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Next meeting:  
**SOUTH BEDS**  
Thursday  
May 14

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## FIXTURES 201

Wednesday  
June 10  
**CAPTAIN'S DAY**  
OLD FOLD MANOR

Tuesday  
July 7  
**BEDFORD &  
COUNTY**

Tuesday  
August 11  
**JOHN O'GAUNT**

Wednesday  
September 23  
**ASPLEY GUISE &  
WOBBURN SANDS**

Wednesday  
Nov 4  
**LETCHWORTH**



**ON THE BOTTLE...** several in fact, were presented by captain Charles Wallis (left) to Group 2 winner Simon Light, trophy and Group 1 winner David Grainge and to Group 3 winner Bhupi Patel.

## PLAYER OF THE YEAR

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

Simon Light has lit up the leaderboard, with Dave O'Brien prayers also being answered in second place.

But making a surprise front-run are inseparable Nazeing nutters Clive Ackerman and Mike Barry on 36.

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Simon Light	19	24	43
Dave O'Brien	21	17	38
Clive Ackerman	13	23	36
Mike Barry	13	23	36
Bob Pegg	24	9	33
David Grainge	6	25	31
Sid Platten	10	21	31
Nick MacDermott	13	17	30
Robert Clayton	19	9	28
Kevin Johnston	10	17	27
Dan Todd	25	0	25
Harry Bracher	22	2	24
Steve Temple	6	17	23
Eric Brown	21	1	22
Bhupi Patel	1	21	22
Colin Andrews	19	2	21
Tim Dent	0	21	21
Michael Millen	10	11	21
Ted Platten	19	2	21
Roger Butcher	19	0	19

# WHAT a difference a year makes..

**FORTY-EIGHT** points top scored at Ashridge last year, but this time 35 was enough to hand the **Bill Manton claret jug** to David Grainge.

David also claimed the Group 1 prize. Second overall was Simon Light who also won Group 2 (h/cap 14-18) with 34 points. Bhupi Patel topped Group 3 with 32 points.

Mike Barry and Clive

Ackerman just missed out after scoring 33 points.

Top guest: Dean Harris 32 (Steve Foster's guest).

Nearest pins: Steve Temple and Nick MacDermott.

All the results are on the website: [www.bengeogolfsociety.org.uk](http://www.bengeogolfsociety.org.uk)

## LOOK UP WEB

IF you've entered the Singles and Pairs championships then look up the website to confirm who your opponents are, plus which of you has the "home" advantage.

## KO DRAW

HERE is the draw for the Singles and Pairs championships, drawn at Ashridge. But do check the website for when and

where you play by.

**Pairs:** Peter Lacey and Mick Millen v. Tony Sando and Gary Sando.

Suru Madhvani and Suru Patel have a bye.

Robert Clayton and Gwyn Ellis have a bye.

Robert Pegg and Eric Brown have a bye.

Chris Murray and Simon Light v. David Grainge and Clive Ackerman.

Stan Kelley and Dave O'Brien have a bye.

Colin Andrews and Steve Temple have a bye.

Steve Langridge and Ken Gordon v. Nick MacDermott and Steve Campbell.

**Singles:** Bhupi Patel v Peter Lacey.

David Grainge has a bye.

Steve Temple bye.

Eric Brown bye.

Steve Langridge v. Nick MacDermott.

Colin Andrews bye.

Stan Kelley bye.

Tony Sando bye.

## HOT WIRED!

SIMON Light is not only top of the PoY (see Back Page) but is also hard wired to the electric Eclectic leaderboard.

He is two points clear

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## WELCOME

..to the BGS Tim Taylor, member Mill Green, handicap of 12.4, introduced by former captain Roger Butcher



## WEB TIP

When looking through the BGS website, no matter where you are simply click on the picture at the top to get back to the start.

of the field:

Simon Light 44, Peter Lacey 42, Kevin Johnson and David Grainge 41, Harry Bracher and Robert Pegg 40, Ted Platten, Dave O'Brien, Rob Clayton and Nick MacDermott all 39.



**PIN-UPS... or rather nearest pins boys at Ashridge, Steve Temple and Nick MacDermott**

## In 1891... or the days that 'Rory Mc' played at South Beds

In 1891 two local businessmen, Fred Simpson and Walter Lye, spent a holiday at the lovely North Norfolk resort of Cromer and watched golf being played on Cromer links.

On their return to Luton, they called a meeting of interested parties. Thirty five people attended and it was decided to form a golf club. Fred Simpson and Walter Lye were charged with finding a suitable location. And after much investigation, Warden Hills proved to be the most suitable site. The course came into play in 1892 and was thus established as the oldest golf club in Bedfordshire.

### RE-NAMED

Naturally it was called Warden Hill Golf Club, but in 1897 it was renamed "South Beds Golf Club." Ladies were admitted in 1895 at a subscription of five shillings whereas the men paid half a guinea (ten shillings and sixpence).

In the first three years, the membership had risen to over 100 members which included 40 ladies. The Club's first President was Lord Battersea who was also the South Beds constituency member for parliament.

Battersea was a leading member of the Gladstone Liberal party as well as being an active golfer. And he continued his involvement with the club until his death in 1907. The result is that the Battersea Cup is the oldest trophy in the Club – and is still a hotly contested stroke play competition today.

At the outbreak of the Great War in 1914, the course was used as a rifle range. The officers at the nearby Biscot Camp, who had received the freedom of the course during the early

war years, showed their appreciation by presenting to the Club a trophy called the Military Cup, which is still being played for today.

The twenties saw the emergence of professional matches and the great Harry Vardon (six times Open Champion) played a number of such matches at South Beds - the modern day equivalent of getting Rory McIlroy to play.

By 1932 the membership had risen to 381 of various categories, which was fol-

lowed by significant course extension. But it wasn't until the early seventies that significant change took place.

An offer was made for the site of the existing clubhouse in Home Field plus over two acres of adjacent land for £440,000.

That led to a huge new development being commenced in 1978. It culminated in what we have today – a redesigned 18 holes Galley course, plus the reshaped 9-hole Warden course.

*Stan*

# SOUTH BEDS GOLF CLUB

Warden Hill Road, Luton, LU2 7AE Phone: 01582 591 500

**ENTRIES** at least seven days in advance of the event please. Stan is on hols, so enter via **Charles Wallis** on 01992 553875 or email: wallis.c28@gmail.com

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

**COMPETITION:** 9 holes on the Warden Course for the **THREE CLUB TROPHY** (holder: Phil Houston). But it's now **three** clubs and a putter instead of two.

**Afternoon:** Play the Galley Hill course 18 holes Singles Stableford for the **ERIC ATTFIELD MEMORIAL CUP** (holder: Roger Butcher).

**TEE TIMES:** 10am and 1pm. 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



**ARROW MARKS IT... South Beds is just off the A6**

bacon rolls from 9.15am, plus lunch and dinner.

**MESSAGES** may be left at the Pro Shop.

**BUGGIES/TROLLEYS:** Cost is £20 per round for buggies. Book early as they only have

four of them.

**HOW TO GET THERE:** South Beds Golf Club is located on the edge of the Chiltern Hills on the Northern outskirts of Luton, signposted from the A6 which runs from Luton to Bedford.



PICTURE: MICHAEL MILLEN

### LOOKS ROUGH...

*This is Dave O'Brien in the early hours at our weekend away in Boston, Lincs.*

*Apparently he'd been looking for a lost ball – in the rough of course!*

*As you can see Dave eventually fell asleep in reception (that's rough enough).*

*You could say that it was a waste of a bedroom, yet despite his rough night, Dave amazingly top-scored on Day Two.*