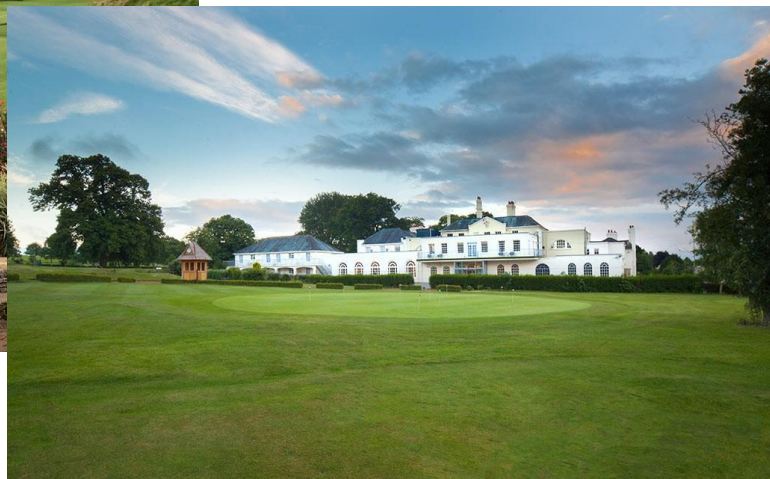




## CAPTAINS 2021 – DRIVE IN

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> February – a day that should have brought excitement for Terry, Wendy, Roger and Leo 2021 Captains of Hawkstone Park Golf Club. Also President Dave as he begins his 2 year role as President. But perhaps also trepidation and perhaps anxiety as standing on the white tees Terry hopes to send 'one down the middle' and hopefully drive longer than Junior Captain Leo!!

Sadly, as members, we are at home still in Lockdown 3.0, certainly wishing we were there to cheer on 'our new team.' As a new golf year gets under way in far from normal circumstances – our Captains have certainly been busy to make sure the start to their year is definitely 'one to remember.'





## TERRY NUTT – CLUB CAPTAIN 2021



Mr President Dave, Lady Captain Wendy, Seniors Captain Roger, Juniors Captain Leo, fellow Hawkstone Park members and guests.

Here we are at another virtual event ... the occasion of our Captains Drive In 2021. The weather rather chilly with arctic blasts promised thanks to Storm Darcy and as a heavy mist blankets the course my +300 yard drive is unseeable by the throng of spectators ☺.

Progressively we oldies are getting our Covid 19 vaccinations so we will have a spring in our step when we return to the tee in earnest. My wife Francine has been helping at a local vaccination hub, which she reports has been a bit of a party atmosphere like a masked military style ball socially distanced of course.

Covid 19 has robbed us of precious lives; impacting our everyday life in many ways, but has also brought communities together, many acts of kindness have been undertaken and it has brought inspirational people like Captain Sir Tom into our hearts. I hope our golf club emerges from the despair of the recent lockdown to a return of the vibrant friendly happy place we can all enjoy again very soon.

It is my habit to reminisce on these occasions ....and I remember once (!?) in my younger days when I was late getting to the golf club, driving my 'trendy' low slung, blue (mostly!) Ford Cortina Estate. The boys were on the 1<sup>st</sup> tee (which is now the 4<sup>th</sup>) I entered the car park in front of the hotel at a greater speed than recommended. I began to apply the brake when disaster struck and my foot slipped off the brake and on to the accelerator, I mounted the 45° wall close to the back of the tee narrowly missing a lady walking around the corner on the carpark, the astonished and terrified look on her face and the thunderous clapping & whooping from the 7 lads standing by the tee as I rode the wall will never leave me. So let that be a lesson to you young chaps, please enter the car parks at a respectable speed even if you are late for your tee time!

I would like to take this opportunity to announce the Captains Charity for 2021 which is the Midlands Air Ambulance Service. This vital emergency service is funded solely by public donations; we have already benefitted from their expertise here at Hawkstone Park when its helicopter landed (very neatly) on the 1<sup>st</sup> tee on the Championship to attend to golfers who had collapsed on the course. So at the beginning of this year when my wife voiced concerns about extra weight & inches acquired over lockdown, being the supportive caring husband that I am, I set her a challenge for 2021.... To walk (boots on striding out) 1011 miles & cycle 1010 (= 2021) to raise funds for the Air ambulance. Francine would be greatly spurred on by



any sponsorship pledges she receives so a massive thankyou to members who are willing and able to do so.

So here begins another golfing year, I am looking forward to playing a lot more golf and meeting many more members both on and hopefully off the course at our planned social events and working alongside the Management Committee to ensure the continued smooth running of this fantastic Golf Club.

Please raise your glasses in a toast to The Club.

Happy Days

[Terry Nutt](#) Club Captain 2021



## DAVE GREAVES – PRESIDENT 2021/22



Dave Greaves first played at Hawkstone Park in 1968 and joined as a Junior member in 1970 along with his parents and brother. He met Cheryl and she also took up golf and joined. They stayed members until 1979 when business and family pressures limited his time and money. He re-joined in 1995 followed by Cheryl and son James.

He has served on Management Committee and has been Chairman of Matches and Competitions three times. He was Club Captain in 2003.



## WENDY SIMPSON – LADY CAPTAIN 2021



Wendy Simpson joined Hawkstone Park in the late 1980's and as part of the Simpson family her connections are etched in the Club's history.

She was Lady Captain in 2001 with Peter Townsend as her Captain and has had many years on Committees, most notably as Club Treasurer with Gina Chesters for 8 years until February 2019.

## ROGER TOOGOOD – SENIORS CAPTAIN 2021



The day for his Drive-In had come to pass,  
For he who would be Senior's Captain at last,  
So, despite Flood and Lockdown,  
He took to the course with a frown,  
But couldn't find his ball in snow covered grass

Alternate last line!!

But slipped in the snow and fell on his \*\*\*\* (bottom!)



## LEO ROBSON – JUNIOR CAPTAIN 2021



Leo first started playing golf when he was 10 years old. The majority of the time he plays with his Nan (Sue) and Grandad Dave (who he now out drives!), or in junior competitions at the club.

He has been coached by Keith Williams, Keith's attention to detail and intuitive instruction has enabled him to improve his swing. His goal this year is to work on his short game and get his handicap down.

Dear Friends..... **A little note from your 2021 Club Captain Terry Nutt**



2020 proved to be a challenging year for all of us in so many different ways... We have now moved into a new year with hope firmly on the horizon and the certainty that we will be out playing golf on our two fantastic courses very soon.

As the new year of 2021 approached, I considered how I could assist my wife Francine to improve her health & fitness and support a vital life saving service at the same time. So I have set her a challenge...

**“By the end of 2021 she will have walked (boots on striding out) 1011 miles and cycled another 1010 miles (=2021miles)”**

This is to raise funds for our Captains Charity for 2021 **The West Midlands Air Ambulance Service** which relies solely on charitable donations to fund this vital emergency health service. We have already benefited from this service attending Hawkstone Park to treat golfers who have collapsed on the course.

So folks please give Francine a cheery wave if you see her out doing this challenge.. if you are able to sponsor her.. a **massive thank you**..... could you please complete the sponsorship details below and either post the completed form in the box that will be in the foyer in the club house when we reopen the courses or complete and send a picture of it to me ([tnutt1591@gmail.com](mailto:tnutt1591@gmail.com) or via message/Whatsapp on 07970181824)

It is heartening to have seen so many people taking this ‘opportunity’ of lockdown to engage with nature in this lovely area of Shropshire, striving to improve our physical & mental health & our environment (thanks to the litter pickers.. you know who you are ☺ ) .....and our dogs have never been fitter!

Hopefully if Francine hits the target & we are released back to normality Lady Captain & I will be inviting a representative from the Air Ambulance service to one of our social events to receive a cheque from us all and hear more about this vital health service.

**Wishing you all the best for 2021..... & get the jab folks**

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### **AIR AMBULANCE SPONSORSHIP**

Name	Address/Contact No	Sponsorship details ie 1p per mile = £20-21p or any sum pledged	Total

**Midlands Air Ambulance Charity**

Midlands Air Ambulance Charity is responsible for funding and operating three air ambulance helicopters and two critical care cars serving the communities of six Midlands counties: Gloucestershire, Herefordshire, Shropshire, Staffordshire, the West Midlands and Worcestershire. This constitutes the largest air ambulance operating region in the UK. The charity also provides secondary cover to surrounding areas, such as Warwickshire and Mid Wales.

Since 1991, the charity has responded to more than 60,000 missions, making it one of the longest established and busiest air ambulance organisations in the UK. This year is our 30<sup>th</sup> year.

Each year it costs in excess of £10 million to maintain the three aircraft and the provision of a lifesaving service. Each air ambulance mission costs an average of £2,500. Each critical care car mission costs £224 on average. The charity does not receive funding from the Government for its daily missions so relies entirely on the support and generosity of local people and businesses.





## R&A Rules Week – (2nd to 5th Feb)

<https://golfrulesguru.com/2021/02/02/ra-rules-week-2nd-to-5th-feb/>

The R&A is staging a dedicated Rules Week across its digital platforms this week (2 – 5 February), designed to engage golfers and referees alike across a variety of themes.



Whether you are an amateur golfer keen to learn more about the basics of the Rules of Golf, a junior golfer starting out in the sport or an aspiring referee looking to achieve more knowledge and qualifications, the week will offer interest for everyone.

With golf unable to be played in many countries due to the global COVID-19 pandemic, the week will also provide valuable engagement for golfers at home under lockdown restrictions – both from a theoretical and practical point of view.

<https://www.randa.org/en/news/2021/01/rules-week-to-engage-and-inspire>



<https://apps.apple.com/ro/app/rules-of-golf/id1435204099>