



## Old Lorettonian Golfing Society

### No News Newsletter and Lockdown Quiz

In my sign off to the January Newsletter I wished you all 'A happy golfing 2020'. Little did we know. From March to May we had a rich programme of events. The inaugural Scratch Team vs. Loretto Academy match due to be played at Archerfield was the first to be lost, followed closely by The Stenhouse Quaich at Elie, The Halford Hewitt and social matches at Prestwick and The New Zealand Club. I don't need to tell you that it is all a great pity – we had high hopes at the Halford Hewitt with a good draw and a confident team. Let's hope they get the opportunity for some action later this year.

The only action to report has been the launch of our new website. If you have not yet had a look at it, I encourage you to take the opportunity of the current lockdown to do so.

[www.ol-golf.com](http://www.ol-golf.com)

My thanks to Robert Rigg who has singlehandedly led this project which now gives us our own web platform which we can control and update ourselves. There is a new members section which is now up and running and again I would encourage you to sign up to this. We are still developing it so are happy to receive feedback and ideas.

We have looked also to develop other social media. We have an Instagram page

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and have a number of WhatsApp Groups. We have set up one for social members in the south which we hope will be a way of recruiting players for matches more quickly than via email. All we need is some golf in order to test these!

One bit of sad news to report is that Paul Dowson died in March. Paul was a stalwart member of the OLGs and a great supporter of events in the south in particular. He was a member of Liphook where we continue to have a match – in recent years he had attended it for lunch only. A full obituary will appear in the OL Magazine.

The nearest we have got to any golf was the Scratch team who actually held a 'virtual' Halford Hewitt over WhatsApp! This proved good fun – much better than the virtual Grand national – and they progressed comfortably through the first two rounds before running out of steam. This WhatsApp Group has also provided much entertainment during the lockdown with some golf quizzes which has prompted me to come up with a lockdown quiz for OLGs members.

I decided to come up with a composite course based on pictures I have taken on my phone over the past few years and I attach 18 photographs. Apologies for the quality of some of these though they have improved in recent years in line with the technology. So each hole, 1-18, is in its right place -the 1st is a 1<sup>st</sup> hole, the 2<sup>nd</sup> a 2<sup>nd</sup> hole etc. I had two gaps – no pictures of a 10<sup>th</sup> hole or a 15<sup>th</sup> so have had to use web shots for these.

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by **8<sup>th</sup> May** with your answers and I will have some copies of my latest book as prizes (shameless self-promotion, I know). All being well we will sometime in May know what golf may be possible for us all during the summer.

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