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PRESIDENT  
DAVID MARTIN

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September  
to  
Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> September

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PRESIDENT  
**David Martin**

PAST PRESIDENTS

1934-37	<b>E. H. Maddocks</b>	Sir Harry	1977	<b>L. J. Hains</b>	Jerk
1937-45	<b>C. S. Asbury</b>	Archbishop	1978	<b>D. J. Walsh</b>	Dave
1946-47	<b>E. P. Morgan</b>	Perry	1979	<b>J. Nicholas</b>	Doc
1948	<b>A. T. Rouse</b>	Bomber	1980	<b>B. A. Guest</b>	Ben Gurion
1949	<b>G. C. Willis</b>	Geoff	1981	<b>A. Robinson</b>	Tony
1950	<b>F. W. Ross</b>	Goldfish	1982	<b>G. E. S. Twist</b>	Lord George
1951	<b>F. J. Spence</b>	Spindle	1983	<b>B. E. Pooley</b>	Sailor
1952	<b>W. J. Jones</b>	Bioscopic Bill	1984	<b>D. Hawley</b>	Dudley
1953	<b>W. Gough</b>	Archdeacon	1985	<b>R. Fox</b>	Bob
1954	<b>T. L. Clarke</b>	Nobby	1986	<b>K. R. Bound</b>	Roy the Golf
1955	<b>J. H. Jones</b>	Gentleman Jack	1987	<b>A. R. Gibbs</b>	Roy
1956	<b>H. N. Parnell</b>	Handsome Harry	1988	<b>J. D. Ashby</b>	Canon
1957	<b>T. L. Fraser</b>	Alderman	1989	<b>J. Gray</b>	Jimmy
1958	<b>G. E. S. Twist</b>	Lord George	1990	<b>V. Woodfield</b>	Tiger
1959	<b>J. M. Stotter</b>	Cupid	1991	<b>G. F. Nabb</b>	Gordon
1960	<b>W. H. Gould</b>	Uncle Jimmy	1992	<b>R. Cutts</b>	Reg
1961	<b>E. T. Willetts</b>	Daylight	1993	<b>A. Upson</b>	Andy
1962	<b>R. C. Devis</b>	Vicar of Mirth	1994	<b>A. Smith</b>	Andy
1963	<b>E. W. Weatherhead</b>	The Burgher	1995	<b>E. Gladden</b>	Eddie
1964	<b>Mac Smith</b>	Prebendary	1996	<b>S. Marlow</b>	Steve
1965	<b>J. D. Ashby</b>	Canon	1997	<b>P. Simmonds</b>	Simmo
1966	<b>F. B. Beard</b>	Commodore	1998	<b>B. Barrett</b>	Bernie
1967	<b>R. E. Jones</b>	Turpin	1999	<b>R. Farr</b>	Ray
1968	<b>N. F. Kendall</b>	Professor	2000	<b>M. Gibbs</b>	Martin
1969	<b>L. S. Richards</b>	Major General	2001	<b>G. Snell</b>	Geoff
1970	<b>P. V. Hope</b>	Paddy	2002	<b>S. Greiner</b>	Simon
1971	<b>C. W. Phillips</b>	Chips	2003	<b>A. Farr</b>	Anthony
1972	<b>L. J. Shaw</b>	Beau	2004	<b>J. Chadwick</b>	Chaddy
1973	<b>P. A. Kavanagh</b>	Caesar	2005	<b>G. Izzard</b>	Graham
1974	<b>A. V. Brackston</b>	Brack	2006	<b>D. Nottingham</b>	Notty
1975	<b>R. A. Flanagan</b>	Dancing Master	2007	<b>S. Galloway</b>	Squirry
1976	<b>M. M. Martin</b>	Jet	2008	<b>A. Guest</b>	Alan

Organizator  
Director General  
Auditor  
Treasurer

**J. Chadwick**  
**M. Gibbs**  
**R. Farr**  
**S. Galloway**

# ORIGINS



For the benefit of new boys and others who read this brochure for the first time, a short history of the origins, aims and objectives of the Mal de Mer Club will provide a useful grounding for the forthcoming trip.

In the early 1930s, W. H. Gould (Uncle Jimmy) was working in Plymouth as a Branch Manager for an Insurance Company. On one of his trips to Scilly he got into conversation with certain of the Island's sportsmen and the subject of sport on the Islands was the topic for discussion. Opportunities for playing competitive sport on the Islands were limited so Uncle Jimmy offered to bring over a team of sportsmen who would play the Islanders at whatever game they chose.

In September 1932 the first party arrived and, with the exception of the war years, has been coming ever since.

Uncle Jimmy died in 1977 but the Island sportsmen from those early days remain very dear friends.

The objectives set by Uncle Jimmy from the first trip remain clear today - to encourage and foster sport and sportsmanship both on and off the field and particularly, in the Isles of Scilly, to encourage good fellowship with the Islanders, good feeling in its membership and a willingness to have a go when called upon.

A word of warning to new members, the Mal de Mer Club is not a democratic organisation, it is a benevolent junta comprising the President, Organizer and Director General with the opinions of the Treasurer thrown in for good measure. Do not question its authority, we have lost too many good men at sea!

## Qualifications for Membership

- Proposed by a member, approval of the Organizer, Director General and President
- A second invitation to join the Mals
- Possession of a good sense of humour
- Respect for the D.G.'s commands
- Ability to hold upright all you consume
- Ability to play any three of the following games or sports:
  - Soccer, Cricket, Golf, Tennis, Squash, Basketball, Snooker, Badminton, Pool, Gig Racing, Clay pigeon shooting, Darts, Volleyball, Table Tennis.
- The further ability to play any one well, earns you a bonus point, the admiration of your fellow Mals and a place at the top table.



# MISSION STATEMENT

## A Mission Statement from your President-Elect

Having made my first Trip way back in 1981, a good (very good as I recall) year or two before those stalwarts Eddie and Simmo made their debuts, it has clearly taken me rather longer to reach the dizzy heights of Presidency. However, I am sure it will be all the more worth waiting for, assuming of course Alan passes those balls on as he doesn't usually!

I want to start by formally thanking both Brian and Ben who, since my last Trip in 2007, have decided to stand down as Organisator and Director General respectively. Sadly, but also fondly, I can remember Freddie Beard and Paddy Hope back in the early 80s and the huge gap they were potentially leaving. It is therefore a huge testimony to Brian and Ben that they have kept the Mals on the right path for a quarter of a century. We are all indebted to you both, not least for your diplomacy and those occasional 'quiet word in your ear' moments.

On a similar theme, I am sure we are all grateful to Jeremy and Martin for taking on these respective commitments. They are demanding roles that I'm sure we're all guilty of taking for granted in the past. My first request to all Mals is therefore to give them every support.



## MISSION STATEMENT (contd.)



Looking back as a New Boy alongside Graham Reid (or was it really Malcolm McDonald), Richard Fox and Ron Stanley in 1981, there are two lasting memories that will live with me forever and ones which I would like to focus on for this Trip. The first is that wonderful sense of fun and laughter, and specifically the humour at Dinner. I vividly recall the likes of John Roe, Charlie Wisbey and Brian Pooley almost fighting for the opportunity to tell us a story. I would therefore like all of you to bring at least a couple of stories with you and you can either volunteer or be volunteered to amuse us. For the less confident, reading from a script will be absolutely fine – as opposed to a fine for those without a story to tell.

The second memory is the whole sense of unity, and the fact that thirty-odd (very odd in some cases) guys aged 18 to 80 turn up from all sorts of different locations, backgrounds, skills and abilities yet everybody participates and contributes something, even the indoor bowls matches at the Godolphin in the early hours of the morning! Let's enjoy the camaraderie of the Mals by sticking together, supporting each other and benefitting from each other's company.

Finally, I'd like to express my gratitude and thank my father, Jet, for introducing me to the Mals in the first place. It's ironic that I was just a bit too young when he had his presidential year in 1976 and the reverse now applies in 2009. I was delighted to bring him in 2007, in his 80th year, on the 75th anniversary of the Mals and for his 40th Trip. Alas, we all have to accept that the intensity of a 41st Trip would just be too much for him. Nevertheless, thank you to those who ask after him; he still plays a few holes of golf, he's still got the 'yips' and still got his season ticket down at Birmingham. I'm sure he'll be with us in spirit!

**Until 23rd September then!**

**DAVID MARTIN**

President Elect 2009

# GOLF

It has long been decreed that all who are able to walk must play golf each morning. Sadly, this rule is not now enforceable.

Those Mals whose state of health is such that the prospect of a walk round the Golf Course will seriously endanger their health will be excused and should report to the Director General who will seek a second opinion from our expert medical team.

Goofers are those handicapped higher than 28 and will on occasions find themselves playing with a golfer.

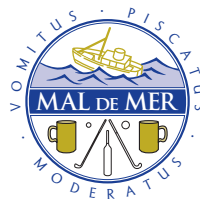
There are particular rules for Goofers:

- Do not pick up lost balls until they have stopped rolling;
- Goofers having lost or destroyed two balls at any one hole must desist from further punishment at that hole and enter ten on their card;
- Ten is the maximum score for Goofers at any hole in any competition;
- When Goofers play with golfers they must desist from coarse language should the golfer hit a bad shot. Retribution should be extracted in the bar;
- Dislodged turf should be replaced! Do not eat the blackberries behind the sixth tee!

**PLEASE NOTE:**  
*The Golf Organizer will decide on the format for morning golf.*



# 2008 AGM



## Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on St. Mary's - 25<sup>th</sup> September 2008

<b>Present</b>		Hierarchy
<b>Apologies</b>		N/A
<b>Election of officers</b>	PRESIDENT	Alan Guest was elected President and duly flushed in.
	D.G.	Ben announced his wish to stand down, Martin Gibbs was nominated to succeed him and was elected. Thanks were expressed to Ben for his work over the years.
	ORGANIZATOR	Jeremy Chadwick was re-elected.
	TREASURER	Shaun Galloway was re-elected.
	AUDITOR	Ray Farr was re-elected.
<b>Treasurer's Report</b>		The Treasurer reported that all was well and that there had been a small surplus on last years trip.
<b>New Boys on the trip</b>		Roy Dale, Graham Willington, Mark Bagshaw, Graham Barton
<b>New members flushed in</b>		Alistair Hick, Pete Nelstrop
<b>Organizator's Report</b>		The Organizator thanked all for their help in 'smoothing his passage' on his first trip in office. He reported a real air of fresh ideas and enthusiasm amongst younger Mals and that bodes well for the future.

*There being no further business, the meeting closed.*



# MAL DE MERS MAKE THE SPORTS PAGES!

Carling Cup 4<sup>th</sup> Round - Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2008 - Stamford Bridge

## CHELSEA 1 v 1 BURNLEY (a.e.t)

Burnley win 5-4 on penalties

Everybody's favourite Premier League star - Chelsea's Didier Drogba, loses his rag and chucks a coin back at the Mal de Mer Curry Club. The national papers captured the moment and the displeasure on their faces. Notice how Smithy is concentrating on the coin - planning to pick it up on his way out.

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| David Showell | Alan Boyle | Jamie Pooley | Dave Dallaway | Andy Smith | Eddie Gladden | Harry Marsland | Frank Lampard | Graham Izzard | Jeremy Chadwick | Didier Drogba | Paulo Ferreira | The coin |



# PRESIDENT



## A Profile of our President

### David Martin

The thread continues. David will be the 63<sup>rd</sup> Mal de Mer President. Jet, his father, was President in 1976 and his grandfather, 'Bob', was President in 1938! We must thank 'Bob' for David's bright eyes, smooth coat and cold wet nose!

A dynamic footballer and competitive golfer, David will not let any Mal take a backward step and is hoping to be one of the most successful modern day presidents.

Twenty eight years in the wings - will it be worth the wait?  
Go fetch 'em boy!



## REMEMBER

- On the Islands obey the commands of your President, when he rings the bell he wants your attention immediately.
- Eat or converse at the table. Reading a newspaper or being late for meals will earn a stern rebuke from your President and a fine.
- The President will not be able to allow those who wish to smoke to do so due to the new smoking ban.
- Stick to the programme, being together, staying with the party makes the trip a happy one.
- If you have any complaint ask of the Organizer's permission to speak to the Director General on the matter.
- Morning surgeries are a regular feature for those feeling unwell, you may find the cure worse than the complaint.



# 2008 REPORT

## Report on the 2008 Trip

31 Mals reported for duty at the Penzance Heliport. A mighty turnout, considering all those who had not long finished performing in the Beijing Olympics. Published New Boy, Nathan Summers didn't make the trip, but was ably substituted by Roy Dale. After two false starts, David Nottingham followed on a day later.

A peaceful St. Mary's awaits the invasion.



The flight, baggage reclaim and check-in at Tregarthens went like clockwork. Due to the state of the tide and that of the D.G., the briefing was brought forward an hour and a quarter. New boys and Mals were welcomed and the recipe for a successful trip was spelled out. Sporting captains moved amongst the throng and the teams for the afternoon's events were selected.

**Beach football**, now a proper Mal sport, was unfortunately **lost 5-2**. Apparently the Islanders had a Brazilian, which must have been most off-putting!

Davis Cup commitments meant that the Islanders could only field two pairs for **tennis**. A **1-1 tie** meant that the Mals retained the trophy - Captain Galloway shuffling his squad tactically to ensure keeping his hands on the silverware.

The school sports - where we normally get our noses in front - went against form:

**Basketball - Lost 40-20**

**Table Tennis - Lost 3-2 (who we gonna sack?)**

**Volley Ball - Won 2-1**

**Squash** unfortunately, and through no lack of effort, ended in a **silver** medal.

At dinner, Ben Jakes introduced his staff and our president Alan Guest was flushed in. Outgoing President, Shaun could only reflect on what might have been.

Sponsors introduced their new boys: Roy Dale, Graham Barton, Mark Bagshaw and Graham Willington, then the old new boys Alistair Hick and Peter Nelstrop were flushed into the ranks of the Mals.

Thursday dawned fine and clear and shorts were spotted on the golf course. **Dave Dallaway** won the **'Perry Pot'** and **Peter Nelstrop** retained the **'Morgan Mug'**. No time was lost and before you could say "I'll have a pasty" we were on our way to St. Agnes with our old friend Gerald Thompson aboard the Surprise.

## 2008 REPORT (contd.)



New boy Graham gets his first taste of the Scilly greens.



As usual, a good crowd had gathered to greet us as we landed on the 'new' quay at St. Agnes! *Flexi* - is the by-word, not only for Harry, but for the Mals in general, and Andy Smith and Roy Dale decided to take the marine life on. Just below the Turk's Head and with the onlooking crowd going berserk, it wasn't long before the mackerel found themselves 18-0 down. The whole atmosphere changed unfortunately when Roy Dale got his only birdie on the trip!

Across at the sand-bar, the swimmers had a bracing swim - well I believed them - and all came back to the Turk's Head suitably refreshed.

Back to St. Mary's and the **hockey**. A slightly depleted Mals squad somehow built a 2-0 lead. However, midway through the second half the pasties kicked in and unfortunately the Islanders fought back with three goals to leave us staring at a **3-2 defeat**. Hard luck Mals! Dinner was a convivial affair, only to be interrupted when our first pair of snooker players departed for the Scillonian. The remainder of the Mals followed on behind, and a competitive and friendly evening was had by all.

**Darts - Won 9-6**

**Snooker - Won 2-0**

**Pool - Lost 7-2 (who we gonna sack?)**

Friday, and global warming had definitely come to St. Mary's! More shorts were spotted on the golf course and **Andy Smith** and **Geoff Snell** were triumphant in the **George Twist Tankard** competition.

With the temperature running at 19°C, the sun deck at the golf course was full, as everyone waited for our island **golf** competitors to turn up. Unfortunately things turned out 'worserer' than we thought and the Mals golf team **lost 7-2**.

Meanwhile back in the Atlantic (no - not the pub) several reputations were being dunked! Admiral Snell, Sailor Pooley and Harry (probably trying to escape the trip) found themselves swimming when the old tug did a mollywopsit and landed briney side! The Mals trip is always a leveller and after profuse apologies to shipmates and the air, sea rescue, several Mals were keel hauled! The **Mals** scored **36** and the **Islanders 33** which meant we **lost!** If we adopt that idea for scoring in all sports next year we should have a successful trip. (*Full press coverage reports - page 28-29.*)

Reinforcements were now required to turn the trip around! No sooner said than done, when out of the sun Dave 'bomber' Epton landed at St. Mary's International!

## 2008 REPORT (contd.)

Dinner was the usual rowdy affair, Alex Polhill proposed a toast to the new boys and Mark Bagshaw politely responded. The President awarded his green jacket to Mark Coombes for a Champagne moment on the golf course, and the D.G. reported the highlights of the 2008 AGM. David Martin was declared President elect and Paul Calfe Deputy President Elect. What have we let ourselves in for?

Our **badminton**, **archery** and **rifle shooting** teams departed with the supporting Mals in hot pursuit. We **lost** the **badminton 2-1**, **won** the **rifle shooting**, with Phil 'The Jackal' Jones scoring an incredible 98 out of a possible 100, and claimed a **silver** in the **archery**.

Saturday already, weather still fine, off to the golf course for a **Bishop's Beaker** and a **Nosworthy Noggin!** Won respectively by hotshot, **Phil Jones** and **David Nottingham**.

A quick lunch and up to the Garrison Ground for **cricket**. Games against St. Mary's are always tough and despite good performances from Duncan, Calfie and Jamie, the **Mals** were **defeated**.

No time for cucumber sandwiches. It's **football** time! Wobbly legs and blurred vision unfortunately led to a **6-1 defeat**, a final scoreline that didn't reflect the game and which flattered the opposition somewhat.

After a very relaxing dinner, the Mals departed to different venues on the Island, meeting back at Tregarthens once the pubs had shut for a hearty sing-song until the early hours.



## 2008 REPORT (contd.)



Sunday's normally casual start was interrupted when the goofers decided to send their golf clubs back to the mainland a day early. What stalwarts these ex-caddies are!

Down to the quay for the cricketers and Barmy Army supporters, and up to the heliport for the clay shooters.

Having arrived at Tresco in good time, several Mals went 'off-piste' on their way to the New Inn, where the delights of a £7.50 ham sandwich were enjoyed by many. Onto the **cricket**, the Mals scored a tidy **111** off 20 overs. Would that be enough? Indeed it was, the home side could only muster **46 all out**. Credit to all the bowlers, especially Ray Farr, who only needed 2 balls to finish off the dangerous tail!

The victorious cricket team following their excellent performance on Tresco.



The D.G. decided to take the rank and file beach-combing before everyone boarded the Surprise back to St. Mary's. Here we joined the **defeated clay shooters** on our way up to the Garrison for the second away leg of the **football**. Bandages, pills and true grit alone wouldn't keep out the Islanders and despite calls to "keep it tight early on", within 2 minutes the Mals were 1-0 down. Were we down-hearted? Never! The Mals soon took a healthy lead, but the trip was taking its toll, having fallen behind again, a late rally secured a well-deserved **4-4 draw**. Well done to those non-footballing Mals who joined the cause and gave everything.

## 2008 REPORT (contd.)

The guest night dinner was a most enjoyable affair. The food was, as ever, top drawer, and an evening spent with some old and some new island friends was just what the doctor ordered. The headmaster, Mr. Penman, told us about the recipient of the Mal de Mer Merit Trophy. This year's winner was James Hicks, who was described as a good all-round student, an excellent example to others and someone who commanded great respect from his fellow students and teachers alike.

The D.G. announced his retirement from the post (and now you've got me - you lucky blighters!) and Brian Pooley proposed a toast. The President said some kind words and on behalf of the Islanders, Julian Morel laid down some thoughtful challenges. Ray Farr inherited the green jacket for his stunning cricket display on Tresco.

The **Thespians** entertained us into the early hours with a 'who-dunnit' police thriller starring a Fat Controller, Bogie and Boil and a voluptuous belly dancer - where had she been hiding all trip?

A few more drinks and it's time to get up again.

Monday's weather started somewhat changeably and the threat of another game of **golf** was all too much for Biggles Epton, who, with the President's permission took off on a sortie to sill some more slugs that were in danger of surviving at home! This was all too much for Wilf Feely, who revealed that most of the Mals were related to Geoff Snell in some way!

The **Texas Scramble** victors were **Martin Gibbs**, **Alistair Hick** and **Uncle Sausage**, with a score of 2 under. Clubs sorted, it was back down to the quay and off to St. Martin's for **cricket**. 74 runs for the Mals was never going to be enough and **St. Martin's** duly **won**. Only two recognised events left on the calendar.

Unfortunately, the on-shore wind made it too dangerous to venture past the quay, so the **gig racing** was confined to inside the harbour, where several gigs containing Mals, islanders and hybrids fought it out. A healthy **draw** was declared.





## 2008 REPORT (contd.)



Dinner was a bubbly affair, awards were handed out and the green jacket for the final time was awarded to Biggles Epton for his fly-by at the golf course.

Last event now - the **boat race** - and in front of a sell-out crowd, the Islanders were absolutely **'thrashed'** by over 2 lengths. All that training through the week had paid off, and apart from Graham Willington (a new boy drafted in as part of our youth policy), nobody had peaked too early.

Early flights on Tuesday meant a bit of last minute packing and settling of bills. First flighters said their farewells at the hotel and hello again at the heliport! "See you at Shrewsbury", was the cry, apart from one senior Mal, whose only dream was to have ham and chips at the Turk's Head!

An excellent trip, well handled by our President.

## THE PRESSURE IS ON, RAY!

Just read what the Islanders Badminton Captain, Linda Thomas, had to say in The Scillonian magazine. They REALLY want it ...

Time to motivate your 'A' team, I think, Captain.

### **BADMINTON CLUB: The Cup Stays Home**

So now to the nitty gritty - the match against the Mals. "Team St. Mary's (Martin Songhurst, Tony Acharya, Linda Thomas, Sue Bennett, Clive Vian, Eric Hicks) waited with trepidation for the Mals to show up with their ever changing team (they always seem to recruit the odd 'league 1' player or country player from somewhere). Everyone wants to play first, before the hordes of cheering Mals descend and line the hall, shouting that a shuttle was in when it was obviously out (if it was hit out by a "Mal" player).

Between the dangling spotlights/trampoline rope/low ceiling/white wall/short court and the new scoring system which really confused the opposition, we managed to play a good game. With a score of 2-1 to St. Mary's, the cup stayed home!

**Linda Thomas**



# GOLF DAY



## President's Golf Day - Shrewsbury 1<sup>st</sup> May 2009.

Mals came from far and wide to support the President's day at his uncle's course. 38 played and 41 enjoyed an excellent meal in the evening. Results of the day were as follows:

### ROBINSON RECEPTACLE

<b>Winner</b>	<b>Andy Smith</b>	<b>34 points</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Anthony Farr</b> (on back nine)	<b>33 points</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>John Watchorn</b> (guest)	<b>33 points</b>
<b>Nearest the Pin</b>	<b>Eddie Gladden</b>	
<b>Longest Drive</b>	<b>Keith Williams</b>	







# DUTIES

## Officer of the Day

This post was created some years ago by the previous D.G. and has run smoothly for many years. Remember the duties should be undertaken responsibly. It is, however, apparent that certain appointees are not fully conversant with their duties.

These are:

- To ensure that every Mal receives an early morning call at 7.00 am to 7.30 am.
- To ensure that all Mals proceed to meals, the bus/boats at the appointed times.
- To collect golf sweep and hand this on to the Golf Organizer.
- To collect fines and pass these on to the Treasurer.
- To assist the D.G., Organizer and President in any other task required.



Wilf demonstrates how an Officer of the Day can enjoy a relaxing few moments, yet still remain alert to all that's going on around him.

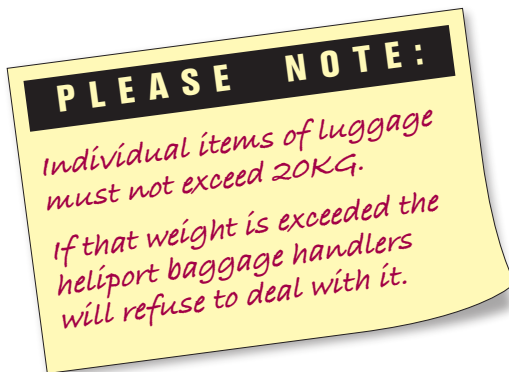
# DUTIES (contd.)



## Baggage Masters

The former duties of the Baggage Masters have largely disappeared since we took to the 'air'. However, the post remains and it shall be a prime responsibility of those honoured to carry the title, 'Baggage Master' to ensure that all golf clubs are picked up from and delivered back to the Heliport at the appropriate times. On arrival at Tregarthens Hotel, see that the luggage of the elderly and frail are taken to their respective rooms.

On departure from St. Mary's via helicopter they are to ensure that baggage is placed outside the Hotel in accordance with the D.G.'s instructions for collection on the day of departure and that all golf clubs are in the shed at the clubhouse on the afternoon prior to our departure. All first flight baggage shall have a **LARGE WHITE LABEL ATTACHED.**



## Presidency

It is the duty of all Mals to respect the office of President during his year of office which commences on the Island of St. Mary's and ends in the following year on the Island. The President Elect shall not assume the title of President until he is flushed in. Abuse of this regulation will earn a firm rebuke or worse from the Hierarchy. Any Mal addressing the President Elect as 'President' will suffer similarly!!



# '100' CLUB

The 100 Club has now been in existence for a number of years and for any new readers its purpose is to assist new young sportsmen who would find it difficult to afford the full cost of the trip. These new boys are essential to the survival of the club in providing competitive sport against the Islanders.

There are three draws during the year for **£50** and **£25** and on the trip for **£100** and **£50**. The tickets cost **£12** each.

Please support the 100 Club generously by contacting Roy Bound or Paul Simmonds. There's no limit to the amount of tickets you can buy!

For everybody's interest, the winners during last year were;

<b>2008 Trip</b>	<b>£100</b>	<b>David Nottingham</b>
	<b>£50</b>	<b>Clive Ashmore</b>
<b>Christmas Draw</b>	<b>£50</b>	<b>Gerald Thompson</b>
	<b>£25</b>	<b>Dave Windeat</b>
<b>Easter Draw</b>	<b>£50</b>	<b>Andy Smith</b>
	<b>£25</b>	<b>Shaun Galloway</b>
<b>Golf Day</b>	<b>£50</b>	<b>Mark Combes</b>
	<b>£25</b>	<b>Dave Windeat</b>

For all those people who have paid in the last year, you will have one last chance to win on the trip, then the new sequence will begin.

Well done to Roy and Paul and our thanks to those Islanders who continue to support the 100 Club.

# EXPENSES



## List of Hierarchy expenses

Following recent events at the heart of the British Government, the Mal de Mer Hierarchy have elected to publish their expenses in full.

This gesture is to help ensure confidence and clarity in how funds are correctly allocated and accounted for.

Expenses 2008 - 2009		
<b>Director General</b> <b>MARTIN GIBBS</b>	Book on Motivational Speaking £5 Book on disciplinary techniques £6 New roof for duck house £300	£311.00
<b>Organizator</b> <b>JEREMY CHADWICK</b>	Dressing-up wigs £300 2 x Turf Moor season tickets £840	£1,140.00
<b>Treasurer</b> <b>SHAUN GALLOWAY</b>	2nd class stamp £0.28 Ginsters Buffet Bar £1.05	£1.33
<b>Auditor</b> <b>RAY FARR</b>	Car repairs £12,500 Can of worms £5,000,000	£5,012,500.00
<b>President 2008-2009</b> <b>ALAN GUEST</b>	Viagra £220 Back, sack and crack treatment £20	£240.00
<b>Immediate past Director General</b> <b>BEN GUEST</b>	Pedicure £8 Teeth whitening £90 Spray tanning sessions £40 Pre-trip haircut and polish £3.50	£141.50
<b>Immediate past Organizator</b> <b>BRIAN POOLEY</b>	Water wings and goggles £25 DVD: Sailing for Beginners £11.99	£36.99



# DRESS CODE

## Morning

Casual - sweaters, slacks, what you intend to play golf in (no spikes in the dining room.) Soft spikes are mandatory.

## Evening

Jackets and ties **must** be worn at dinner. Rings or studs through noses, ears or lips are very strictly forbidden. Blue ties and 75<sup>th</sup> year commemorative ties are now in stock. Do not wear colours that clash.



Dapper New Boy Barton and Mal de Mer Snell show how it should be done.

## Sporting/Boat trips

<b>Cricket</b>	With our Tregarthens sponsored cricket shirts, you will only need to bring white trousers and a jumper. Trainers must be worn for batting and bowling.
<b>Soccer</b>	Once again the Mals' shirts are provided, so be sure to bring shorts, socks and shin pads.
<b>Hockey</b>	The old cillaquant football shirts will now be used exclusively for hockey. Blue shorts and socks should be worn. Shinpads and boots are also a good idea.
<b>Shooting</b>	Countryside commission regulation dress.
<b>Boat trips</b>	Some form of waterproof clothing and a thick sweater. Plastic sheets available on board if it gets really rough.
<b>Disco Dancing</b>	Whatever is the fashion of the time.
<b>Gig Racing</b>	Shorts, T-shirt and shoes you don't mind getting wet. Waterproofs or water wings may also be required!

# TRIBUTE TO BEN GUEST



## **BEN GURION, D.G. (RETIRED)**

How does one start on a tribute to a Mal that, by definition, embraces the descriptive terms respect, admiration, accolade, praise and commendation, salutes and over-whelming plaudits from all those Mals that have experienced the delight of knowing Ben - be it for just a few days or for very many years.

The Mals' archives do not record dates of birth, places of origin or the number of siblings one has, but guessing in the case of Ben, they are: late seventies; somewhere near to the Black Country in the vicinity of Cannock Chase; and one of several.

Years of youth and then young manhood found Ben excelling at sport, playing cricket for Shrewsbury and football for Hednesford, with part-time badminton and other fringe activities.



Ben arrived on the Islands as a new boy in 1967 sponsored by our former D.G. Freddie Beard. He came from a good paddock of the insurance world following our founder, Jimmy Gould, and, of course, Freddie Beard.

The roll of honour for 2007 records that, at that date, Ben had made 40 trips to the Islands. A more incredible fact is that for many of those years he missed Angie's birthday. Perhaps this tribute should be to her.

Ben's contribution to sport on the Islands cannot be understated. A resolute central defender of the Bobby Moore class (hair excepted) that gave great comfort to the other lesser mortals on the field around him. Medium seam-up bowler with action copied by F. Flintoff and an awesome striker of the ball batting at No. 3. A six to deep mid-wicket has been known to cause ladies on the Island to swoon.

In the above sports Ben always demonstrated great competitive sportsmanship - the essence and standards of the Mal de Mers. His golf swing is a subject for discussion and his snooker not quite of the standard expected from every Monday night's practice over many years.

For the last 20 or so years Ben has discharged the duties of Director General in a most distinguished and thoughtful manner (particularly if you were invited to a G and T in Room 10!!) Ben's passion for the Mal de Mers is infectious and probably he holds the record for sponsoring the most new boys over the years.

Through Ben's stewardship as Director General he has left a legacy of all those aims and objectives set down by Jimmy Gould 76 years ago. Ben, the Mals' gratitude will be eternal. You may now take a longer lunch break in the Galley and indulge in another piece of Belgian fudge cake. You have earned it.

# GOLF RESULTS

## GOLF ON THE 2008 TRIP

	<b>TEXAS SCRAMBLE</b>	M Gibbs, R. Farr, A. Hick	<b>26.6</b>
GOOFERS:	<b>MORGAN MUG</b>	P. Nelstrop	
	<b>NOSWORTHY NOGGIN</b>	D. Nottingham	
GOLFERS:	<b>PERRY POT</b>	D. Dallaway	
	<b>BISHOP'S BEAKER</b>	P. Jones	
	<b>GEORGE TWIST TANKARDS</b>	A. Smith, G. Snell	
	<b>BEST GROSS</b>	D. Dallaway	<b>53</b>



Golfers Dallaway, Smith and Davidge use a scorecard to try and interpret Roy Bounds' Golfer/Gofer Greensomes, Foursomes, Betterball Handicap Matchplay competition rules.

# MAL DE MER FLAG



**2009 will see the introduction of a new Mal de Mer flag.**

**Much like the Royal Standard, this will be flown as a signal that the Mals are in residence.**



Our genial host Mr. Ben Jakes has offered us use of the Tregarthens flagpole, adding these kind words of advice: *"You'll probably have it nicked."*

Needless to say, the hierarchy are all too aware of the high jinks and nocturnal sporting challenges of the Islands (not forgetting our own 'victory' when a certain Gizzard captured the Royal Navy colours).

As such, following the flag's inaugural raising at the D.G.'s briefing, it will be lowered at dusk and guarded overnight by the Officer of the Day. The following morning before breakfast it shall be raised again by the new Officer of the Day prior to the President having his first spoonful of muesli.

**Our thanks to Joss Davidge for instigating and delivering this plan.**

# FIRST FLIGHT

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2009**

**Helicopter from Penzance Heliport**

**FIRST FLIGHT:**

**Baggage Master:** Stewart Ward

**Report to Heliport check-in:** 9.30 am

**Depart:** 10.15 am

Shaun Galloway	Geoff Snell
Alex Polhill	Joss Davidge
Jeremy Chadwick	Ray Farr
Paul Calfe	Gordon Nabb
David Windeatt	Martin Gibbs
Pete Nelstrop	David Epton
Stewart Ward	Dave Martin
Alan Guest	Harry Marsland
David Nottingham	Steve Dann

**PLEASE NOTE:**

*All **easyMal** travellers report to the express check-in and relax in the VIP lounge ahead of priority boarding.*

**easyMal**

**PRIORITY**

# SECOND FLIGHT



**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2009**

**Helicopter from Penzance Heliport**

**SECOND FLIGHT:**

**Baggage Master:** Andy Clay  
**Report to Heliport check-in:** 10.35 am  
**Depart:** 11.20 am

Jamie Pooley	Ben Guest
Roy Bound	David Showell
Paul Simmonds	Eddie Gladden
Roy Dale	Alistair Simpson
Andy Smith	Brian Pooley
Matt Hughes	Nathan Summers
Wilf Feely	Graham Willington
Richard Flower	Dave Dallaway
Andy Clay	David Williamson





# SAILING DISASTER

## SCILLY NEWS

### The Regatta Race Report, Porth Mellon 26 September 2008

Off on a broad reach, crew confused, helmsmen also Harry in the forepeak the only "hand" (crew member) with sight of what lay ahead. He espied Bishop Rock Lighthouse and announced that we were on a converging course with the Bishop.

Geoff (the Fleet Commodore) using his skills with the Aldis lamp tried to gain the attention of the lighthouse keepers, who are known to Geoff and had been made redundant some years earlier. However, he persisted demanding that they alter course.

Sailor at the helm and in the face of conflicting information, "luffed up" to get his own line of sight. To his great consternation he noted

two points off the port bow (12.5 degrees to the left) roaring towards the yacht was a tsunami of indescribable intensity and size. Sailor was heard to incant, "Dear Lord, our boat is so small and your sea so great, please have mercy upon us." In order to preserve life the helmsman piped, "abandon ship."

Geoff (the Fleet Commodore) acted as he thought in the best maritime tradition appeared to want to be the last to leave the stricken boat. The actuality was that his feet were trapped in the halyards of this fully rigged vessel.

Four heroes emerged from this incident:

★ **Hero 1: Harry Marsland**, who stayed on the upturned vessel to prevent the Islanders claiming salvage; and

★ **Hero 2: Richard Mills**, who expertly and quickly extricated Geoff and Sailor from the rather cool waters; and

★ **Heros 3 & 4: Jackie Pritchard**, who, with **Amelia**, Richard's wife, administered comforts of warmth and counselling to the two ageing sad-looking Mals who imagined that they were still in their 40s.

This year Geoff is looking to find equivalent high office on a land exercise.

Sailor hopes to be made official photographer which will prevent him taking part in another Regatta.

**Maritime Reporter**

# R EXCLUSIVE!



# GOTCHA!

## MALS' FLAGSHIP SUNK ... FRIENDLY FIRE TO BLAME?

At 1509 hrs on Friday 26th September 2008, the Mal de Mer flotilla lost its most experienced crew. Sailor Pooley, Admirable Snell and Unable Seaman Marsland succumbed to the icy grip of the Atlantic as their boat mysteriously capsized, in what appeared to be perfect sailing conditions.

At first, it was believed that the incident was attributable to total incompetence on the part of doddering old gits who shouldn't be allowed to take a bath without a nurse. But rumours were later circulating Tregarthen's that it was an 'inside job'.

### Mustafa Ba'ath

Discontent at the emergence of the new sport of sailing has been fomented by some elders & traditionalists. This has led to the inception of a cell of Mal de Mer Fundamentalists, opposed to change. Using what is known as the "Rum & Shrub" technique, the Golf Captain unexpectedly selected one of the Fundamentalists for the Golf team. On arrival at the 4th tee, he surprised his team-mate by eschewing a 9-iron in favour of a Big Bertha, and adopted a stance aiming towards Bishop's Rock. Moments later, Pooley, Snell and Marsland were re-cast as the Mal de Mer synchronised swimming team, only with a little less smiling ...

## Now see what our host feared before the trip!

**Subject:** Sailing regatta

**Date:** Tuesday, September 23, 2008 11:39

**From:** Richard Mills, The Sailing Centre <richardapmills@hotmail.com>

**To:** <organizator@maldemerclub.com>

Have you any ideas as to the numbers of your crew who are interested in doing the sailing regatta? I need to know **whether any of your gang are competent enough** to sail single handers, so I can organise what boats we need and persons from here. You may remember we had to put local helms with some of the Mals last year (2007) as **obviously we have to be a little safe.**

Looking forward to seeing you.

Cheers

Richard Mills

The Sailing Centre, Isles of Scilly

# SUMMARY OF GAMES

Event	Date	Place	Time
<b>Badminton</b>	Friday, September 25	School	8.30 pm
<b>Basketball</b>	Wednesday, September 23	School (staff)	5.30 pm
<b>Beach Football</b>	Wednesday, September 23	Porthmellon Beach	3.00 pm
<b>Cricket</b>	Saturday, September 26	St. Mary's	2.00 pm
	Sunday, September 27	Tresco	1.00 pm
	Monday, September 28	St. Martin's	1.00 pm
<b>Darts</b>	Thursday, September 24	Scillonian Club	8.30 pm
<b>Football</b>	Saturday, September 26	Garrison Ground	5.00 pm
	Sunday, September 27	Garrison Ground	5.15 pm
<b>Gig Racing</b>	Monday, September 28	Harbour	6.00 pm
<b>Golf</b>	<b>Thursday, September 24</b> Golfers - Perry Pot 13 holes Goofers - Morgan Mug 9 holes	Golf Course	9.00 am
	<b>Friday, September 25</b> Golfer/Goofer - George Twist Tankard Match -v- The Islanders	Golf Course	9.00 am
			1.30 pm
	<b>Saturday, September 26</b> Golfers - Bishop's Beaker 13 holes Goofers - Nosworthy Noggin 9 holes	Golf Course	9.00 am
	<b>Monday, September 28</b> Texas Scramble 9 holes	Golf Course	9.00 am
<b>Hockey</b>	Thursday, September 24	Garrison Ground	4.30 pm
<b>Sailing Regatta</b>	Friday, September 25	Porth Cressa Beach	TBA
<b>Shooting: Rifle:</b>	Friday, September 25	Rifle Range	8.30 pm
	<b>Clays:</b>	Sunday, September 27	Venue TBA
<b>Squash</b>	Wednesday, September 23	Squash Courts	6.00 pm
<b>Snooker</b>	Thursday, September 24	Scillonian Club	7.45 pm
<b>Table Tennis</b>	Wednesday, September 23	School (pupils)	5.00 pm
<b>Volleyball</b>	Wednesday, September 23	School (pupils)	6.00 pm
<b>Pool</b>	Thursday, September 24	Scillonian Club	8.30 pm
<b>Tennis</b>	Wednesday, September 23	Garrison Ground	4.30 pm

# TEAM CAPTAINS




## Members in charge

Sport		Islanders	Mal de Mers
<b>Archery</b>		Bob Marks	Alex Polhill
<b>Badminton</b>		Linda Thomas	Ray Farr
<b>Basketball</b>		Martin Songhurst (Sports Master)	David Showell
<b>Beach Football</b>		Russell Hutchins	Paul Calfe
<b>Boat Race</b>		Russell Hutchins	Andy Clay
<b>Cricket</b>	<b>St. Mary's:</b>	James Francis	Tour Captain: Jamie Pooley Deputy: Harry Marsland
	<b>Tresco:</b>	Dave Maskell	
	<b>St. Martin's</b>	Jonathan Smith	
<b>Darts</b>		t.b.c	Gordon Nabb
<b>Football</b>		Matthew Thompson	David Nottingham
<b>Gig Racing</b>		t.b.c	Joss Davidge
<b>Golf</b>		Glen Covell	Paul Simmonds
<b>Hockey</b>		t.b.c	Stewart Ward
<b>Pool</b>		t.b.c	Dave Windeatt
<b>Sailing</b>		Richard Mills	Geoff Snell
<b>Shooting:</b>	<b>Rifle:</b>	Bob Marks	Alex Polhill
	<b>Clay Pigeon:</b>	Roger Banfield	Andy Smith
<b>Snooker</b>		t.b.c	Ben Guest
<b>Squash</b>		John May	Harry Marsland
<b>Table Tennis</b>		Martin Songhurst (Sports Master)	Wilf Feely
<b>Tennis</b>		John Morley	Shaun Galloway
<b>Volleyball</b>		Martin Songhurst (Sports Master)	Alan Guest

# 2009 CREDIT CRUNCH SPECIAL

## Money Saving Travel Voucher

CUT OUT AND KEEP



<p><b>Adult Return</b></p> <p>WOODCOCKS BUSES HELIPORT SHUTTLE</p> <p><b>BUS SERVICE</b></p> <p>PLEASE be at PICKUP POINT 1 hour before FLIGHT TIME</p> <p>ENQUIRIES &amp; TAXIS Tel. Scillonia 422397 &amp; 422712</p>	<p>PRICE</p> <p>£6.00</p>
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**PLEASE NOTE:** Presentation of this voucher is entirely at the risk of the individual. The Hierarchy take no responsibility for any custodial sentence that may result.



# WHO ROOMS WHERE



ROOM	MASTER	SERVANT
<b>2</b>	Geoff Snell	Ray Farr
<b>4</b>	Graham Willington	
<b>5</b>	Alex Polhill	
<b>7</b>	Jeremy Chadwick	Shaun Galloway
<b>8</b>	Alan Guest	Malcolm Young
<b>9</b>	Paul Simmonds	Eddie Gladden
<b>10</b>	Ben Guest	Roy Bound
<b>11</b>	Martin Gibbs	Andy Clay
<b>14</b>	David Nottingham	Steve Dann
<b>15</b>	Joss Davidge	Nathan Summers
<b>16</b>	Paul Calfe	Dave Dallaway
<b>17</b>	Jamie Pooley	Matt Hughes
<b>22</b>	Harry Marsland	Richard Flower
<b>27</b>	Gordon Nabb	
<b>28</b>	Roy Dale	
<b>29</b>	David Martin	
<b>30</b>	David Showell	Alistair Simpson
<b>31</b>	Wilf Feely	
<b>32</b>	Brian Pooley	
<b>36</b>	Phil Jones	
<b>41</b>	Andy Smith	David Williamson
<b>42</b>	Pete Nelstrop	David Epton
<b>43</b>	Stewart Ward	
<b>44</b>	Dave Windeatt	

# ABSENT FRIENDS

## **Alistair Hick**

Whilst commitments keep him away this year, Alistair tells us that he's busy training for 2010, including running the Berlin Marathon very shortly. He sends his regards to all Mals for a successful trip.

## **John Nicholas**

John states that due to age and infirmity he cannot offer himself for selection. He knows the trip will be great, "it always is", and says he envies us all.

## **Anthony Farr**

Anthony has once again very generously gone to great lengths to print this brochure - so many thanks for that mate!

## **Colin Izzard**

Colin is unable to join us this year but wishes all those on the trip the best of times and says that he'll be there in spirit.

## **Vic Woodfield**

Vic sends his greetings from the Lone Star State. He calls for all to have a great trip and offers his regards to everyone.

## **Ciaron Sykes**

Impending fatherhood keeps Ciaron away this year, but he's training hard to be back to support Calfey for 2010. He sends his best wishes to all who remember him.



## ABSENT FRIENDS (contd.)

### John Williams

John tells that work and family commitments have conspired against him. He sends a message of good luck to our President and looks forward to seeing the photographs on Facebook.

### Jimmy Gray

Jimmy has reluctantly declined our invitation, but claims he would be interested should we decide to sponsor 'Old Sportsmen'! He wishes all his Mal friends a successful trip and says he'll be thinking of us.

### Mark Combes

Offers his apologies at 'wimping out'. Apparently there's only so much holiday he can take in the current economic climate and he needs to 'keep the good lady happy' (his words). He expects to return next year.

### Reg Cutts

It was great to see Reg at our golf day and it's understood that his appetite was once again whetted. He sends his best wishes to all and hopes to join us again before too long.

### Mark Sykes

With a shrinking golf handicap, Scud was hoping to take the golf course apart this year. Unfortunately a club match in Portugal means it'll be a further year until he joins us again.

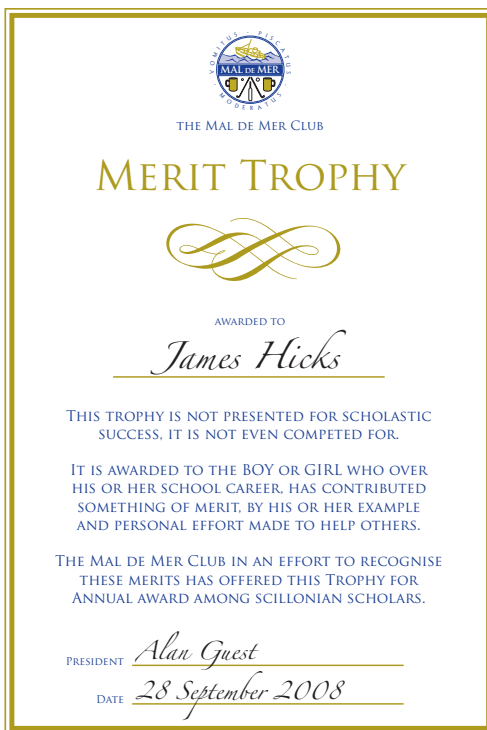
# MERIT TROPHY

At each Guest Night Dinner we ask the Head Teacher of the School to announce the School's recommendation for the recipient of the Mal de Mer Merit Trophy for the year. Some Mals may be slightly unsure as to the full detail of this and it is as well that we again place on record the importance which we - the Mal de Mer Club - attach to this annual award.

It is our premier contact with the School and an important link between the Islanders and the Club since many earlier holders of the trophy will now be meeting us in our various sports or in the shops/hotels on the islands. The award is accompanied by a cup and cheque donated by our President. The cup was introduced in 1956. Unfortunately our archives do not show the donor but the first name engraved upon it was J. R. Williams.

In 2008 The Merit Trophy was awarded to James Hicks.

For the benefit of those Mals who are not familiar with the criteria upon which the recommendation for the award is made, the certificate which accompanies the trophy is reproduced.



## CAN YOU HELP?

**If you happen to be an Islander reading this, then this message is for you.**

Roy Bound is endeavouring to establish a "Where are they now?" record for all the previous winners of the Mal de Mer Merit Trophy.

If you happen to know how any previous winners have fared since they left the school, then please let Roy know on 07740 604099 or email [mail@krbound.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:mail@krbound.fsnet.co.uk).

It would be great to learn how their lives have progressed and to possibly run a feature in next year's brochure. **Many thanks for your help!**

# INJURY REPORT

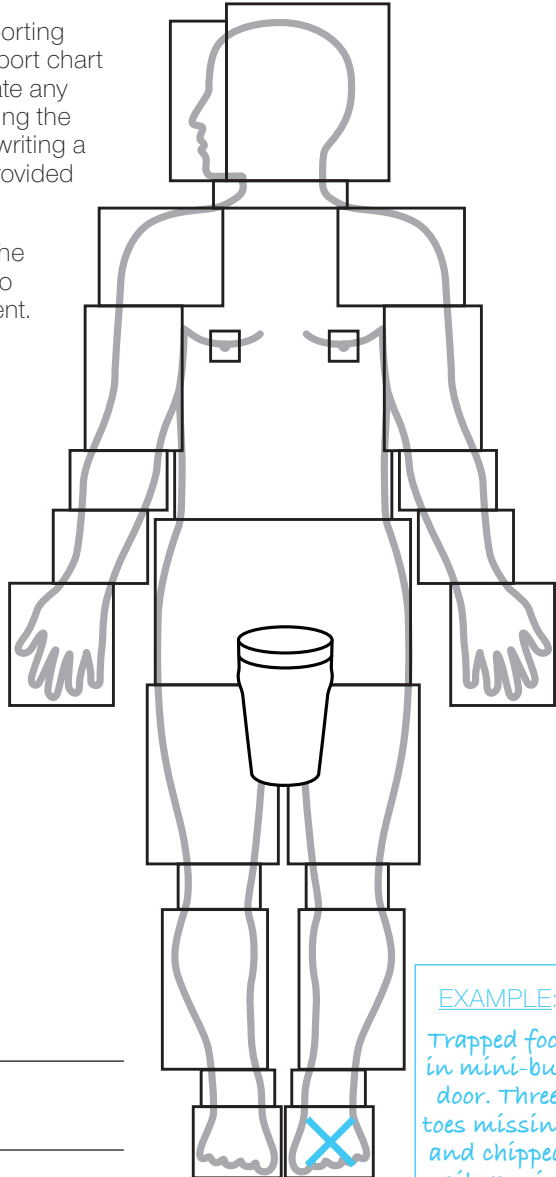


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To request withdrawal from a sporting event, this easy-to-use Injury Report chart has been created. Please indicate any damaged areas by simply marking the relevant box(es) like so  and writing a brief description in the space provided (example shown in blue).

Forms should be handed in to the Team Captain for assessment no less than 6 hours before the event. As always, the D.G. shall be advised and will have the final say in the matter.

Brief description:



EXAMPLE:

Trapped foot in mini-bus door. Three toes missing and chipped and nail varnish on other two.

**FRONT**

Mal Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Captain's signature \_\_\_\_\_

D.G.'s signature \_\_\_\_\_



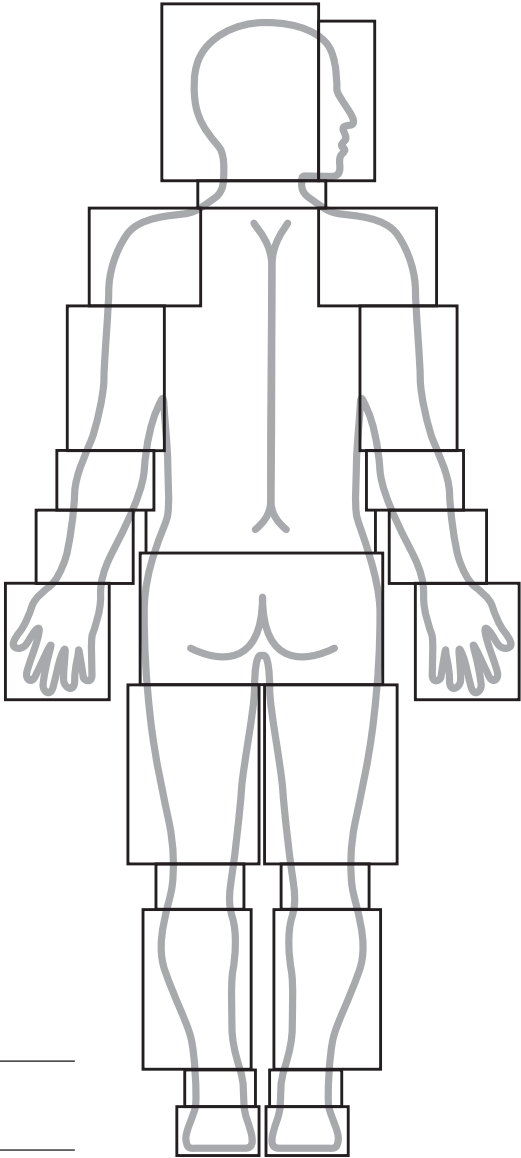
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Follow instructions overleaf.

Brief description:



Mal Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Captain's signature \_\_\_\_\_

D.G.'s signature \_\_\_\_\_

**BACK**

**STOP  
PRESS**

# BOYLE BROTHERS BAIL OUT!



**Susan**

**Alan**

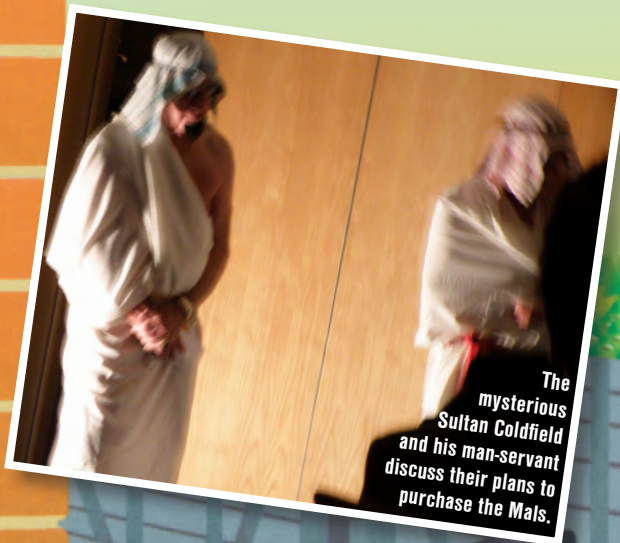
**Kenny**

## SCOTTISH SIBLINGS STICK TOGETHER

Unfortunately, neither Alan or Kenny Boyle are able to make this year's trip. This is due to them supporting their identical triplet sister, Susan who became a global singing star this spring.

Dedicated brothers Alan and Kenny have decided to support Su-Bo in her nationwide tour and very much hope to squeeze in a visit to perform at Tregarthens during our stay - watch this space!!

**THESPIANS 2008**



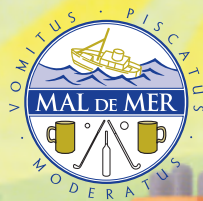
The mysterious Sultan Coldfield and his man-servant discuss their plans to purchase the Mals.



Looking like he means business, our very own Fat Controller stares forward in disbelief as the chaos unravels around of him.








**EDITOR'S NOTE:**


Any chance of some better photos from the audience this year please!



Top detectives Bogie and Boil captured relaxing in each other's company, moments before their quick-fire routine and quick thinking helped quosh the Sultans' evil plans



PC Smith reporting for duty. He walked on, he waffled, he passed wind, then he wandered off - a true professional.



Wow! Check out the sexy wiggles from the sultry belly-dancer - built for comfort, not speed!

# WEDNESDAY



**OFFICER OF THE DAY**  
**Jamie Pooley**

**PLEASE NOTE:**  
*The cases of the Hierarchy shall be delivered to their rooms.*

**TOP TIP:**  
 Today you will witness an historic event - cameras ready gentlemen.

**The trip begins**    **BAGGAGE MASTERS:**  
 Flight 1: Stewart Ward  
 Flight 2: Andy Clay

**FIRST FLIGHT:**  
 Check in: 9.30 am  
 Depart: 10.15 am

**SECOND FLIGHT:**  
 Check in: 10.35 am  
 Depart: 11.20 am

**12.00 noon**    **ISLAND BRIEFING**  
 Attendance is obligatory. Our new Director General will set the mood, tone and method for the six days ahead. A good time for today's sporting captains to pick their teams and make contact with the Islands' representatives.

**12.30 pm**    **RAISING THE FLAG**  
**1.30 pm**    Sponsors find time to guide their New Boys to a local hostelry or two. Remember to keep them in a fit state for the afternoon and evening sports.

**3.00 pm**    **BEACH FOOTBALL**  
**v St. Mary's**  
 Venue T.B.C.  
 CAPTAIN: **Paul Caffe**  
 Referee: Brian Pooley



**3.30 pm**    **TENNIS**  
**v St. Mary's**  
 Garrison Ground  
 CAPTAIN: **Shaun Galloway**





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**Sept '09**



5.00 pm all at the school	<b>BASKETBALL</b> <b>v the Staff</b> CAPTAIN: <b>David Showell</b>	 <b>40 - 20</b> <b>Shaun Galloway</b> <small>MAN OF THE MATCH</small>	<table border="1"> <tr><td>I</td><td>v</td><td>M</td></tr> <tr><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td></tr> </table>	I	v	M			
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<b>VOLLEYBALL</b> <b>v the School</b> CAPTAIN: <b>Alan Guest</b>	 <b>1 - 2</b> <b>Shaun Galloway</b> <small>MAN OF THE MATCH</small>	<table border="1"> <tr><td>I</td><td>v</td><td>M</td></tr> <tr><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td></tr> </table>	I	v	M				
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<b>TABLE TENNIS</b> <b>v the School</b> CAPTAIN: <b>Wilf Feely</b>	 <b>8 - 2</b> <b>Graham Willington</b> <small>MAN OF THE MATCH</small>	<table border="1"> <tr><td>I</td><td>v</td><td>M</td></tr> <tr><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td></tr> </table>	I	v	M				
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6.00 pm	<b>SQUASH</b> <b>v St. Mary's</b> CAPTAIN: <b>Harry Marsland</b>	 <b>4 - 1</b>	<table border="1"> <tr><td>I</td><td>v</td><td>M</td></tr> <tr><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td></tr> </table>	I	v	M			
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7.00 pm	A quick scrub then dinner kit on.								
7.45 pm	<b>Dinner</b> The D.G. will present the Hotel Staff to the Mals. Alan Guest, President for 2008, will summarise his mission statement and if his objectives were achieved. He will then pass office over to David Martin. Pay attention as the incoming President tells us of his plans for the trip. Sponsors will formally introduce their New Boys.								
	<b>Election of new members:</b> Matt Hughes, Graham Willington and Roy Dale.								
10.00 pm	Recline in Tregarthens lounge and enjoy a leisurely evening - it's all downhill from now ...								

**TOP TIP:**  
Sponsors of New Boys and Mal fashionistas who are yet to 'upgrade' will need to visit The Organizer in Room 7 to purchase a limited edition 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary tie. £12 each, only a few remain.

# THURSDAY



**OFFICER OF THE DAY**

**Peter Nelstrop**

- 6.30 am** Rain or sun? What's in store for the day?
- 7.15 am** Make sure your kit's co-ordinated - plaid is soooo last year.
- 8.00 am** Get a good seat for the President's first breakfast, just what does he expect of us today?

**9.00 am** Gather in the Square outside the Chemist's and have £1.00 ready for the golf sweep. Del's Minibuses will transport us to the Golf Club. The Officer of the Day will officiate.  
Golf gear essential.

**GOLF COMPETITIONS:**

**PERRY POT - GOLFERS  
13 HOLE MEDAL**

**MORGAN MUG - GOOFERS  
9 HOLE MEDAL**



- 12.30 pm** Pick up your lunch on your way through town to the quayside, or else wait to see the menu at the Turk's Head.
- 1.00 pm** All aboard the Surprise, as our master mariner, Gerald takes us across to St. Agnes. Swimmers get ready for action.

**PLEASE NOTE:**  
*Let the D.G. know  
BEFORE WE SAIL  
if you require a pasty  
at the Turk's Head*



**2.00 pm** Swimming celebrates its sixth year as an official Mal de Mer sport. It's wet, it's cold and it's not very flattering when you leave the water - but hey - it's a laugh.

**4.00 pm** Return to St. Mary's.

**4.30 pm** **HOCKEY**  
**v St. Mary's**  
 CAPTAIN: **Stewart Ward**

This was a cracking match last year, when we let a 2-0 lead slip right at the death. Make sure you're at the Garrison to watch this one.



**7.00 pm** **Dinner**

The Organizer will remind the D.G. who will remind the President to allow the first Snooker pair to leave early.  
 Presentation to Ben.

**8.30 pm** Time for all to depart to the Scillonian Club. Please take the time to introduce yourself to our new hosts, Les and Helen.

**DARTS TEAM**  
 CAPTAIN: **Gordon Nabb**



**POOL TEAM**  
 CAPTAIN: **Dave Windeatt**



**SNOOKER TEAM**  
 CAPTAIN: **Ben Guest**



**11.00 pm** Return to Tregarthens Bar and compare notes on the heroes and villains of the evening.

**Midnight** Time to slip away quietly or stand your ground and live the dream.

# FRIDAY



**OFFICER OF THE DAY**

**Stewart Ward**

- 6.30 am** Who's idea was that swift nightcap? And why did it last so long?
- 7.15 am** Take a few quiet moments to focus.
- 8.00 am** Breakfast. Fill up - there's a long day ahead.
- 8.45 am** Learn of your golf partner - just what have you done to deserve him?

**9.00 am** Promptly to the square for the bus.

**GOLF COMPETITION:  
9 HOLE GREENSOME FOURSOME**

**RULES:**  
Can you remember all that Roy told you? No?  
Don't worry, you'll not be alone ...



**Noon** Try not to blame your partner. You both know it's his fault, but dwelling on it won't help. Why not buy the useless twat a drink instead?

**1.30 pm**

**GOLF**  
**Mals v The Islanders**  
CAPTAIN: **Paul Simmonds**

A disappointing result last year - can our captain re-shuffle his pack and mount a successful challenge?





<p><b>3.00 pm</b></p>	<p><b>SAILING REGATTA</b> CAPTAIN: <b>Admiral Snell</b></p> <p>For those not selected for the golf match and who haven't read the horrific press report in this brochure, there is the chance to partake in the latest extreme sport - the Mals v St. Mary's Sailing Regatta. The exact time and place to be confirmed.</p>		
<p><b>7.30 pm</b></p>	<p><b>Dinner</b></p> <p>Harry Marsland will propose the toast to the New Boys. Nathan Summers will respond. The New Boys are: Nathan Summers, Alistair Simpson and David Williamson. The D.G. will report highlights of the 2009 AGM.</p>		
<p><b>8.30 pm</b></p>	<p><b>BADMINTON</b> <b>v St. Mary's</b> CAPTAIN: <b>Ray Farr</b></p> <p>Ray Farr will select his team based on the tried and tested 'back-hander' process. Our traditional strong support is required in the Town Hall.</p>		
<p><b>8.30 pm</b></p>	<p><b>RIFLE SHOOTING</b> <b>v St. Mary's</b> CAPTAIN: <b>Alex Polhill</b></p>		
<p><b>8.30 pm</b></p>	<p><b>ARCHERY</b> <b>v St. Mary's</b> CAPTAIN: <b>Alex Polhill</b></p>		
<p><b>11.00 pm</b></p>	<p>Return to Tregarthens or grab a late one in a local hostelry.</p>		
<p><b>1.00 am</b></p>	<p>The night is young - exciting things happen in the wee small hours. Stay a while and check it out.</p>		

# SATURDAY



OFFICER OF THE DAY

**Joss Davidge**

**6.30 am** Relax it's the weekend!

**7.15 am** Stop relaxing immediately and get your best golf kit on. Look good - play good.

**8.00 am** **Breakfast**

Consider having something different then revert back to the usual - where's your sense of adventure?

**8.30 am** Take a quiet five minutes to prepare yourself.

**8.45 am** Back to the Square and don't forget the £1.00 in the sock as you board the transport. This WILL be your day.

## GOLF COMPETITIONS:

**BISHOP'S BEAKER FOR GOLFERS**  
**13 HOLES**

**NOSWORTHY NOGGIN FOR GOOFERS**  
**9 HOLES**



**12.30 pm** Relax in the clubhouse or wander back through town - lunch at leisure ahead of your visit to the famous Garrison Ground. Traditionally this is our toughest cricket match, and full support is required to help cheer us to victory.





**2.00 pm**    **CRICKET**  
**v St. Mary's**  
 CAPTAIN: **Jamie Pooley**

Listen to your captain - this would be a famous victory.

Scorers: Geoff Snell, Alex Polhill  
Umpires: From: Ray Farr, Brian Pooley, Ben Guest



**5.00 pm**    **FOOTBALL**  
**v The Woolpack Wanderers**  
 CAPTAIN: **David Nottingham**

Team Manager: Dave Windeatt

This game got away from us last year and the score didn't reflect the performance. It's time to put the record straight.



**7.00 pm**    Half-time drinks with the Wanderers back at Tregarthens.

**8.00 pm**    **Dinner**  
 Have a joke or story to hand, as the President may call upon you.

**10.00 pm**    Time for a proper drink now.

**Midnight**    Always a lively evening - just who knows what might happen or who may appear as the clock ticks by.

# SUNDAY



OFFICER OF THE DAY

David Epton

- 6.30 am** Awake already? Turn over, you look like you need the extra hours sleep.
- 8.00 am** Breakfast and Sunday service in the company of our very own minister Wilf 'Hallelujah' Feely.

**10.00 am**

### At the quay

An 'off' Island Cricket Tour to Tresco with Admiral Gerald Thompson.

You decide: the New Inn for an early livener, or the Island Hotel for sun-loungers and a legendary crab sandwich (credit card required).

### SHOOTING

#### Shooters v Tresco

CAPTAIN: **Andy Smith** to liaise with Roger Banfield re: pick-up around 9.30 - 9.45 am

**(venue to be decided)**

The Shooters will embark to an off island, subject to weather or on St. Mary's at the discretion of the Islanders.



**1.00 pm**

### CRICKET

#### v Tresco

CAPTAIN: **Jamie Pooley**

Scorers: As earlier decreed or alternatives selected on the day.

Umpires: As per Saturday, depending upon performance.

Prepare for a tough one - the Mals won comfortably last year, the memory of which will doubtless inspire our opponents today.



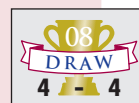


**5.00 pm** We return to the Garrison Ground.

**FOOTBALL**

**Mals v Garrison Gunners**

CAPTAIN: **David Nottingham**



A spirited performance last year restored our pride.  
Can we progress and win this year?

**7.00 pm** Make sure the young sportsmen get hot baths - they've earned them.

**7.45 pm** A big night, so find a clean shirt and socks this evening.

**8.00 pm Guest Night Dinner**

A special evening as we entertain our Island Guests and sample the splendid fare provided by The Tregarthens team. We will learn from Mr. Wilby, the new Headmaster of the School as to which pupil or pupils he has recommended to receive the Mal de Mer Merit Award for 2009.

**10.30 pm** What happens next? Wait for the lights to dim and the music to start. Tickets to the Thespians will be changing hands for big money in anticipation ...

**11.30 pm** The Officer of the Day will be responsible in ensuring that guests carriages are available at the Hotel Courtyard for their departure as required.

**Midnight** What on earth was that all about? Try to unravel the mystery of the Thespians over a night-cap.

# MONDAY



OFFICER OF THE DAY

David Showell

**6.30 am** Rise and shine

**7.15 am** Get ready for action, it's not a holiday, you know ...

**8.45 am** Be prepared. Check you've got all your kit together - it's a last visit to the Golf Club AND we're afloat immediately afterwards.

## GOLF COMPETITION: THE TEXAS SCRAMBLE

One final chance to claim a prize.  
A great team game when everyone can contribute.



**11.45 am** Make sure that immediately after the round your golf kit is packed securely and left in the trolley shed for transportation to the Heliport this afternoon.

Pick up some lunch on your way to the quay. If in doubt buy extra - someone will have forgotten, so there's a profit to be made.

**12.15 pm** Board the 'Surprise' as Gerald takes us to St. Martin's. Cricketers make their way to the famous 'bowl', whilst others can enjoy bowls on the adjacent 'green'. Very civilised.

## CRICKET v St. Martin's CAPTAIN: Jamie Pooley

All officials as previously announced.



**4.30 pm** It would be good to leave St. Martin's triumphant - not a familiar feeling in recent years.



**6.00 pm**

**GIG RACING**

**v St. Mary's**

CAPTAIN: **Joss Davidge**



Gig Captain to liaise with the Island captain, and New Boys to liaise with the Gig Captain. Extra bodies required at the boatyard to help launch and return the boats.

**8.00 pm**

**Dinner**

The D.G. will take this opportunity to say good things about our President. Whether they're true or whether we choose to believe him is another matter.

**9.00 pm**

Please assist the Hotel by settling your hotel account this evening to avoid the morning rush.

**9.45 pm**

**BOAT RACE**

**v St. Mary's**

Tregarthens Patio

CAPTAIN: **Andy Clay**



A spectacular display of speed-drinking. A magnificent victory last year under the captaincy of Mark Combes. Can the new Captain retain the crown?

**10.00 pm**

A last opportunity to congratulate those winners amongst us and encourage all others to return again next year.

Heed the D.G.'s instructions regarding placing out your baggage before you go to bed.

**Midnight**

If you have inadvertently missed taking a drink with any Mal during the trip, there's not much time left to rectify matters.

# TUESDAY



OFFICER OF THE DAY

**Wilf Feely**



- 7.00 am** They think it's all over - it is now. Take a good look around and hold that thought until next year.
- 7.15 am** Follow the instructions given last evening regarding marking your cases and where to put them and at what time they should be in place.  
Make sure you have said farewell and offered your thanks to the Hotel Staff for a splendid six days. Say farewell to your fellow Mals and thank them for their company.  
All passengers proceed to breakfast.
- 7.50 am** **FIRST FLIGHT** catch the Town Bus in the Square.
- 8.20 am** **SECOND FLIGHT** passengers to the Square, catch Bus to Heliport.
- 8.50 am** **FIRST FLIGHT DEPARTS.**
- 9.55 am** **SECOND FLIGHT DEPARTS.**

## PLEASE NOTE:

*Remember to listen carefully for announcements regarding our return travel, as times may differ from those shown above.*



# *TRUE VINTAGE* *year after year*

*full-bodied*  
*(some too full)*

*drink responsibly*  
*yes, that means you!*

  
MAL DE  
MERLOT

*slips down effortlessly*

1932

# VIGNETTES

**123** = Official Mal number

## 177 Roy Bound

## Boundy

## Homeward



We hear of questionable high increases in the level and quantity of "A" level and GCSE results. The argument goes that this is due to dumbing down of standards or alternatively to the fact that pupils are becoming more intelligent with increased memory capacity. Roy is an example of the latter argument. Fifteen or more years ago it is common knowledge and accepted by Roy that remembering names was a problem. In the last two or three years there has been a noticeable improvement and Roy now invariably remembers the name but is still in trouble remembering who it belongs to. The foible does not hinder Roy in the great work he does for the Mals with respect to golf organisation and the running of the 100 Club. We are all grateful to him. Have a good trip Roy and a better family year.

## 260 Paul Calfe

## Calfey

## London



Gaw blimey guvnor wot a bloke! He can bend it like Beckham, shoot it like Paul Newman and bowl it like Freddy, shame he plays golf like a blind, one-legged hermaphrodite!

A true Gooner through and through, he is a sure bet every year and gives it 100%. A really great bloke to share a pint (or 6) with ... make sure it is Guinness though and not jellied eels.

If you new boys are having trouble with the strife over coming on the trip then bend 'is ear son, he'll be there to give you a few words of wisdom!

## 242 Jeremy Chadwick

## Chaddy

## Phaffville



The long-term Artistic Director of the Thesps, English half of the late-night comedy duo and recently-appointed (anointed?) Organizer, this born enthusiast is gathering titles like a boy-scout gathering badges. If the Mals trip was a bob-a-job week, he'd be a millionaire.

Rumour has it he's also being groomed as Ben Jakes' successor, so he'll probably be working behind the bar at Tregs, manning reception and overseeing housekeeping. Apparently Stewart Ward has already put in a request for an extra spray of StainGuard on his black silk sheets. This coming season Jezza will be celebrating the big Five-Oh (50 years since Burnley won the top division), so expect an even greater dose of geniality from the Mals goal-machine.

## VIGNETTES (contd.)



**257 Andy Clay**

**'Av it**

**Lincs**



After a 5 year hiatus Andy 'Av It' Clay is back and he is ready to 'av some. What that is exactly, we are not quite sure.

Don't let the fact that Andy is one of the Lincolnshire farming mafia cloud your judgement of this fine fellow, a metronomic golf swing and a dry wit make Andy excellent company whether on the golf course or in the bar.

Andy is the bookmakers favourite to be the Mal who shout's 'Shambles' the most in the direction of the new D.G. and is excellent value at 2/1.

Good to have you back on board !

**N/A Roy Dale**

**Wensley**

**Godness only knows**



Roy announced his arrival by famously catching a seagull at St. Agnes - whilst all around him mackerel were actually jumping out of the water.

Roy's sense of humour and jovial manner make him excellent company - one wonders how such a good bloke ever met up with Smithy.

By accepting the invitation to return this year, Roy's all set to be flushed in - welcome aboard, mate!

**281 Dave Dallaway**

**Dangerous Dave**

**Near Eddie**



Dangerous Dave is back for another year of swashbuckling adventure on the battle fields of the isles.

A tenacious competitor in most sports, whether in the field, in the disco or in the bar, he can always be relied upon to give it his all. We will surely see him victorious in tennis, golf, pool and the sand bar swimming regatta.

The Jack Black comedic leviathan returns to bring levity to every social gathering.

**VIGNETTES (contd.)**

**232 Steve Dann**

**Stevie D.**

**St. Andrews**



This year sees the return of our very own PR guru, the Mals' Max Clifford.

With a quiet brum tone, come hither demeanor and soave appearance he will surely be a friend to the new boys, with many a fine word of wisdom (please remember your Birmingham phrase book though!) However, under the veneer lies a true Mal sportsman, the stocky bull of defence at the Garrison, our very own Steel eye Dann!

A great competitor and the perfect bloke to have on your side.

**266 Joss Davidge**

**Jonny**

**Sunset Strip**



Jonny must be notching up some valuable presidential points with another appearance this year. Always willing to have a go, Jonny is a keen rower, caddy, slip fielder, centre-half and ballroom dancer. Gadget is his middle name and no doubt this year all the latest must haves will be strewn around Tregarthens lounge. The fish finder was a real hit down 'The Galley!'

But underneath that suntan all is not well in the Damage garden. His main sponsor 'BetFarr' is missing again this year. Don't worry Jonny he'll be back! Have a good trip.

**285 David Epton**

**Biggles**

**Lincolnshire-ish**



Dave made his mark in the history books in 2008 by being the first Mal to fly his own plane to and from the islands. His famous 'victory roll' and wing waving across the golf course will long be remembered by all who saw it.

A quietly spoken exterior belies a fierce competitor within and the Mals' sporting cause will be well served by his endeavours up on the Garrison Ground.

Pip pip!



## VIGNETTES (contd.)

**230 Ray Farr**

**Uncle Sausage**

**Frankfurt**



As enthusiastic as he was on his first trip, Ray is one of life's givers! Just ask the Admiral!

Always immaculately turned out at dinner or on the golf course, Uncle Sausage has that vital Mal quality, he is a winner apart from the Lotteriiaiiiiiii.

Beneath that rugged exterior is a finely tuned athlete, watch him sprint up the quay to the Turks Head and claim a podium in 1 x 400gm pastiii event. Ray reckons his running days are nearly over so he is concentrating on the high jump for the foreseeable future.

Always fantastic company, have one for me.

**275 Wilf Feely**

**Touchy**

**Tregworts**



Wilf is hoping his esteemed educational background will keep him in our new president's good books.

Our own Professor DumbleBore will be very much hoping the new president adds a touch of the old school discipline to Tregworts this trip.

Clarity of thought and brevity of expression are not Wilf's strong suit but ask him to get stuck in for the Mal's cause and he gives 110%. Who could forget his winning performance in the Volleyball last year?

**267 Richard Flower**

**Petal**

**Dubai**



This year sees the return of Flower Power to the Mals.

Richard is certainly no shrinking violet, and rose to prominence a few years ago with a series of bloomin' good displays with the willow.

His first trip coincided with that hardy annual Stewart "The Rock" Ward, and it was difficult to say who was the pick of the bunch.

Having missed a few years, here's hoping for a late blossoming.

**VIGNETTES (contd.)**

**258 Shaun Galloway**

**Squirry**

**Bodmin**



A generous jock. A scrupulous financier.  
 An unfeasibly tall pasty-miner. A big-conked babe-magnet.  
 An uphill gardener. An anti-bloodsports haggis-hunter.  
 A Catholic Rangers fan. A companionable accountant.  
 A sausage-loving vegetarian.  
 A non-dribbling member of the hierarchy.  
 A talented sporting Scotsman.

Buy him a pint and delve into the Galloway Conundrum.

**234 Martin Gibbs**

**Gibbo**

**Grantham**



Cometh the hour, cometh the man. Going solo as the Director General is a big ask - but we all know Martin is very capable and will do a great job. (Brown nose in the ring??)

Can't wait for the first big test though – the "This is not a Rugby Trip" speech at the Island Briefing. Gibbo has spent the last decade taking the rip out of Ben – now the boot is on the other foot!

You'll be fine Gibbo – we are all behind you!

**219 Eddie Gladden**

**Bo Selecta**

**Banbury**



One of the stalwarts of the trip.

A man with an 'oh so familiar' face, problem is that I can't remember whether I saw it on Countryfile or Crimewatch!

An instantly recognizable chap for you new boys, just look out for the curly hair and tash (roll on November when we can keep you company Eddie).

A one time legend on the footy pitch he has now had to hang up his boots for more gentle pursuits such as blasting away the competition with shotguns.

He will surely feature on the winners' list for the golf in some capacity.



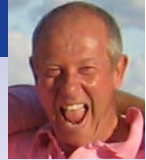


## VIGNETTES (contd.)

**216 Alan Guest**

**Borat**

**Down by the riverside**



Another great former Pres' will take his place amongst us mere mortals at dinner. A man who never stops training, who keeps firmly on the rails and builds up a good head of steam for the trip.

As famous a harmonica player as Willie Dixon, or Willie Nelson, I can never remember which! I encourage all new boys to join him for a glass of raw eggs and to ask him to explain the difference between the Tremolo and Diatonic harmonica, fascinating!

A truly great bloke, always good for a laugh and another elite swimmer in the sandbar team. Rumor has it that he is planning to Chunnel his way to the isles this year.

**150 Ben Guest**

**Ben Gurion**

**Shrewsbury**



Having seen his nephew through high office on last year's 'Adventure', Ben announced his was retiring from Mal de Mer frontline politics so that he could spend more time with his room mate and the recently retired ex-Organizer. After over 20 years in high office Ben could rattle through his Island briefing off by heart, he knew the opening and closing time of every eating establishment on St. Mary's down to the minute and could recite The Galley wine list without hesitation – the incumbent DG has a very tough act to follow.

We all owe Ben a great debt of gratitude for all his hard work and dedication over the years – enjoy your retirement!

**N/A Matt Hughes**

**Two bags**

**Atlantis**



Fish-feeder Matt makes a very welcome return, having made a name for himself on his first trip before even setting foot on the Islands. Y'see, Matt won the Scillonian Challenge and upchucked substantially on our 75th Anniversary millpond crossing.

Rumour has it that he continued in the same vein, filling the 8th hole, Smithy's golf bag, the foredeck of the "Surprise", two pockets on the Mermaid's pool table, Jamie's cricket box and Ray's lunchtime sandwich before finally erupting, in a Mr Creosote stylee, and creating an entire new island off Bryher.

Welcome back Matt – a very able sportsman and all-round (very round) good guy.

**VIGNETTES (contd.)**

**282 Phil Jones**

**The Jackal**

**The Flatlands**



Phil may have the appearance of Stan Laurel and Fred Astaire's love-child, but don't be fooled - this man is a killer. Our very own assassin is the sharpest of sharpshooters. If he could only transfer this from rifle to football boots or hockey stick, then victory would be a foregone conclusion.

Allegedly arriving by private jet, The Jackal moves in mysterious ways. You know what they say - beware of the quiet ones!!

Welcome back Phil, see you at the bar.

**265 Harry Marsland**

**Hazza**

**Greendale**



Tinkering with his schedule to the last minute, this man is the Organizer's worst nightmare. Arrive late - leave early - be excused an afternoon to do a bit of market research - where will it all end?

Harry is, however, an innovator who established the St. Agnes swimming team which has moved to an on-brochure event. More recently Harry was the driving force behind putting an end to the caddies for the golf team and introduced "watching the sailing from the Mermaid" event which has proved another winner.

You still want him on your side on the Garrison whether it's cricket or football. Have a good trip Hazza.

**213 Dave Martin**

**The President**

**St. Trinians**



The longest apprenticeship in Mal de Mer history is about to come to an end. Dave has been President elect for the last decade or so it seems! Although not present on every trip Dave has always taken the trouble to write a note to each President giving them his best wishes when he has been unable to do it in person. I am sure we will all likewise give him our full support this year.

All our thoughts and best wishes will be with "Jet" who though unable to make the trip, will be a very proud dad.

They say that all good things come to he who waits and now it's time for Dave's round turn.



## VIGNETTES (contd.)

**187 Gordon Nabb**

**Nabby**

**Shropshire**



A Mal de Mer institution returning for his 29th trip.

Stories of Gordon giving his football team ‘the hair dryer’ treatment during his Presidency confirm Gordon as a Mal de Mer legend. Now slightly less agile than he was in his prime, although equally vocal on the sidelines when cheering on the Mals, Nabby is an asset to any trip. New boys take note - it is always an education to listen to Gordon’s anecdotes of previous victories and various capers on the Isles from yesteryear.

A high calibre Mal and true gent – have a good one.

**288 Peter Nelstrop**

**Pete**

**The Brownlow Arms**



After being flushed last year and winning his customary golf prize or two Pete is back for trip number 3.

Pete is the cultured member of the Lincolnshire farming mafia (an organization formed by Martin Gibbs to rival the supremacy of the Shrewsbury Crew and the Oxfordshire Clan). He is often seen sipping away at a G&T or a vin rouge whilst discussing the demise of Lincoln City or the current price of wheat.

An excellent contributor to the Mals on and off the pitch and a thoroughly good egg.

**252 David Nottingham**

**Notty**

**Nottingham**



It is not known if David is one of those Bankers that we, the tax payer, have bailed out and are indirectly paying for his trip this year.

One is tempted to ask the Hierarchy to hold an enquiry into the bank’s finances, but then on second thoughts this might open up a can of worms regarding Hierarchy’s expenses particularly on such matters as the cost of travel and accommodation to the Islands outside the “Mal Season.”

Whatever the outcome of any enquiry the findings should be “compassionate” in nature and one can only hope that David will be extradited to the Islands come this September. The trip would not be the same without him.

**VIGNETTES (contd.)**

**272 Alex Polhill**

**(You can call me) Al**

**Camberley**



Alex is simultaneously phlegmatic and avuncular, so his first outing this year should be a quick trip to the chemist in the square. Last year, he took the surprise appearance of his Great Grandfather (Smithy's newboy) in his stride, with barely a twitch of his beard. If Geoff Snell is looking for a new room-mate who won't two-time him, he could do worse than turn to the courteous Alex.

A thoroughly charming Mal, with not a bad word for anyone. But then, they said that about Harold Shipman.

Simply essential to the golf team, and the one trustworthy bloke on the trip.

**162 Brian Pooley**

**Sailor**

**Atlantis**



A change of focus last year released Brian into the adventurous world of wildlife photography, compiling a sort of 'Big Mal Diary!'

The footage of 'Smithy' buying a round of drinks (for more than 2 people) at the Tregarthens waterhole was truly groundbreaking! It apparently took him five trips and countless yards of footage to capture this 'Once in a lifetime' event. Not wishing to rest on his laurels the underwater footage of Admiral Snell during the regatta just emphasised the talent of the man!

Keep on snapping sailor, good to have you aboard.

**278 Jamie Pooley**

**Poolos**

**Londinium**



Fast becoming an old hand at this Mal de Mer assault course. He fronts up for almost every sport particularly the drinking team. Like Strauss he intends to turn the tables on the Island's cricketers this year. Not known for going to bed early or getting up early and even to be recognisable at breakfast after one or two days.

A very good ambassador for the Mals on the Islands which augurs well for the future. He returns this year with Showell and Two Bags.

## VIGNETTES (contd.)



**286 Dave Showell**

**David**

**SW1**

Much missed by his sponsor last year, David makes a welcome return to the Isles.

All reputations have been firmly stowed away so David can make his mark this year! His targets are as follows:

- 1) to run the cricket captain out!
- 2) to resurrect his thespian reputation by taking the lead role in the adaptation of Dave Martin's life, 'A Drink too Farr'.

Simples - Good to see you back.



**226 Paul Simmonds**

**Simmo**

**Church Stretton**

Seen it. Done it. Nicked it. Pawned it.

Younger Mals will see him as a Bill Sikes, Gotta-Pick-a-Pocket-or-Two character, but Simmo's boyish good looks and chirpy optimism once saw him tipped for high office. However, the Hierarchy obviously felt that his know-how and streetwise experience is better deployed with the troops – although many feel Simmo is a top-ranker.

Somehow assembles a competitive golf-team, and works assiduously on his pairings. Never short of a word of encouragement or advice, without ever making the mistake of attempting an ersatz "Mr Motivator" role.



**N/A Alistair Simpson**

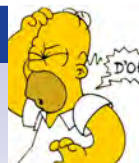
**Mrs.**

**Springfield**

Money Penny's toyboy travels with the hopes of many a senior Mal on his lithe young shoulders.

Fluent batsmanship, a box-to-box combative style, a wristy racquet and a smooth oar-tugging technique will be handy, but will count for little if the Hierarchy can't see their wrinkled old faces in their polished boots, and woe-betide him if the Top Table's glasses remain uncharged for more than a second or two ...

Welcome aboard Alistair, and don't let Jamie Pooley run you out.



**VIGNETTES (contd.)**

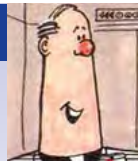
**218 Andy Smith Sludger Saturn**

Twenty years on the 'Trip' have taken their toll. Bludger **used** to be the life and soul from Wednesday afternoon until early Tuesday morning, but alas all a distant memory. The 'peak' has come earlier and earlier of late. 2007, Wednesday night, and last year no visible peak at all! (Maybe it was on the way down in the car.)

An enthusiastic Thespian, this years version of 'Dave and the Beanstalk ' should be right up fudgers street as he is an expert bean grower at home.

It's a good thing that the years have not changed his generosity!

'Make mine a large one.' I said, 'Make mine a large one!



**236 Geoff Snell Galley Captain Surrey**

There once was a man named Snell,  
The Galley's Fish he did like to smell.  
When the briefing was too late,  
The DG he did berate,  
So it was brought forward and all was well.

Mal's trips, Geoff Snell has done twenty,  
Over the years he has eaten plenty.  
From fish in the Galley,  
To a kebab in an Alley,  
Geoff has gained love handles subsequently.

He shares Room 2  
with a man named Farr,  
Some speculate they share  
more than a jar.  
With one Gin & Tonic,  
Geoff turns supersonic,  
And so he's always  
the first to the bar.



**N/A Nathan Summers Nat Leamington**

- Neighbour of: Sailor Pooley
- Golf: Quite competent
- Ping Pong: Used to be a speciality
- Pool: Not seen, but plays off scratch
- Football: Has played in the past

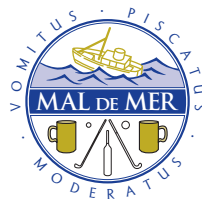
Leisure pursuits: Food, sleep, travel and American political history.

You will enjoy Nathan's company; he would be very good in a quiz team.





## VIGNETTES (contd.)



**268 Stewart Ward**

**The Rock**

**Saturn**



As dark horses go, this one is no Michael Jackson, although his moonwalking on the hockey pitch and body-popping wicket-keeping does make you wonder if he's goes to the same doctor for his prescriptions.

Stewart earned his nickname through some craggy & uncompromising performances. Let's hope he can take that form onto the Garrison this year.

The only Mal to have his own monogrammed laundry kept on the Island.

**N/A David Williamson**

**Comedy Dave**

**Smithytown**



These days well past his best on the sports field, but still OK for bar duties.

Useful golfer and avid follower of sport, this man is a mine of information on sports trivia.

Would like to join the Mal de Mer swimming team as his impersonation of a walrus is well worth seeing.

**N/A Graham Willington**

**Lefty**

**Wilfsville**



Graham survived his first year as a new boy and brought a touch of "Beau Brummell" to the sartorial appearance of a near Mal de Mer. Never without a silk handkerchief in his top pocket or a Dennis Compton hair style.

From day one in Graham's company you felt he was in seventh heaven and constantly enthused about the Mals, the weather, the Hotel and the food.

Graham put the sailing fleet's Commodore and Sailor to shame having been knocked over on several occasions without recourse to the rescue boat.

A very welcome new boy who deserves to be flushed in this year.

## VIGNETTES (contd.)

**273 Dave Windeatt**

**Victor Meldrew**

**Primark**



Quiet, reserved, intellectual Mal often misunderstood by his peers.

Poor Dave has been the “victim” of some on-going bullying on recent trips – why do some people try and take advantage of such a pleasant, innocent character?

But give him a pool cue and an audience and you will see a completely different man.

Go on Windy – give it large!

**N/A Malcolm Young**

**Mal**

**Midlands**



Malcolm is the latest addition to the Martin stable. Something of an amateur sports psychologist and former youth table tennis champion, so it's a shame he doesn't arrive until our second day!

A renowned snappy dresser, Malcolm may well raise the bar for the regular fashionistas - look and learn gentlemen.

# OBITUARY

## NORA PENDER

Sadly, no more the cheerful greeting from Nora as you stepped across the threshold of “The Paper Shop.”

Over many years the long-serving Mals saw Nora as the “Lady of St Mary's” who was “just always there”. She was prodigious behind the counter and on the golf course.

We had the great pleasure of Nora's company two years' ago at our gala dinner in her capacity as the first lady Golf Captain.

We will remember her with much affection.

# MEMBERS



## List of Living Past Presidents and 'Active Members'

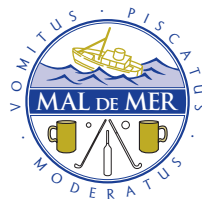
i.e. those who with certain exceptions have been on a trip to the Islands in the past 10 years.

<b>Ashmoor C.</b>	Clive	Brackenhurst Manor, Hoar Cross, Staffs. DE13 8RE
<b>Bagshaw M.</b>	Mark	29 Scholars Gate, Burntwood, Staffs. WS7 9EE
<b>Barrett B.</b>	Bernie	7 Stanley Road, Hoylake, Wirral, Cheshire L47 1HL
<b>Barton G.</b>	Graham	6 Fox Court, Aldershot, Hants. GU12 4FA
<b>Benger S.</b>	Stuart	23 Condover Park, Condover, Shrewsbury SY5 7DU
<b>Blackwell L.</b>	Larry	Fox Town's End, Kirtlington, Oxford OX5 3JW
<b>Blanchfield M.</b>	Mark	The Old Coach House (Rear 45), Tivoli Road, Cheltenham, Glos. GL50 2TD
<b>Bound K.R.</b>	Roy	Haughton, Calcott Lane, Bicton, Shrewsbury SY3 8EZ
<b>Bowles L.</b>	Lloyd	Coversdown, Birchley Road, Cheltenham GL52 6NY
<b>Boyle A.</b>	Alan	11 Willow Road, Willersey, Worcs. WR12 7QE
<b>Boyle K.</b>	Kenny	11 Willow Road, Willersey, Worcs. WR12 7QE
<b>Calfe P.</b>	Paul	53 Cophthall Way, New Haw, Surrey KT15 3TL
<b>Campbell D.</b>	Duncan	8 Victoria Avenue, Halesowen, West Midlands B62 9BL
<b>Caslake M.</b>	Mark	88 Christ Church Drive, Camberley, Blackwater, Surrey GU17 0HH
<b>Chadwick J.</b>	Jeremy	96 Park Road, Teddington, Middx. TW11 0AN
<b>Clay A.</b>	Andy	Foxholes Farm, Bathley, Newark, Notts. NG23 6DW
<b>Combes B.</b>	Bob	High Eaves, Lyth Bank, Bayston Hill, Shrewsbury SY3 OBE
<b>Combes M.</b>	Mark	Bransfield, 2 The Willows, Longden, Shrewsbury SY5 8EX
<b>Combes N.</b>	Neil	7 The Maitlands, Church Road, Dorrington, Shrewsbury SY5 7LD
<b>Cutts R.</b>	Reg	9 Harley Drive, Condover, Shrewsbury, Shropshire SY5 7AY
<b>Dale R.</b>	Roy	Station House, Enslow, Kidlington, Oxon OX5 3AX
<b>Dallaway D.</b>	Dave	31 Robin Ride, Brackley, Northants. NN13 6PU
<b>Dann G.</b>	Glen	95 Lyndon Road, Olton, Solihull, West Midlands B92 7RF
<b>Dann S.</b>	Steve	19 Gladstone Road, Dorrige, Solihull, West Midlands B93 8SX
<b>Dauidge J.</b>	Joss	Woodridge House, Fireball Hill, Sunningdale, Berkshire SL5 9PJ
<b>Epton D.</b>	David	Denton Manor Farm, Harston Road, Denton, Notts. NG32 1LL

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<b>Farr A.</b>	Anthony	10 The Avenue, Walmley, West Midlands B76 1TP
<b>Farr R.</b>	Ray	3 Lingfield Grange, Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands B74 3GB
<b>Feely W.</b>	Wilf	12 Champion Terrace, Royal Leamington Spa, Warwickshire CV32 4SX
<b>Feitsma R.</b>	Rudi	23 Queenston Road, Didsbury, Manchester M20 2NX
<b>Flowers R.</b>	Richard	Heath Farm, Sudbrook, Grantham, Lincs. NG32 3SF
<b>Fox R.H.</b>	Bob	Stonehaven, Horley Path Road, Wroxton, Banbury, Oxon OX15 6QA
<b>Galloway S.</b>	Sean	St. Anthony's, 3 Chapel Lane, Bodmin, Cornwall PL31 2LH
<b>Gibbs M.</b>	Martin	The Hall Cottage, Bridge Street, Marston, Grantham, Lincs. NG3 2HC
<b>Gladden E.</b>	Eddie	Rainsborough, Camp Farm, Charlton, Banbury, Oxon OX17 3DT
<b>Gould C.</b>	Chris	69 Watchett Lane, Holmes Green, Bucks. HP15 6UF
<b>Gray J.</b>	Jimmy	Struie, 44 Wedgeberrow Close, Droitwich, Worcs. WR9 8RS
<b>Greiner S.</b>	Simon	Long Spinney, The Green, Welbourne, Lincoln LN5 0NJ
<b>Guest A.</b>	Alan	Hillside Cottage, 16A Buxton Road, Ashbourne, Derbyshire DE6 1EX
<b>Guest B.</b>	Ben	The Bungalow, Lyth Bank, Bayston Hill, Shrewsbury SY3 0BE
<b>Gwilliam A.</b>	Alan	Molesend, 3 The Willows, Longden, Shrewsbury SY5 8EX
<b>Hawley D.</b>	Dudley	Ryefield Farm, Ayot St.Peter, Welwyn, Herts.
<b>Hick A.</b>	Alistair	47 Linthurst Road, Barnt Green, Worcestershire B45 8JL
<b>Hughes M.</b>	Matt	13 Farnsworth Court, West Parkside, London SE10 0QF
<b>Hurdley M.</b>	Martin	53 Mill Lane, Dorridge, West Midlands
<b>Izzard C.</b>	Colin	Seefield, 15 Falmouth Close, Camberley, Surrey GU15 1EA
<b>Izzard G.</b>	Graham	27 Templedene Avenue, Staines, Middlesex TW18 1LH
<b>Jelbert M.</b>	Mark	33 Down Road, Teddington, Middx. TW11 9HA
<b>Jones C.</b>	Conrad	The Sheiling, Stanley Lane, Meole Brace, Shrewsbury, Shropshire
<b>Jones P.</b>	Phillip	The Old Rectory, Church Lane, Letheringsett, Norfolk NR25 7YA
<b>Juhe M.</b>	Martin	75 Pondcroft Road, Knebworth, Hertfordshire
<b>Langdon E.</b>	Eddie	Jesmond, Belton Lane, Grantham, Lincs.
<b>Langdon K.</b>	Keith	56 Moatbrooke Avenue, Codsall, Wolverhampton, West Mids. WV8 1DH
<b>Langford N.</b>	Neil	Burgs House, Blakemores Bank, Bayston Hill, Shrewsbury SY3 0ED

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<b>Marlow R.</b>	Bob	193 Monmouth Drive, Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands B74 6JS
<b>Marlow S.</b>	Steve	19 Mountford Drive, Four Oaks, Sutton Coldfield, West Mids. B76 6TA
<b>Marsland H.</b>	Harry	Brackenrigg, Naddle, Keswick, Cumbria CA12 4FT
<b>Martin D.</b>	David	Windrush, Denstone College, Uttoxeter, Staffs. ST14 5HN
<b>Martin M.M.</b>	Jet	40 St. Annes Grove, Knowle, Solihull, West Midlands B93 9JB
<b>Meads R.</b>	Russ	72 Harley Close, Wellington, Telford TF1 3LF
<b>Miller J.</b>	John	Brook Farm, Thornton Common Road, Thornton, Hough, Wirral L63 OLU
<b>Mogg N.</b>	Nigel	25 Grosvenor Close, Thorley Park, Bishops Stortford, Herts. CM23 4JP
<b>Nabb G.</b>	Gordon	37 Pembroke Drive, Wellington, Telford TF1 3PT
<b>Nelstrop P.</b>	Peter	The Old Hall, Main Street, Leadenham, Lincs. LN5 OPL
<b>Newton-Jones</b>	Mark	Daylesford, 60 Widney Road, Knowle, West Midlands B93 9AW
<b>Nicholas J.</b>	John	17 Carlton Gate, Broome Manor, Swindon, Wilts.
<b>Nottingham D.</b>	David	36 Hatherley Road, Cheltenham, Glos. GL51 6EE
<b>Nottingham G.</b>	Graham	Mountfields, The Level, Shennington, Nr Banbury, Oxon OX15 6NA
<b>Oakley R.</b>	Bob	Muirfield, Stapleton, Shrewsbury, Shropshire
<b>Phillips R.</b>	Richard	36 Betteridge Drive, Sutton Coldfield, West Mids.
<b>Polhill A.</b>	Alex	Ridge House, 54 The Maultway, Camberley, Surrey GU15 1QE
<b>Pooley B.E.</b>	Brian	43 Lansdowne Crescent, Leamington Spa, Warwickshire CV32 4PR
<b>Pooley J.H.</b>	Jamie	84 Turenne Close, Wandsworth, London SW18 1UW
<b>Showell D.</b>	David	29 Rocks Lane, Barnes SW13 0DB
<b>Simmonds P.</b>	Paul	Grove Farmhouse, Dorrington, Shrewsbury, SY5 7JD
<b>Simpson A.</b>	Alistair	148a Earsfield Road, Wandsworth, London SW18 3DT
<b>Smith A.</b>	Andy	2 Mushroom Cottages, Slade Farm, Kirtlington, Oxon OX5 3JB
<b>Snell G.</b>	Geoff	6 Breach Gardens, Sherfield on Loddon, Basingstoke, Hants. RG27 0AW
<b>Stanley R.</b>	Ron	Whitehaven, High Cliff Close, Seaton, Devon EX12 2QA
<b>Summers N.</b>	Nathan	41 Lansdowne Crescent, Willes Road, Leamington Spa, Warwickshire CV32 4PR
<b>Summersgill R.</b>	Robin	55 Henley Crescent, Solihull, West Midlands
<b>Sykes C.</b>	Ciaran	9 Brantwood Gardens, West Byfleet, Weybridge, Surrey KT14 6BW
<b>Sykes M.</b>	Mark	12 Lyndhurst Avenue, Whitton, Twickenham, Middx. TW2 6BY

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<b>Upson A.</b>	Andy	124A Penns Lane, Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands
<b>Walsh D.J.</b>	Dave	Hope Lodge, Thurlestone, Devon
<b>Ward S.</b>	Stewart	Castle Farm, Woolsthorpe-by-Belvoir, Nr Grantham, Lincs.
<b>Wilkinson A.</b>	Andy	22 Glanville Road, Tavistock, Devon PL19 0EB
<b>Williams J.</b>	John	9 Bush Close, Wellington, Telford, Shropshire TF1 3QN
<b>Williams K.</b>	Keith	159 Lythwood Road, Bayston Hill, Shrewsbury SY3 OAE
<b>Williamson D.</b>	David	22 Friday Street, Minchinhampton, Glos. GL6 9JL
<b>Willington G.</b>	Graham	88 Lewis Road, Radford Semele, Leamington Spa, Warwickshire
<b>Windeatt D.</b>	David	3 Browning Road, Church Crookham, Fleet, Hants. GU52 0YJ
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