

LEGS CAPTAIN'S REPORT 2024

I have had a very enjoyable year as Captain, this is very much down to you all, so thank you very much.

This year we have been to many great venues and your feedback is that you have enjoyed them. You may recall for this year's schedule we swapped out Verulam in St Albans, as they had become very expensive. We don't mind some clubs being expensive if they are one of the very best venues we visit, however many of us thought this was not the case with Verulam. We included South Beds and will keep it as an early year venue due to its chalk nature working well in the wetter months.

I'd like to recognise what a smashing time we all had on our 2-day tour in Nottingham and thank Colin Oates once again for organising it pretty much single-handed.

For me LEGS is all about having fun with some golf thrown in, a reason to get together and we happen to raise some money along the way. For my charity this year, Cancer Research UK, we all raised an amazing £2,782 plus £42.50 in gift aid.

I am deeply grateful and indebted to you all, thank you.

This charity is dear to me because my father succumbed to a brain tumour in 2007. Nearly 13,000 people suffer from brain tumours in the UK each year. With over 100 different types of tumours that can occur in the central nervous system and brain, finding cures and better patient outcomes are hard but important endeavours. With the money you have raised, this will help those endeavours a bit more. Once again please accept my deepest thanks.

I want to pay tribute and thank Andrew Stevenson, our Handicap Secretary. He does much more than administer the handicap system and rightly receives regular praise for the work he puts in, we should not take this for granted and indeed we do not.

I'd also like to thank Jeff Wood, our Treasurer, who genuinely does a superb job. One benefit of the way Jeff handles our money is that the clubs we visit truly want us to be there, not least because of the way we work them and pay accurately and on time.

Graham also has done a smashing job as his first time as Secretary. His cool organisation and running of the year have been a pleasure to work with and has made this year a great success. He will make a great new Captain.

We have gained one new member this year, Trevor Horwood, welcome to you, we hope you have had an enjoyable year. I'd like to reiterate that it is down to all of us to encourage new members to keep our society as healthy as it is.

I recognise part of our tradition is Grace before dinner and the fun we have with our Fines Masters. Without those willingly volunteering to do this we would not be the same, so thank you to all the Grace givers and Fines Masters of 2024, you have served us well.

I look forward to the appointment of our new Captain, and I'd like to thank you all for making my first Captain's year a fun one.

Pete Schofield