



## PRESS RELEASE

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### 2017 CAPTAINS DRIVE IN AT HAWKSTONE PARK

February fog on the first tee and below zero temperatures did not dampen spirits at the Captains' Drive-in at Hawkstone Park Golf Club.

Driving into office in front of a large crowd of supporters were Men's Captain, Ashley Burdock, and Ladies' Captain, Sharon Jones, both of Whitchurch; Seniors' Captain, Dave Samuel, of Shrewsbury; and Junior Captain, Carys Tune, of Prees. The Captains were introduced by the Club's new President, Dave Ralphs.

A Texas Scramble competition followed the drive-in which was won by four-ball Tim Jones, Molly Moore, Hugh Vaughan and Nigel Ross. Following the competition, members officially welcomed the new captains at a celebration held in the Club House.

Speaking at the celebration Ashley Burdock paid tribute to close friend and golfing partner, Andrew Porter, who passed away suddenly last month. He said that Andrew's passing was a very sad loss to the club and highlighted his exemplary professionalism and his commitment to and love of the game. Ashley also said that Hawkstone was a welcoming and family club and for everyone to enjoy the game. He also thanked long-serving committee member, Alan Walker, who recently stepped down after an outstanding 46 years' service to the Club; and retiring committee member, Jane Lloyd, who along with husband, Don, organised and supported the Club's Junior Section for many years.

Ladies' Captain, Sharon Jones, continued the theme of Hawkstone's family reputation by saying that she got into golf nine years' ago by joining her husband, Rowly, and daughter, Holly, on the fairways. She thanked husband and low-handicapper, Rowly, for teaching her to play the game but explained that their teacher/pupil relationship had, at times, led to some ups and downs on the golf course!

The Captains announced that they will be supporting three charities this year: British Heart Foundation, the Tern Hill-based Royal Irish Regiment Benevolent Fund and ABF, The Soldiers' Charity.

Anyone interested in joining Hawkstone Park for the 2017 season should call Dilys Airey in the Golf Centre on 01948 841775. The club welcomes golfers of all abilities - from beginners through to established players.

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**Picture caption: Pictured on the first tee at Hawkstone Park Golf Club are (left to right) Club President, Dave Ralphs and Captains Ashley Burdock, Sharon Jones, Carys Tune and Dave Samuel**