

**Annual General Meeting Agenda**  
**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2026 – 19:00**

**1) Apologies for Absence**

Vacant	President	A	Paul Bough	Captain	P
Nat Matchett	Secretary	P	Danny Armes	Vice-Captain	P
Paul Burford	Treasurer	P	Libbie Harvey	Seniors Captain	P
Dan Binch	H/Cap Secretary	P		Organsier	
Nigel Hart	Gen Comm	P	Henry Binch	Gen Comm	P
Matt Harvey	Gen Comm	P	Roy Cantrill	Gen Comm	P
Dan Nelson	Gen Comm	A	Dale Marsh	Gen Comm	A
Danny Armes	Gen Comm	P	Paul Griffin	Gen Comm	A
John Webster	Gen Comm	A	Derek Gillings	Taskers A	P
			Sean Ballentine	Taskers B	P
			Aaron Hopkinson	Scratch Captain	
			Jay Coupe	Alliance Captain	
Grant Matchett	Management	P	Paul Bough	Management	P
Susan Gillings	Member		Aaron Hopkinson	Member	
Darrell Short	Member				
Libbie Harvey	Member				
Ryan Bailey	Member				

**2) Apologies for Absence**

The 2025 AGM first item of Apologies for Absence was received and read as the above table.

**3) Opening**

Good evening everyone, and thank you all for your time and support in attending the 2026 Annual General Meeting of Brierley Forest Golf Club. Before we begin, I want to acknowledge that Reg has stepped down from his role as President/Chairperson. We respect his decision, and I want to place on record our thanks for the time, commitment, and service he has given to the club over the past year.

With his resignation coming at short notice, I'll be chairing tonight's AGM in my capacity as Club Secretary. Thank you all for your understanding — let's begin.

**4) Previous Minutes**

The 2025 AGM are normally presented by President at the meeting, as we know this position is nor vacant but the minutes have been circulated.

All was be asked to accept them as a true record.

Proposed: Dan Binch      Seconded: Matt Harvey

**5) Presidents/Chairpersons Report – no report, vacant.**

**6) Handicap/Competition Report**

We now move to the Handicap and Competition Report. This has been prepared by Dan Binch who has provided a detailed overview of the season from his role and just as I hand over to Dan I would like to thank Dan for the work he continues to put into this role.

Dan I invite you please to go through your report.

Good evening ladies and gentlemen,

Here we are again, starting an AGM report talking about the weather. After what was a very hot, dry summer we have had the longest wettest winter ever. With continuous weeks of rain came hole closures followed by course closures. Competitions were cancelled, delayed and postponed while the green staff worked tirelessly to try to provide us with a playable course.

From November 1st until 31st March we only played 8 of 43 scheduled competitions and also had to postpone the Valentine trophy, the Presidents Trophy draw and the Summer League is still to be completed. The winter league was also affected with fewer playing days available meaning fewer people entering scores than previous years.

On a brighter note during the summer the competition numbers remained very similar to the previous year with entries ranging between 40 to 60 players over a weekend. While this is considerably lower than the post covid peak of around 100 entries over a weekend it does demonstrate the club having a fairly stable loyal membership.

Both of the seasons presentation nights were excellent events really well supported by the competition winners and members who attended to support and congratulate them.

In Handicapping terms, this year was very much a continuation of the 2024 season, where many players are not able to play to their handicap as the course is significantly harder than the rating it has been assigned. This is highlighted by the lowest number of players who managed to qualify for the Stableford and Medal Finals by playing to their handicaps ever. I am confident that eventually the handicaps of members will sync with the difficulty of the course as they enter more scores, and am hopeful of an increase in course rating when we are next assessed.

The Annual Handicap Review in December which we run through the England Golf platform flagged zero members for handicap adjustment which was a bit of a surprise given the situation mentioned previously.

I would like to thank everyone who works so hard to keep this club running. The green staff , bar and kitchen staff, management, committee, our Secretary Nat , treasurer Burf who do so much behind the scenes, and all the members who enter competitions week after week and support our events.

I would also like to thank and congratulate our out going Captain Paul Bough on a great year and a fantastic amount raised for his charity and wish our new Captain Danny Armes a successful and enjoyable year.

In what was quite a difficult year for myself personally, I would like to thank everyone at Brierley who helped me through a pretty difficult spring and summer last year. It was really hard not being able to play, but so many people helped to keep me involved and part of the club, so thank you.

I wish you all a fantastic 2026.

Dan Binch

## **7) Men's Captain Report**

Next is the Men's Captain Report from Paul Bough who has reflected on his year as Captain, again as I handover, a big thank you to Paul, for your service and leadership this year.

I concur with Dale Marsh our last year's captain, that it has been a rewarding experience for me to be the Captain of BFGC this season

I am sure it will be just as rewarding for our new captain Mr Danny Armes

There are many people within the club that will assist him in his new role, including his vice-captain, past captain's and committee and golf members

That was exactly what I received, everyone from management, staff, the committee, former captains and members have all been unbelievable, I thank you all

I'm sure you will all agree that we have improved the clubhouse and golf course over the past year

Grant Matchett will discuss those in his management report

All the funds have now been collected for this year; our local veteran's club was my chosen charity this year.

It will be an honour for me to present my cheque to them on Saturday 18th of April, at Larwood Rugby Club

Grant and Danny are accompanying me, should anyone else wish to go, please let me know and you will get an insight into what they are trying to achieve, has well as treat yourself o a good breakfast.

Their meeting starts at 9am.

The total raised was £5,785

Thank you all for your huge generosity

Regards

Paul Bough

- a. **Appointment of Men's Captain** – We now formally appoint Danny Armes as Club Captain for 2026–27. Congratulations Danny, and thank you to Paul for a successful year. Danny Armes was appointed as Club Captain 2026-27 hand over from Paul Bough – a big well done to Paul and welcome Danny!

## 8) **Management Report**

We now move to the Management Report, which covers course and club house work and upcoming plans.

I would like to thank you to everyone involved in the management and maintenance of the club this year as I hand over to Grant Matchett

We would like to express our appreciation to the Green staff (Lee, Paul and Now Captain Danny Armes) for their unwavering dedication and hard work throughout the season on the course.

Its our Second Year of winter fairway mats and based on the course most people continued to use them and purchase the spurk Mats from the clubhouse too. So Thank you to Everyone.

We addressed the issue of the poorly conditioned winter tee mats by replacing them, ensuring the playing surfaces remain in Good condition. In addition, with support from the Garden Barber Company, we introduced newly designed bases on the 15th and 17th winter tee boxes, enhancing both durability and functionality for members and guests alike.

Our aim this season was to implement policy that would keep the course open at all times. However, persistent adverse weather conditions from late December through nearly the end of February made this initiative unfeasible. Despite our best efforts, the unpredictable climate ultimately prevented us from maintaining uninterrupted access for members and guests.

Our collaboration with Indigrow remains ongoing, and together we have developed a bespoke programme specifically designed to meet the unique needs of our course. This initiative focuses on the application of chemicals and fertilisers across the greens, tees, and aprons, with an allocated budget of £20,000. It is important to note that this figure does not cover the costs of sand and seed, for which we have set aside an additional £25,000 in our budget. A further £15,000 will be used on hiring of equipment throughout the year on mini diggers, Verti drain machine as well as purchasing new machines.

**Purchases from last year and into this year:**

- Stump Grinder Purchased
- 1 Extra Buggy now 6 Available to Hire.
- New Sand Spreader Purchased.
- A Treacher purchased
- Plus plenty of new parts purchased for machinery and hand tools etc

**Our primary goal this season is to relevel and reshape every greenside bunker on the course. We have already added new sand to most of the bunkers, with 20 tonnes purchased so far. Additionally, we expect a further delivery of 40 tonnes this Tuesday, which will be used both for the greens and as a top-up for the bunkers. This substantial investment will help ensure the bunkers remain in excellent condition throughout the season.**

**The greens have undergone deep spiking, and we are now awaiting the delivery of sand next week to complete the process. Unfortunately, the sand was delayed week but with the deep spiking being done it will help with aeration of the greens.**

**Initial work began on the hedges; however, unfavourable weather forced us to halt progress. As a result, the project will resume in August, once conditions are more suitable for continuation.**

**Ongoing ditches and drainage will continue throughout the season and going forward, with the future ambition to join them all up.**

**Golf membership will increase by 7% and the bar, food process will also increase but not until the 1<sup>st</sup> of May 2026 when our new till and card machine system will be in place.**

**Hopefully, as you have seen and know the clubhouse itself like the course has also undergone some improvement the past year including new decking, carpets, glasswasher and etc. This year as well as the new till system mentioned other new purchases to look forward to seeing are new coffee machines, golf genius online booking and competition's system, potential extension decking area on the front.**

**\*Geoff Burton – we have been asked kindly by his son Alex if we would distribute details of Geoff Burton former long-standing member and treasurer at BFGC, which is that it will be at Mansfield Crematorium, Fri 17<sup>th</sup> April, 2pm, with some drinks and lights snacks later at the club**

**On a brighter note we wish you all a happy easter weekend and the beer garden is officially open!**

**Thank you,  
BFGC Management Team**

9) **Treasurer Report**

We now move to the Treasurer's Report with who we thank for all his hard work time and effort this role takes I will now hand over to Paul Burford to present the financial overview

<b>Treasurers Financial Report 3rd April 2025 To 3 April 2026</b>		
<b>Money from previous year</b>		<b>£2,219.00</b>
<b>Paid in</b>	Cash received from Competitions	£3,029.50
	<b>Total Paid In</b>	<b>£5,248.50</b>
<b>Paid out</b>	Handicap Master	£637.20
	Summer Trophys	
	Summer Presentation Evening/Dj	£526.80
	Allience Fees	£125.00
	Captain Away Fees	£250.00
	Captain Home Fees	£250.00
	Handicap Secretarys Fees	£600.00
	Winter Presentation Trophys	£739.20
	Winter Presentation Dj	
	Taskers	£60.00
	Captains Blazer	£60.00
	Ink/card (comp Boards)	£81.37
<b>Total paid out</b>	<b>£3,329.57</b>	
<b>Total funds available</b>		<b>£1,918.93</b>

10) **Seniors/Taskers Teams Captains Reports**

Now a Thank you to Derek and Shaun for their leadership and support as We now move to the Seniors and Taskers Team Reports.

Both A & B teams had a successful year.

Both teams progressed well and met each other in the quarter final of the Taskers Plate.

A close match with the B team winning and ultimately progressing to the final which was played at Beeston Fields.

The final was well attended with ladies and gents teams contesting both the Taskers Trophy and Taskers Plate.

Disappointment again as the B team were narrowly beat on the final hole in the final match, losing 4 -3 to Ashby De Coy.

Two teams have been entered for 2026 and look to improve on the three runners up medals Brierley Forest have had in this competition.  
D Gillings & Shaun Ballantine team captains for 2026.

**11) Alliance Report**

This competition is for Nottinghamshire based clubs. The season runs from September until the end of May, with a winter break.

For the 2024/2025 season, BFGC has completed 12 rounds and currently holds 6th position out of 22 teams in the league. This strong standing reflects their consistent performance and promising prospects moving forward. As a result of finishing in 6th place in the league table, BFGC were amongst 8 teams that qualified for the end of season Harry Brown Trophy. This was held at Springwater GC, on 4th June, where 6 players from each team competed over 36 holes of golf.

Great performances from our pairings of Derek Gillings/Karl Waltho, Kev Coupe/Paul Burford and Jay Coupe/Dave Cockerill saw BFGC finish in second place only 4 shots behind eventual winners Norwood Park.

Season 2025/26 started in August, where team selection is made by our new captain, Jason Coupe.

BFGC currently lie 6th Place on 1101 points, Paul Burford is currently first in the individual amateur table with 4 fixtures remaining.

**12) Scratch Team Captains Report**

Next is the Scratch Team Report as we say thank you to Aaron for his leadership and to Paul Griffin for shirt sponsorship. With Aaron has stepping down for the new season I invite Grant Matchett for the report.

Our Scratch Team experienced another challenging season, ending up tied for first place, yet ultimately missing out on the top spot due to legs won by Mapperley GC.

Despite our strong performance, it was disappointing to see victory slip away on such a fine margin. We won 5 out of 6 games played only losing to Mapperley Away. Massive Thank you to everyone who played and stepped in at the last minute.

Thank you to Paul Griffin and his company for the Shirts Sponsorship for last season and Paul will continue to sponsor the new shirts for this year.

A final thank you to BFGC Greenstaff, Clubhouse and catering for last season too.

While I have thoroughly enjoyed my first season as captain, I have decided to step down from the role so I can focus more on playing in the matches.

I am pleased to pass the reins to Grant Matchett, who was a tremendous support to me throughout last season and has been an integral part of the team.

Thanks Everyone  
Aaron Hopkinson

**13) Election of Officers**

We now move to the election of officers for the coming year. The positions listed in your agenda will be taken in order.

Each role was read and confirmed nominations. All nominations are valid and have been proposed and seconded. For each name all was in favour and carried so our 2026-27 committee will be:

President	Ryan Bailey
Treasurer	Paul Burford
Secretary	Nat Matchett
Comp/Handicap Sec	Dan Binch
Vice-Captain	Derek Gillings
Scratch Team Captain	Grant Matchett
Senior Captain Admin	Libbie Harvey
Alliance Team Captain	Jay Coupe
Taskers Team A Captain	Derek Gillings
Taskers B Captain	Sean Ballentine
Juniors Captain – Unfilled position	
Ladies Captain – Unfilled position	

Election of General Committee:

Roy Cantrill  
Henry Binch  
John Webster  
Matt Harvey  
Dale Marsh

**14) Notion of Motion**

We have two motions proposed by Dan Binch and the Executive Committee:

- a) Increased all competition fees to £5 (All Majors, doesn't include midweek or Winter League)
- b) Mixed tee competitions at weekends (Singles not Majors)

Each motion was discussed separately and voted. **Both voted and PASSED! 17-0**

**15) Juniors Captain Report – no report, vacant.**

**16) Ladies Captain Report – no report, vacant.**

**17) Any Other Business (Affecting AGM)**

- a) DG asked if any further forward with Junior section and interest last year from Daniel Stoneham. GM to re-chase and to see if there is an interest in general form junior enquires
- b) RC asked about buggy process as most clubs charge £30 for visitors and ours were cheaper. GM confirmed for members would stay the same and

slight increase in line with inflation/general cost of living around gas and electric prices

- c) DB raised about Golf Genius system in replace of Handicap Master as discussed as previous Committee Meetings. All agreed a superior system and management offered to pay for part of the new system and get in touch with the company to start the exchange. Info for members/visitors will be posted when the new system comes in place.

**18)**

**Closing Remarks**

Thank you all for attending tonight and for your continued support of Brierley Forest Golf Club. Your involvement is what keeps the club moving forward. If anyone has questions or matters they'd like to discuss privately, I'll be available after the meeting.

This AGM is now closed

**AGM Finished at 8.04pm:**