

Old Tauntonian Golfing Society

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Dear OT Golfers,

A very Happy New Year to you all.

All members will be saddened to learn of the death on Dec 12th of Gwyn Morgan in Stoke Mandeville. His final days were very painful but he was well looked after there. He was well known not only in the OTGS but in his earlier years as an excellent hockey player. He came from a sporting family – his sister, Nan, captained the University of Bristol and the England Ladies hockey back in the '60s.

At the AGM this year several changes were made to the fixtures to be played in 2018. The match between the School and the OTGS will be held at Taunton and Pickeridge coincidental with the Thone Cup. The OT Championship will be held alternately in London and Taunton, this year to be held in London at St. George's Hill coincidental with the Fairwater Cup and the AGM will take place here then. There will be no golf in Taunton this year over the OT Reunion weekend. The fixture between the OTGS and the Old Honitonians is now to take place on a Tuesday instead of a Monday. The dates for these events and others are shown below. OTs are again reminded that all under 25s are eligible for free green fees in OTGS events thanks to OTGS support.

A meeting between our President and our Captain and Hayley Mortimore, Director of Sport at TS to ascertain how well the OTGS support for golf at TS was being used proved very encouraging. TS now has a three year contract with Taunton and Pickeridge GC: pupils get regular lessons from T+P Pro, Simon Stevenson and TS now sponsors the T+P Junior Programme.

The school team is back in the West of England Public Schools Competition at Burnham and Berrow after being unable to enter last year due to a change in dates of the Rosslyn Park Sevens and golf is thriving in TPS under Chris Coleman. We now have a much more optimistic outlook than a year ago.

Our finances are well managed, as ever, by Richard Norris but it would help us to afford the considerable cost of entering events (>£1300pa) were more of you to subscribe, (£20 to Richard at 26 Sutton Court, Chiswick, London W4 3JE) would be really appreciated. Many thanks to those of you who did so last year.

EVENTS 2018

Society Meetings (all welcome)

6.3.18 (Tu)	Invitation Meeting	Swinley Forest	David Murrell
6.5.18 (Su)	Thone Cup and OTGS vs TS	Taunton + Pickeridge	Hugh Todd Clive Large
10.6.18 (Su)	Fairwater Cup + AGM and OTGS Championship	St George's Hill	Richard Willacy Clive Large
26.6.18 (Tu)	Old Honitonians	Oake Manor	Richard Jowett
30.9.18 (Su)	Rose Bowl	Oake Manor	Hugh Todd

Scratch Competitions (Bona fide OTs only)

23-25.3.18 (Fr-Su incl. practice)	Brent Knoll Bowl	Burnham + Berrow	Richard Willacy
3-8.4.18 (Tu -Su incl. practice)	Halford Hewitt	Deal/Sandwich	Richard Willacy
13.5.18 (Su)	Grafton Morrish Qualifier	North Hants	Richard Willacy
20-23.6.18 (We-Sa incl. practice)	Cyril Gray (over 50s)	Worplesdon	David Morgan
4-7.10.18 (Th-Su)	Grafton Morrish (event)	Hunstanton	Richard Willacy

I really hope that you will be able to play in some of these events. Don't wait to be asked; contact the Match Managers shown below:

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With all good wishes for 2018, Richard Jowett