

"YOU CAN'T GIVE BIRTH HERE, MA'AM. I DON'T HAVE BABY SEAT AND I CAN'T RISK ANOTHER TICKET ON MY RECORD."

Need a cabbie? That'll be our new capt COLIN

Yes, our 2016 Captain is indeed a cabbie. And talking from personal experience, Colin Andrews really is very good and reliable. That's his number, top right hand of the cartoon, but that's as near as he's got to giving birth in his cab – so far!



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CAPTAIN Colin wants to play with different members at every venue, so that means he'll only be teeing off at the head of the field at his "drive in".

And that first venue will be **Gog Magog**. Thanks to the free draining chalk of the Gog Magog hills, it's famed for never closing for rain, so our visit on



Friday March 4 should be assured.

Gog is also an OK place for nerves, for

the opening hole (Old Course) is very wide and forgiving. Everyone will appreciate this 'top 100' venue. Food was an issue last year, but should be rectified after the catering has been taken in-house. (Entry details Back Page).

ANOTHER TOP 100

It's another 'top 100 course' for our second

venue, **Ashridge**, on Wednesday March 30. But remember to go on a diet in preparation for their famous 4-course luncheon.

It's then off to **South Beds** on Wednesday May 11 – and hopefully we won't suffer a heavy downpour as last year.

It boasts two courses set in beautiful sur-

roundings on the northern edge of Luton. But this time we'll play both our morning nine holes and the afternoon event on the main Galley Hill.

Like Gog Magog, South Beds affords superb drainage of from the Galley Hills chalk.

Next it's the splendid turf of **Old Fold Manor**, so good it was recently used as an eliminator for The Open. It was designed by the famous Harry Colt, who was also responsible for Sunningdale, Swinley Forest and Wentworth plus many others – no wonder the greens are so slick.

CHAIRMAN'S PERK

Don't miss it on Wednesday June 8. Chris Murray is not only a member of Bengeo, but is also chairman of Old Fold which means he was able to arrange a splendid price for us.

On July 5 we're off to our second visit to **Bedford & County**. It's more than 100 years old so not surprisingly it's rated as one of Bedfordshire's premier courses.

Our next stop is a welcome return to the delightful **Toot Hill**. It's 'signature hole' is the island par 3, which you can attempt to conker in Thursday August 18.

We then go to **Bishop's Stortford** for the first time in more than 20 years. The course has been changed and greatly

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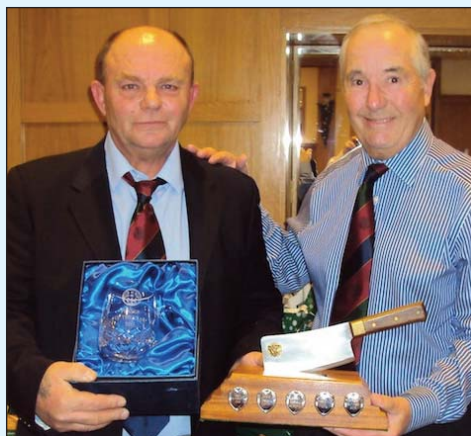
WINNERS ALL BUT PLATTENS ARE THE PRIZE GUYS



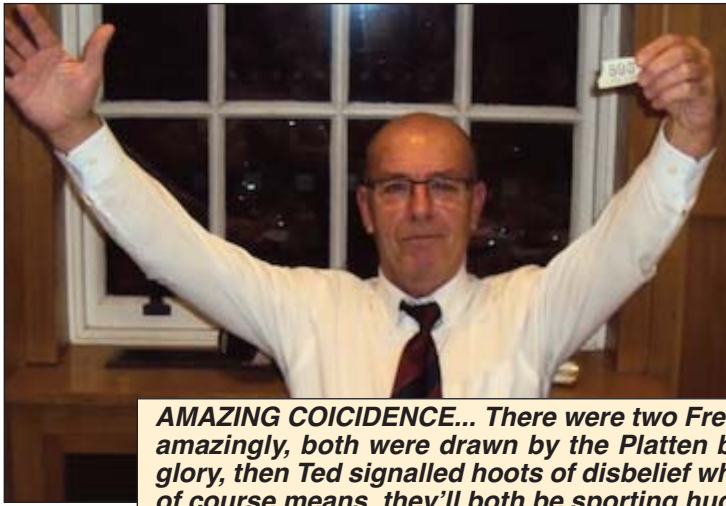
SEVEN UNDER PAR... the winning score was a gross 64 for our Xmas Scramble at superb Knebworth – and lifting their bagful of prizes are Sid Platten, Gary Sando, Ken Gordon, (Captain Charles) and Gwyn Ellis. See Bengeogolfsociety.org.uk for full list of results, plus Back Page.



RIGHT PAIR... They won last year and Captain Charles presents the Pairs championship goodies again to Robert Clayton and Gwyn Ellis.



GOT THE CHOP... that's the Player of the Year trophy won by Ted Platten. But there was more to come – see overleaf..



AMAZING COINCIDENCE... There were two Free-next-venue raffle prizes up for grabs but, amazingly, both were drawn by the Platten brothers. First Sid (left) raised his arms in glory, then Ted signalled hoots of disbelief when seconds later he won the second. That of course means they'll both be sporting huge grins for their free days at Gog Magog.

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improved a lot, complete with new clubhouse, where we will be made welcome on Thursday September 29.

On Wednesday November 4 we return to highly popular **Letchworth**. The standard of the course and quality of greens are a real credit to its staff.

Finally we return to **Knebworth** for our great

Xmas Scramble. The course and weather were superb last time, while the food was every bit as good as the previous years. Thursday December 1 is the date not to be missed.

WHAT A XMAS

SCORES for our Xmas Scramble were the lowest ever. Normally three under par wins it but take a look at these results...

1st Gross **64** (7 under par): Gwyn Ellis, Sid Platten, Ken Gordon, Gary Sando
2nd **65** (6 under): Lee Davis, Colin Andrews, Mike Barry, Steve Hickey
3rd **66** (5 under): Chris Murray, Steve Langridge, Rob Clayton, Mick Millen
4th **67** (4 under): Tim Dent, Peter Waters, Clive Ackerman, Brian West
5th on countback, also **67**: Simon Purkiss, Paul

Morris, Gordon Morris, Chris Ollard.

6th **68** (3 under): Roger Butcher, Dave O'Brien, Bhupi Patel, Steve Foster

7th on countback **68** (3 under): Harry Bracher, Graham Beetles, John Hare, Charles Wallis

8th on countback **68** (3 under): John Silverosa, David Grainge, Ted Platten, Daniel Deveney.

Stan

NEW MEMBER

WELCOME to Leroy Davis, introduced by Captain Colin Andrews. He is a member of Aldwickbury, handicap 10.3

THE GOG MAGOG

FRIDAY MAR 4

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ENTRIES limited to 36 players, so please book early. Email via the website or ring Stan Kelley on 01992 586280 or Mobile 07702 36 36 11.

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

COMPETITIONS: 18 holes Singles Stableford, playing for the **Spring Plate** (holder: Dan Todd).

MEET from 9.15am for tea/coffee. TEE-OFF from 10am, 1st tee Old Course.

COST: £55 (subject to confirmation due to caterer change). Price inclusive of prize table and Eclectic, raffle, ball sweep and gratuity for the waitress service.

Two-course lunch follows the

SHELFORD BOTTOM, CAMBRIDGE CB22 3AB



18 holes Spring Plate comp.

DRESS: Shorts if you dare (but blue kneecaps will make a good picture!!!) Jackets 'n' BGS ties are a must for dinner as usual.

BUGGIES... available from the pro shop but they only have a few so book early – cost £22.50. Electric trolleys £10

HOW TO GET THERE: The Gog Magog Golf Club is situated on the A1307 some four miles south of the centre of Cambridge and is easily accessed via the M11/A11.

The entrance is really close to the roundabout, so be sure to WATCH OUT you don't miss it.

