LEGS Captains Report 2026

As my second tenure as LEGS Captain draws to a close, I look back on a busy year that has flown by more quickly than it did back in 2018. It's been an honour leading the society through its 40th year and I've enjoyed it very much. Many thanks to you all for your infectious enthusiasm for golf, for LEGS, its heritage and its longstanding traditions. A key part of our heritage is our President, Mike Webb, and his input during my year has been much appreciated.

I would like to express my gratitude to Andrew, Tom and Jeff for their invaluable support and efforts to keep the society running efficiently and on an even keel. They have spent a lot of time, not just doing their own jobs very well, but stepping in to do whatever was necessary whenever it was needed. We've had a full schedule of 9 monthly events plus our 2 days at Breadsall Priory. Full reports of these sporting highlights can be found on our website – my thanks to Andy Pohler who continues to control our online communications.

It was a sad time when we discovered the passing of Colin Bolster in January, but we were able to recall his many years of active membership as well as his last appearance when he joined us for dinner. On a brighter note, it was a pleasure to see our new recruit, Hanif, enjoy many successes in his debut year. My chosen charity this year has been Primrose Cars, whose services some of you have benefitted from in the past. Throughout the season, to witness your collective generosity on a monthly basis is heartwarming but to produce a total donation of £2,752 is very humbling and makes me feel very proud of LEGS and its activities, on and off the course.

One minor area of disappointment has been the lack of "new faces". As the season has progressed, we have had fewer guests than in recent years. Historically this has been the prime route to recruiting new members so I hope this improves next year. Despite the standard of my golf during 2026, my outings with LEGS are always a pleasure due to your company which has helped my on-course sanity – so my thanks to all of my playing partners throughout the season.

Finally, I am pleased to confirm that we have a full monthly schedule already booked for 2027 plus a return to Breadsall Priory in September At the moment, we have secured half of these events at the same prices as 2026. In working with some of our host clubs we have used our loyalty and charity raising as leverage to help reduce potential cost increases.

I wish our incoming Captain, Tom, good luck for his 2nd term and hope you will show him as much commitment and support as you have shown me during the past 12 months. As we head beyond our first 40 years, I look forward to seeing LEGS continue to foster the same spirit of camaraderie, generosity and friendship that it has done in the past.

Colin Oates
LEGS Captain 2026