



Old Felstedian Golfing Society

Season's greetings to all our members

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This was a year of innovation, success—and sadness.

The innovation came first with the introduction of golf lessons in the senior school with the support of the Headmaster—and in November the start of an OFGS site on LinkedIn.



Tim Hedin – Society Captain

The sadness was the death of Dick Heron (see tribute this page) two days before he was due to take part in the major seniors' event at West Hill. It was surely as he would have wished that the team decided to

continue. They did—and they won the only OFGS silver of the year, the Mellin Plate, thanks to some skilful regrouping by team manager Tim Chetwood.

Earlier in the year Tim Hedin (d75-80) led the OF team in the Halford Hewitt – the largest and most prestigious event of the public schools golfing events – and narrowly missed progressing beyond the first round. It was also the occasion for him to take over as Society Captain from Roger Keys (fe69-78) and hand

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OFGS starts senior school golf lessons



With the help of the Headmaster and staff, golf pro Kim Broadhurst was engaged by OFGS to offer lessons in the senior school in the summer and first half of the autumn terms. Pictured with Kim are some of the pupils

Farewell Richard

Richard Heron (g52-57)

Richard (Dick) Heron (52-57), a stalwart of the Society over many years and captain 2006-2008 died in June aged 72. He leaves two sons and two grandchildren. Richard lived near Ingatestone and for many years led the family printing business, Heron Printers, now part of Wyndeham Group. Richard played in the OFGS day at West Sussex just a few days before his death and was due to represent the Society in the Millard, Burles and Mellin event at West Hill in July. He is a past captain of Thorndon Park and regularly assisted Felsted in the matches against



Brentwood and in the Essex Public Schools Scratch Foursomes held there. Richard is pictured holding the Essex Public Schools Scratch Foursomes Cup after leading our team to victory for the first time in 16 years a year ago the previous September. A farewell party was held at Thorndon Park GC following a private funeral.

Silver for the OFGS cupboard

It is not the cup...but it IS silver and it is the first time for many years that Felsted have lifted silver in the Mellin, the public schools competition held at West Hill for the over 55s. From left three of the team—Justyn Bailey, Paul Markey and Stuart Mott—proudly hold the trophy. Report on Page 3.



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New members always welcome

low handicappers needed for main competitions

Sign up now for The Berkshire

On Thursday 20 September 2012 we are invited to The Berkshire for a special autumn meeting at the invitation of Barry Weatherill (c52-56) - provided we have at least 20 takers—and a maximum of 30. Please sign and return the expression of interest attached to this mailing or contact Dudley Simpson: Dudley@coevintners.com



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the Hewitt team captaincy to William Doe (fd77-86).

Although not succeeding in retaining the Essex Public Schools Scratch Foursomes cup our team did well with younger players excelling. William Dunn (fc01-08) and Tom Copnell (fc 2005 - 2010), with a combined handicap of nine, were our top scorers while Mike Rath (f92-99) and Joe Bichard (a97-99) hit the days's best handicap score.

In the second year of the Essex Public Schools League we did a little better than last year, drawing two matches and losing two. Unusually we managed to hold Brentwood to a draw. Well done team!

Stuart Mott put together a valiant team for the second big event of the year, the Grafton Morrish, but sadly did not manage to get them through the first round. Vice-Captain Dave Robson led an invited squad against Royal Cinque Ports in January and John Skinner introduced a new by-invitation event against Framlingham.

Of the open events, we had a full house at Aldeburgh in the Spring organised by Tim Hedin and better support for the event at West Sussex in June organised by Oliver Stocken. Dudley Simpson organised the later spring and autumn meetings at Three Rivers and East Herts respectively and also the triangular match against the school and common room.

Nominated for innovation of the year award is the introduction of golf lessons into the senior school funded by the OF Golfing Society. Between 10 and 14 pupils took part on Wednesday afternoons during the summer and autumn terms. With the aim of raising the profile of golf at Felsted the lessons will be resumed in the Spring term. And do sign up to Felsted and OFGS on LinkedIn!

Tim Hedin, captain of the OFGS Halford Hewitt team, reports on Felsted's 2011 showing

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This year's event was blessed with benign conditions and clear blue skies for practice rounds on Tuesday at Royal St. Georges and Rye before the first round on the Thursday at Royal St Georges. We had drawn Bradfield, semi-finalists in the previous two years, fielding offspring of famous European stars Torrance, Gallagher and Rafferty. We lost 4-1.

In the Plate next day at Prince's in a very close match against Canford we lost 2-1, the deciding match going down the 18th. As always our thanks to our supporters: it is very much appreciated.

Tim Hedin handed the Hewitt captaincy to William Doe for the next four years and we wish him all the best for the future. Tim succeeds Roger Keys as captain of the society to

The Grafton—we're back!

Stuart Mott, who succeeded in fielding a Felsted team, reports on the Grafton Morrish on 14 May at The Leicestershire
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We seem to have hit a brick wall with the Grafton. There was a spell between 2003 and 2006 when we managed to qualify every time. But all of that feels like a lifetime ago now. Since 2006 we have failed to progress and, in fact, in some of those years we haven't even been able to raise a team. The choice of venue has al-

ways been somewhat controversial. Some of the schools who attempt to qualify at The Leicestershire have in recent years been lobbying hard to move the event to another course. The Leys, perhaps unsurprisingly, have been pushing robustly for a move to Cambridge. A good number of OF golfers live within striking distance of Cambridge (and one or two of us live a lot closer than that) so I have been happy to support The Leys' valiant campaign. The upshot is

Put it down to the draw at Halford Hewitt...



Hewitt players clockwise from top left: Tom Copnell and Dave Robson; Stuart Mott, John Hilliard and William Doe; Ross Abbott and Chris Olley; Robert Perkins, Tim Hedin and James Stammers. Photography: Robert Bird

April 2013. By way of note, Bradfield were semi-finalists and Canford won the Princes plate!

Hewitt team
Tim Hedin, Dave Robson, Stuart Mott, William Doe, James Stammers, Rob Perkins, John Hilliard, Chris Olley, Ross Abbott, Tom Copnell.
Against Bradfield: Abbott/

Olley lost 2/1; Perkins/Stammers halved; Hedin/Hilliard lost 5/4; Robson/Copnell lost 4/3; Mott/Doe halved;
Against Canford: Hedin/Copnell won 2/1; Stammers/Perkins lost 4/3; Mott/Doe lost 1 down.
Hewitt 2011: AGM and draw, 11 January 2012; Competition: 7-10 April 2012.



that the event will be played on the Old Course at Gog Magog in 2013. This is the home course for a couple of us, it will also be a great deal more accessible for those in Essex and East Anglia. I won't say a lot about this year's showing other than to record that we didn't qualify. I am extremely grateful to my fellow OFs who made the effort to travel many miles to the Midlands. They were: James Stammers, Anders Beatty, William Dunn, Tom Copnell and William Doe.



Mellin team win silver

Mellin Burles Millard West Hill 7-9 July:
Tim Chetwood reports
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It was a downbeat start to this year's OF campaign at West Hill. We were all very saddened to hear about Dick Heron who was due to play in the Peter Burles team for the over 55's. So much has been said about Dick- I can only add I will miss his huge enthusiasm. He told me earlier that he reckoned Felsted were going to win the Peter Burles. His purple and yellow golf bag was sadly absent.

The Peter Burles team was hastily reshuffled and in filthy weather conditions took on mighty Haileybury on the Thursday morning. Gallant effort—but not to

be. The team went into the Plate in the afternoon and had a very tight match. They finished 1 all. Martyn Arbib and Frank Watts failed to chat their opponents out of it and lost on the 18th. Tony Norcliffe and Algy Rice won 2 up on the 18th which was a great effort. Martyn and Frank then had to go down the 19th and sadly came off second best. A good team effort and thanks to everyone.

In the Mellin for the over 55's on the Friday morning



John White and Tony Norcliffe



Six of the best from left: Paul Markey, who flew from his home in Bermuda to take part, David Robson, Tim Chetwood, Justyn Bailey, Stuart Mott and Peter Thwaite...and inset the Plate they won (see Front Page).

we again played Haileybury and lost 3-0.

The games were all quite tight and Haileybury went on to win the Salver.

We then played Bedford in the first round of the Plate. Robbo and I lost 3/2 (must have been overtraining the night before) but the other 2 pairs rose magnificently to the occasion and won 4/3 and 2/1. Special thanks to Paul

Markey over from Bermuda—great support! Justyn Bailey and Stuart Mott were first timers at the event and played really well. Very competitive! Peter Thwaite's experience was invaluable and he and Stuart made a great pair. So it was back to chez Chetwood for 'training'. On Saturday we faced Forest whom we beat 3-0 with the same pairs winning. We were into the Plate final against Downside. Again we won comfortably 3-0. Felsted won the Plate! Huge fun for all and my personal thanks to the team for their sterling efforts. Bring on next year!

Masters, boys and OFs challenge

Dudley Simpson reports for the last time on this annual encounter between Common Room, boys and OFs, held on Sunday 8 May at Gosfield Lakes Golf Club

A sunny and blustery afternoon at Gosfield Lakes made this course quite a formidable test of golf. We started at 3pm due to an important Curry Cup competition played earlier. So by the time we had played 18 holes we finished around 7.00 to 7.30 pm. but in time for a cool sun downer on the terrace. In previous years the O.F.s never really had a strong team to compete with the golfing skills of the Common Room, many of whom were members of Gosfield Club and the Felstedians themselves were strong opposition. But this time the O.F.s had a stronger team and we succeeded in achieving a high score and drew with the Common Room and beat the



Felstedians this time. Due to the O.F.s producing six players, and only nine holes played by one master and one Felstedian due to injury, the scores were averaged for each team.

I shall be stepping down having organised this competition for 15 years and have handed it over to Tim Platts who kindly offered to take over in 2012.

Thank you Dudley! Ed.

OFs	COMMON ROOM	FELSTEDIANS
Phillip Graham	Iain Gwyther	Philipp Konig
Tim Platts	Francis Barrat	Matthew Poulton
Ian Locks	Richard Feldman	Ben McFadyan
Peter Fairclough	Allan Chamberlain	Ben Jackson
Dudley Simpson	Nicholas Osborn	Rory White
Roger Keys		

OFGS v Framlingham

John Skinner reports on a his new OFGS fixture

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With six a side OFGS was represented by David Baines, Roger Keyes, Steven Church, Kevin Palmer, Tom Cullen and myself. A very windy afternoon followed by supper was enjoyed by everyone. Against a quality team with an average handicap of less than 12, to lose two and win one was very creditable. We hope to repeat this by-invitation event again in future years, probably remaining at Purdis and perhaps increasing to a maximum of 10 a side.



As last year's winners of the Essex Public Schools Cup Of's fought bravely—with our fourth pair hitting top handicap score but...



...no cup this time!

As last year's winners, Felsted set out bravely to defend the Essex Public Schools Golfing Associations cup. But despite some excellent performances it was not to be ours this time. The Thorndon Park, Brentwood course provided its usual challenges—and so, looking at the score lines, did playing a second 18 holes after lunch. But despite some robust post event exchanges the event will continue



Top handicap scorers Mike Rath (left) and Joe Bichard with prizes presented by 2011 organiser Miles Taylor.

as a 36 hole challenge next year as the best preparation for younger hopefuls for the Halford Hewitt and Grafton national events. Congratulations to Mike and Joe on having the best handicap score of the day and thanks to Phil Graham for leading the team. Ian Locks

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Scratch

	a.m.	p.m.	Total	Comb h/c	1/2 comb points
P Graham and A Beatty	24	18	42	10	52
W Dunn & T Copnell	24	28	52	9	61
T Platts and T Seymour-Taylor	22	15	37	24	61
M Rath and J Bichard	26	20	46	25	71
TOTALS	96	81	177	4th	



From left: Anders Beatty and Phil Graham, Tom Copnell and Will Dunn, Tom Seymour-Taylor and Tim Platts.

But in Essex Public Schools League we fared a little better

Sometimes the old adage "it's about taking part" comes to the fore. And in the Essex Public Schools Association league...it did.

The league was introduced last year to incorporate the summer evening friendlies traditionally played between many of the schools. This year only Felsted completed all its matches.

While the score line Drawn 2, lost 2 and fourth equal out of five was some improvement on the clean sweep of defeats last year we still seek that illusive win.

Traditionally, as we observed last year, Felsted has seen these more as sociable encounters for mainly mid handicap players and, quite unfairly (we think), come up some against young blade Hewitt players.

We had our successes: drawing against Brentwood for the first time for some years was one. However the games are played on handicap so we continue to welcome players of all abilities. There are no plans to change Felsted's approach to viewing the league and open meetings as an opportunity

	Felsted	B'crofts	B'wood	Chigwell	Forest	Points	Place
Felsted		draw=1	draw=1	lost=0	lost=0	2	4=
B'crofts	drawn=1		lost=0	win=2	w/o=2	5	2
B'wood	drawn=1	w/o=0		won=2	w/o=0	3	3
Chigwell	Won=2	Lost=0	Lost=2		Match abandoned	2	4=
Forest	won=2	won=2	w/o=2	Match abandoned		6	1



Despite being probably the strongest OF league team of the season Brian Dadd's men were pipped by Forest who took the honours playing at Chigwell. From left: Kevin Palmer, Steve Church, Dudley Simpson, Tony Ellison, Richard Hunt Mike Foster, Brian Dadd, Roger Richards.

for some very enjoyable social golf. Have a look at the fixtures on the back page and complete the ex-

pression of interest form if you would like to play—or contact the match manager direct. Ian Locks

Essex Public Schools Open

Dudley Simpson reports Dudley@coevintners.com

Two months of good weather—then the winds changed and on the day of the two round Essex Public Schools open competition, down came the rain. In the morning with ominous cloud formations over head most of us managed to get in before the heavens opened during lunch. We mustered only three Of's: Robert Bird, Ted Noble and Dudley Simpson. Brentwood had one player and the other 20 were from host school Chigwell, Forest and Bancrofts. Winner of the EPSGS. salver was Michael Woods with 37 points, an Old Chigwellian and Chairman of Chigwell Golf Club, with two Old Foresters in 2nd and 3rd place and also winning the team prize. Storms stopped play in the afternoon.



Spring event v Royal wedding

This was a new venue for the Society, a relatively new course between Maldon and Chelmsford. The turnout may have been affected by being so close to Easter and Prince William getting married the following day. However those who attended said they had a really enjoyable day playing 18 holes singles in the morning, followed by lunch and an easy 9 hole foursomes in the after-

Dudley Simpson reports on a successful first event at

Three Rivers on 28 April
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noon followed by a light tea and prizegiving. The winner of the Simpson Trophy was Tom Simpson with 39 points and Mike Foster came 2nd with 33 points. The afternoon foursomes was won by Will McMillan and Richard Salmon.



Spring event attendees pictured from left: Robert Bird, Will McMillan, Mick Burleigh, John Banner, Simon Gilbert (guest), Tom Cullen, Dudley Simpson, Tom Simpson, Ian Locks, Ted Noble, Richard Salmon, Michael Foster, Bill Lake

Stronger field for meeting at West Sussex

Oliver Stocken reports on this popular summer event at West Sussex .
To play, contact at
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This year we had a date which did not clash with Ascot or the Open Golf.

There were 17 players. Sir Martyn Arbib won the OF Cup with a Stableford score of 36 off his 13 handicap. The longest drive to win the Arbib Cup was won by Bob Eamey; nearest the Pin was also Sir Martyn.

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In 2012 we hope to have the Dick Heron Cup for Nearest the Pin as Dick's round of golf here on 22 June was possibly the last round he played.

Back to full house for Aldeburgh

Tim Hedin reports on the Aldeburgh spring meeting on Saturday 5 March
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We had a great turnout this year with a full field of 24 prepared to brave the elements, after the extreme weather of the previous few months. There were no holes in one this year, but some fine scores were posted on a day when conditions were still far from easy and the results were as follows:

Scratch Cup: 1-J Stammers 29 pts; 2-S Mott 22 pts; 3-W Doe 19 pts.

Corti Cup: (handicap) 1-T Platts 39 pts; 2-M Rath 32 pts; 3-C Turtle 31 pts.

Guest prize: 1-T Allison 35 pts; 2-J Sisson 33 pts; 3-P Muscutt 33 pts.

Afternoon foursomes: 1-T Phillips/C Turtle 31pts; 2-K Palmer/C Pugh 30 pts; 3-T

Platts/M Rath 29 pts. Our thanks again to Aldeburgh for hosting us on a day when they had their own club match and I look forward to seeing you all next year.

Autumn meeting at East Herts

Dudley Simpson organised the

autumn meeting at East Herts on 8 September
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For reasons we have not been able to determine there was a smaller turnout than expected for the autumn meeting played in bright sunshine. Those who attended enjoyed a beautiful course in immacu-

AGM switches to Aldeburgh on Saturday 3 March 2012

The annual general meeting of the Old Felstedian Golfing Society has been deferred from its Autumn slot of the last two years to coincide with the early spring meeting at Aldeburgh on Saturday 3 March.

President, Algy Rice, has been invited to preside, captain Tim Hedin will report on his first year and treasurer Stuart Mott will speak to the club's finances. All members are invited to attend.

Officers to be elected are: Hon. Treasurer, Stuart Mott; Hon. Secretary, Ian Locks. The posi-

Old Felstedian Golfing Society 2010-2011			
Opening Balance:			
	£	£	£
Cash at Bank			422.83
Income:			422.83
Subscriptions	1777.00		
Grant	750.00		
		2527.00	
Expenditure:			
Halford Hewitt 2011	710.00		
Grafton Morrish	223.00		
Mellin	500.00		
Essex Public Schools	579.00		
Stationery	38.00		
Insurance	276.21		
Felsted Golf Academy	384.00		
Friendly Cup	32.00		
Bank Charges	88.51		
		2830.52	
			(303.52)
Cash at Bank			119.31

tions of President, (Algy Rice) Captain (Tim Hedin) and Vice-Captain (Dave Robson) are not up for election this year.



Tom Simpson, Howard Machin, Ian Locks, Robert Bird, Anders Beatty, John Beatty, Bill Lake, Dudley Simpson. Above: Tom Simpson receives the trophy from Robert Bird

late condition in delightful surroundings and some companionable golf. It is hoped to hold a special autumn meeting next year at The Berkshire by invitation of Barry Weatherill. Please contact Dudley Simpson. Pictured top left from left:



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OFGS fixtures in 2011

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Furthering interest in golf among pupils, the Common Room and OFs

The fixtures for 2012 published below are each the responsibility of the Manager as named. If any OF Golfing Society Member would like to play in any of the events they should contact the manager shown or complete the application form which will be emailed from time to time. Spring, summer and autumn meet-

ings are open to all subject to space constraints. Main competition events are by invitation and or selection but new, younger and low handicap golfers are always in demand to strengthen our teams. Please make your interest known the Manager responsible or to the Secretary, Ian Locks, at i.locks@btinternet.com

Date	Fixture	Venue	Manager
Fri 20-Sat 21 January	Match v Royal Cinque Ports	Deal	Dave Robson (invitation only) David.robson@besso.co.uk
Sat 3 March	Spring Meeting	Aldeburgh 08.00	Tim Hedin Tim.hedin@redburn.com
Thurs 29 March - Sun 1 April	Halford Hewitt	Sandwich/Deal	William Doe william.doe@jmfinn.com
Wednesday 16 May	Match v Old Brentwoods	Thorndon Park GC 16.00	Christopher Olley chrisolley@live.co.uk
Friday 18 May	Extra Spring Meeting	The Warren	Dudley Simpson Dudley@coevintners.com
Sunday 20 May	Match v the School	Gosfield Lakes Golf Club 14.00	Timothy Platts timothy.platts@ubs.com
Sunday 13 May	Grafton Morrish Qualifier	Leicestershire GC	Stuart Mott stuart.mott@ntlworld.com
Monday 11 June	Essex Public Schools summer meeting	Chigwell GC 08.30	Open to all golfers as a society day with team competition—Ian Locks i.locks@btinternet.com
Wednesday Tues 3 July	Match v Old Chigwellians	Theydon Bois 16.00	Roger Keys rhkeys@btinternet.com
Wednesday 20 June	Summer Meeting	West Sussex 09.30	Oliver Stocken Taylor@campbell-lutyens.com
Thurs 12, Fri 13, Sat 14, July	Millard/Burles / Mellin Salvagers	West Hill	Tim Chetwood tim.chetwood@clm.uk.com
Weds 23 May	Match v Old Bancroftians	Abridge 16.00	Ian Locks i.locks@btinternet.com
Wed 18 July	Match v Old Foresters	Theydon Bois 16.00	Brian Dadd briand@briandadd.co.uk
Sunday 23 September	Essex Public Schools Scratch Foursomes - Mathews Cup	Thorndon Park GC_09.00	Ian Locks i.locks@btinternet.com
Thursday 20 September	Special Autumn Meeting at The Berkshire	The Berkshire 8.30am	Dudley Simpson/Barry Weatherill Dudley@coevintners.com
September Date tba	Match v. Old Framlinghamians	Purdis	John Skinner (Invitation only) jandrskinner@keme.co.uk
Thurs 4--Sun 7 October	Grafton Morrish	Hunstanton and Royal W Norfolk	Stuart Mott stuart.mott@ntlworld.com

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