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Dear Member

Fixtures 2025

I sincerely hope this letter finds you well and keeping safe! Apologies for sending out the fixtures early but as I've finalised them all it gives you the opportunity to plan your golfing year and hopefully attend as many fixtures as possible. I will remind members in February to send me a note of their intended attendance.

2024 was an excellent year both in terms of fellowship and golf as well as the best year to welcome new members. I sincerely hope we can continue our recruitment drive. Our thanks go to 2024 Captain, Malcolm Driver and President Chris Birch for a great year.

2025 sees the WALG Championships in Liverpool and hope it will be a great success.

I'm sure you will join me in wishing Hywel Benjamin a very successful year as Captain, supported by Vice Captain Lawrence Beckett. Best wishes also to Chris Birch for the second year of his term as President.

When organising fixtures this year it has become increasingly apparent that golf clubs have increased their prices for both green fees and meals. I've done my best to ensure we play on good quality courses that give the Association good value for money. Also I've introduced a couple of courses for 2025 that are new to the Association.

You will note from the fixture list that we now have a Trophy for every meeting and these are outlined in red. Where numbers allow we will also have a prize for the **best gross** score and in the case of Coxmoor and Rotherham have a Trophy as well. If you are a current holder of any of these trophies please ensure they have been engraved and available for the appropriate fixture.

We start our year on 7th April at **Druids Heath Golf Club** and will be playing for **Midlands Trophy** won by Hywel Benjamin in 2022. Sadly due to the very wet Spring this year the course was flooded for the fixture and has been reorganised for April 2025. The course has been recommended by several members. It is a sandy based course so ideal. It's always nice to try different courses so I'm looking forward to playing it.

Portpatrick dates 28th April-3rd May. Later than usual but Easter is late in 2025. I can certainly offer you a very warm welcome and excellent fellowship. The course at Dunskey is fun and always in good condition. We are also playing Dunskey on the Monday and Wigtownshire County on Tuesday. If you are interested in attending, please contact me – sooner rather than later. The **Northern Cup** was won by Malcolm Driver in 2024.

On 21st May we visit **Coventry Golf Club (Finham)** playing for the **Founders Cup** won this year by Hywel Benjamin. This is a new venue for the Association. I've received very good reports and am looking forward to playing there.

Hawkstone Park has been booked for our **National Championships** for Monday and Tuesday 9th & 10th June. We held our Championships there in 2024 and were really well looked after. The hotel has been upgraded and Hawkstone's 2 courses always prove to be a good test of golf. If you have not already booked to attend and wish to play kindly contact me and I'll check availability with the hotel. Congratulations to Steve Birt for retaining the **Bob Charles** and Mike May for winning **The Malcolmson**.

Our **President's Day** is at **Coxmoor Golf Club** on 24th July. Every few years, when our bank balance allows us to subsidise a fixture more than normal, we try and visit a top quality course and Coxmoor is certainly that. This year Frank McCabe arranged a great deal and in view of this we are able to continue the fixture in 2025.

Chris Birch has been a tremendous supporter of the Association and does a great job running our website amongst other things. I do hope you will support him on his day. 2024 winner of the **President's Trophy** was myself.

We visit **Mickleover Golf Club (Derby)** on 21st August to celebrate **Captain's Day**. I do hope you can support Hywel on his special day. Hywel has put in a considerable effort already this year and has been a great supporter of the Association. Again this is a new course for us to enjoy and a great day is guaranteed. Roy Hinsley won the **Mees Cup**, whilst Bob Trehern won the **Treglown Salver** this year.

19th September sees us return for our annual visit to **Rotherham Golf Club**, Thrybergh. Rotherham is always in great condition so a lovely day is assured. **The Stan Quinn Memorial Trophy** was won by Steve Copley whilst the **Yorkshire Cup (Gross)** was again won by Stuart Marriott. In 2024. We will be holding our AGM there as usual.

Our final fixture is on October 10th when we visit **Worksop Golf Club**. This is a popular fixture and its several years since we last visited. It is a sandy course which is ideal at this time of the year. The **Members Cup** this year was won by Frank McCabe

The fixture list is enclosed. Kindly complete and let me have it in due course. I sincerely hope I see you at our fixtures this year.

Greens & fairways

Alan

Alan Haines
Secretary