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Look hard at the photograph of the tree to the left. Can you see it? Maybe look down at the base of the tree.... now can you see it? No, well not to worry, I have taken the liberty of blowing the photograph up below for you all.

The ball in question had come to rest in a rather awkward position. As you can see from the close up, the ball had nestled down between two exposed roots of a large tree, which was growing up in the middle of the path allowing the buggies to turn around. So, the member who had so skilfully managed to get his ball between the roots.... well it was our very own Bill Bash. Given the ball had come to rest on what was deemed the path, at least Bill got a free drop (3)



As was the case during the Asia Cup round of golf the day before, we also had a 'Spot Prize' during the round for golf for the WAGS Challenge. As per the previous 'Spot Prize', the winners would be the four-ball with highest group total. The Scores were: -

126 pts: Darren Fretwell (41), Andrew Shilton (34), Stuart Prescott (25) and Paul Sawdon (26)

125 pts: Charlie Shilton (27), Mick Fullwood (28), Pete Hallam (39) and Ges Meehan (31)

116 pts: Jason Dellow (24), Graham Hofmann (30), Daniel O'Hanlon (33) and Robbie Kerr (29)

103 pts: Bron Dyjas (19), Paul Ormond (29), Jordan Hughes (32) and Dave Clarke (23)

101 pts: Ash Hutchinson (28), Paul Bacon (25), Mick O'Hanlon (28) and Glen Hundleby (20)

88 pts: Shane Dellow (30), Steve Roulstone (22), Dave Johnstone (24) and Bill Bash (12)

Well played to Darren, Andrew, Stuart and Paul on winning the 'spot prize'.

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After a long days golfing, 27 holes for those that participated in both competitions, it was surprising how well all the WAGS members turned out for the evenings proceedings. All very smart indeed gentlemen, well done.









After a few 'sherbets' I wonder if everyone would be looking so sharp and dapper! Prior to going through for the evening meal, it was time to make the draw for the much-anticipated Team Event the following day. I assembled the two Captains and the draw began. More to follow....

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Mick O'Hanlon, on a handicap of 8 and Charlie Shilton, on a handicap of 9, were this years' team captains for the away weekend. With Mick having the lowest handicap he called the toss of the coin to decide who was team A captain and who was team B captain. Mick lost the toss, so Charlie was team A captain and choose to play in the grey shirts. Mick suddenly realised he was now to play in the black shirt and the forecast was yet again for hot sunny weather.



Oh my, how hot was it going to be playing in those black shirts? However, we mustn't forget it was our Chairman that choose that colour a couple of seasons ago!!

The full draw for the Team Event was: -

Team 'A'		Team 'B'
Charlie Shilton (1)	VS	Mick O'Hanlon
Daniel Keen	VS	Daniel O'Hanlon (2
Glen Hundleby (3)	VS	Dave Johnstone
Shane Dellow (3)	VS	Robbie Kerr
Mick Fullwood	VS	Dave Clarke (3)
Andrew Shilton (1)	VS	Graham Hofmann
Bron Dyjas (5)	VS	Ges Meehan
Paul Sawdon	VS	Jason Dellow
Bill Bash (1)	VS	Steve Roulstone
Pete Hallam (3)	VS	Stuart Prescott
Russ McLaughlin (4)	VS	Jordan Hughes
Paul Bacon	VS	Paul Ormond (3)

The numbers in brackets indicates the number of shots that member has against his opponent for the Team Event. So, gentlemen, let battle commence ©

Judging by the number of empties on the table during the meal, there might be a few sore heads in the morning on the first tee!!



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With everyone having had a hearty full English breakfast and arriving nice and early for the now traditional 'Team Photo', it seems everything was in hand.

2017 Away Weekend Team Photograph

Back Row: Stuart Prescott, Andrew Shilton, Ges Meehan, Glen Hundleby, Paul Ormond,

Paul Sawdon, Jordan Hughes and Daniel Keen

Middle Row: Russ McLaughlin, Jason Dellow, Bron Dyjas, Dave Clarke, Mick Fullwood,

Robbie Kerr, Shane Dellow and Steve Roulstone

Front Row: Pete Hallam, Daniel O'Hanlon, Bill Bash, Mick O'Hanlon, Charlie Shilton,

Dave Johnstone, Paul Bacon and Graham Hofmann



With the Oulton Hall golf and hotel complex being only just over an hours' drive away, our 2017 seasons Captain Mr Daniel Keen, drove up to take part in the Team Event, along with member Russ McLaughlin. After the team photograph was taken, everyone made their way down to the first tee. We all assembled in good time for the first tee off at 10:00am sharp. I remarked to our Chairman Mick O'Hanlon, saying how good it was that everyone was where they should be and in plenty of time, perfect. We were just waiting for a couple of other players to tee off, then it was down to us. But slowly more players started arriving on the first tee. I thought to myself, they are early, we have 6 tee times booked, so they are very early. However, it seems all was indeed too good to be true....

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After a quick discussion with the starter at the first tee, it seems we were the ones in the wrong place! Having not read all the paperwork correctly, our Sunday morning round of golf was to be played on holes 19 to 27, then holes 1 to 9, to complete 18 holes of golf. Well fancy getting that little piece of information wrong! My apologises gentlemen, yes it was me, I had not read the finer details of the weekends arrangements, how embarrassing (3)



Two minutes before I was complimenting all the members on arriving on time at the correct location and all the time I had given out completely duff information!! Well I guess it can happen to the best of us. So off we trotted and made our way down to the 19th tee box, unfortunately not the 19th hole we all usually love. Although maybe it was just a little early, it was only 10:00am on the Sunday morning. Nah.... I am sure many of the WAGS members would certainly par take in a little bevvy given the chance.

The umbrella certainly wasn't being used for the rain, but to keep the hot sun off those bloody black t-shirts!!

It was now down to the business of the Team Event, the winning team would be the first to achieve 6 ½ points. As normal, the two team captains went out to do battle first, followed by: -

Bill Bash (A) vs Steve Roulstone (B)
Pete Hallam (A) vs Stuart Prescott (B)
Daniel Keen (A) vs Daniel O'Hanlon (B)
Bron Dyjas (A) vs Ges Meehan (B)
Russ McLaughlin (A) vs Jordan Hughes (B)
Mick Fullwood (A) vs Dave Clarke (B)
Paul Sawdon (A) vs Jason Dellow (B)
Shane Dellow (A) vs Robbie Kerr (B)
Andrew Shilton (A) vs Graham Hofmann (B)
Glen Hundleby (A) vs Dave Johnstone (B)
Paul Bacon (A) vs Paul Ormond (B)



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Charlie Shilton, **Team A** Captain and Mick O'Hanlon, **Team B** Captain, were only separated by one shot, which Charlie received over Mick. Would that one shot prove critical? Over the opening 7 holes Mick won 3 to Chalrie's 2 and with 2 holes being halved, it meant Mick was just 1 hole up. Mick then won the 8th hole, the next was halved. Mick then won the 10th and 11th, with the 12th hole halved it left Mick 4 holes up, but Charlie still had 6 holes left to play, so still time for a comeback. Unfortunately it wasn't to be for Charlie this year with Mick winning the next 2 holes, to win the match 6 & 4.

Team A: 0 pts \sim **Team B**: 1 pts

Bill Bash **Team A** had a 1 shot advantage over Steve Roulstone **Team B**, was that enough to separate these 2 goliaths of golf? Steve won holes 1 & 2, Bill then won the next 2 and with them both winning 1 of the next 3 holes, the match was all square after 7 holes. Bill then rolled the clock back and showed some dazzling golf to win 3 holes on the bounce, leaving him 3 holes up. Steve then won 2 of the next 3 holes, leaving Bill just 1 hole up with 4 holes to play. Bill won the next hole and with the 16^{th} hole halved, Bill was now 2 holes up with 2 to play. Could Steve manage to half the match? Well no, Bill won the 17^{th} hole and the match 3 & 1. **Team A**: 1 pts ~ **Team B**: 1 pts





Pete Hallam **Team A** was receiving 3 shots against Stuart Prescott **Team B**, although Stuart might have hoped for those shots himself, given the form that Pete's golf game was in over the weekend! Pete was off to a flying start and found himself 3 shots up after 5 holes. With Stuart only 3 shots down and 13 holes still to go, there was still plenty of time for Stuart to re-group.... wasn't there? Pete then carried on his great form on the 6th hole, winning that to go 4 holes up. Then Pete went on a run you can usuaslly only dream about, winning the 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th and 11th holes to win the match 9 & 7

Team A: 2 pts \sim **Team B**: 1 pts

So Team A take an early lead, 2 points to Team B's 1 point.

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Our Captain Daniel Keen **Team A** was giving away 2 shots to our Vice-Captain Daniel O'Hanlon **Team B** and it was the Vice-Captain that took the lead on the 1st hole. But over the next 8 holes both Daniel's would win and lose hole after hole, leaving them just 1 shot apart after 9 holes, with Daniel O'Hanlon ahead by 1. Daniel O won the next 2 holes, before Daniel K won another hole, then Daniel O won the 13th and 14th holes, to go 4 holes up, with 4 holes to go. On to the 15th hole and both Daniel's carded a bogey 4 to half the hole, thus meaning Vice-Captain Daniel O'Hanlon won the match against our Captain Daniel Keen 4 & 3.

Team A: 2 pts \sim **Team B**: 2 pts

Bron Dyjas **Team A** was getting 5 shots on Ges Meehan **Team B**, that seemed quite a lot, but could Bron use them wisely? Well Bron lost the 1st hole, but won the next 2 holes. However Ges won the next hole to bring the match back to all square. Bron then seemed to play very good golf and won the next 4 holes on the trot to be 4 holes up after 8 holes played. Ges won the next hole, then Bron won, then Ges won, then Bron won, then Bron won again, then Ges won, then Ges won again. All this meant that Bron was 3 holes up with 3 holes to play. But it was Bron who won the 16th hole, therefore winning the match 4 & 2.

Team A: 3 pts \sim **Team B**: 2 pts





Russ McLaughlin **Team A** was being given 4 shots against Jordan Hughes **Team B**. Although it was Russ's 1st game of golf at Oulton Hall, having only travelled up on the Sunday morning, he raced in to a 3 hole lead after 3 holes. Jordan won the 4th hole, before Russ won the next 2 holes. Jordan then won the 7th hole, with Russ then winning the 8th hole. Holes 9 & 10 were halved, meaning as these two gentlemen approached the 11th tee Russ was 4 holes up with still 8 holes to play. But once again Russ went on a mini run and won the next 3 holes, 11th, 12th & 13th, to take the match against Jordan, winning the match 7 5.

Team A: 4 pts \sim **Team B**: 2 pts

Team A extend their lead over **Team B** to 2 points.

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Mick Fullwood **Team A** was giving away 3 shots to Dave Clarke **Team B**. Mick took 1st blood and won the 1st hole, but Dave won then 2nd hole. Mick again went 1 hole up winning the 3rd hole, only for the match to be all square as Dave won the 4th hole. It looked like this match might be a rather tight affair. With each member winning and losing holes, by the time they had completed the 11th hole, it was Dave who was 1 hole up. Dave then won the next 3 holes putting him 4 holes up with 4 to play. Could Mick save the match by winning the remaining holes? It seemed not, as the 15th hole was halved meaning Dave won the match 4 & 3. **Team A**: 4 pts \sim **Team B**: 3 pts

Paul Sawdon **Team A** and Jason Dellow **Team B** were both playing on the same handicap, so no shots were given to either player. Paul won the 1st hole, the 2nd hole was halved, Paul won the 3rd hole and Jason the 4th hole. Paul was just 1 hole up after 4 holes played. Paul then won 3 of the next 5 holes, so by the 9th hole Paul was 4 holes up. Jason won 2 of the next 3 holes, before Paul won the following 2 holes, leaving Paul 4 holes up again, wth 4 to play. Jason won the 15th and 16th holes, Paul was now only 2 holes up with 2 to play. Could Jason half the match? It seemed not as the 17th hole was halved, giving Paul the match win 2 & 1.







Shane Dellow **Team A** had 3 shots on Robbie Kerr **Team B** and it was Shane that took an early advanatge winning the 1st hole. The next hole was halved before Robbie won the next 4 holes, leaving Shane 3 holes down after playing 6 holes. Shane won the next hole, then Robbie, then Shane, before the following 3 holes were all halved. With Shane winning the 13th hole and the 14th hole being halved, Robbie was now only 1 hole up with 4 holes to play. The 15th hole was won by Robbie meaing he was now 2 holes up with 3 to play. And it was Robbie again who won the next hole, therefore winning his match with Shane 3 & 2.

Team A: 5 pts \sim **Team B**: 4 pts

It looks like **Team B** are mounting a comeback against **Team A** with the lead cut to 1 point. (contd.).

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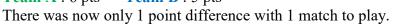




Andrew Shilton **Team A** was getting just a single shot against Graham Hofmann **Team B** and it was Andrew that won the 1st hole, the next hole was halved, Graham won the 3rd hole and the 4th hole was halved. So all square after 4 holes. Andrew won the next 2 holes, before the following 2 holes were halved. Graham won the 9th hole, holes 10, 11 & 12 were all halved, before Andrew won the 13th hole. The 14th hole was won by Graham, leaving Andrew 2 holes up with 4 holes to play. Andrew then won the 15th hole and with the 16th hole halved, Andrew won the match 3 & 2. **Team A**: 6 pts ~ **Team B**: 4 pts

With 6 points **Team A** only need 1 more win for the match.

Glen Hundleby **Team A** was being given 3 shots against Dave Johnstone **Team B**, after 3 holes and Dave winning 2 of them to Glen's 1, Dave was 1 hole up. Dave went on to win the next 2 holes, then Glen won, the next hole was halved before Dave won the following 2 holes. Dave was now 4 holes up after 9 holes. The 10th hole was halved before Glen won the next 2. Then it was Dave's turn to win back to back holes on the 13th & 14th, Dave was now back to 4 holes up, with only 4 holes to play. Glen won the 15th hole, but with the 16th hole halved, Dave won the match 3 & 2. **Team A**: 6 pts ~ **Team B**: 5 pts

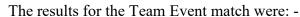






Paul Bacon **Team A** was giving his opponent Paul Ormond **Team B** 3 shots. Paul B took a 2 hole lead after winning the 1st 2 holes, before Paul O won the following 2 holes to make the match all square after 4 holes. The 5th hole was halved, after which Paul B won the next 3 holes. The 9th hole was halved and then Paul B won the 10th hole, meaning he was now 4 holes up after 10 holes played. The 11th was halved, then Paul B won the 12th hole, taking his lead to 5 holes with now only 6 holes to play. This was the last match of the team event and the whole match rested on it, so no pressure! It didn't take long to come to a conclusion with Paul Bacon winning the 13th hole and taking the match 6 & 5.

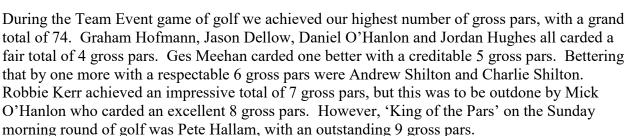
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Team 'A'		Team 'B'	
Charlie Shilton	VS	Mick O'Hanlon	Mick won 6 & 4
Bill Bash	VS	Steve Roulstone	Bill won 3 & 1
Pete Hallam	VS	Stuart Prescott	Pete won 9 & 7
Daniel Keen	VS	Daniel O'Hanlon	Daniel O'H won 4 &
Bron Dyjas	VS	Ges Meehan	Bron won 4 & 2
Russ McLaughlin	VS	Jordan Hughes	Russ won 7 & 5
Mick Fullwood	VS	Dave Clarke	Dave won 4 & 3
Paul Sawdon	VS	Jason Dellow	Paul won 2 & 1
Shane Dellow	VS	Robbie Kerr	Robbie won 3 & 2
Andrew Shilton	VS	Graham Hofmann	Andrew won 3 & 2
Glen Hundleby	VS	Dave Johnstone	Dave won 3 & 2
Paul Bacon	VS	Paul Ormond	Paul B won 6 & 5



Congratulations to all the members of Team A.



Gentlemen well played to you all.





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Along with the gross pars, we also carded a total of 8 gross birdies, these were by: -

Ges Meehan	Hole No.19	Par 4	319 yards	Stroke Index 18
Bron Dyjas	Hole No.25	Par 3	164 yards	Stroke Index 14
Mick O'Hanlon	Hole No.1	Par 4	366 yards	troke Index 7
Mick O'Hanlon	Hole No.5	Par 4	373 yards	Stroke Index 9
Andrew Shilton	Hole No.7	Par 5	476 yards	Stroke Index 5
Graham Hofmann	Hole No.7	Par 5	476 yards	Stroke Index 5
Jason Dellow	Hole No.7	Par 5	476 yards	Stroke Index 5
Jason Dellow	Hole No.9	Par 4	323 yards	Stroke Index 13

Gentlemen very well played to you all, especially Mick and Jason who were that little bit greedy and wanted two gross birdies each.

Team Event results: -

WINNER ~ Team 'A'

Charlie Shilton, Bill Bash, Pete Hallam, Bron Dyjas

Russ McLaughlin, Mick Fullwood, Paul Sawdon, Paul Bacon Shane Dellow, Andrew Shilton, Glen Hundleby & Daniel Keen

Nearest the Pin ~ Pete Hallam - Hole No.25

Charlie Shilton - Hole No.27
Pete Hallam - Hole No.2
Robbie Kerr - Hole No.6
Jason Dellow - Hole No.7
Andrew Shilton - Hole No.18

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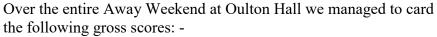
Gentlemen well played.

Individual	Scores:-
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Longest Drive ~ Nearest in 3 ~

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Pete Hallam	38 pts	Ges Meehan	27 pts	Mick Fullwood	21 pts
Andrew Shilton	37 pts	Jason Dellow	27 pts	Dave Johnstone	19 pts
Bron Dyjas	36 pts	Paul Bacon	27 pts	Stuart Prescott	19 pts
Mick O'Hanlon	36 pts	Graham Hofmann	26 pts	Steve Roulstone	16 pts
Dave Clarke	31 pts	Charlie Shilton	25 pts	Bill Bash	15 pts
Russ McLaughlin	31 pts	Shane Dellow	25 pts	Glen Hundleby	14 pts
Robbie Kerr	29 pts	Paul Sawdon	24 pts	Paul Ormond	14 pts
Daniel O'Hanlon	28 pts	Daniel Keen	21 pts	Jordan Hughes	10 pts

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62 pars 6 birdies - Asia Cup (Calverley Course)

57 pars 6 birdies - WAGS Challenge (Calverley Course)

13 pars 0 birdies - 4 Club Challenge (Hall Course)

74 pars 8 birdies - Team Event (Hall & Calverley Course)

206 pars 20 birdies - Away Weekend Total

Gentlemen, very well played indeed to all of you who managed gross pars and birdies.







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The WAGS 2017 Away Weekend Overall Championship Table

WAGS Away Weekend 7th, 8th & 9th July 2017

Venue: Oulton Hall

	Handicap	POINTS SCORED					Bu.
NAME		Friday	Saturday	Fri & Sat combined	Sunday	Overall	Placing
Pete Hallam	20.7	34	39	73	38	111	1st
Andrew Shilton	15.0	29	34	63	37	100	2nd
Mick O'Hanlon	8.0	30	28	58	36	94	3rd
Daniel O'Hanlon	14.6	32	33	65	28	93	4th
Bron Dyjas	23.3	34	19	53	36	89	5th
Shane Dellow	15.1	34	30	64	25	89	6th
Ges Meehan	18.1	30	31	61	27	88	7th
Paul Sawdon	17.5	33	26	59	24	83	8th
Graham Hofmann	13.7	27	30	57	26	83	9th
Robbie Kerr	12.4	22	29	51	29	80	10th
Charlie Shilton	9.0	28	27	55	25	80	11th
Paul Bacon	25.2	27	25	52	27	79	12th
Mick Fullwood	24.9	27	28	55	21	76	13th
Jason Dellow	17.6	23	24	47	27	74	14th
Dave Clarke	28.0	19	23	42	31	73	15th
Glen Hundleby	21.3	34	20	54	14	68	16th
Dave Johnstone	18.1	24	24	48	19	67	17th
Jordan Hughes	14.1	23	32	55	10	65	18th
Paul Ormond	28.0	20	29	49	14	63	19th
Steve Roulstone	26.8	16	22	38	16	54	20th
Ash Hutchinson	15.2	22	28	50	0	50	21st
Bill Bash	28.0	19	12	31	15	46	22nd
Stuart Prescott	18.1	0	25	25	19	44	23rd

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As you can see on the Away Weekend Championship table on the previous page, 7th place up to 3rd place was quite a close race, with only 6 points separating 7th to 3rd places. However, 2nd place Andrew Shilton was a further 6 points ahead of the field with 100 points, but everyone was outshone by our winner of the Away Weekend Pete Hallam. Pete's total was an incredible 11 points ahead of his nearest rival, with a grand total of 111 points. Very well done indeed Pete.

Pete Hallam ~ W.A.G.S. Away Weekend Championship Winner 2017



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The other winners of the weekend competitions were: -

Shane Dellow: 2017 Asia Cup Andrew Shilton: 2017 4 Club Challenge





Pete Hallam: 2017 WAGS Challenge



Congratulations not only to all the winners of the Away Weekend competitions, but to all those members that won Nearest the Pin & Longest Drive prizes.

Yet again I think we all had a great golfing weekend, at again another excellent venue and this time not hours and hours away.

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Hopefully you all enjoyed re-living the away weekend at Oulton Hall and all done in only 7,079 words & 32 pages this year, compared to last year epic at 10, 216 words & 37 pages!!

Gentlemen I will hopefully see most of you at Lichfield golf club on Sunday 6th August 2017 for the Memorial Trophy, arrival time of 8:15am. Please remember that the buggies are NOT available for the mornings 9-hole Par 3 course, so you will need to either carry your clubs or have a trolley.



Regards

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