

Introduction

It is not a long trek to Willesley Park from Eastern Warwickshire, just 30 minutes if the M42 is clear, which it was on the morning of Thursday 23rd August. In fact many of the Leicester players were taking more travelling time!

Willesley Park Golf Club



The statue of the Goddess Diane watches over the players as they pass by on the 9th fairway and according to the local history

Many of the Warwickshire players know this Club well, with many playing in the Open events and in one case, Kenilworth, there has been an annual match between the clubs for over 35 years!

This is a match with 20 players a side so with just one starting tee the early groups were able to take advantage of an early shower and a few rounds before their colleagues finished their rounds.

Warwickshire came to this match with one of the best set of match results in recent years: played 10, won 7 lost 2 and one half. Captain JJ was keen to continue the winning streak however it was not straightforward at all with both sides being “even stevens” until the last match arrived on the last green when Ivor holed a tricky put for a gross 4 to win giving an overall match result of 5.5 – 4.5 to Warwickshire.

Pictures around the Course and in the Clubhouse



John Loynton, our Match Secretary, has looked after us superbly over 5 years but he has decided to call it a day and will pass over the Match Secretary responsibilities to Tony Ranger (Kenilworth) at the forthcoming AGM. John played with Captain JJ in the top match and it is reported his form has returned – a fine win for Warwickshire 4&3 despite some sparkling tee shots from Andy, especially on the nominated NTP holes!



John looks on as the Leicestershire President prepares to address his drive

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The Top Team are on their way!



A crowded 1st tee.

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2nd Match – the Hot Pairing of Owen and Andy out-performed Butler and Howe on the 2nd nine – scoring 51 points overall on their way to victory



Archivist John manages to get in the pictures at last!



Terry scores 10/10 for the best turned out player of the day – home course is The Belfry!!!

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Captain JJ and Andy – the beer tastes so good after 18 holes in high temperatures!



The Leicester President, Charles Geary and JJ -reminiscing on golf and rugby past times

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Grace is being said in an unusual form



More mingling

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More mingling and personalities



The Leicester President Charles welcoming Warwickshire

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The Willesley Park Captain, Tony Hince, adding his welcome



President Charles making his point!



A nice touch – President Charles presents a personal gift to JJ – on Leicestershire’s Half Century Celebration.

This Leicestershire Memorial gift was also given John Loynton in recognition for all his years of dedicated service to Warwickshire Golf Captains.



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A popular NTP Winner, Big Jerry, returning to his seat after being presented with a memento.



JJ is overcome with emotion upon being presented his "cheese bloomer"!



JJ rounding off the day – thanking President, Charles, the Leicestershire players and above all the Willesley Park Club, their Green staff, and clubhouse staff for ensuring Warwickshire team had the most enjoyable day

And the Annual Trophy is presented to JJ and Warwickshire Team.





Diana was the goddess of the hunt, the moon, and nature in Roman mythology, associated with wild animals and woodland, and having the power to talk to and control animals. She was equated with the Greek goddess Artemis, though she had an independent origin in Italy.

Diana was known as the virgin goddess of childbirth and women. She was one of the three maiden goddesses, along with Minerva and Vesta, who swore never to marry. Oak groves and deer were especially sacred to her. Diana was born with her twin brother, Apollo, on the island of Delos, daughter of Jupiter and Latona. She made up a triad with two other Roman deities; Egeria the water nymph, her servant and assistant midwife; and Virbius, the woodland god.

*Gerry McIntire and Owen Cook
Secretary & Dep. Secretary*



*Charles Geary
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