

THE DARENTH SENIORS

Minutes of Committee Meeting(DarCom 29) (Rev00), held in the Club House on Thursday 13th November 2025

The meeting opened at 2.37pm

Present were: John Rampling, John Green, Bill Burt, Brian Dobbs, Brian Howat, Martin Finch, Graham Edmonds, David Long and Jim Connor taking the Chair.

Apologies for Absence: None

The Minutes of the previous meeting of 26th June 2025 (DarCom28), having been pre-distributed, were accepted as a true record proposed JR, seconded BH, and signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING: There were none.

CAPTAIN'S REPORT: Captain reported a sum of £2,174 in the charity. Was getting approaches regarding playing in the Super-70s League. Gave demographics of membership ages showing there were 40 over the age of 70.

Matters Arising: It was stated that we did not have available dates in our schedule to enter into a further league.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Report as appended.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Reported a balance in hand of £2,825.26; Report and Balance sheet as appended.

SOCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT: Reported Extravaganza sign up sheet on board and gave numbers signed up so far. Need to encourage people to bring guests, and also to bring in raffle prizes. Wished to pursue a Burns Night in the New Year and was going to try to encourage people to support this event.

ALMONER'S REPORT: Had emailed all the new members and welcomed them to the section. Also, had emailed absentees with a variety of responses.

COMPETITION & HANDICAP SECRETARY'S REPORT: Reported that up to three groups going off the tenth seems to be working. Discussion ensued regarding two balls and singles following us around, without conclusion.

MATCH SECRETARY'S REPORT: Report as appended. Verbally added a rider regarding meal costs.

PROPOSALS

- a) Possible Captain's Awayday. BB canvassed the idea of re-establishing such. Agreed a good idea. Discussion ensued regarding possible venue, and Upchurch seemed to be a preferred choice. BB to investigate and action.
- b) Matchplay draws. JG suggested that the matchplay draws be made on a Thursday post round to create a bit of banter and inclusiveness. Agreed to give it a try it out next Spring.
- c) Clearing mud from greens. BH suggested that when players finish on a green, before departing they have a clear up of any mud left lying on the green. Committee were of a mind that, if anything, this would slow down play.

AOB

BB: raised issue of a Darenth Open which had been shelved for the past few years. Realised that with difficulties previously encountered this would perhaps not be a good idea.

BB: Team shirts for new members: can we arrange some. Committee agree it a good idea. Brian Vickers had collated order previously, perhaps he could be approached to do so again.

MF: Pitch marks: Can we encourage players to repair such. Perhaps Captain could give it a mention when doing announcements pre-play.

JG: Jason had advised him that vouchers would not be issued, owing to abuse of them.

The Date of next meeting will be on 12th February 2026, at the Club House.

The meeting closed at 3.35pm

XX Chairman signs here XX

SECRETARY'S REPORT: DarCom29

Just like the No.11 bus, you wait for ages, then a load come along together. As it was with our recent intake of new members. A load came along together, and now we've been waiting. We did have one guy come along and try us out, but he was going to confer with his wife about joining us. Needless to say we haven't seen him since.

Currently the membership number stands at 46. Purely as a matter of interest, including the current members, we have had a total of 96 pass over our portal since we set up shop here at The Darenth at the beginning of 2018.

I would just like to put on record the passing recently of a number of pals from our previous incarnation, those being Vic Howden, Jimmy Rudduck and Bob Parker. All within a week or so of each other. RIP.

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Treasurer's Report DARCOM 29 13 November 2025

Please see attached a copy of the budget and performance for the year to date. Since the previous meeting, the balance in the TDS bank account has reduced from £3,663.81 to £2,825.26. The change in the bank account balance (a reduction of £838.55) is due to the following:

£145.40 > Funds collected for the Summer Dinner less amount paid.

£61.00 > Subscription paid by 1 member (bringing the total number of members who have paid to 45).

£20.00 > Unexpected amount received from non-member.

Less

£1042.75 > Golf union fees paid.

£22.20 > KGV website.

Graham Edmonds - Treasurer

The Darenth Seniors
Income & Expenditure Statement for Year Ended 31/12/2025 as at 7/11/2025

	Income		Expenditure	
	31-Dec-2025	31-Dec-2024	31-Dec-2025	31-Dec-2024
b/f	£1,172.97	£3,765.95		
Captains Charity		£829.00		£3,357.74
Comp Secs Expenses			£44.96	£42.49
Trophies & Engraving			£100.70	£1,183.24
KGVL Subscription			£70.00	£65.00
KGVL Website				£10.50
KGVL Jamboree		£375.00		£375.00
KGVL Donation				£10.00
Subscriptions	£1,653.75	£1,467.50		
GU Fees	£1,053.75	£1,023.50	£1,042.75	£1,000.00
Summer Dinner	£1,066.00	£1,440.00	£920.60	£1,474.00
Xmas Extravaganza		£1,470.00		£1,475.00
TDS Ties	£60.00	£50.00		
Shirts				£35.00
Website			£22.20	£14.81
Handicap Master				£205.20
Miscellaneous	£20.00			
Bank			£2,825.26	£1,172.97
Total	£5,026.47	£10,420.95	£5,026.47	£10,420.95
Notes:				
Bank	£2,825.26	£1,172.97		
Earmarked Funds				
GU Fees	£34.50	£23.50		
Events	£285.90	£140.50		
Tie Fund	£220.00	£160.00		
Sub total	£540.40	£324.00		
Net TDS Funds	£2,284.86	£848.97		

Match Secretary's Report 13th November 2025

Since my last report we finished our Friendly matches schedule with a 6 – 0 win over Cherry Lodge at home, they were not happy, and a 5 – 1 win over Birchwood at home. We were unbeaten during the season. In total 23 different players represented the Club in our friendly match's which I think is very commendable, nearly 50% of the members and I would encourage other members to put themselves forward for selection. The Ladies are very keen again for another get together next year and a date has been fixed. Nearer the time I will speak to Kerry and see if we can't get earlier tee times. The problem being is that as the Ladies are academy players they can't tee off until after 12.00.

In the Kent Golf Vets League, we finished last in the league but nevertheless had some very good results. As mentioned before beating Nizels at home 8 – 2 was fantastic, and they went on to win the league.

With Nizels going up we welcome Weald of Kent to our league and look forward to playing them. In total we used 23 different players during the season, 24 if the Jamboree is included, which again is very good. Some did have to be cajoled into playing whilst others look forward to the challenge. Only 7 of the members failed to win a match which is also very good.

Dave Long has agreed all of our dates, both League and Friendlies for next year and seems to have spread them out very evenly during the season.

Dave and I also attended the Kent Vets AGM on the 28th October at Dartford GC. Handicaps for next year were discussed and agreed to be maintained as last year. Maximum of 22 with 2 allowed at 24.

Discussion took place about a new club joining for the 2027 year and if this is agreed after due diligence, we will see 2 clubs promoted from our group 7 and 1 demoted from group 3. This will mean both groups have 7 teams each. Whilst other clubs have shown an interest in joining it was agreed that 7 teams were the maximum number that we could have, as there were not enough dates in the diary for any more fixtures.

Slow play was discussed as Clubs, in particular The Ridge, had had problems with their management as to the amount of time needed to complete matches. Also, Wrotham with the Jamboree had issues. Some rounds up to 5 hours plus. Ready golf was dismissed as we play Matchplay but ready golf between teams could be done and players picking up if out of a hole would also help. Generally, it was left to the captains to pass this onto their team members.

Weather was also discussed following the extremely hot weather seen last year as well as matches called off because of rain. Again, it was left up to the captains to talk beforehand about weather if needed and a reminder that if a game is called off a date has to be rearranged, not played, within 7 days. It was also left to the captains to talk about the use of buggies during extreme heat and that these could be shared.