

# Views of The Vale. April 2024

Rain, wind, snow, freezing temperatures, icy conditions, mud ..... and still the hardened golfers are out there, battling the elements. Not forgetting Rob and The Greens team. I must say the course is looking in good shape for our cup competition season. Enlarged greens, wider aprons and all topped off with challenging bunkers. It is so disappointing to see their hard work on hold due to the heavy rain significantly closing the golf course at present.



The Captains Drive In went off with a full club house to welcome our new team. I'm sure Susan and Andy, last years Captains will tell you how quickly the captaincy flies by. They had a full range of successful golf and social occasions. Gaynor and Gwynfor our incoming Captains have the support of the men's and ladies' committees and by now will be preparing for their special days, social nights and supplying me with news for Views of The Vale! Mr Captain was a junior member when I ran the Junior Section, happy days!

What a change! No sooner are Martin and Paula tempting everyone with a new menu in the clubhouse and a new choice of refreshments , we now have a change of Professional. I was involved in Matthew's appointment and I knew then, back in the day, he was going to bring a new approach to providing equipment, teaching and involvement in the club. I had spoken to his previous employer, Bill, at Royal Liverpool and he had heaped praises on Matts ability to run a Pro Shop.



It is great to see Greg Purdie taking over Matt's role as I have seen him grow from a junior through to being a very fine professional golfer. Best wishes to all of those involved in our new team.

For those of you reading Views of The Vale for the first time I welcome you as new members and new deal members. I've been putting my ideas about the Club together since 2008. I start the year off having made my resolution to provide more information for members. It would be great to meet members of the staff, directors, ladies, seniors and men's sections to agree who adds content for this news sheet for Views of the Vale.

Did you attend the Ladies Spring Buffet? Always a success and I hear this year was no exception. Our Club Social side is developing nicely with Burns Night, St David's Dinner, Race Night and Quizzes. Sunday Lunches are popular.

Have we got a team of members, half-way house builders, to build a wind proof facility? I'm pleased to say, Yes as Andy Brown has a great idea for a new building and awaits planning permission.

Finally my best wishes go to Mr President, Graham Davies he is rolling up his sleeves and helping with course work, chairing Directors meetings and buying everyone drinks! I'm sure he will enjoy his two years in office.

