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Next meeting:  
**THE  
MILLBROOK  
GOLF CLUB**

**Thursday  
May 6**

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### FIXTURES 2010

Thurs May 6  
**THE MILLBROOK**

Friday June 4  
**OLD FOLD MANOR**

Thursday July 1  
**SAFFRON WALDEN**

Thursday August 5  
**JOHN O'GAUNT**

Wed September 1  
**ASPLEY GUISE &  
WOBURN SANDS**

?day October  
**WEEKEND AWAY**

Monday November 1  
**GOG MAYGOG**

Friday December 3  
**CHESFILED DOWNS**



**OPEN THE CLARET...** *It's not quite as famous as the Open Championship claret jug, but there's plenty of wine to go with our Bill Manton memorial jug. David Grainge has a firm grip on it after scoring 36 points off 11. Terry Fuller (left) Group 2 winner and Group 3 winner captain Brian West were just one point behind.*

BAD enough that the wind was bitterly cold at Brookmans Park, but a near capacity field also had to battle some hefty showers.

But we obviously have some thick-skinned members.

It made no difference to David Grainge, for he scored 36 points (off 12) to lift the Bill Manton Cup. And right on his heels with 35 points were Terry Fuller (he won Group 2) and captain Brian West, who topped Group 3.

Runners-up Group 1: Kevin Johnston 34, Gwyn Ellis and Roger Butcher both 32; Group 2: Craig



Caswell 32 and Dan Todd; Group 3 runners-up: Ivan Pettit 31 Gary Sando 30.

One of our guests also managed play to his handicap of 18. That was Dave

### Mr FREBIE...

That's John Tass, for not only is he pictured here with the winning ticket for a free day, but he then jetted off to Florida for a free holiday! (Well, he does own a house there).

Densley (Stan's guest) who slotted 36 points.

### WARNING

Draw for the Singles and Pairs championships were held at

Brookmans Park, but be sure you check the [bengeogolfsociety.org.uk](http://bengeogolfsociety.org.uk) website to see who is the "home" player.

Also make sure you check out the Rules. It's no good saying afterwards: "I didn't know about that..."

By the way, you will find the Singles and Pairs headings under "Fixtures" on the website.

Got a query? Then call the adjudicators David Morris 01992 551462 or Stephen Langridge 01438 718747.

**ON CLOUD SIX...** No planes flew for six days, thanks to that volcanic cloud – and among the victims were Charles Wallis, Ralph Chambers Barry Pasby and Terry Jackson.

They were playing golf out of Barry's

apartment in Spain and were due home on the first day of the big scare. Best thing to do was to return to Barry's apartment, but Terry was booked on a flight to Madeira with his

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wife, so they drove all the way to Barcelona where Terry planned to get a flight to Paris.

Terry was right out of luck though, for while the others went back to play another week's golf, Terry spent two nights at the airport before booking into an hotel – and eventually got back last Friday... the Madeira flight having been cancelled of course.

**Dave O'Brien** was also caught out. He was staying with his family at his house in Cork, but got back easily enough via ferry.

**Chris Smith** got back Sunday night from Florida, after a two-week holiday in Orlando became a three-weeker.

**Richard Fobbester** texted today (Monday) saying that he cannot now play Millbrook because he's stuck in Orlando. He went out two weeks ago but cannot get a flight until May 3.

**Roger Butcher** and his wife were due back from Venice on Friday 16th. "We had to spend two extra nights in the hotel before we travelled to Paris by minibus, then onto London via Eurostar (one night in Beaune on route) arriving in London at 10pm on Monday 19th.

**LAST WORD** from **Barry Ruskin**: I'm used to it. I've always lived under a 'cloud'.

## GET MUGGED

Our new website now has space for your picture.

Click on "Members", then open up the drop-down list of names. That shows you your playing history, handicap, etc plus a space for your mug shot!

Send your picture to Phil Houston our website manager, phil.houston@ntlworld.com

*Stan*

## PLAYER OF THE YEAR

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

Top scores at Brookmans Park has put David Grange and Terry Fuller top of the table. But Ashridge winners Phil Houston and Peter Waters will be biding their time, knowing that it's the best 5 that count.

|                 | Ash | BP | Tot |
|-----------------|-----|----|-----|
| David Grainge   | 21  | 25 | 46  |
| Terry Fuller    | 21  | 24 | 45  |
| Gwyn Ellis      | 23  | 21 | 44  |
| Craig Caswell   | 21  | 21 | 42  |
| Kevin Johnston  | 15  | 22 | 37  |
| Rich Fobbester  | 23  | 11 | 34  |
| Clive Ackerman  | 13  | 17 | 30  |
| Roger Butcher   | 7   | 21 | 28  |
| Phil Houston    | 25  | 0  | 25  |
| Brian West      | 1   | 24 | 25  |
| Stan Kelley     | 17  | 7  | 24  |
| Peter Waters    | 24  | 0  | 24  |
| Graham Beetles  | 7   | 15 | 22  |
| Steve Langridge | 21  | 0  | 21  |
| Dan Todd        | 0   | 21 | 21  |
| Dave O'Brien    | 8   | 12 | 20  |
| Robert Clayton  | 15  | 2  | 17  |
| Sean Escott     | 17  | 0  | 17  |
| Ivan Pettit     | 0   | 17 | 17  |
| Gary Sando      | 1   | 15 | 16  |

# THE MILLBROOK



**18th or 19th... This resembles Saffron Walden, for if you overshoot this 18th green you could end up among those with drinks in hand, with a ready "cheers"**

MILLBROOK is a new venue to the BGS – and it comes highly recommended by Simon Purkiss, who would have been our captain this year but for unforeseen company commitments.

The pictures – and price – make it look very promising. But if it rains then you know who to blame!!!

**ENTRIES** seven days in advance of the event please (**Limit of 36 players**). Email or ring Stan Kelley on 01992 586280 (*Mobile 07702 363 611*)

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

**COMPETITIONS:** 9 holes Singles Stableford playing for the **Three Club Trophy** (holder Robert Clayton). Take only your putter and two clubs on to the course.

1st tee reserved from 10am.

**Afternoon:** 18 holes Singles Stableford playing for the **Eric Attfield Memorial Cup** (holder: Phil Greenwold).

Tee off from 12.45pm.

**COST:** Coffee and bacon rolls (from 9am), lunch, dinner, waitress service, raffle and prize table – the lot for £60

**BUGGIES:** Six available – £20 for 18 holes, £30 for the 27 holes.

**HOW TO GET THERE:** Choice of two exits from the M1.

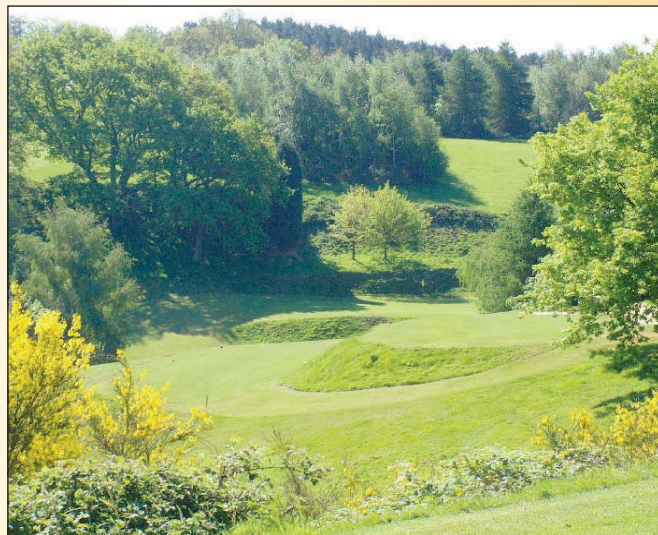
**Junction 13** take the A507 Ampthill, Woburn Road. Go past the Amazon warehouse, past the Lidlington turn and continue towards Ampthill turning left at the Millbrook signpost. The club entrance is opposite The Chequers Pub in the picturesque village of Millbrook.

From **Junction 12** Toddington, follow the Flitwick sign passing through Westoning, keep straight ahead at the roundabout by Tesco, drive past the leisure and Rufus centres and keep going to the crossroads driving past Staples garden centre on your left. Carry on straight over the A507 and left at the pub.

## Thursday May 6th

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**SHORT BUT... The Par-3 10th, looks delightful**

