



# TEE TIMES NEWS BULLETIN

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## What survived the weather this week at West Berks

TO SUM UP: it was somewhat damp. Rain curtailed the entry on all of the week's planned events, caused the cancellation of others and ended with no-go signs indicating the postponement of the premier event of the week.

### Martin's midweek medal

Martin Anscombe shot a gross 93, net 72 to win the seniors' midweek medal on Monday October 7 by a single shot from Roger Gaskell on gross 88, net 73. Andy Robbins was third with gross 83, net 75.

There were only six entries to the competition and that was exactly six more than in the other singles midweek event, the men's midweek stableford planned for Friday 11.

### All to play for in Gillas

There were only four competitors in Round 2 of the ladies' Gillas Cup on Saturday 12 with Tina Mulford

scoring 35 points and Mary Harwood just a point behind in second place.

Mary had scored 35 points in Round 1 as had Georgie Seaman.

This means Tina, Mary and Georgie all take 35 points into the third and final round next Saturday. Let battle commence!

### Seniors regain Chris Green Trophy

The annual match between the seniors and the ladies for the Chris Green Trophy ended with the seniors avenging last year's 4-2 defeat with a win on Tuesday by 5½ to ½.

### Saturday team extends winning run

On Saturday 12 the men's inter-club friendly team enjoyed another fine 4½ to 1½ at home to Hadden Hill.



Barrie Seaman reclaims Chris Green Trophy from Mary Harwood

## Air Ambulance comes a cropper

COURSE CLOSED: the sign no-one wants to see, particularly on a Sunday morning. The casualty was the Corbridge Air Ambulance Cup that was postponed and rearranged for Sunday November 17.



## Ticker's on TV

AS REPORTED in earlier issues of TTNB, Tony 'Ticker' Athawes qualified for the finals of the Trilby Tour amateur golf tournament where he did extremely well, finishing in the top ten.

To find out just how well he did you will have to tune in and watch it on TV when the series is broadcast starting on October 21. Keep an eye out for it on a range of major platforms including Sky, Virgin Media, BT TV and FreeSports.

Ticker, absolutely no autographs in the clubhouse!

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What's coming up at West Berks

## Fink will be back

GOOD NEWS for TTNB readers is that the internationally acclaimed mind coach, Fink Wright, will shortly be back answering reader's letters.

He has been working on his new book entitled: 'Fortune Favours the Fortunate' and will be available once the promotional tour is complete.

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# When it's raining - think drought

IT IS CLEAR that greenkeepers have to think ahead. At a time when most of us are settling down to the realisation that it will never stop raining, head greenkeeper, Patrick Welehan, and his team have embarked on a busy work programme in preparation for the drought that we will inevitably experience some time during 2020, however unlikely that seems over this weekend.

There is extensive work planned on the irrigation systems on the first, second, fourth, sixth, fifteenth and sixteenth holes over the next few weeks and TTNB caught up with Patrick and asked him for more details.

Patrick explained: "We are re-routing the main water supply pipe from the trees behind the first green to avoid the possibility of an undetectable leak. If a leak occurred directly beneath a tree, the roots could take the water straight into the chalk, which is relatively close to the surface in that area, meaning that there would be no obvious sign of leakage.

"We are also installing irrigation systems at the sixth tee and forward tee at the sixteenth for the first time, installing a new sprinkler head at rear of fifteenth green and replacing the solenoid valves at the first and fourth greens and second tee.

"The existing solenoid valves are vintage 1979, are difficult to access and need replacing. At the same time, we will install a hand watering point in the valve box at the first green that will make it easier to use when we need to hand water during the dry spells."

Patrick went on to explain that most of this work should be completed during October because, as ever, the November workload will be dominated by leaf clearance.

Following that there will be more work carried out on the bunkers and we will endeavour to keep you posted in TTNB on those plans when the time comes.

**Picture (right) shows trench for the new irrigation system on the forward tee on 16**



## Coming up at WBGC

### October

- Tue 15 Men: Midweek Stableford  
Ladies: Midweek Stableford
- Fri 18 Seniors: O'Connell Cup  
SENIORS AGM 1615 hr
- Sat 19 Men: Stableford  
Ladies: Gillas Cup Final
- Sun 20 Men: Gillas Cup R1
- Mon 21 Ladies v Donnington Valley (H)
- Tue 22 Mixed: Midweek competition
- Wed 23 Men: Midweek Stableford
- Sat 26 Men v Broome Manor (A)  
Ladies: Winter League R1
- Sun 27 Men: Gillas Cup R2
- Mon 28 Men: Midweek Stableford

### November

- Sat 2 Men: Stableford  
Ladies: Winter League R2
- Sun 3 Men : Monthly Medal
- Sat 9 LADIES AGM 1430hr  
Ladies Winter League R3
- Sun 10 Men: Gillas Final



## Somewhere over the rainbow

A comforting thought: where there's a rainbow there must be sun.  
We thank Chris Ramsey for the picture and for reminding us that it's up there somewhere.