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**FOBBESTER**

**Next meeting:**

**SAFFRON**  
**WALDEN**

**Thursday**  
**July 10**

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**2014**

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**Thursday**  
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**HE'S AT IT AGAIN...** Michael Bench collects his second trophy, the Dennis Sando Cup, from Captain Richard. They are flanked by Group 1 winner David Grainge and Group 3 man Steve Foster.

THERE'S no stopping Micheal Bench it seems, for after his huge win at Ashridge he's now top-scored at Mid Herts.

Yes, he certainly has been cut. Micheal's club handicap is 20 instead of from 23, plus he's been cut a further six shots by way of shot "loadings" for his victories. That meant he was playing off 14 at Mid Herts, but that didn't stop him lifting the Dennis Sando Cup.

At "wet, wet, wet" John O'Gaunt last month, Michael managed just 23 points, but at sunny Mid Herts he blossomed once more, leaving Group 1 winner David Grainge in the shade along with the Group 3 top contender Steve Foster.

But despite the glorious weather, Mid Herts



**TAKE TWO...** In the picture again is David Grainge, who helped his son Tom to not only win the Greensome Cup in the morning, but also their Concorde Pairs championship in the afternoon.

proved to be a tough nut to crack. For even magical Michael failed to play to handicap. He man-

aged a mere 34 points to win Group 2, while the Steve and David finished on 33 and 32.

Also mentioned in despatches were Sid Platten and Charles Wallis both with 32 points, plus John Hare and Damien Turley both 31.

Top guest: Ted Platten 23 points.

The morning nine holes saw three pairings tie for first place on 19 points for the **Greensome Cup**.

But claiming the trophy on countback were David and Tom Grainge, followed by Richard Fobbester and Steve Hickey, then Ken Gordon with Clive Ackerman.

#### **'BENCH' MARK**

NOT surprisingly, Michael Bench leads the way on the Eclectic, but

he's FIVE points clear of the field.

55 points: Michael Bench

50: Damien Turley

49: Steve Langridge,  
Richard Fobbester

48: David Grainge, Sid  
Platten, Nick  
MacDermot

47: Stan Kelley

45: Rob Clayton, Colin  
Andrews

44: Charles Wallis, Clive  
Ackerman, Joe  
McGuire

#### **OVER £600**

THE captain's charity reaped another amazing £178 in "fines" and generous donations at Mid Herts, boosting the tally from £630 to £808.

What's more Captain Richard persuaded Mid Herts to donate at four-

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**TIED UP...** Welcome to Ted Platten who signed up at Mid Herts for his BGS tie, duly presented by Captain Richard Fobbester.



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ball ticket for the course, which will be actioned for the charity later in the year.

### 19th DECIDER

What a tight KO we had at Mid Herts. Gary Sando and vice-captain Colin Andrews' **McMullens Singles** went to the 19th before Gary got the verdict.

Steve Langridge (pictured right) also had a tight match, 1-up against Clive at Mill Green. And Stan Kelley beat Chris Murray 3&2 at Old Fold Manor.

Back at Mid Herts, David and Tom Grainge marched through to the third round of the **Concorde Trophies Pairs**, beating Dave O'Brien and Tony Sando 3&2.

Ken Gordon and Steve Langridge beat Captain Richard and Gary Sando 2&1 at Mill Green.

However, Steve Langridge's luck ran out in the Singles quarter-finals, for he suffered a

5&4 defeat at his own Mill Green course.

Handing out the hiding was Nick MacDermott who made the most of some admittedly 'outrageous' chips, including holing out on the 13th

### TOUGHEST IN ESSEX

SAFFRON Walden have enticed us back with a great **£10 reduction**.

Saffron Walden is now rated the toughest in Essex. But when it was formed way back in 1919. It was only 9 holes and 2,210 yards.

It was lengthened 10 years later, then re-vamped soon after with the help of six times Open champion Harry Vardon (he of the Vardon grip). But despite the re-design it was still only nine holes. That's because in those days very few people played golf (how amazed would they be now?) So the fact that it was still only 9 holes suited demand at the time.

However, in 1968 further land was acquired from the adjacent Audley End estate



(see picture below) and in 1975 the course was eventually extended to 18 holes.

Today the course is a picturesque and challenging 6,600 yards – and rated by pros as the toughest in Essex.

*Stan*

### PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Your best FIVE scores out of eight to count, so you can miss three events

David Grainge jumped five places, while Sid Platten is up three, but unstoppable Michael Bench is six points clear of the field, with Captain Richard leads the chasing pack.

	Gog	Ash	JoG	MH	Tot
Michael Bench	16	25	14	25	80
Richard Fobbestor	24	21	9	18	72
Sid Platten	16	19	14	22	71
David Grainge	19	1	24	23	67
Stan Kelley	6	24	22	12	64
Robert Clayton	21	4	14	14	63
Steve Langridge	25	12	18	7	62
Nick MacDermott	13	23	0	17	53
Steve Temple	21	16	14	1	52
Clive Ackerman	24	8	14	5	51
Gary Sando	2	12	18	12	44
Roger Butcher	17	1	25	0	43
Steve Foster	9	1	6	24	40
Colin Andrews	2	1	21	14	38
Phil Houston	16	1	21	0	38
Charles Wallis	19	4	1	22	36
Harry Bracher	0	12	24	0	36
Ken Gordon	4	8	6	17	35
Dave O'Brien	1	16	9	7	33
Joe McGuire	24	4	0	0	28

# SAFFRON WALDEN GOLF CLUB

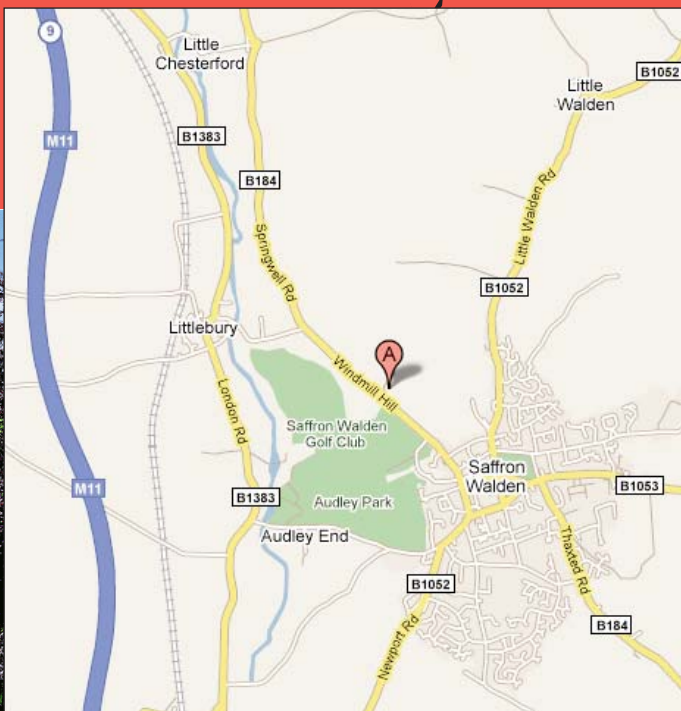
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## Thursday July 10

**SOME GARDEN... the 5th at Saffron Walden, once part of the gardens laid out by the legendary Capability Brown for Audley End House, seen in the background.**



**ENTRIES** seven days in advance please. Book to play via Book to play via the Bengo website (see Page 1) or phone Stan Kelley 01992 586280 or 07702 363611.

Cancellation rule: Minimum £20 penalty (full cost at some courses) for cancellations within 3 days of the event

**COMPETITIONS:** Morning – 9 holes playing for the **BOGEY CUP** (holder: Steve Foster).

Afternoon – 18 holes singles Stableford playing for the **ANNIVERSARY CUP** (holder: Colin Andrews).

**MEET** from 9.15am for coffee.

First tee reserved from 10am and again at 1pm. Play from the yellow markers.

**COST:** £70 includes prizes both morning and afternoon, coffee on arrival, lunch and carvery dinner (vegetarians please advise) plus ball sweep, Eclectic and even gratuities for waitress service.

**DRESS:** Shorts should be full length and worn with either full knee-length socks or short white socks. Jackets 'n' BGS ties are a must for dinner as usual.

**MOBILE phones** not permitted on the course or in clubhouse. Phone messages accepted at pro

shop (as above).

**BUGGIES.** £25 18 holes, £40 for 27 or all day. Electric trolleys £8.

**HOW TO GET THERE: Make sure you take the correct exit from the M11, as follows...**

**Northbound from M11**  
Driving northbound on the M11, exit at junction 9 (A11) towards Newmarket. At the roundabout turn right and follow the B184. At the next 3 roundabouts take the second exit signposted Saffron Walden. Continue forward onto Windmill Hill, towards Saffron Walden. At the bottom of the hill take the first right turn into New Pond Lane, followed

by the next right; to the Club.

**Southbound from M11**  
Driving southbound on the M11, exit at Junction 10, take the first exit signposted A505 (Saffron Walden & Newmarket). At the second roundabout (McDonalds restaurant) turn right onto A1301 (Saffron Walden). At the third roundabout continue onto B184 (Saffron Walden). At the next 2 roundabouts take the second exits signposted Saffron Walden. Continue forward onto Windmill Hill, towards Saffron Walden. At the bottom of the hill take the first right turn into New Pond Lane, followed by the next right; this is the Club car park.