

# The Kier Fellowship News

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## WELCOME BACK



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## Deceased Members

Since the previous issue (No. 25) of the Loughton and Witham News, Summer 2020:

Name	Date
George Algar	19 January 2020
Les Cracknell	15 April 2020
Gordon Hesketh	30 April 2020
Peter McMeekin	13 June 2020

Name	Date
Valerie Mann	January 2020
Keith Snelling	20 February 2020
G. Surridge	Unknown

The above were all notified in Issue 41 of KierLink Autumn/Winter 2020:

Name	Date
Chris Cater	5 September 2021
Norman Ede	11 June 2021

Name	Date
Doug Hutchin	15 August 2021
Peter John Mason	20 November 2020

# Editor's notes



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A very warm welcome back to all our members and readers. I hope everyone is safe and well after our enforced and prolonged absence. I am pleased to bring you news of two events that were held during the summer and perhaps more importantly let you know of the future plans for the Fellowship for this year and into next.

The Fellowship was established in 1998 as a way for retired and former colleagues to keep in touch with one another for social, sporting and welfare activities and over the years the membership has grown into what it is today. Nationally there are around 1,360 members and in our own area of London & Witham there are currently 178. As we emerge from the effects of the pandemic and regain our confidence in socialising and travelling it is more important than ever to have the social contact, camaraderie, stimulus and support of those around us be they family, friends or colleagues. Let us hope that, as a society, we continue to make progress in coping with the effects of Covid-19 and that we can again fully enjoy the benefits of the Fellowship for a long time to come.

There are plans for an edition of KierLink to be issued before Christmas so we will be able to see how other regions are opening up again post-Covid. I am hoping that I will be in a position to issue another edition of our Newsletter around February 2022 with news of more events for next year. With this in mind, please let me have any of your stories which you think may interest the members. Do you have a big important celebration coming up, or did you have one recently, or even a small celebration during any of the lockdowns that you wish to share. Holidays (in this country!!). Even your stories of surviving Covid – do you have a favourite country walk you would like to share? A pastime, hobby or even your book recommendations. And don't forget the photographs.

I hope you enjoy this newsletter and that we all see each other again soon.

*Jim McCluskey* 

Without your interest and support this magazine cannot exist. As much feedback as possible is always welcomed and can be directed to your editor, Jim McCluskey. All feedback will be taken into consideration when designing the next issue. Best wishes,  
Andrea Lorraine Designs

# Area Golf Day

## Abridge Golf Club



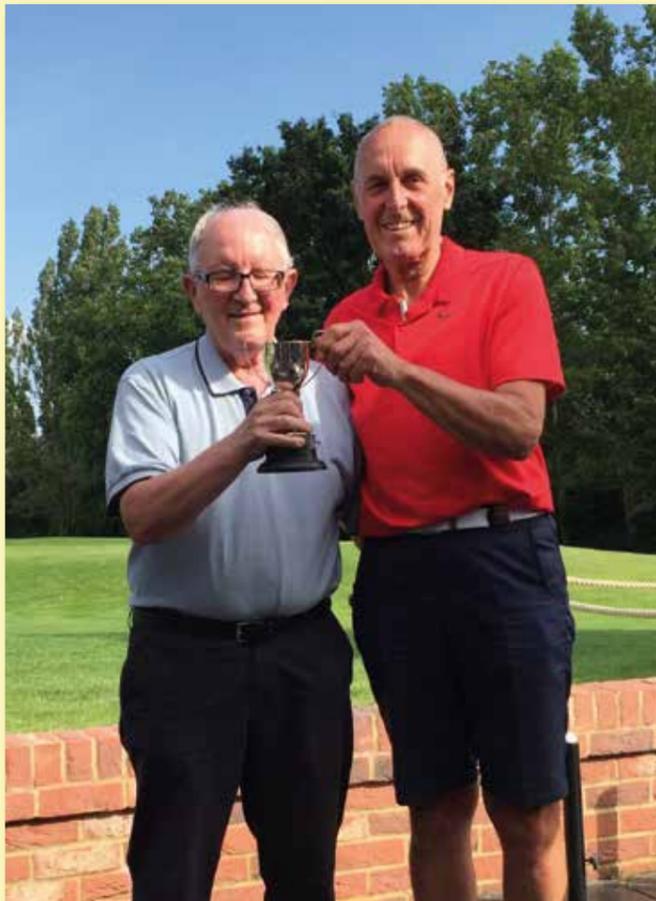
On a lovely day 12 golfers enjoyed our society day at Abridge Golf Club. There had been a lot of rain the previous few days and accordingly the buggies had to stay on the buggy paths.



Derek tries to get the bottle from John



Paul has a go

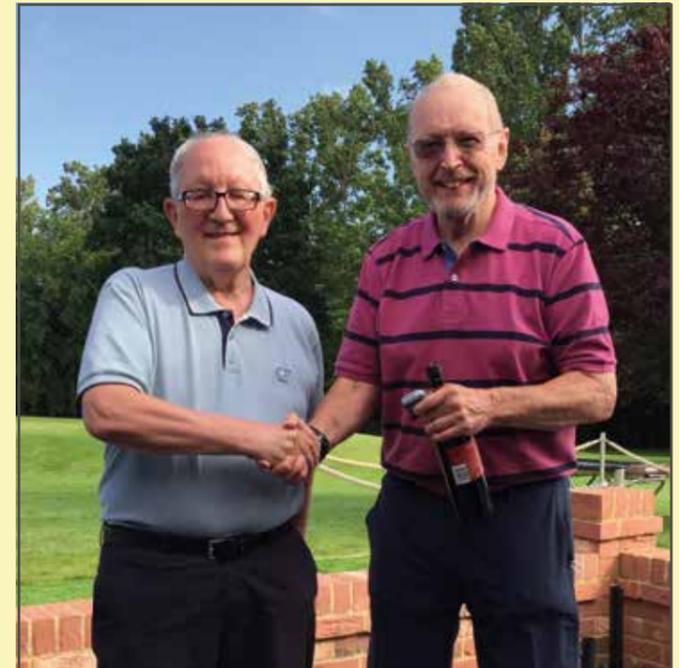


Paul receives the winner's trophy from John

Unfortunately, many of our buggy golfers hit the golf ball on the opposite side of the course and all reckoned they had walked twice as far as being in the buggy! There were some tired bodies in the clubhouse.



Malcolm makes a bold attempt



Finally, John manages to get hold of the bottle

The overall winner was Paul Goddard on countback from John Simson. Derek Adams was nearest the pin and Paul Goddard longest drive. The front nine was won by John Simson and the back nine was won by Malcolm Burton.

All agreed the steak and ale pie, chips and peas were excellent. As always, the chat and a pint made it an enjoyable day.

*John Spray* 



# Pork Roast Lunch



September '21



Forty members enjoyed a sunny day at Blakes Golf Club for our pork roast lunch. Many had not met since before COVID. It was a great reunion.

The food was good and one could enjoy the sun whilst looking over the golf course.

All too soon the afternoon was over and we all head home after an excellent day.

John Spray 



## A MESSAGE FROM JOHN ABBOTT

It was really good to catch up with members at Blakes in September after such a long time, our last outing had been the Royal Opera House in March 2020! Sadly in the intervening 18 months we have lost some of our members and our deepest condolences go to their families and friends.

The organizing committee are now turning their minds to a programme of events for next year and will be meeting in the next few weeks to start this process. All being well we should be able to send out letters to members around the end of January for everyone to indicate the events that they would be interested in attending so that we can plan for appropriate numbers.

The organising committee would also welcome some new members, if you would like to volunteer and give up a little (and it is just a little) of your time to join us, then please let either Geoff Brown or me know.

# Fellowship Committee

**Change of address**  
 Please remember to always notify us when you have a change of address

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## Future Events

Date	Event
Thursday 9 December 2021	<b>Christmas Lunch at Mulberry House:</b> Enjoy a welcome drink before a Christmas lunch with wine in the company of members and friends in the Mulberry Suite. The bar will be open for the purchase of drinks.
Thursday 24 February 2022	<b>Lunch with a Speaker:</b> Two-course lunch and a talk from Eve Regulus entitled 'The Magic of the Musicals'. The bar will be open for the purchase of drinks.