



**Captain:**  
**CRAIG**  
**CASWELL**

Next meeting:  
**BROOKMANS**  
**PARK**  
Thursday  
April 5

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## FIXTURES 2012

Thursday  
May 3  
CREWS HILL

Wednesday  
June 13  
JOHN O'GAUNT

Wednesday  
July 11  
WHIPSDADE

**CAPTAIN'S DAY**  
Wednesday  
August 15  
TOOT HILL

Wednesday  
Sept 26  
ASPLEY GUISE &  
WOBBURN SANDS

Wednesday  
Nov 7  
LETCWORTH

December (Date tba)  
XMAS SCRAMBLE at  
EAST HERTS



**NICE DRIVE...** Captain Craig completes a very nice drive-in at Ashridge. But taxis might have been hard to find, for we had four of them on the first tee (left) including Craig and Jamie Caswell, Leigh Bembrick and Steve Hickey.



**DON'T MISS THIS  
IT'S KNOCKOUT**



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WHAT a great start to our new season, for we had a best-ever turnout of 39 members and guests at Ashridge for our new Captain's Drive-in.

Alas, captain Craig Caswell disappointed by making the perfect drive. But no one could touch Ken Gordon, for he came in with 42

points, beating his handicap by six shots.

The 13 handicapper from Mill Green claimed the Spring Plate trophy, just one point ahead of Harry Collins who was sporting the biggest grin around.

That's not only because he topped Group 3 (Handicap 18 and above), but he was on a free day after having

the winning ticket at our Xmas event – and picked up the McMullens Singles KO award.

What a great start also for new member John Mac. In his first game the East Herts club man returned 36 points off 9 to top the

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## PLAYER OF YEAR

Your best FIVE scores out of eight to count, so you can miss three and still win

Reigning champion and Captain Craig Caswell got off to a slightly slow start, so trails Ashridge winner Ken Gordon by 10 points. But there's a long way to go – and being able to drop your three worst scores can reap huge dividends of course.

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Ken Gordon	25	25
Harry Collins	24	24
Terry Fuller	23	23
Michael Bench	22	22
Gary Sando	22	22
John Tass	22	22
John Mac	19	19
Phil Greenwold	19	19
John Coyle	17	17
Tim Dent	17	17
Craig Caswell	15	15
Brian West	15	15
Colin Andrews	13	13
Roger Butcher	13	13
Richard Fobbestor	13	13



**EVERYONE A WINNER...** Ken Gordon (left) started the year right by winning the Spring Plate... Harry Collins was already on a free day before winning Group 3... new member John Mac won Group 1... and Captain Craig was also well in pocket (see "Craig's Charity on Back Page).



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Group 1.

It really should come as no surprise to learn that winner Ken Gordon's guest Scott Edwards (12) won the guest prize with 38 points.

But he was just one point ahead of captain Craig's son Jamie Caswell.

**Nearest Pins:** Damien Turley and Steve Cutts (off 6), guest of our website hero Phil Houston.

### ECLECTIC

The eclectic will be run again this year with the proceeds being split between the winners and charity.

Captain Craig Caswell's chosen charity is The Willow Foundation, set up by former Arsenal

goalkeeper Bob Wilson, in memory of his daughter Anna who died of cancer aged 31.

The Willow Foundation is the only charity of its kind providing special days out for terminally or seriously ill 16 to 40 year olds throughout the UK.

**WELCOME**  
...to 3 new members.  
Chris Ashworth (off 10),  
introduced by Dave  
O'Brien; John Coyle (9)  
and John Mac (9) both  
introduced by  
me, Stan



### FREEBIE FORTUNE

Here we have Peter Waters showing off his winning ticket for his **free day** to play our second venue at Brookman's Park

### CRAIG'S CHARITY

CAPTAIN Craig needs to score well this year if he is to avoid paying out a fortune.

That's because he's following in the footsteps of previous captains by agreeing to pay £1 into his charity for every person he fails to beat.

Of course, that also means if *you* fail to beat Craig's score, then *you* have to stump up the £1 for the Willow Foundation.

### IT'S A KNOCKOUT!

Draw for the **SINGLES and PAIRS** knockout championships will take place at Brookman's Park Thursday April 5. So get your entry in fast.

The last few entries will be taken at Brookman's Park, but make life easier for yourself (and me) by entering **right now** – either by emailing or phoning Stan Kelley on 01992 586280 or 07702 363611.

Need a Pairs partner? Then let me know because I already have a man on the waiting list.

The entry fee is a nominal £1 per head for each event. All the **Rules Of Play** will be on the website together with the draw.

*Stan*

## BROOKMAN'S PARK



### THE CLUB HOUSE... not so grand as the original house.

Brookman's Manor was very grand indeed – until a painter destroyed it.

It was owned by Robert George Gaussen, who was enjoying a cruising holiday on his yacht when, in 1891, he learned the horrible news that his great manor house had been completely destroyed by a decorator wielding a blowlamp.

Alas, the mansion was never rebuilt. Instead, the stables were converted into a fine house where the family continued to live until the

estate was sold for development in 1923. When the London & North Eastern Railway built a new station at Brookman's Park in 1926, with direct services to Kings Cross and Broad Street, the 18 hole parkland golf course was built to attract buyers for the new houses.

And the new manor house? Well that got converted again – into what became today's club house.

You could say the stable doors have been well and truly bolted!

## Wednesday April 5

Golf Club Road, Brookman's Park, Hatfield, AL9 7AT

**Pro: IAN JELLEY Tel: 01707 652487**

**ENTRIES** Soon as poss (**Limit of 36 players**). Email or ring Stan Kelley on 01992 586280 (*Mobile* 07702 363611)

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

**COMPETITION:** 18 holes Singles Stableford playing for the **Bill Manton Cup** (*holder: Damien Turley*).

1st tee reserved from 9am. Play from yellow tees as usual.

**COST:** Just £50 inclusive of raffle, Ball Sweep, waitress service and prize table and Eclectic. *Plus* coffee and bacon rolls on arrival, and two-course luncheon.

**BUGGIES:** £20 per round. Trolleys £3.

Be quick if you are wanting a buggy because they only have three.

**HOW TO GET THERE:** Brookman's Park is located off the A1000 Great North Road, one mile north of Potters Bar (M25 junct 24).

Those travelling south **on the A1** should take the A1001 exit south of Hatfield tunnel. The A1001 becomes the A1000 after about a mile. After you pass the Essendon turn-off (on your left) look out for the sign to Brookman's Park golf club – it's next turning right.

**Going from Hertford:** Take the Essendon road and continue right through to the A1000. Turn left towards Potters Bar, then first turning right, signposted Brookman's Park golf club.



**WATERY 11th... Bunkers left and right beckon anything a bit short.**