot from the bunker at the end of the high part of the fairway on the 16th at Deal. The distance must have been 100 yards and the ball finished stone dead. Remarkable.

Won 8 out of 24 matches = 33.3 %

34 F. C. Lloyd

Fred played only once in the HH, but at one time came regularly up from Cornwall to play in the Brent Knoll Bowl at Burnham.

35 P. M. Lloyd-Jones

A very confident player from Swansea, who played in a gay hat. He played two matches and lost them both narrowly.

36 M. Lockett

Mark played for the first time this year and played brilliantly with Geoff Boyce

as a partner. We all hope that he can play for us for a very long time. He won both his matches easily.

37 L. F. W. McMahon

Leo is a strong swinger, liable at any time to unleash a huge hook. He is a great pleasure to listen to in the bar and no doubt will be in full flow at the Walker Cup at Royal Porthcawl this year. He has been a member of the Erratics for a long time and is an ex-captain. Having said which, it was a bit disappointing that he played so little for us in the sixties and seventies when we particularly needed help.

Won 4 and halved 2 out of 12 matches = 41.7 %

38 W. B. Mann

Bill was one of those golfers one always wishes to have in a side. He always tried very hard and was seldom off his game - one of our really reliable players. Bill was a member of the Cirencester Golf Club and very well known in Gloucestershire.

Won 8 and halved 1 out of 17 matches = 50 %

39 F. D. Marshall

Fred was one of our most colourful characters. His conversation was very stimulating and, like Gareth, he had a fine contempt for the opposition. What he also had, which was much more important, was a rhythmic repeating swing. Like David Horne, he seldom made a mistake in the long game. Fred came from Merthyr Tydfil, which no doubt has some clay on the course so it was a little time before he realised that on links from off the green you take the putter. Overall he was a great asset. He also was a great expert on drains.

Won 6 and halved 1 out of 16 matches = 40.6 %

40 R. D. S. Marston

Robin has a very good swing and is a fine match player. Maybe we shall see him back from Nepal some time, while he still retains his form. He won 1 and halved 1 of his 4 matches.

41 M. E. Masters

Michael started in 1993 and has always played with Charles Hunt. He is a very competent looking player and should have a good future. He has won 1 out of his 4 matches and a very good win it was.

42 G. E. Newell

Gordon was a very nice Professor of Marine Biology. He halved one of the four pre-war matches he played.

43 G. E. Newton

George was one of the very best golfers who ever played for us and his record would have been even better if he had not usually played near the top of the order. The same consideration applies to Eric Samuel. George was a member of Parkstone and a well known player in Dorset. He was particularly pleased with a big win over 36 holes he had with Percy Alliss against Reggie Whitcombe and

Ernie Millward, because Percy was to some extent in Reggie's shadow. One good habit of his was always to take out his watch when opponents started to look for their ball. George knew when 5 minutes was up! He played from 1938 right through to 1959, with just an occasional miss.

Won 13 out of 25 matches = 52 %

44 J. P. G. Nicholls

Ivor Nicholls played only in our first year. He apparently did not get on with Sam, a brilliant wing at school, who reckoned he got too few passes from Ivor in the centre. He won 3 of 4 matches.

45 A. R. Nunn

Andy is to be particularly commended for playing so often, because he mainly had to come over from Germany from his dental practice. He was a very solid looking golfer, particularly good at driving. His record is less good than might be expected, but then winning Halford Hewitt matches is a hard business.

Won 5 and halved 1 out of 21 matches = 26.2 %

46 M. G. Peaker

Mike Peaker played for us when he was in the RAF, since when we have rather lost track, not unusually with the OTs. He played in 3 matches without winning one.

47 S. E. Phillips

Stanley was a highly agreeable man who was a prominent member of Hendon Gold Club. There he had his own full day meeting and another for Old Tauntonians only - greatly enjoyed by all. He won one of his 5 matches (and never stopped talking about it).

48 B. J. Priddy

Brian has been one of our most important players since his start in 1960 and still plays an excellent game. Apart from his own good play he is a real golf "Doctor", spotting imperfections in others' swings. He was a member of Weston-super-Mare, now of Burnham and Berrow, where he has applied his acute golfing mind to playing that great course. It is a statistical mystery that such a competent player, especially when often paired with Barry White, should have a low strike rate.

Won 8 and halved 1 out of 36 matches = 23.6 %

49 W. C. Rees

Bill Rees played for us when he was in the army at Taunton. He halved one of the two matches he played.

50 P. A. C. Richardson

If Peter had lived nearer, he would certainly have played more often. In Scotland he is a member of the R. and A. and the Honourable Company of Edinburgh golfers. He has played in five different years at long intervals.

Won 2 out of 6 matches = 33.3 %

51 E. E. Samuel

Eric Samuel (Sam) is possibly the best player we have had. As a golfer he was a

perfectionist and was really surprised when he failed to hit the ball straight. As he expected the same high standard from his partner, he was somewhat intimidating to play with, but we all wished we could play as well as he did. Sam was a member of Rochester and Cobham Golf Club and Royal St. Georges, Sandwich. His record would have been better if he had not normally played in the top foursome. He played every year from 1938 to 1964 then twice later.

Won 20 and halved 1 out of 37 matches = 55.4 %

52 W. D. Scott

Bill Scott (actually Donald, but always called Bill) was a larger than life character, who was a director of ICI. He was a very useful man to have with his cheque book, when GB was calling for hotel bill contributions for younger members. He could be abrupt. On one occasion when someone mentioned that Gerald Micklem had a bad finger he barked out "Grenadier Guards at Calais". As a golfer, Bill's game fell into two distinct parts, the first in 1938, 1939 and 1947 very good indeed, the second from 1948 to 1955 rather poor, without winning a match. GB never realised that Bill's golf had fallen off and always expected him to win.

Won 8 out of 18 matches = 44.4 %

53 H. E. Terry

Terry (he was always called so, his first name was possibly Harold) was a dentist, a member of Eltham Warren and later Rochester and Cobham. He had a fairly high handicap and his swing certainly lacked class, but he was a great trier, being commended by GB in 1947 for effort, although he and Ronnie Batten had no wins in 4 matches. Overall, he won 1 match in 9 attempts

54 G. A. Thomas

This golfer played in two matches but regrettably without success.

55 E. R. Tipple

Teddy Tipple had been a class golfer before the war and had once been in the semi final of the English Championship. He also won a gold medal by scoring in the low 70s at Pine Valley. He played in the first 3 matches, then went to Nigeria and returned to play in 3 more years, starting in 1961. He lived at Deal and used to come and watch, but we were a disappointment to him.

Won 7 out of 13 matches = 53.8 %

56 W. R. Topping

This splendidly named golfer played before the war, winning 1 and halving 1 of his five matches.

57 M. J. Turner

Mike played in two matches before his job took him to the Far East. He has been back some time and is a member of RAC, Epsom, but working too hard to play enough golf. In his two matches for the school he did not lose a match, but then he did not win one either.

58 C. H. Webb

Chris has played a number of times in the team. When he first played, the golf got

a bit mixed up with hockey. Now he spends a lot of time in Portugal. He was always a latish arriver, driving down on the day and raising the captain's blood pressure. As a player he is very strong, with an unorthodox swing relying heavily on the hands. His manner is rather cavalier. He has recently been playing very well in the Cyril Gray. He and Ollie Hyland are a useful pair.

Won 6 and halved 1 out of 19 matches = 34.2 %

59 A. J. P. Webley

We have only managed to get this excellent player out for us on one occasion. Now that we have a better looking side, perhaps he will come down again from Manchester.

60 I. R. Westwater

Ian has been a great asset since he first played and now forms an excellent top pair with Richard Willacy; their best win was against Marlborough's top pair by 4/3. Ian has always had a sensible approach to the game, taking the correct time for each shot. This of course is a virtue on top of his excellent swing. Ian is a member of Burnham and Berrow, although he lives in the South East. He has played every year since his start in 1984; the more players we can get like him the better.

Won 8 out of 17 matches = 47 %

61 G. Whalley

Greg played for the first time this year. He played a spirited game, but did not manage to win.

62 B. White

Barry has been a mighty stalwart for OT golf. Since starting in 1955 he has played in every year to 1988 and then only stood down to let in a younger player. In a strong all round game, his driving is always very good and of course keeping the ball in play is the essence of good foursomes. Barry's golf has maintained a high quality through the years and only recently he did 9 holes in par at Hadley Wood where he is a member and OTs often meet. Barry is a fairly recent winner of the Fathers and Sons at West Hill.

Won 17 and halved 3 out of 48 matches = 38.5 %

63 R. J. O. Willacy

Richard was captain of golf at Manchester University. He started playing for us in 1982 and it immediately became clear that his only policy on a golf course was "attack". This mental attitude was just as impressive as his quality of striking, especially with iron clubs. His aggression is equally evident on the greens, where he is never short. David Horne will recall the ball whizzing past the hole on the 2nd at Deal where an amazing 5 putts were taken. Richard is a member of St. George's Hill, Weybridge, a first class golf course, where Robin Marston used to play.

Won 9 out of 17 matches = 53 %

64 B. P. Williams

Bryn was one of a number of good Welsh players, that we used to have. He played from our beginning in 1938 to 1949 without a gap, 5 straight years, more often than not with Gareth Jones, who is very complimentary about Bryn's holing out, a great asset in foursomes.

Won 5 out of 12 matches = 41.7 %

65 H. Williams

Bill played every year from 1947 to 1962, at which point his hip became too painful. Bill was a great club waggler, a feature of the golf stroke which has now become out of fashion. He was also a great talker during the course of the game and always about golf, not about irrelevancies. He was not exactly a class player, but got stuck in to every match he played. His record with both Alec Andrews and Neal Greenhalgh was outstanding, being slightly favoured by being often picked to play in the 4th couple. One has the feeling that he would still have won many matches in a higher position. Bill was a committed member of Knole Park, Sevenoaks and a friend of Sam King. Bill was captain of Rugby at school.

Won 18 and halved 1 out of 27 matches = 68.5 %

The record of the OTs as a whole in the 51 years in which the school has competed is—

Played 74 won 23 = 31 %

Purely out of interest, because it does not reflect the contribution of the players correctly, the percentage wins of the main players have been—

H. Williams	68.5	Andrews	57.5	Samuel	55.4
Tipple	53.8	Boyce	53.3	Willacy	53
Newton	52	R. Glossop	50	Mann	50
Westwater	47	Scott	44.4	Greenhalgh	42.3
McMahon	41.7	B. P. Williams	41.7	D Horne	41.4
Hedley-Miller	41	Fuente	40.6	Marshall	40.6
F. Glossop	38.5	White	38.5	Webb	34.2
A. G. Jones	33.3	Forrester-Ben	33.3	Richardson	33.3
Hyland	32.4	A Horne	31	Davidge	29.5
Nunn	26.2	Priddy	23.6	Drew	22.5

4 Individual details of Taunton's Halford Hewitt Matches 1938 - 1995

1938

Preliminary Round v Bancroft's

Nicholls	4/3	1	Hyett	0
Tipple			Nash	
Newton	8/6	1	Cooper	0
Scott			Outridge	
R Glossop	2 up	1	Edgley	0
B P Williams			Good	
Burgess	2 up	1	A C Arnold	0
Hill			H J Arnold	
Samuel	3/2	1	Monroe	0
Topping			Osborne	
Totals		5		0

1st Round v Aldenham

R Glossop	4/2	1	Mansell	0
Tipple			Roper	
Newton	6/4	1	Easby	0
Scott			Sherrard	
Nicholls	6/4	1	Cobb	0
Samuel			Horley	
Burgess		0	Holt	2/1
Hill			Jackson	1
Newell		0	Hewetson	3/2
B P Williams			Leach-Lewis	1
Totals		3		2

2nd Round v Dulwich

R Glossop	0	Belasco	3/2	1
Tipple		Raworth		
Newton	7/6	Hall		0
Scott		Stewart		
Nicholls	4/3	Blanch		0
Samuel		B W Smith		
Burgess	4/3	Musgrave		0
Hill		A E R Gilligan		
Newell	0	Hamsher	5/4	1
Topping		A H H Gilligan		
Totals	3			2

3rd Round v Rugby

R Glossop	0	A A Duncan	6/5	1
Tipple		D H R Martin		
Newton	0	A D Cave	5/4	1
Scott		F Francis		
Nicholls	0	Maughan	1 up	1
Samuel		F D Physick		
Burgess	0	Hanson-Lawson		1
Hill		Rowell	6/5	
Topping	0	Gow	5/4	1
B P Williams		Mays-Smith		
Totals	0			5

Summary	Preliminary Round
	1st Round
	2nd Round
	3rd Round

Taunton	5	Bancroft's	0
Taunton	3	Aldenham	2
Taunton	3	Dulwich	2
Taunton	0	Rugby	5

1939

1st Round v Aldenham

Samuel Tipple	5/4	1	Cobb Easby	0
Newton Scott	19th	1	Burles Horley	0
Newell Topping		1/2	Hewetson Roper	1/2
A G Jones B P Williams	2 up	1	Eagleton Sherrard	0
Bridgewater Burgess		0	Crump Holt	5/4 1
Totals		3 1/2		1 1/2

2nd Round v Charterhouse

Samuel Tipple	3/2	1	Prain Burden-Sanderson	0
Newton Scott	2 up	1	T A Bourn P White	0
Newell Topping		0	J H Thompson Weare	3/1 1
Hill B P Williams		0	Middleton Snelling	6/5 1
Burgess A G Jones		0	Longhurst Morrison	4/3 1
Totals		2		3

1947

1st Round v Clifton

Samuel Tipple	4/3	1	Aslett Ridley	0
Newton Scott	5/4	1	Davies Hornby	0
Batten Terry		0	L Briggs Darlington	3/1 1
Andrews H Williams	6/5	1	Anderson Carr	0
A G Jones B P Williams	7/5	1	Speirs Mills	0
Totals		4		1

2nd Round v Cranleigh

Samuel Tipple		0	Langmead Grant-White	1 hole 1
Newton Scott	6/4	1	Forbes-Ilsley Hunt	0
Batten Terry		0	Durrant Oxer	2/1 1
Andrews H Williams	2 holes	1	Elliott Stevens	0
A G Jones B P Williams	2/1	1	Hampton Moore	0
Totals		3		2

1947

3rd Round v St Bees

Samuel Tipple	1 hole	1	Halstead Gen Critchley	0
Newton Scott	3/1	1	Baker Roberts	0
Batten Terry		0	Browne Col W V Jones	at 20th 1
Andrews H Williams	19th	1	Harrison Vale	0
A G Jones B P Williams		0	Akam Collins	20th 1
Totals		3		2

4th Round v Winchester

Samuel Tipple		0	G H Micklem Loveday	6/5 1
Newton Scott		0	C H V Elliott J Walker	4/3 1
Batten Terry		0	A J N Young Dr J C Lawrie	4/3 1
Andrews H Williams		0	Dallmeyer Maj W S I Whitelaw	2/1 1
A G Jones B P Williams		0	Jamieson Smythe	1 up 1
Totals		0		5

Gareth reports that he and his partner were in the burn at both the 1st and the 19th and that he claims that he was driving at the odd holes! This was against St Bees and the General rather stumped off afterwards.

1948

1st Round v Berkhamsted

R Glossop 8/6	1	Chronander	0
Samuel		R S Cork	
Newton	0	Furber 3/2	1
Scott		Stobbs	
Hedley-Miller	0	Cogan 3/2	1
Terry		N B Cork	
Andrews 6/4	1	K Cork	0
H Williams		Haygarth Brown	
A G Jones 10/8	1	Webster	0
B P Williams		Wilson	
Totals	3		2

2nd Round v Aldenham

R Glossop 4/3	1	Mansell	0
Samuel		Watson	
Newton	0	Cobb 2 holes	1
Scott		Giles	
Andrews 5/4	1	Sherrard	0
H Williams		Hewetson	
A G Jones	0	Easby 7/5	1
B P Williams		Brewer	
Fuente 1 hole	1	Cronin	0
Hedley-Miller		Holt	
Totals	3		2

In the last match v Berkhamsted GB was looking anxiously for information and was told that they could take 4 putts and still be 9 up and 9 to play! The top match started at 8.00 am special summer time (actually 7.00), and finished at 9.45, rather handy for "The Chequers" (was it open ?) To be fair to Berkhamsted they are now (1995) one of the best teams.

1948

3rd Round v Dulwich

R Glossop 4/3	1	Meany	0
Samuel		Moore	
Newton	0	Blanch 2/1	1
Scott		Beresford	
A G Jones	0	Sellick 4/3	1
B P Williams		A L Smith	
Andrews 5/3	1	Knowland	0
H Williams		Rankine	
Fuente	0	Davies 1 up	1
Hedley-Miller		A E R Gilligan	
Totals	2		3

1949

1st Round v Bedford

R Glossop	0	Coleman 7/6	1
Samuel		Nice	
Newton	0	Pumphret 6/5	1
Scott		Pryce	
A G Jones	0	Myer 19th	1
B P Williams		Roberts	
Andrews 7/6	1	Kempton	0
H Williams		J A Smith	
Fuente	0	Fitt 1 hole	1
Hedley-Miller		Simpson	
Totals	1		4

1950			
1st Round v Aldenham			
Greenhalgh	0	P S Dewes	5/4 1
Terry		D Houlding	
Samuel	3/2 1	Brewer	0
Newton		Easby	
Andrews	0	Horley	23rd 1
H Williams		F R Mansell	
Marshall	4/3 1	Coombes	0
Hedley-Miller		R L Mansell	
Scott	0	Cobb	5/3 1
Fuente		Giles	
Totals	2		3

1952			
1st Round v Haileybury			
Andrews	0	Eagleton	3/2 1
Samuel		R J O Meyer	
Hedley-Miller	0	Collin	1 hole 1
Newton		K A W Johnston	
Batten	0	Drinkall	6/4 1
Marshall		Hue-Williams	
H Williams	5/4 1	Higginson	0
Greenhalgh		Swanton	
Fuente	0	Jupp	4/3 1
A G Jones		Usher	
Totals	1		4

1953			
2nd Round v Cheltenham			
Hedley-Miller	1/2	Jessop	1/2
Samuel		Brig W H H Aitken	
Andrews	0	Kerr	19th 1
Newton		McCowen	
A G Jones	0	G Burton	2/1 1
Marshall		Brooke-Taylor	
H Williams	0	Bishop	1 up 1
Greenhalgh		Sanders	
Fuente	3/2 1	Col Taylor	0
Mann		Capt Sykes	
Totals	1 1/2		3 1/2

1951			
1st Round v Harrow			
Samuel	0	C Blair	4/3 1
Scott		R Oppenheimer	
Newton	19th 1	E G Crawley	0
Hedley-Miller		L G Crawley	
Batten	0	Maj D A Blair	6/5 1
Terry		Crawford Gray	
H Williams	3/2 1	D Ashton	0
Greenhalgh		K W Walker	
Fuente	0	J Blackwell	1 up 1
H Green		T Blackwell	
Totals	2		3

1953			
1st Round v Stonyhurst			
Samuel	6/5 1	Hillman	0
Hedley-Miller		Syder	
Andrews	4/3 1	D A Metcalf	0
Newton		Cockshott	
A G Jones	3/2 1	Peylecave	0
Marshall		Plant	
H Williams	4/3 1	J Metcalf	0
Greenhalgh		W H Tweddell	
Fuente	5/4 1	Halsall	0
Mann		Fawdry	
Totals	5		0

1954			
1st Round v Stowe			
Samuel	3/2 1	Geo Carter	0
Mann		R S L Pearman	
Newton	0	Choyce	4/2 1
Scott		R O Booth	
Fuente	1/2	Phillips	1/2
Greenhalgh		Davies	
H Williams	0	D Foster	4/3 1
Hedley-Miller		R B Booth	
Andrews	0	Beare	5/4 1
A G Jones		Reeves	
Totals	1 1/2		3 1/2

1955
1st Round v Brighton

A G Jones	1 hole	1	N C Selway	0
Samuel			Brookes	
Hedley-Miller	0		R B Parton	5/4 1
Marshall			Bedford	
Andrews	1 hole	1	A E Jones	0
H Williams			Mountford	
McMahon	1 hole	1	Tice	0
White			Stableford	
Fuente	2 holes	1	Camroux	0
Mann			West	
Totals	4		1	

1956
1st Round v Haileybury

A G Jones	0	Bonallack	4/3	1
Samuel		Gardner		
Mann	0	Gibbons	4/2	1
Marshall		Scott		
McMahon	1/2	Swanton		1/2
White		Jupp		
Fuente	0	Gowland	5/4	1
Richardson		R J O Meyer		
Andrews	0	Collin	1 up	1
H Williams		K A W Johnston		
Totals	1/2		4 1/2	

1957
2nd Round v Merchiston

F Glossop	0	M Grint	7/6	1
Lloyd		Laird		
Richardson	7/5	K Hutchison		0
Samuel		N Hutchison		
Mann	6/5	J R Allan		0
Marshall		John Baxter		
Greenhalgh	0	Davidson	3/2	1
H Williams		Sturrock		
Fuente	0	Moss	2 up	1
White		Robertson		
Totals	2		3	

1955
2nd Round v Merchiston

A G Jones	2 holes	1	Ferguson	0
Samuel			Laird	
Marshall	0		Galbraith	2 holes 1
Mann			I M Robertson	
Fuente	0		Allen	3/2 1
Scott			Ness	
McMahon	0		Grint	3/2 1
White			L Robertson	
Andrews	4/3	1	Sturrock	0
H Williams			K Hutchison	
Totals	2		3	

1957
1st Round v Hurstpierpoint

Mann	0	Gibbs	3/2	1
Marshall		Piggott		
Richardson	2/1	Jeffrey		0
Samuel		A R Lloyd		
F Glossop	0	Fisher	3/2	1
Lloyd		Lee		
H Williams	8/6	M J Metcalf		0
Greenhalgh		Peasgood		
Fuente	5/4	Hadfield		0
White		B A Stuart		
Totals	3			2

1958
1st Round v Malvern

F Glossop	19th	1	Cornelius	0
Terry			B Thompson	
Samuel	1 up	1	Hastwight	0
White			Peake	
McMahon	1/2		Greenwood	1/2
Marshall			Hayman	
Andrews	0		Hampson	4/2 1
H Williams			Pretzlik	
Fuente	2 up	1	Halliwell	0
Newton			Humphries	
Totals	3 1/2		1 1/2	

1958

2nd Round v Marlborough

F Glossop Terry	0	J A Graham D Shone	2 up 1
Samuel White	0	Hobbs I R Patey	2 up 1
McMahon Marshall	19th 1	Harrison D P Johnstone	0
Andrews H Williams	1/2	Champion R Whitmore	1/2
Fuente Newton	0	Uzielli A C Johnstone	1 up 1
Totals	1 1/2		3 1/2

1959

2nd Round v St Paul's

Newton Samuel	4/3 1	R A E Inwards K M U Inwards	0
A G Jones Hedley-Miller	4/3 1	Charkham Nance	0
McMahon Marshall	2/1 1	E J Dunnett Hughes	0
White H Williams	3/2 1	North Pascall	0
F Glossop Mann	7/5 1	H C Cunis J S Cunis	0
Totals	5		0

1960

1st Round v Repton

Samuel White	0	J Graham Malcolm	4/3 1
McMahon Priddy	0	R Ellwood Van Zwanenburg	6/5 1
Griffiths Lloyd-Jones	0	P Ellwood T R Pepper	19th 1
H Williams Hedley-Miller	4/3 1	D I Pepper D C Taylor	0
Jackman Mann	0	Daws Piper	20th 1
Totals	1		4

1959

1st Round v Merchant Taylors'

A G Jones Samuel	0	J D Ryman Stungo	6/4 1
Hedley-Miller Newton	0	Piper H N Ryman	5/4 1
McMahon Marshall	21st 1	Challis Howard	0
H Williams White	3/2 1	Baker Sloley	0
F Glossop Mann	3/2 1	Boyton Findlay	0
Totals	3		2

1959

3rd Round v Stowe

Newton Samuel	0	W P Cooper Marshall-Andrew	3/2 1
A G Jones Hedley-Miller	0	Hinds J M E Anderson	2/1 1
McMahon Marshall	0	R B Booth Day	6/5 1
White H Williams	3/2 1	R O Booth Gale	0
F Glossop Mann	0	Illingworth Stern	1 up 1
Totals	1		4

1961

1st Round v Felsted

Samuel Tipple	0	Cowper K P A Mathews	19th 1
Jackman Lloyd-Jones	0	Ames Rawson	1 up 1
Marshall Hedley-Miller	0	Minchin A J Jackson	1 up 1
Andrews H Williams	2 up 1	Brown J B F Mathews	0
F Glossop White	5/4 1	Gay Lake	0
Totals	2		3

1962
1st Round v Bedford

A G Jones Samuel	0 ?	won 1
Hedley-Miller H Williams	0 ?	2/1 1
F Glossop White	1/2 ?	1/2
Griffiths Priddy	0 ?	3/2 1
Jackman Phillips	3/2 1 ?	0
Totals	1 1/2	3 1/2

1963
1st Round v Felsted

A G Jones Samuel	0	Cowper	2 up 1
Greenhalgh Jackman	0	K P A Mathews R G Ames	5/4 1
Drew Mann	0	Rawson Jackson	3/1 1
Hyland Marshall	0	Minchin Archer	4/3 1
F Glossop White	0	Cottier Brown	5/4 1
Totals	0	J B F Mathews	5

1964
1st Round v Shrewsbury

Samuel Tipple	3/2 1	Shaw Yates	0
Hillcox Phillips	0	Campion Ward	8/7 1
F Glossop R Glossop	1/2	R D R Walker White	1/2
Hedley-Miller Mann	0	Clegg D Hallworth	3/2 1
Jackman White	0	Lee Robinson	5/4 1
Totals	1 1/2		3 1/2

1965
1st Round v Repton

Drew Priddy	0	R H Burleigh Sale	4/3 1
Greenhalgh Phillips	0	W G Burleigh Horrocks	6/5 1
D Horne Mann	1/2	T R Pepper Salmon	1/2
Flory White	0	D I Pepper Sale	9/7 1
Andrews Hedley-Miller	0	Hampton D C Taylor	5/3 1
Totals	1/2		4 1/2

1966
1st Round v Stonyhurst

Drew Hedley-Miller	1/2	Fogarty Peart	1/2
Cameron Phillips	0	Allsup M D Tweddell	3/2 1
D Horne Mann	0	Preston W Tweddell	4/3 1
F Glossop R Glossop	0	Dockree Rickards	2/1 1
Tipple White	0	Plant Twist	won 1
Totals	1/2		4 1/2

1967
1st Round v Lancing

Drew Hedley-Miller	0	J A G Rodway Thornton	5/3 1
F Glossop R Glossop	0	Gardner H M Rice	8/7 1
Cameron Hillcox	0	Herbert Martin	8/7 1
Jackman Phillips	0	Burrough D Rice	4/3 1
D Horne White	0	Baker Millard	1 up 1
Totals	0		5

Match against Stonyhurst played in worst conditions ever - Horizontal snow!

1968

1st Round v City of London

A G Jones Samuel	0	Frazer Thorp	1 up	1
D Horne Hyland	0	Bignell Johnson	3/1	1
Priddy White	4/2	1	Dowsett Taylor	0
Cameron Curran	0	Hopkins Southon	3/2	1
Drew Greenhalgh	1 up	1	Hawkes Ridgewell	0
Totals	2			3

1970

1st Round v Edinburgh

G A Thomas Webb	0	Johnston Passmore	8/7	1
Priddy White	0	Lees D A T Douglas	5/3	1
Drew D Horne	3/1	1	Ballantyne Lang	0
Greenhalgh Hyland	0	McDouglas Sandland	7/5	1
Griffiths Jackman	0	Herd Murphy	8/7	1
Totals	1			4

1972

1st Round v Merchiston

Priddy White	0	Burt Sym	3/2	1
Griffiths Hedley-Miller	0	M Grint Marshall	6/5	1
Daniel Hyland	0	Briggs Haddow	3/2	1
Drew D Horne	0	M Zuill S Zuill	3/2	1
Nunn Richardson	0	Ferguson Laird	3/2	1
Totals	0			5

1969

1st Round v Clifton

Priddy White	2/1	1	Jones Wilton	0
D Horne Samuel	0		Orr D A Peel	2/1
Hyland A G Jones	0		L Briggs Taylor	8/7
Mann Hedley-Miller	5/4	1	Newman Whitty	0
Drew Greenhalgh	0		Mercer Darlington	6/5
Totals	2			3

1971

1st Round v Clifton

Priddy White	0		Taylor Wilton	6/5	1
Hyland Hedley-Miller	1 up	1	J Dyson Rankin	0	
Drew D Horne	0		Orr D A Peel	4/3	1
Cameron Webb	0		N Briggs R G Dyson	4/3	1
Jackman G A Thomas	0		L Briggs R F Dyson	3/2	1
Totals	1			4	

1973

1st Round v Westminster

Priddy White	4/3	1	Coaten Clayton	0
Nunn Hedley-Miller	0		Tony Slark Petherick	1 up
Hyland Turner	1/2		Gordon Hillyard	1/2
Drew D Horne	0		Durie Tudor Davies	4/3
Daniel Rees	0		Barley Hornsby	3/1
Totals	1 1/2			3 1/2

1974

1st Round v Shrewsbury

Hyland	0	Brabner	6/5	1
R Marston		Duerr		
Priddy	0	M A Smith	2/1	1
White		Wase Rogers		
D Horne	5/4	Pugh		0
Hedley-Miller	1	Parsons		
Drew	0	Campion	2/1	1
Nunn		R D R Walker		
Rees	1/2	N C Williams		1/2
Turner		P Owen Lloyd		
Totals	1 1/2			3 1/2

1976

1st Round v Shrewsbury

D Horne	0	M A Smith	4/3	1
Hedley-Miller		Wase Rogers		
Marston	1/2	Clegg		1/2
Nunn		P Owen Lloyd		
Priddy	0	Parsons	7/6	1
White		Walker		
Hyland	0	Shaw	4/3	1
Peaker		N C Williams		
Davidge	0	Duerr	2/1	1
Drew		R Mouldsdale		
Totals	1/2			4 1/2

1977

2nd Round v Oundle

D Horne	0	Christian	1 up	1
Marston		Pentecost		
Priddy	0	Barrell	5/4	1
White		Copstick		
Hyland	2/1	D Simons		0
Webb	1	McDonald		
Davidge	0	J Monroe	1 up	1
Hedley-Miller		N M Stephens		
Drew	0	Owles	7/6	1
Griffiths		Beamish		
Totals	1			4

1975

1st Round v Merchant Taylors'

Priddy	0	Stungo	2 up	1
White		Stradling		
D Horne	1 up	Challis		0
Hedley-Miller	1	Wingfield		
Hyland	2/1	Cawdron		0
Webb	1	Dannhauser		
Drew	0	Howard	2/1	1
Nunn		Simpson		
Cameron	0	Grimsdick	4/3	1
Hawkins		Butterworth		
Totals	2			3

1977

1st Round v Forest

Hyland	0	Jones	3/2	1
Webb		Tidder		
Marston	2/1	Brown		0
D Horne	1	List		
Priddy	5/4	Mead		0
White	1	Woods		
Davidge	2/1	Keith		0
Hedley-Miller	1	Belle		
Drew	3/2	Saady		0
Griffiths	1	Wickes		
Totals	4			1

1978

1st Round v St Bees

D Horne	2/1	Chidley		0
Hedley-Miller	1	MacFarlane		
Priddy	0	Coffey	2/1	1
White		Steven		
Hyland	0	Bagott	3/2	1
Webb		Morrison		
Davidge	2/1	Martindale		0
Nunn	1	Warrington		
Cameron	0	T Sharp	4/3	1
Drew		Walker		
Totals	2			3

1979
1st Round v Trent

D Horne	6/4	1	Cole	0
Hedley-Miller			Savill	
Hyland		0	Neal	3/2 1
Webb			Spence	
White	1 up	1	Halmshaw	0
Forrester-Bennett			Radley	
Priddy		0	Sanders	6/4 1
Peaker			Vickery	
Davidge	3/2	1	Fowler	0
Nunn			Keen	
Totals		3		2

1980
1st Round v Radley

Nunn		0	M N G Jones	4/3 1
Davidge			R C Seward	
Hyland	2/1	1	Lagden	0
Webley			Murray	
D Horne		0	Ball	4/3 1
Priddy			Kerr	
White		0	D Morkhill	3/2 1
Forrester-Bennett			Ritchie	
Drew		0	R Palmer	4/3 1
Hedley-Miller			Mackeown	
Totals		1		4

1982
1st Round v Hurstpierpoint

Drew		0	Holgate	5/4 1
Davidge			Pilcher	
Priddy	5/4	1	Jenkin	0
White			Knott	
Nunn		0	Fisher	3/2 1
Willacy			Stratford	
D Horne	5/4	1	Bridge	0
Hedley-Miller			Cole	
Hyland	3/2	1	Dancy	0
Webb			Hildrow	
Totals		3		2

1979
2nd Round v Loretto

D Horne	0	Bucher	6/5 1
Hedley-Miller		McCathie	
Hyland	0	D Greenhough	6/5 1
Webb		P Greenhough	
White	0	J G Salveson	6/5 1
Forrester-Bennett		Winter	
Priddy	0	Simmers	5/3 1
Peaker		H M J Ritchie	
Davidge	0	Vans Agnew	6/4 1
Nunn		McTavish	
Totals			5

1981
1st Round v Merchant Taylors'

D Horne	0	Wingfield	8/6 1
Hedley-Miller		Dannhauser	
Hyland	0	Cawdron	5/4 1
Webb		Lottler	
Nunn	0	Nunn	3/2 1
Davidge		Galbraith	
Boyce	0	Howard	7/6 1
Priddy		Simpson	
White	0	Stungo	5/3 1
Richardson		Challis	
Totals			5

1982
2nd Round v Highgate

Priddy	0	Aljoe	20th 1
White		Friend	
Hyland	1 up 1	Hayward	0
Webb		Muirhead	
Nunn	0	Challis	2/1 1
Willacy		Oatwood	
Drew	1 up 1	Afia	0
Hedley-Miller		Warden	
Davidge	0	Audley	5/4 1
Daniel		Chamberlain	
Totals			3

1983
1st Round v St Bees

Priddy	1/2	Berry	1/2
White		Hearn	
Hyland	0	Chidley	4/3 1
Webb		Peckitt	
Boyce	1 up 1	G R Martindale	0
Nunn		J R Martindale	
Davidge	0	Coffey	3/2 1
Daniel		MacFarlane	
Drew	0	T Sharp	3/2 1
Hedley-Miller		Whalley	
Totals	1 1/2		3 1/2

1984
2nd Round v Trent

Boyce	0	Bowen	19th 1
Priddy		Radley	
Hyland	4/3 1	Craven	0
Forrester-Bennett		Cole	
D Horne	4/3 1	Bowen	0
Willacy		Cutts	
White	1 up 1	Groves	0
Westwater		Holmshaw	
Nunn	2/1 1	Fowler	0
Davidge		Keen	
Totals	4		1

1985
1st Round v Marlborough

D Horne	0	Niven	1 up 1
Willacy		Uzielli	
Davidge	0	Good	4/2 1
Nunn		Hill	
Hyland	1/2	Denny	1/2
Compton		Jukes	
Priddy	0	Cornish	3/2 1
Hedley-Miller		Hopper	
White	0	Carrick	5/4 1
Westwater		Whitmore	
Totals	1/2		4 1/2

1984
1st Round v Dulwich

Boyce	4/3 1	Kirby	0
Priddy		Rutnam	
Hyland	0	Deakin	1 up 1
Forrester-Bennett		Melio	
D Horne	2/1 1	Owen	0
Willacy		Somerville	
White	1 up 1	Foord	0
Westwater		Mitchell	
Nunn	2/1 1	Hall	0
Davidge		Farage	
Totals	4		1

1984
3rd Round v Whitgift

Boyce	0	D Hedges	3/2 1
Priddy		P J Hedges	
Hyland	0	Durance	5/4 1
Forrester-Bennett		Leonard	
D Horne	0	Stracey	3/2 1
Willacy		Wilkinson	
White	0	M Blok	3/2 1
Westwater		Varcoe	
Nunn	0	Garment	2/1 1
Davidge		Huxtable	
Totals	0		5

1986
1st Round v Liverpool

D Horne	3/2 1	Horton	0
Willacy		Greenhough	
Davidge	0	P Apel	2/1 1
Nunn		Gibson	
Priddy	0	T Apel	5/3 1
Westwater		Ruddock	
Hyland	4/3 1	Barr	0
Webb		Johnson	
White	0	Baird	5/4 1
Compton		Kerr	
Totals	2		3

1987
1st Round v Tonbridge

Willacy	0	Ellis	1 up	1
Westwater		Lloyd		
White	0	M Yates	8/7	1
Richardson		Spurling		
Hyland	0	Craven	4/3	1
Webb		Jenkins		
A Horne	0	Clay	5/4	1
D Horne		Kemp		
Boyce	3/2	King		0
Priddy	1	Saggers		
Totals	1			4

1988
1st Round v Canford

Boyce	8/7	1	Richards		0
Westwater			Williams		
Davidge		1/2	Moore		1/2
Hyland			Barber		
McMahon		0	Drury	3/2	1
Nunn			Surtees		
A Horne	2 up	1	Medwin		0
Graham			Thomas		
Priddy	1 up	1	Hutton		0
White			Greenwood		
Totals					1 1/2

1988
2nd Round v Lancing

Boyce	0	Ibbetson	3/2	1
Westwater		Scade		
Davidge	0	Finnel	5/4	1
Hyland		Martin		
McMahon	0	Baker	2/1	1
Nunn		Munn		
A Horne	1/2	J A Lincoln		1/2
P Graham		S D Lincoln		
White	0	Earl	5/4	1
Priddy		Herbert		
Totals	1/2			4 1/2

1989
1st Round v Mill Hill

Boyce	0	Paterson	19th	1
Westwater		Vero		
D Horne	2/1	Black		0
Willacy		Russell		
A Horne	1 up	O'Neill		0
P Graham		Selwyn		
McMahon	0	Brandt	4/3	1
Nunn		Nunn		
Hyland	0	Sigley	2 up	1
Davidge		Guthrie-Jones		
Totals				3

1990
1st Round v Watson's

D Horne	3/2	1	Johnston		0
Willacy			Scott		
Beer	0	Birch	8/7	1	
Westwater		Turner			
A Horne	0	Neave	8/7	1	
Jenkins		Williams			
Priddy	0	Binns	2/1	1	
White		G H Brown			
Davidge	0	A F Brown	3/2	1	
Hyland		Stark			
Totals	1			4	

1991
1st Round v Ampleforth

D Horne	0	Piggins	19th	1
Willacy		Stalder		
Boyce	2/1	Healy		0
Westwater		Whittaker		
Priddy	0	Hattrell	4/2	1
Jenkins		Westmore		
A Horne	0	Beharrel	7/6	1
Compton		Hales		
Hyland	1/2	Beatty		1/2
Webb		Frewen		
Totals				3 1/2

1992
1st Round v Aldenham

Priddy	0	Cooke	3/2	1
Jenkins		Green		
Boyce	1 up	Alter		0
Westwater		Easby		
D Horne	3/2	Hill		0
Willacy		Williams		
Davidge	4/3	Coombes		0
Hyland		Crabb		
Webb	4/3	Brown		0
White		Marsh		
Totals	4			1

1992
2nd Round v Whitgift

Priddy	0	D Hedges	5/4	1
Jenkins		P J Hedges		
Boyce	0	Durance	1 up	1
Westwater		Leonard		
D Horne	0	Garment	1 up	1
Willacy		Stracey		
Davidge	0	Gaunt	2/1	1
Hyland		Williams		
Webb	0	Hayes	5/3	1
White		Haswell		
Totals	0			5

1993
1st Round v Marlborough

Willacy	4/3	1	Niven		0
Westwater			Hopper		
Boyce	0	McLean	5/4	1	
Jenkins		Mockridge			
D Horne	0	Murray	6/5	1	
Hyland		M R Uzielli			
Hunt	0	Naylor	1 up	1	
Masters		Champion			
Priddy	0	Hinds	6/5	1	
Webb		Carrick			
Totals	1			4	

1994
1st Round v Fettes

Willacy	0	G Lawrie	6/5	1
Westwater		D Steel		
Priddy	0	Souter	2/1	1
Webb		Campbell-Gray		
D Horne	0	Oliver	6/5	1
Hyland		R W Smith		
Hunt	5/4	1	Nelson	
Masters		McConachie		0
A Horne	0	Clark	1 up	1
Hector		Callender		
Totals	1			4

1995
1st Round v Eastbourne

Willacy	2/1	1	Patmore		0
Westwater			M A Stewart		
Boyce	4/3	1	Lock		0
Lockett			B W Meaby		
Hunt	0	P J Davies	3/2	1	
Masters		Bradshaw			
Hector	0	R H Meaby	6/5	1	
A Horne		C H Walker			
D Horne	5/4	1	Wickman		0
Hyland		J St J Miller			
Totals	3				2

1995
2nd Round v Fettes

Willacy	5/4	1	M Baird		0
Westwater			D G Williamson		
Boyce	5/4	1	Donald Steel		0
Lockett			R W Smith		
Hunt	0	Souter	6/5	1	
Masters		Campbell-Gray			
Hector	0	Philip	3/2	1	
Whalley		Dickinson			
D Horne	0	F Clark	1 up	1	
Hyland		Callender			
Totals	2				3

5 The Cyril Gray Tournament

The 64 Halford Hewitt schools also compete in another tournament for the over fifties. Actually there are three separate meetings. The first 16 schools who entered for the HH play for the Bernard Darwin trophy at Woking. The second 16 play for the G.L. Mellin trophy at West Hill, Brookwood (where the OTs had a meeting for some years). The balance of 32 schools, in which we play, compete for the Cyril Gray trophy at Worplesdon.

Up to 1991 the CG was short of a few schools including Taunton. We held back for the usual reason - could we be sure of raising a team of 6 people over fifty every year? We were persuaded finally because all the other non-enterers came in and we are very glad we did. This is partly because it is very laid back and if you arrive a man short nobody worries (quite unlike the Halford Hewitt itself, where they would get very testy indeed), partly because it is played at the end of June on a beautiful course and partly because we seem to play quite well in it. One other feature in its favour is that there is a consolation competition, so everybody gets at least 2 rounds.

Our record has been briefly as follows:—

- 1991 beat King's Canterbury in 1st, lost to St. Paul's in 2nd
- 1992 lost to Stowe in first, lost to Trent in "plate" competition.
- 1993 beat Bishop's Stortford in 1st, beat Liverpool in 2nd, lost to Merchiston in 3rd
- 1994 lost to Merchiston in 1st, beat Glemalmond in 1st round "plate", beat Berkhamsted in 2nd round "plate", beat Canford in 3rd round "plate", lost to St. Paul's in final
- 1995 beat Brighton in 1st, lost to Fettes in 2nd.

The team does not vary much. For instance in 1993 it was—

Webb and White
D Horne and Priddy
Cameron and Compton

In 1994 poor Geoff Cameron was replaced by David Graham. The reserves have been Jackman and Hedley-Miller, who tend to squabble over the right not to play, on the grounds that neither has much confidence in his own game. (News Flash, May 1996. Dramatic return to form by Jackman).

So this competition, which is immensely enjoyable and relaxing is a bonus and something to look forward to every year.

Incidentally, Cyril Gray was a Harrovian, who played in the Halford Hewitt from its second year right into the fifties. When G B Johnson was President of the Old Tauntonians, Cyril was his guest at the dinner.

6 Prospects

What of the future? The answer is that it is more promising than it has been for many years. To win the Halford Hewitt you need 5 good pairs; they must all be capable of winning, because some of them will be beaten by good pairs from other schools. Very few schools can boast 5 good pairs; the nearest we got was possibly 1947 with 4 useful pairs all contributing to the winning of 3 rounds, after which we were outclassed by Winchester.

If you only have 3 good pairs, you stand a good chance against many of the teams, but not much against the top schools. When about half your side is of high standard, a decision has to be made. You have either to spread the quality or to concentrate it. One school, was it Eton?, once had 6 really good players and decided to make 3 good pairs and it came off, but it is very risky. On the other hand, putting a modest man with a good one may waste the good one if the modest man happens to play badly.

We had some excellent people when we first entered - Eric Samuel, Teddy Tipple, George Newton and Roy Glossop for instance. Then in the sixties and seventies we had no outstanding player and it did not matter much which way round the team played. All we knew was that it was going to be devilish difficult to win a match. All our players fought hard, but, as all games players learn eventually, you cannot win when you are outclassed. Nevertheless we all enjoyed playing, but is better if you win every now and then.

Now we have golfers of the calibre of Boyce, Westwater and Willacy, for instance, and this year Lockett, we can really put up a fight. What in fact we had this year was 2 really good pairs, but, as was demonstrated, you need to bat further down the order. Not that the other pairs were bad, but they were not quite good enough. One pleasing new feature is that, for the first time, we have several young Somerset players, who can only get better.

Realistically we are trying to get through to play on the Saturday, that is the 3rd or 4th round. Of West Country schools, discounting Marlborough, who are top class, both Blundells and Sherborne have reached the semi-final and Clifton have recently been in the final and none of these schools possessed really outstanding players. They do it by getting the very best out of the material that they have.

In the past many of our players took up golf after they had left school. Now many more start playing at school and thanks to Geoff Stephens and David Hazell in the recent past and to Richard Jowett now, there is a much steadier flow of good looking players, some of whom we play against in June and October. So we really can look forward to better times.

Photographs

We have managed to get hold of photographs of the majority of our players. With the 1996 team photo we will have nearly 50 of the 64 people who have appeared for us. Those we do not have are either pre war players or golfers who have only played once or those who have played twice, but with whom we are out of touch.

In dealing with the photographs we are exceptionally grateful to Harold Bennett, an OT professional photographer, who has copied all the photos and where necessary enlarged them. Many will know of him through his recent account of his days at school.



This photograph was taken at the "Inaugural Meeting of the Old Tauntonian Golfing Society" on 25 July 1937. There had been some earlier OT golf, but this was regarded as a part of the London Club's activities. The first committee meeting was on 30 June 1936 and the first golf meeting on 26 July 1936 at Old Fold Manor. There was also a match between London and Wales at Southerndown in November 1936. For details of players in the photo we are extremely indebted to *KCL (Kenneth) Webb*, Taunton School 1919-1929.

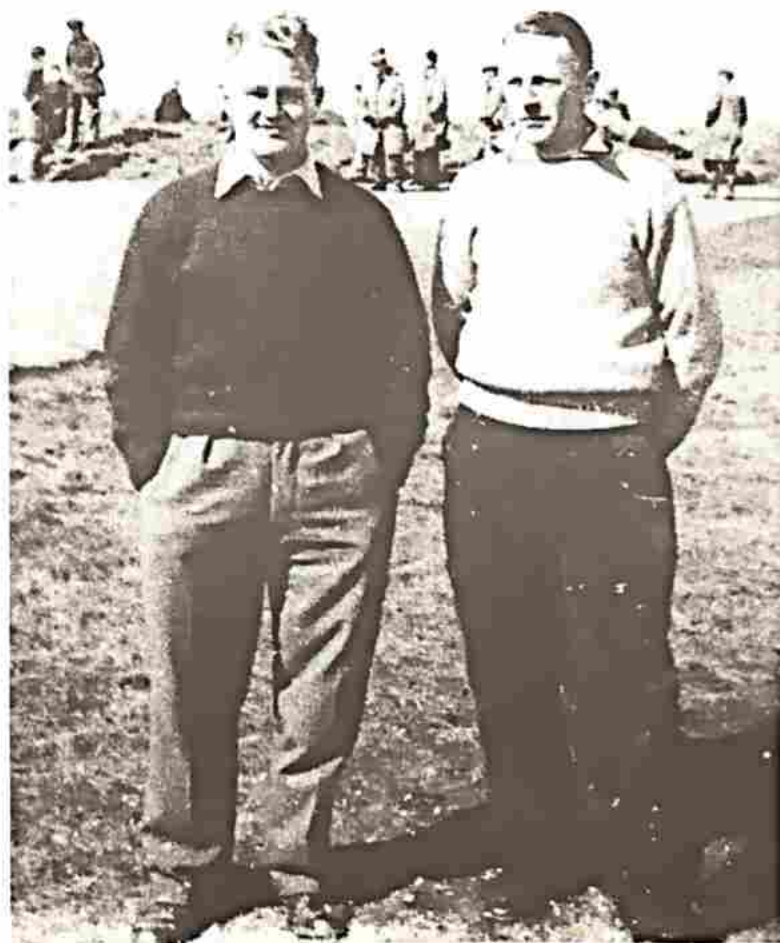
Back row: *Kenneth Webb*, *Teddy Tipple*, *JD Larder*, *GH Jones*, *Bill Scott*, *JR Williams*, *Ronnie Batten*, *GRL Webb* (brother of *Kenneth*) and *Bryn Williams*.

Sitting: *CH Vernon*, *ES Goodland* and *WS Brazier*. On ground: *GB Johnson*.

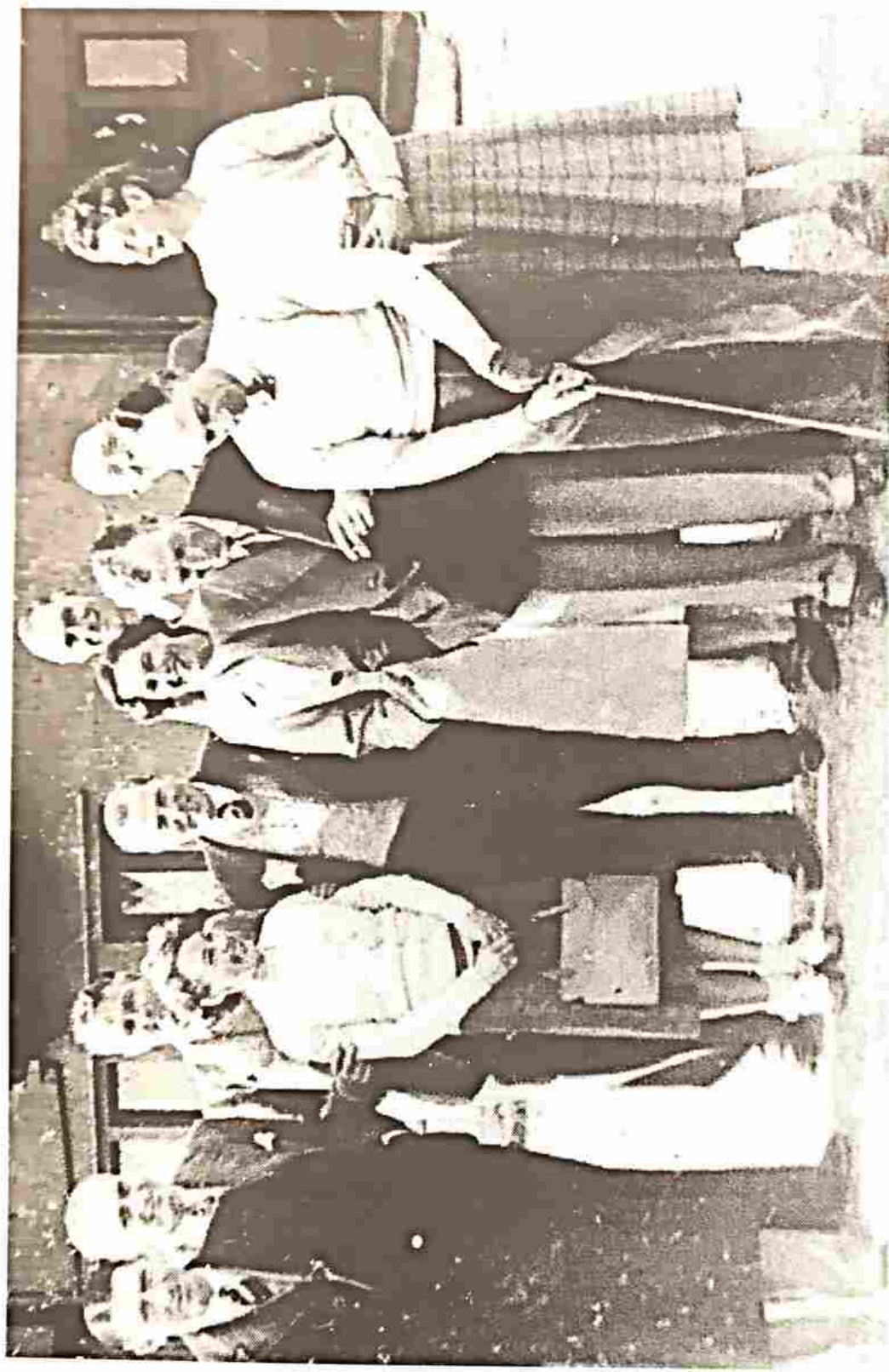
Of these *Tipple*, *Scott*, *Batten* and *Bryn Williams* were Halford Hewitt players. Of the others, *CH Vernon* was President of the Old Boys in 1948 and *ES Goodland* in 1935. *Goodland* attended several London Section meetings at Betchworth Park after the war, once after a rather testing meeting with Queen Mary (mother of George the Sixth) at a trade fair. Of the others *JR Williams* was a member of Langley Park and attended regularly up to the sixties. He was regrettably a sufferer from the shank."



Bill Mann in 1939, looking lean and hungry.



Bill Williams and Alec Andrews, the bankers, in 1947, the first post war meeting.



A group photo outside the Fayreiness in 1948, probably taken by Alec Andrews. It shows from left to right Bryn Williams, Roy Glossop, Bill Williams, Doris Johnson with GB and Joan Samuel. At the back are Ted Green and Eric Samuel. In front Bob Fuente and Harold Terry (with club). On the right is Mrs Green (very nice but name forgotten) Ted Green was a member of Harewood Downs, where there was at least one OT meeting. He used to strike the ball far to the right and then (with luck) brought it back again. Hence he was known as "Banana Green". He came as a reserve in 1948 but did not play. This is the only photo we have of Eric Samuel; at least it shows one of his large ears.

George Burlingham Johnson

GB was the founder of the feast. As a keen golfer in the mid thirties, he noticed that there was a competition for public school old boys, so he decided to go and have a look and reported back to other OTs that in his opinion we could compete at the level he saw. Though not himself a low handicap golfer, *GB* had 3 outstanding qualities. First he was a very good organiser, second he was a very persistent team builder and third he was, with *Doris*, a serious supporter on the course. As a team builder he would go to almost any lengths to persuade a good player to turn out. On the course he always looked worried (until we had won). If you missed a short putt and then noticed *GB* by the green, the last thing you did was to laugh. You hoped that the ground would open and swallow you up.



Roger Hedley-Miller and *George Newton* at Sandwich in 1951 after they had beaten the Crawleys of Harrow. *George* was so pleased that he went straight home to Parkstone saying anything else would be an anticlimax.



Alec Andrews with the "John Player" trophy, Alec worked for WD and HO Wills in Bristol and often competed in Tobacco Trade meetings. His best win was in the "Richmond Virginia" cup, a national competition, which was played on the East course at Wentworth (not as well known as the West, but still very good). He played the first half in 35 and finished in 76. He also had some fine results at his club, Shirehampton Park, the best being perhaps his 70 + 70 in the Club Championship.

The 14th green at Woking with Bill Williams, Neal Greenhaigh, Roger Hedley-Miller and Alec Andrews. This is the only photo we have of Neal, who although small and with a fairly high handicap, was an effective player because he was always confident.



An action photo of *Roger Hedley-Miller*
taken about 1952



The same player, but with the
camera in a more dangerous
position.



Take a quick look at this and try and decide who it is. It is actually *Peter Richardson* in 1953. It was taken at the Salzburg Officers Club during the match between UK and US officers in Austria. Lt. *Peter Richardson* of the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders is at the finish of his drive from the 1st tee. The other photo of *Peter* might be easier to recognise.

Fred Marshall, some years ago. It is a good likeness, but does not give a good impression of the prominent conversationalist and bad weather golfer of the fifties and sixties.





Cardiff Golf Club in the sixties. The only HH player is *Philip Griffiths*, sitting centre right. Sitting right, on *Philip's* left is his father, *Ron* and sitting centre left is *Ron's* friend, *Hugh Morgan*. Behind *Hugh* is *Percy Pipe*, another OT stalwart and standing right is *Bill Erasmus*, now of London section, ex Stanford University and often a serious threat off his handicap of about 15.



Also at Cardiff at about the same time, 2 HH players are here *Philip Griffiths* looking jaunty sitting second from left and *Fred Marshall*, standing 3rd from left, *Fred* is most unusually wearing a panama hat. In the Halford Hewitt he always appeared in a flat cap, which always looked in pristine condition and was possibly new every year.

Roy Glossop, taken by *Frank Dyson*, an Old Brightonian and Porthcawl stalwart, *Roy* was like *Eric Samuel* somewhat of a perfectionist and was highly regarded in Welsh golf.



Fred Glossop taken in what is obviously one of his favourite places and with the smile that was seldom off his face (except in 1965 when he broke his arm just before the match; even then he was back on the course to support in no time at all) *Fred* was captain of Broadstone in 1959 and we are grateful to the club for this photo.



Stanley Phillips is gazing into the distance, looking pleased, but it is anybody's guess what he is looking at. Perhaps he is relaxing after a good win or he may merely be surveying his estate. Whatever it is he seems to find it rather satisfactory.

Brian Drew is looking prosperous here and rather smartly dressed, which some might say are both OT characteristics. Anyone who knows *Brian* must agree that this is one of the best likenesses we have of any of our players. What is difficult to explain is the report that *Brian* has forsaken golf for bowls, unlike those golfers who are so bitten that they play until they can practically no longer stand up.

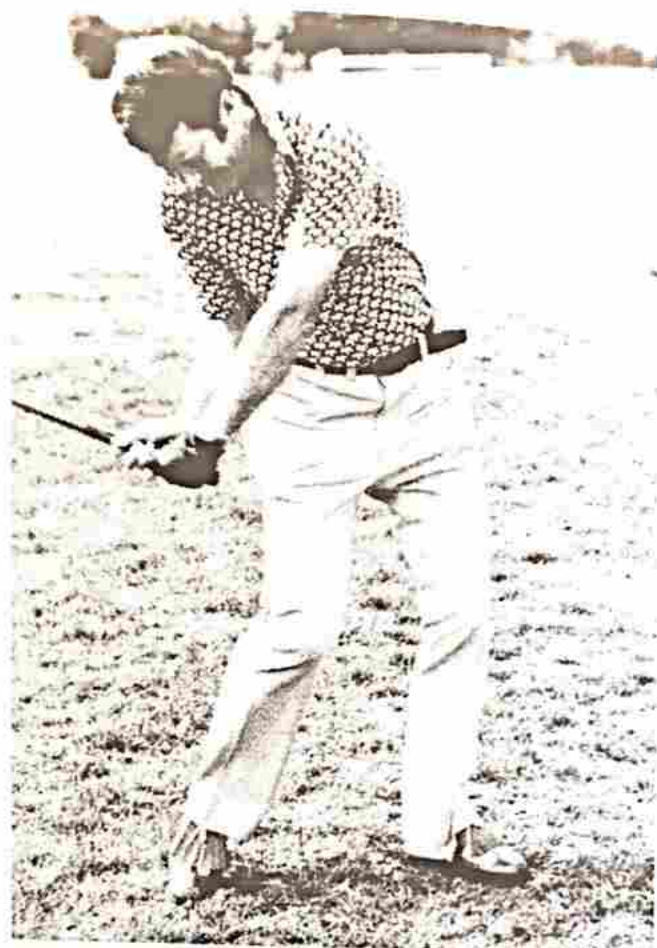
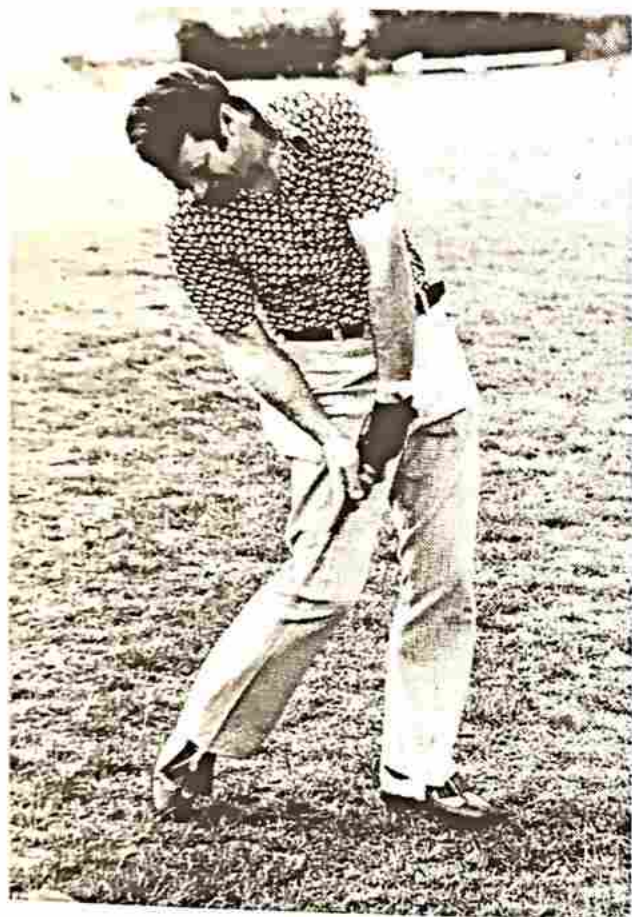




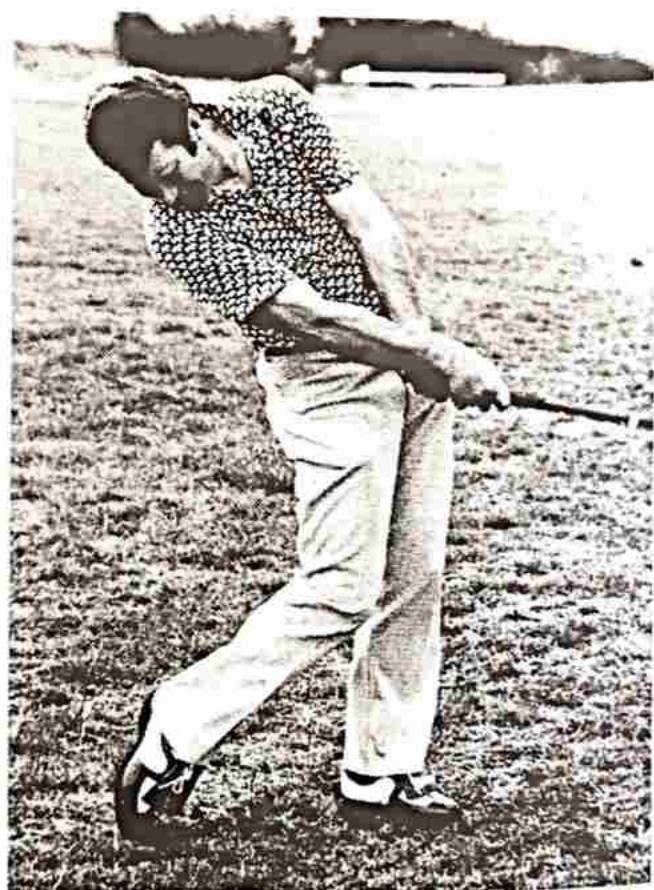
Bill Mann in the sixties. *Bill* has a big smile here which was not so prominent when he was out to win a golf match. Later, *Bill* was President of the Gloucester and West of England Golf Union.

Roger Hedley-Miller taken by a press photographer at the Press Golfing Society meeting at Walton Heath. This was about 1972 and it is the 13th tee on the Old Course.





Andy Nunn in live action. The position of the head is particularly good and no doubt the pros would comment on the strong impression the player gives of hitting past the chin.





The Fayre Ness Hotel, Kingsgate, where we have stayed for nearly as long as we have played in the Hewitt. *Dr Rothwell* was a pleasant, if rather eccentric, owner in the days just after the war and later we have been well looked after by *Lee*, who has been presented with an OT tie. The only drawback to the Fayre Ness is that it is rather a long way away, particularly from Deal. The solitary figure looks like *Brian Drew*.

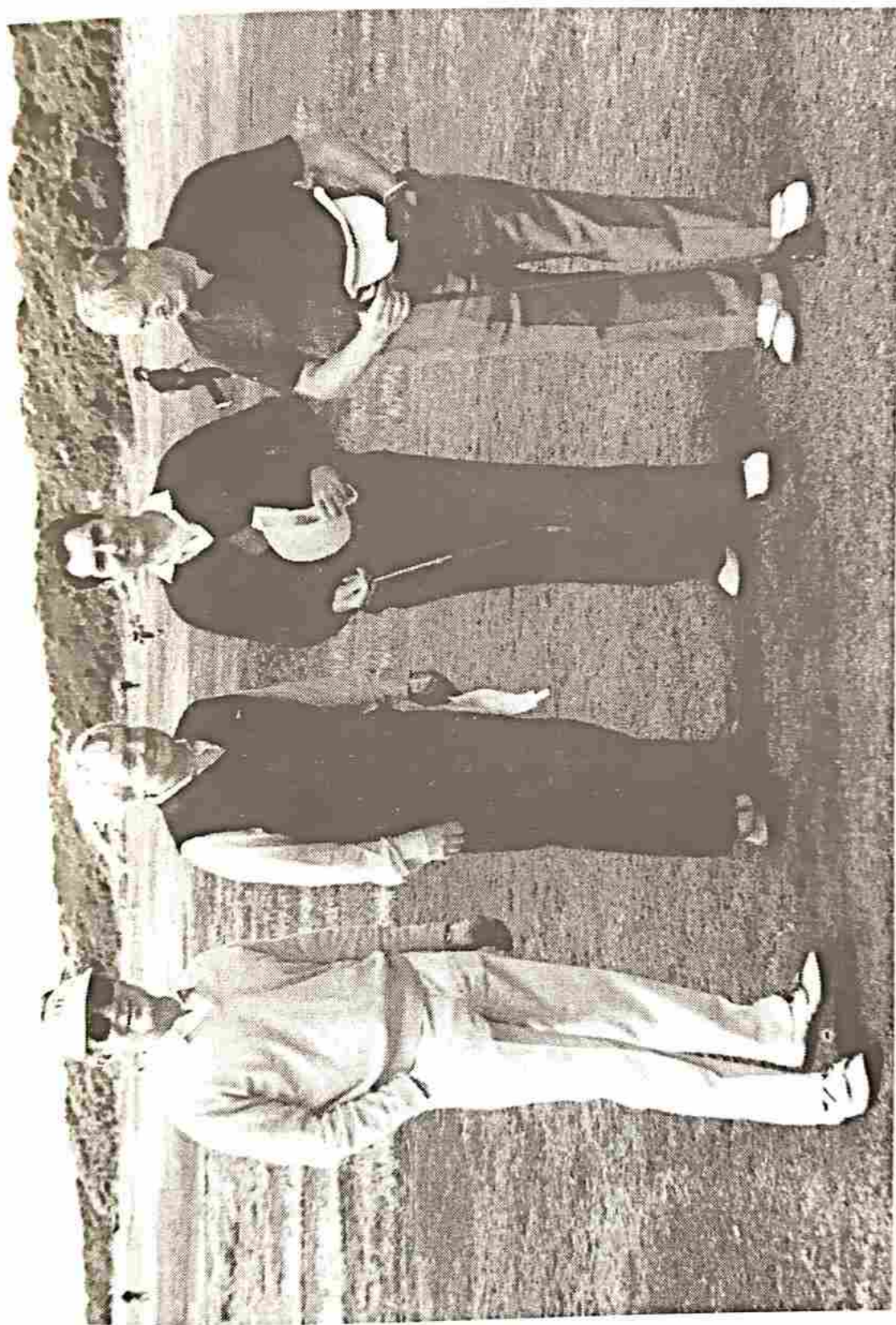


Terry Davidge, is one of the few players who actually come from Somerset from Taunton in fact. Until they started to build some new courses near Taunton, local players were compelled to play at Vivary Park or Pickeridge, now Taunton and Pickeridge. This is, to be honest, a fairly modest course with curious ridges due to ? old zinc mines. Thus, for many years, Taunton golfers were limited, unless they could get to Burnham.

If you did not know this was *Ollie Hyland*, you might think it was *Ben Hogan*, it is such an impressive position. It was taken on the 10th tee at Sandwich by *Gordon Jackman*, who also gets good marks.



Robin Marston in action with an iron off the tee in Nepal.

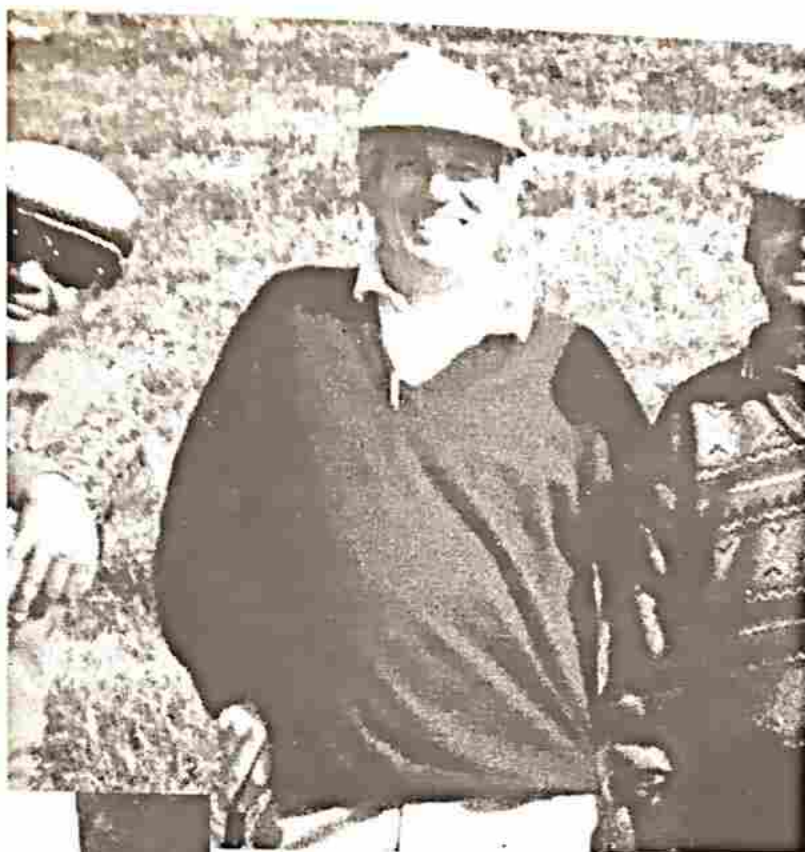


A group of 4 near the 11th tee at Weston. Two of our HH men are on the left, *Colin Daniel* and *Brian Priddy*. In the background is the sandy ridge, covered with buckthorn, which runs between the course and the sea. There is no point in trying to play out of it, it is impossible. Also present are *Ray Reardon* and *Brian's father*, who retained a low handicap into old age.

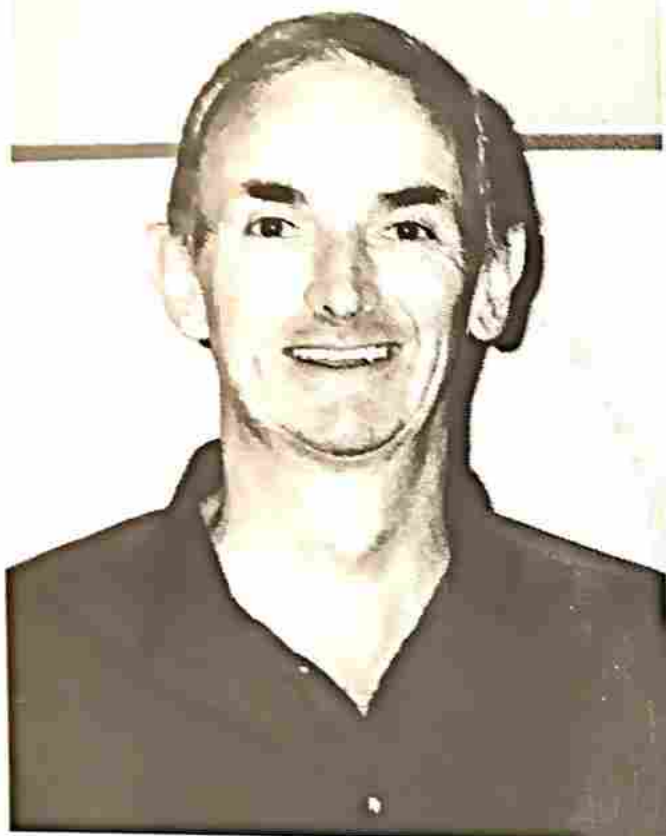


A practice round at Sandwich about 1982. *Terry Davidge* is chipping from the right of the 8th, watched by *Barry White*, *Richard Willacy*, and *Brian Drew*. This was one of the new holes when the course was altered (? about 25 years ago) replacing a famous old par 3.

Robin again. We had hoped to get a better view of his face, *Harold Bennett* has greatly enhanced the original, but the further photo that *Robin* sent has gone astray in the post.

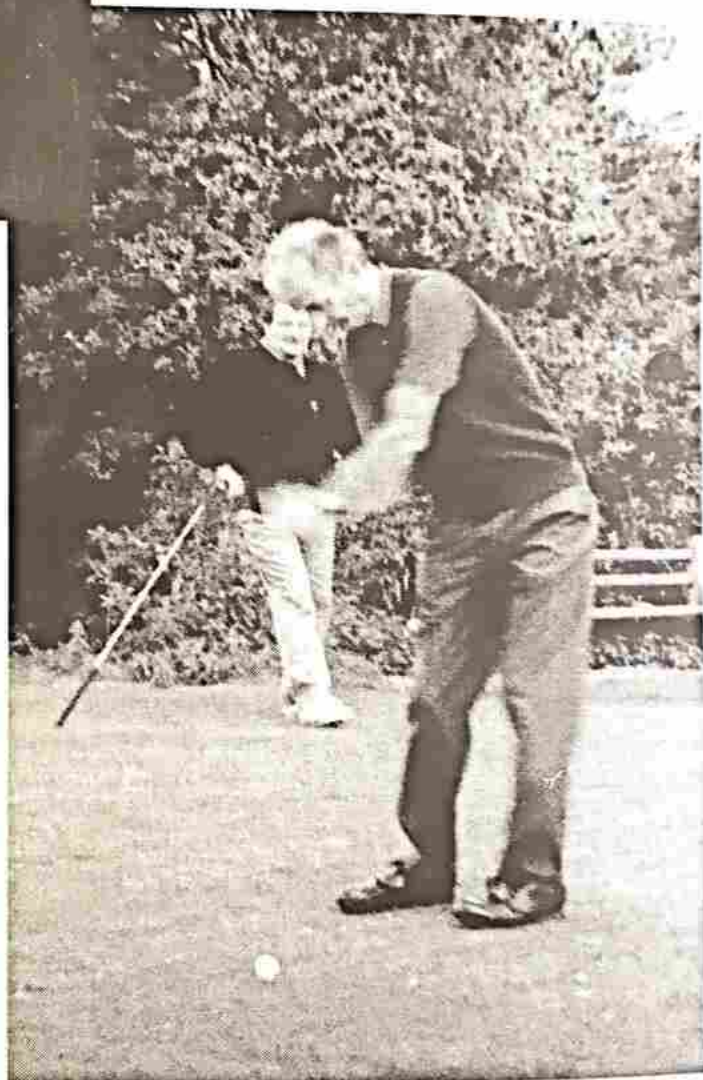


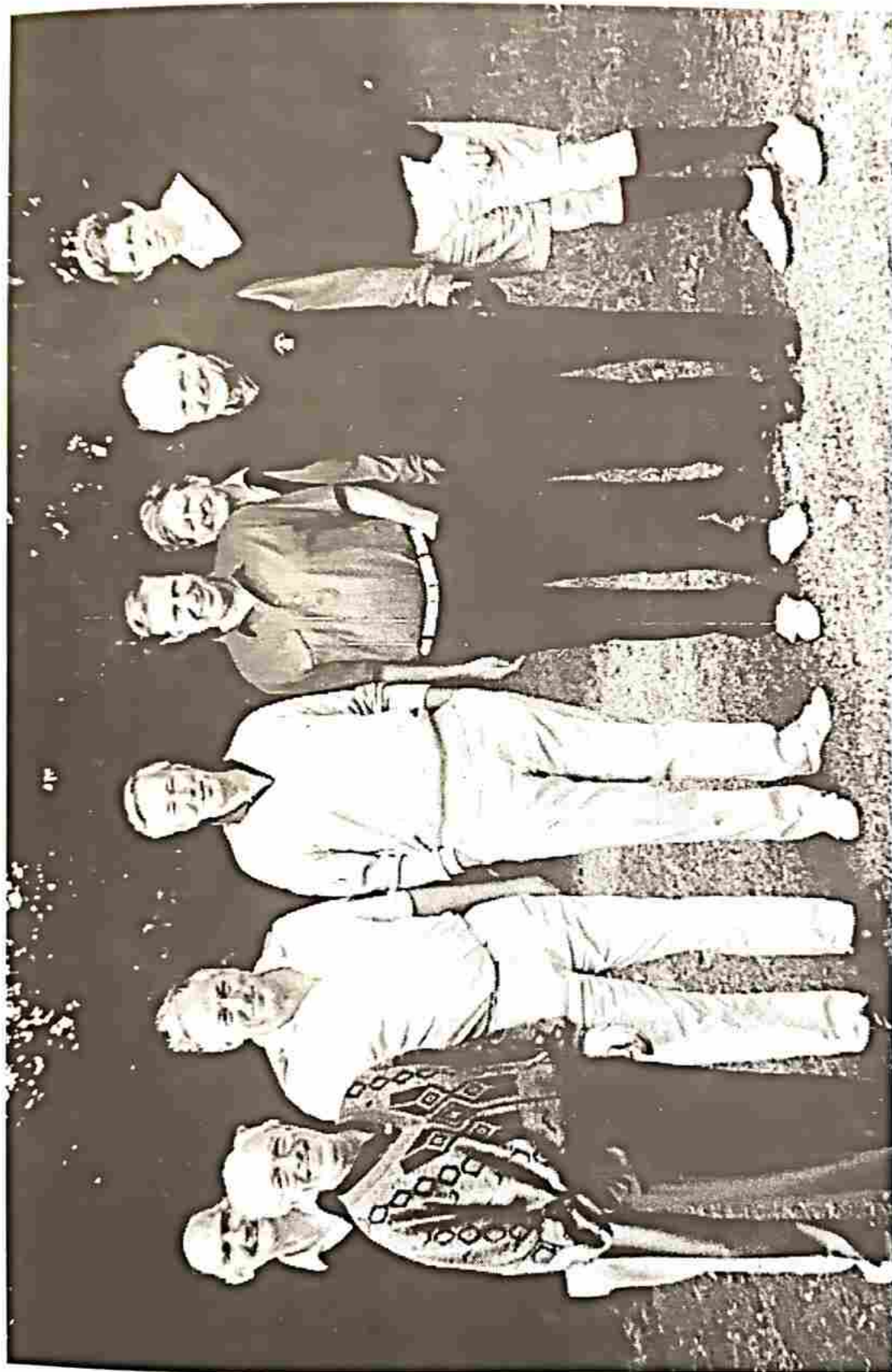
Left:
Peter Richardson on the first tee at Ratho Park, not far from Edinburgh Airport. Just a 3 wood for this hole he says (note yardage). *Peter* plays most of his golf at Muirfield now, which must make many players green with envy, especially in the winter.



The genial *Mike Turner*, *Mike* reckons that he played his best golf in Cheshire, when he was quite young. At the time he had never heard of the Halford Hewitt! Since then he has spent some time in the Far East which explains why he has only played for us twice.

The same golfer in action at Erewash Valley, half way down in a good looking position. *Mike* favours the Banana Green flight with the ball moving sharply right to left.





The first tee at Worpleston during the Cyril Gray competition of 1993. The players are from left to right - Gordon Jackman, Barry White, Chris Webb, David Horne, Richard Compton, Roger Hedley-Miller, Brian Priddy and the late Geoff Cameron. The 8 constitute a team of 6 plus 2 reserves. The pairings were - Webb and White, Horne and Priddy, Cameron and Compton. This was a good year in which we beat Bishop's Stortford and Liverpool then lost narrowly to Merchiston.



A group at Barry White's house at Le Touquet, where much enjoyable golf has been played at both Le Touquet and Hardelot. From left to right are Daphne Priddy (part hidden), Chris Webb, Brian Priddy, Wendy Webb, Roger Hedley-Miller, Terry Davidge (back to camera), Barry White (part hidden) and Jill White. This was probably not the year when poor Jill was whistled off to Boulouge hospital to be separated from her appendix.



Dr A Gareth Jones in a recent photo, *Gareth* actually started in 1939 and played right through to 1969. Being around at the time we first played in the competition, *Gareth* can remember a number of the early players and has provided us with some nice tit bits.

Anthony Forrester-Bennett, now apparently out of the Foreign Office. His present form is unknown, but, remembering his play earlier, it could be pretty good.



David Horne well balanced at the end of a drive. He claims that it was taken at Dorado Beach Club off Puerto Rico and that his score was "not too bad". Sceptics might suggest that it was actually taken on Clapham Common.

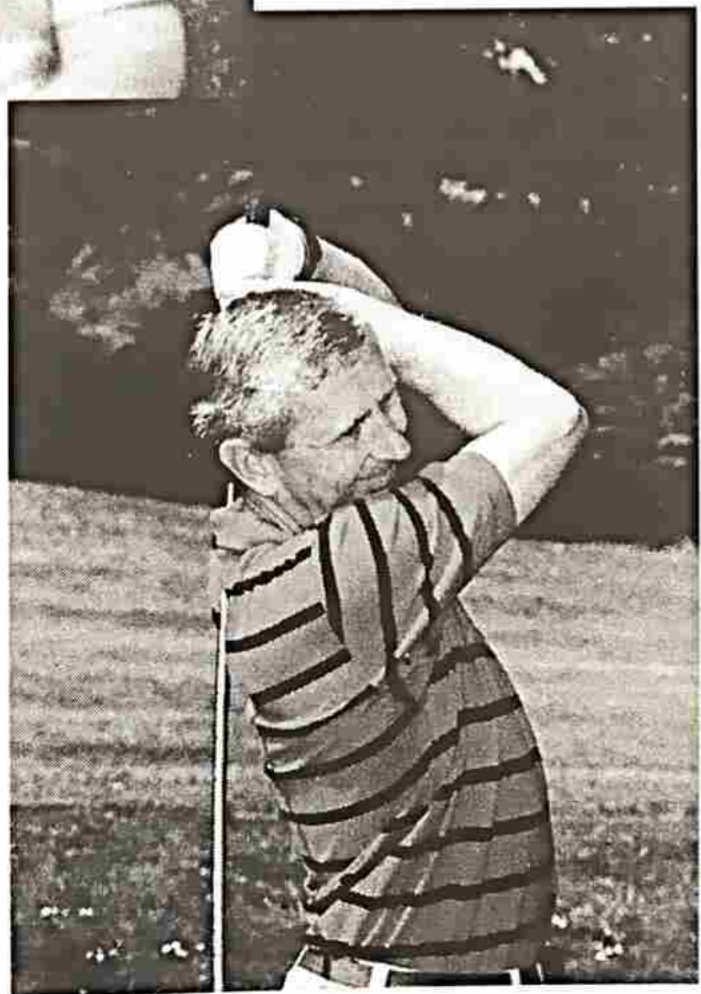


Paul Graham on an important day in his life.

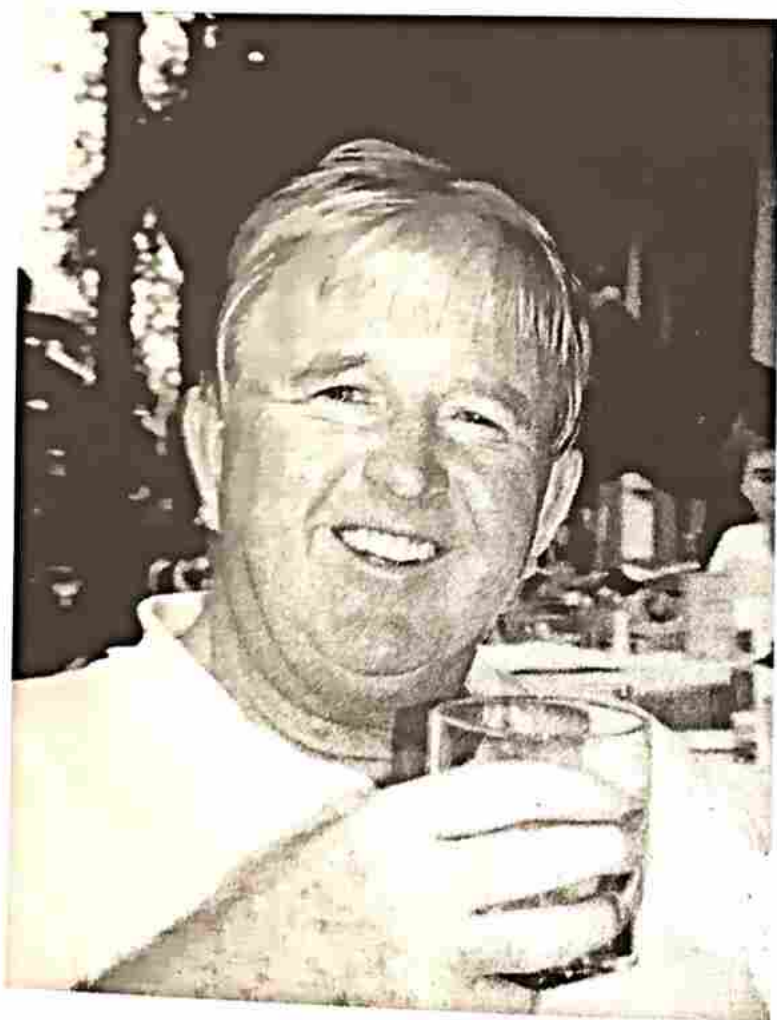
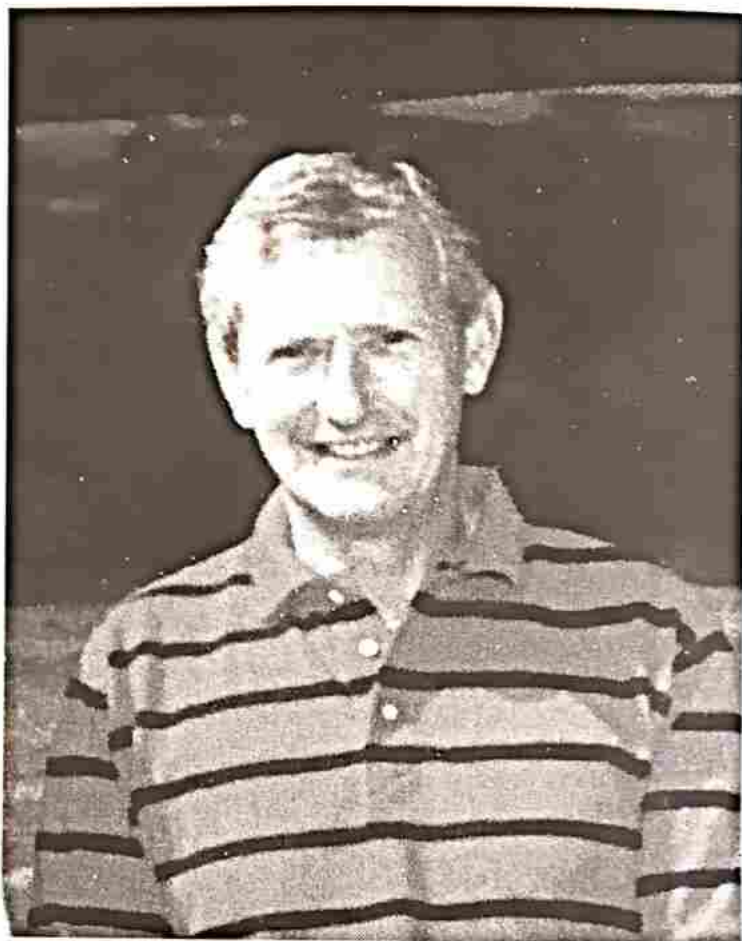


The same player (*Paul Graham*) on the tee. It will be noted that his build is just right for playing links in the wind.

Group Captain Mike Peaker at the finish of the drive. Like others he claims it was a good shot and who are we to disbelieve him? Like *Mike Turner*, he might have played more often, had he been available. OTs do not in fact seem to have a lot of luck with new golfers. No sooner has a good player been found than he is off to live in Timbuctoo!



Another photo of *Mike Peaker* at Moor Park.



A recent picture of *Leo McMahon*, which could have been taken ages ago, because he has hardly changed at all from the time he started to play in 1955. The photo was taken in New Orleans and if you pay him a small sum he will tell you how the locals pronounce the name.

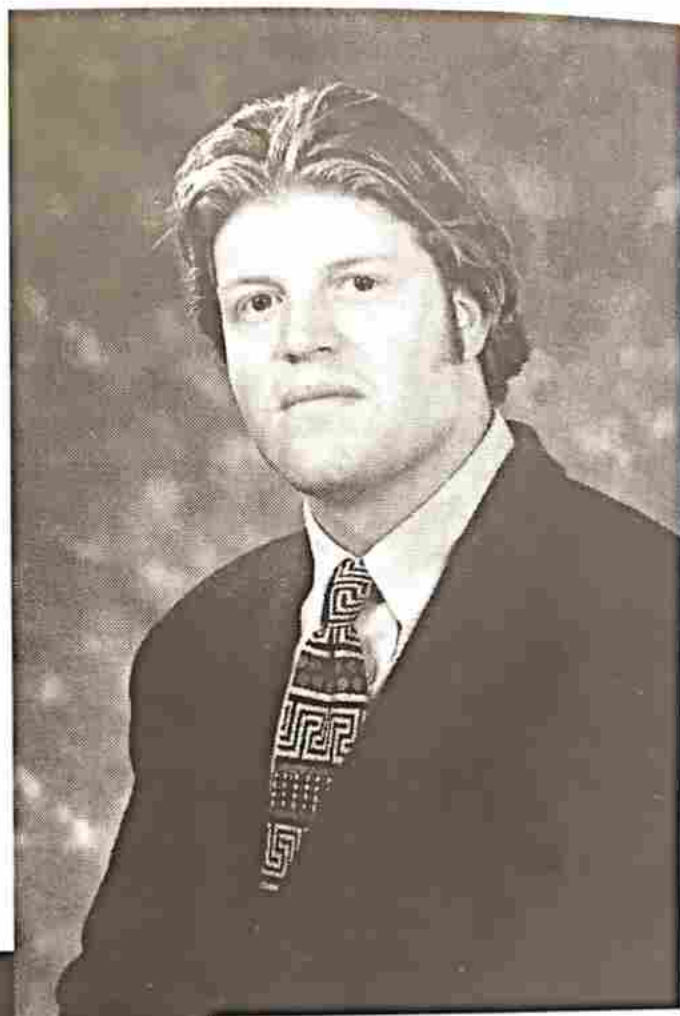


Barry White outside the clubhouse at Rye in 1994. *Barry* is another who hardly seems to have changed since he first played (in partnership with *Leo*) in 1955.

Gordon Jackman enjoying his lunch at Rye in 1994. Although still a very keen golfer, *Gordon* does not disregard some of the other pleasures that life has to offer.

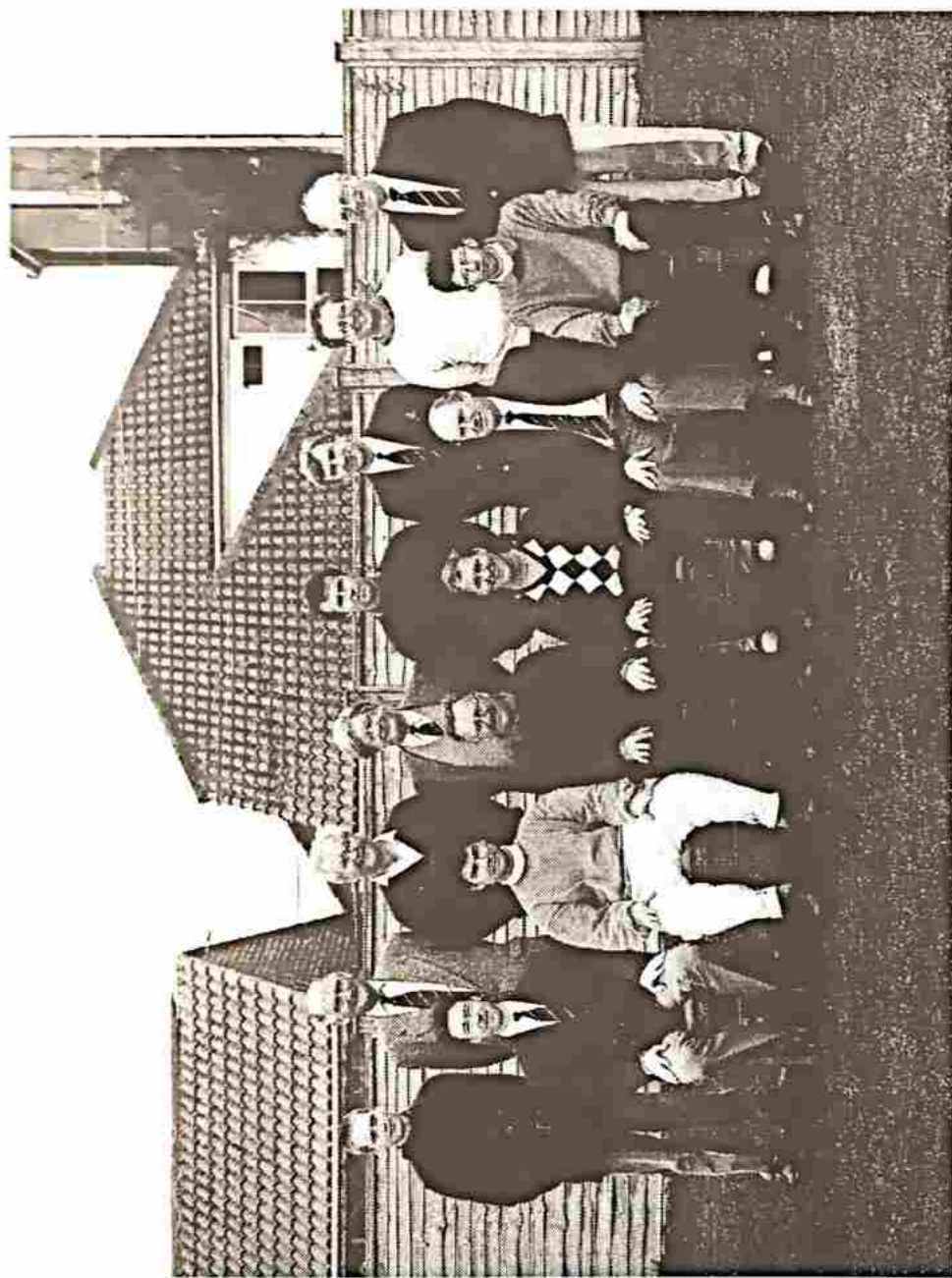


Mark Jenkins after three years as assistant professional at Burnham and Berrow, has moved to Shrivvenham Park Golf Club, near Swindon. *Mark* played in the HH for 4 years from 1990 to 1993, but without a win. One would think this an unexpected result for such an obviously good player, but to win matches in the Hewitt you need everything to go right-driving, approaching, recovering and putting and usually all these things do not happen together. If *Mark* were to become an amateur again, he could, with the extra experience, become a useful team member.



Harold Bennett, without whose expert and very willing assistance our task would have been much more difficult. The real difficulty, in some cases, was locating some of the older players. Once this was done, *Harold* deftly made copies and, where necessary, enlargements, making what might have been a complicated job that much simpler. This picture of *Harold* was taken in 1944, when he was an RAF instructor at Medicine Hat in Canada.

The Excellent 1996 Halford Hewitt side



Back Row: Greg Whalley, Gordon Jackman, Richard Norris, Roger Hedley-Miller, Charles Hunt, Terry Davidge, Michael Masters and Barry White

Front Row: Andrew Horne, Richard Willacy, Geoffrey Boyce, Ian Westwater, Oliver Hyland and Mark Luckett
Of the above, Jackman, Hedley-Miller, Davidge and White were players from previous years.

8. Report on the 1996 Halford Hewitt match

The performance of the Old Tauntonians in their match with Harrow was possibly their best ever display. The OT's also won the top 2 matches against Charterhouse in 1939 and beat Dulwich in 1984, but these are the only comparable performances. This is probably the only time we have had a realistic chance of beating a top school and is due not only to our having some very good players, but almost certainly because of our first 2 pairs, who are top class and must lift the standard of play of the rest of the side by their example.

A summary of the result is as follows-

Taunton				Harrow			
Richard Willacy	)	1 hole	1	Daniel Hill	)		0
Ian Westwater	)			Nick Tindall)		
Geoffrey Boyce	)	1 hole	1	Hugh Holland)		
Mark Luckett	)			Robert Petch	)		0
Andy Horne	)		0	Alex Murray	)	2 holes	1
Ollie Hyland	)			Steve Posford)		
Charles Hunt	)		0	Ashley Brewer	)	1 hole	1
Michael Masters	)			Sheffield)		
Greg Whalley	)		0	Jeremy Fricker	)	4/3	1
Richard Norris	)			Alex Mann)		
Total			2				3

This account is followed by the detailed remarks in the "Daily Telegraph" and the brief comment in "The Times", which these days does not offer a full report. Unfortunately the very complimentary "Telegraph" report has Richard putting dead at the 18th. Actually it was Ian.

In the bottom match, the only one which was not close, Richard Norris, not one of our regulars, but nevertheless very welcome, played with Greg Whalley, who is coming on very well. Unfortunately they got 4 down early on, after which they held their own, due mainly to some excellent play from Greg.

The other matches were all close and hard fought and the OT's deserve immense praise for the terrific battle they put up. Our 2 top pairs, both of whom won 5/4 last year, found themselves against a much tougher opposition. Westwater and Willacy, 2 down after 7, then really got going. Ian holed from 10 feet to win the 8th and the next 4 holes came their way, mainly in pars. Still 3 up at the 15th, they putted poorly there and then lost the 16th to a splendid birdie. Ian holed out solidly at 17 for a half in 4 and at the 18th, after a great recovery from the rough to the greenside by Tindall (who looked to be Harrow's best player), Ian's long putt got a half in 4 to end a splendid match. So Ian and Richard have added Harrow to the scalp of the Marlborough top pair, which they won in 1993. Geoff and Mark produced similar fighting qualities in the 2nd match. They won the first 2 holes, but were pulled back to 1 down at the turn. They then pushed ahead again, but had difficulty in getting more than 1 up. For instance at the 13th, they seemed to be in control, but Harrow got down brilliantly in 2 from a greenside bunker. They were still 1 up going down the 18th, Harrow in the middle, Taunton in the left hand rough, from where Mark hit a great iron to the green, after which he said that the lie had been very good. We

only saw that the shot had been very good under strong pressure. It finished pin high about 12 yards left, from where Geoff putted close and Mark holed for the match.

The third point seemed possible, because in both the 3rd and 4th matches we had been up, but only by a small margin. In the 4th Charles and Michael finally arrived on the 18th tee all square. After 2 shots they were evenly matched, but a little chip went astray followed by 3 putts and all was rather suddenly over. The 3rd match was all square with 2 to play but after a comedy of errors on the 17th, which we finally lost, Andy's drive at the 18th finished in a really horrible lie in the right rough and the chance of a recovery had disappeared. What we need to remember about these 2 pairs is not that they had lost tight matches at the end, but that their really fine play had put them in a possible winning position.

So it was a very close result against the holders, who are one of the top 3 schools. One can only reflect what the result would have been if our best team, including Tony Webley and Paul Graham, had been fielded.

Under the headline "HARROW HOLD OFF TAUNTON THREAT", Ted Barrett wrote in The "Telegraph" of 12th April as follows-

"Taunton enjoyed brief moments of euphoria in the sunshine during the first round of the Halford Hewitt Cup Foursomes Festival against the holders, Harrow, at Deal yesterday. Then a sea mist swept across the links and Alex Murray and Steve Posford kept their heads in the decisive match and swept out Taunton on the last hole. Harrow are the cup holders-for the 11th time-while Taunton have of late seldom survived until the weekend. Yet Harrow, who are without Philip Hill, who is taking exams, and Jamie Warman, who has an injured hip, looked vulnerable after a superb approach putt up to the final hole by Richard Willacy (NOTE CORRECTION) put them 1 down. More cool putting by the Taunton captain, Geoff Boyce, and Mark Luckett secured another home hole win. Harrow recovered to 2-2 and Murray and Posford took full advantage of the bad lie Andrew Horne's pushed drive gave Ollie Hyland on the 18th. His attempted recovery found water and Harrow were home 3-2.

The brief note in "The Times" merely stated under the headline "HARROW HIT BACK TO CLINCH CUP VICTORY"-

"Harrow, the defending champions, were given a fright by Taunton in the first round of the Public School's Golf Society's Halford Hewitt Cup at Royal Cinque Ports, Deal, yesterday. Taunton led in 4 of the 5 foursomes matches at one stage, but Harrow recovered to win 3-2.

9. Finance

At the risk of introducing a jarring note, the question of finance has got to be addressed. We need funds both for the printing of the record of Taunton in the Halford Hewitt cup and also for the team in the cup itself to help with the expenses of the younger players in the team, of whom, we are glad to say there are an increasing number.

There seems to be an idea that there are plenty of funds available for these purposes. This is absolutely NOT the case and the problem has got to be looked at and a solution found.

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