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Next meeting:
BEDFORD
& COUNTY
Tuesday
July 7

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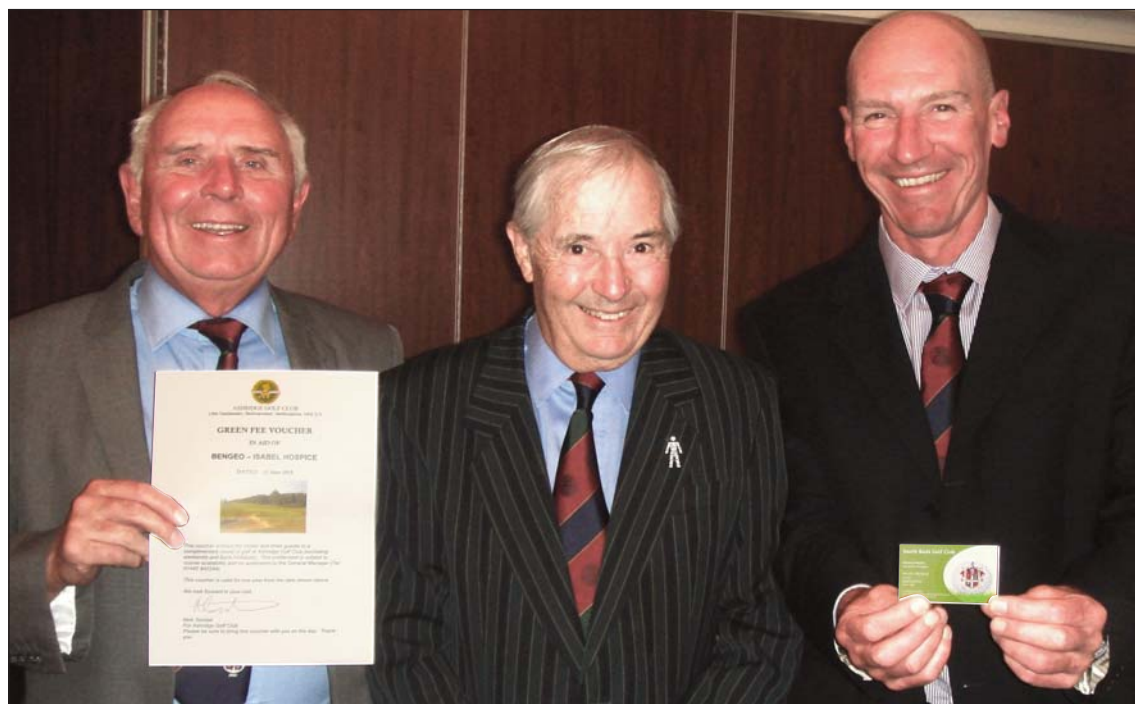
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BEDFORD &
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BUMPER BIDS... Captain Charles Wallis lines up with two auction delights – Ken Gordon (left) displays a 4-ball voucher for Ashridge for which he bid a bumper £250, while Nick MacDermott (right) shows the South Beds 4-ball card that cost him £120. See bottom this page for another.

EVERYONE went home with a prize at Old Fold Manor, all thanks to it being Charles Wallis's *Captain's Day*.

And what a splendid course Old Fold Manor proved to be. Yet slick greens means that no one played to their handicap.

The day started with a Crescendo* which was won by Steve Langridge, Clive Ackerman, John Silverosa and Ken Gordon with 51 pts.

Runners-up with 48pts were captain Charles, Dave O'Brien, Steve Hickey and Colin Andrews. Third with 46 points were Peter Lacey, Ted Platten, Sid Platten and Steve Temple.

Just 33pts was enough to lift the Captain's cup and Group 1 prize for Tim Dent. But he'll still be cut, along with Group 2 winner



WINNERS AND LOSERS... Clockwise from top: Clive Ackerman was fined heavily for using his phone in the clubhouse... Tim Dent receiving the Captain's Cup and other prizes from Charles... and lucky ticket winner Ted Platten who'll pay nothing to play at Bedford & County.

Solly Khosravi on 32pts and Group 3 winner Mick Millen with a mere 25pts.

There were plenty of

other prizes, including best front nine and best back nine holes. David Grainge claimed the best front with 19 points, while Tim Dent had the best back with 16 (beating Dave O'Brien on countback).

Nearest pins: 7th Daniel Deveney, 10th Ted Platten, 14th Tim Dent, and nearest in two on the 15th was Robert Clayton.

*(best two scores for three holes, then best three scores for holes 4-6, and all four scores for 7-9).

TWO SURPRISE HOLES-IN-ONE

PHIL Houston, the man who does our website, has just scores his second hole-in-one at his local Pet-

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GLORY BE..

...look who's top of the leader board for 'Player of the Year'
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BID FOR OLD FOLD

Here's your chance to bid for Old Fold Manor 4-ball, which just wowed all who played there.
AUCTION NEXT MEET.
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terborough Milton Golf Club. And Bhupi Patel also had ace while playing in his singles KO against David Grainge.

SHOCK KO's

BHUPI Patel was on fire to beat Peter Lacey 6&4 at Mill Green in the opening round of our Singles championship.

Then in the second round Bhupi scored a hole-in-one while squeezing out reigning champion David Grainge.

They played at Mill Green where that ace at the 5th helped Bhupi to go 2-up at the turn. Holes were traded thereafter until the 17th where Bhupi settled the issue 3&1.

Steve Langridge suffered a surprise heavy defeat at his own Mill Green course against Nick MacDermott.

They traded holes until the 7th after which Nick won six holes on the trot. It finished 6&4.

TIGHT PAIRS

It was a bad week for David Grainge. Having lost his Singles title, he then also lost out in the Pairs.

Venue was Brocket Hall, where member Simon Light and partner Chris Murray took out David and partner Clive Ackerman. But what a close fought match.

David and Clive were three-up at one stage, but the home team got it all back and went one-up with a Chris birdie at 17 which grabbed a 1-up victory.

BEDFORD & COUNTY

Green Lane, Clapham,
Bedford, MK41 6ET

TUES JULY 7

ENTRIES at least seven days in advance of the event please. Email via the website or ring Stan Kelley on 01992 586280 (Mobile 07702 363611)

Cancellation rule: Minimum £20 penalty (full cost at some courses) for cancelling within three days of event (be sure to advise guests).

COMPETITION: 10 holes for the **GREENSOME CUP** (holders: David and Tom Grainge).

Afternoon: 18 holes Singles Stableford for the **DENNIS SANDO CUP** (holder: Michael Bench).



Pro: Steve Vinnicombe 01234 352617 ext 2

TEE TIMES: 10am and 1.15pm. Play from yellow tees as usual.

COST: This is an amazingly cheap £65 and that figure includes cost of prizes, ball sweep, Eclectic, plus tips. It also includes coffee and bacon rolls from 9.15am, plus

lunch and dinner.

MESSAGES may be left at the Pro Shop (phone number above).

BUGGIES: Book via Stan: Special deal arranged for buggies – £20 for the day, instead of the usual £30.

Willow money paid at last

FORMER Arsenal and Scotland goalkeeper Bob Wilson has at long last received the charity money for his Willow Foundation.

It should have been presented two year ago but captain Craig Caswell's stole a large part of the £1785. It's taken a long while to get that money back – all thanks to the diligence of Dave O'Brien.

Willow organises special days – often their last – for seriously ill young



FINE SUM... Willow's founder Bob Wilson accepts the £1785 cheque presented by Stan Kelley and captain Charles

adults. "This is an amazing sum of money for such a small golf society to raise," said Bob Wilson. "It will do a lot to fulfil many a last chance dream for some very ill people," added Bob.

PLAYER OF THE YEAR

ONLY your best FIVE scores out of eight to count

Dave O'Brien, Clive Ackerman and David Grainge are still riding high at the top of the leaderboard, but they are now joined by Nick MacDermott.

Top 10:

	GogAsh	SB	OF	Tot
Dave O'Brien	21	17	25	20 83
Clive Ackerman	13	23	24	17 77
David Grainge	6	25	21	23 75
Nick MacDermott	13	17	15	23 68
Ted Platten	19	2	23	17 61
Bhupi Patel	1	21	17	17 56
Bob Pegg	24	9	0	20 53
Mike Barry	13	23	13	0 49
Steve Langridge	0	2	23	23 48
Sid Platten	10	21	15	1 47

Four Open champs tee off at Bedford & County

BEDFORD & County was established in 1912 being originally part of the Clapham Park estate, farmed by Lancelot Clark.

On Friday 1st March 1912, the first nine holes were opened and named Clapham Park Golf Links.

Then in May 1913 the course was extended to 18 holes and officially opened with an exhibition match between Charles B. MacFarlane, (the celebrated Scottish amateur champion from Prestwick) and George Duncan, who went on to win The Open Championship in 1920.

At this time, the club was re-named Mid-Bedfordshire Golf Course at Clapham. But during the first War the course closed and was used by The Bedfordshire Regiment.

In September 1920, a match took place between George Duncan (current Open Champion) partnering James Braid (5 times Open Champion) representing Scotland against J.H. Taylor (5



Abe Mitchell, George Duncan, Harry Vardon and J H Taylor

times Open Champion) and Abe Mitchell representing England. With the lead changing hands several times, Mitchell put his tee shot 2 feet from the pin on the par 3 18th hole to halve the match with a birdie.

Following on from this match, J.H. Taylor, together with Fredrick George Hawtree, undertook one of his first golf course design commissions in the reconstruction of the course.

A new golf pavilion opened in 1921 followed by the newly completed course on the 26th April 1923. The layout was much the same as it is today and saw the introduction of bunkers for the first time.

On the 25th March 1926, the club changed hands and was re-structured under the present name of Bedford & County Golf Club with £1 shares being issued to members.

At this time, a 14 year old

Henry Longhurst was learning his golfing skills under the Club Pro George Muggleton. Henry remained a member of the club until going to Clare College, Cambridge.

The Club progressed but through the Second World War a large part of the course (holes 6th through to 15th) was requisitioned by the War Agricultural Committee and saw the erection of nissen huts for use by the R.A.F. and W.A.A.F.

After the war, the course was in a pretty poor state and it was only through the laborious work of members under the guidance of Jack Simons, the Head Greenkeeper, that 9 holes were restored and allowed golf to be played although under somewhat primitive conditions.

It was not until June 1952 that the whole course was fully restored and officially re-opened by the then celebrated Stan Ryder Cup captain. **Stan**