

THE DARENTH SENIORS

Minutes of Committee Meeting(DarCom 30) (Rev00), held in the Club House on Thursday 13th February 2026

The meeting opened at 1.40pm

Present were: D. Long, J. Green, J. Rampling, M. Finch, G. Edmonds, B. Burt, B. Dobbs, and J. Connor in the Chair. A. Bailey, as Vice-Captain elect, had been invited to join the meeting, as an observer.

Apologies for Absence: B. Howat (recovering from surgery)

The Minutes of the previous meeting of 13th November 2025 (DarCom 29), having been pre-distributed, were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING: JC queried as to the matchplay draws. JR advised that they would still be random draws to be generated by the computer, but can certainly be done 'in public' as requested. JC advised the meeting that the team shirts had been ordered, and were being embroidered with names, 'as we speak'.

CAPTAIN'S REPORT: Reported that his charity fund currently totalled £2,700.50p.

Matters Arising: JC advised the Captain, and incoming Captain, that a cut-off date for collection, and transference to the incoming Captain's appeal should be made. Also advised that a final total will need to be known to be presented to the AGM. JC gave a word of thanks to the outgoing Captain.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Report as appended.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Reported a balance in hand of £1,546.22; Report and Balance sheet as appended. A budget for the coming year was presented. With KGU and EGU subscriptions, and working on a membership of 45, this would need to set at a subscription rate of £61. It was agreed to make things simpler to be rounded down to £60, to be presented to AGM for ratification.

SOCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT: Report as appended.

ALMONER'S REPORT: Reported been keeping in touch with certain members. Then within the space of a month we had two deaths, Malcolm Fox and David Watts. Also gave updates on the welfare of Brian Vickers, Malcolm Morgan and Chris Bishop, among others.

COMPETITION & HANDICAP SECRETARY'S REPORT: Reported that Winter Knockouts running slow in some areas, in part due to ill health and lack of buggy useage. Will be approaching Kerry to get the tenth tee starts back from the beginning of March, and doesn't see this being a problem.

MATCH SECRETARY'S REPORT: Report as appended.

TOPICS

a) Adoption of an Auditor. DL had obtained the agreement of Sandy Morris to take on the role of Auditor. Committee were in agreement that he shall be proposed as such for ratification at AGM.

b) Insurance of Trophies: With the current spate of thefts of silverware from golf clubs around the county, DL suggested that it may be prudent to take out insurance on our own trophy collection. Conclusion of discussion was that DL shall try to engage with Jason in order to get some form of add-on insurance to the Clubhouse property insurance. Failing that the Section shall bear the oncost should any loss occur, rather than take out our own individual cover.

AOB:

JR raised the possibility that in order to have fixture availability to compete in the Over-70 League that we desist in competing in the Over-80 League. Meeting of the opinion that if the Over-80s are raising teams, and they are enjoying it, then leave well enough alone.

BB gave an update on his forthcoming Captain's Awayday, and was looking forward to his year of Captaincy.

The Date of next meeting will be on 7th May 2026, at the Club House.

The meeting closed at 2.25pm

XX Chairman signs here XX

SECRETARY'S REPORT: DarCom30

Currently the membership number stands at 45. New sign-ups stagnating of late. I would put you all on notice that at the upcoming AGM, assuming that I am re-elected to the position of Secretary, I will be announcing that this will be my final time of standing. Having passed the milestone of 80 years of age, it would be time to start taking a back seat. As should I 'drop the baton' at any time mid-tenure, it would be a problem for anyone to pick up the reins from scratch. Please excuse the mixed metaphors. I will, of course, offer any assistance in any way possible for the smooth running of the Section.

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Treasurer's Report DARCOM 30 12 February 2026

Please see attached a copy of the budget and performance for the year to 31 December 2025. Since the previous meeting, the balance in the TDS bank account has reduced from £2,825.26 to £1,616.22. The change in the bank account balance (a reduction of £1,209.04) is due to the following:

£83.96 > Funds collected for the Extravaganza less amount paid.

Less

£140.00 > Late payment for the Summer Dimmer.

£1055.20 > Payment for trophies

£97.80 > Payment for website.

After allowing for earmarked funds (GU fees, events and tie fund), the net TDS funds amounted to £1,131.86 at 31 December 2025. This is an increase of £282.89 (from £848.97) over 2025.

This increase was due to:

£1,673.75 > Funds received in subscriptions from members

Less

£1,155.90 > Payment for trophies & engraving

£97.80 > Payment for website

£92.20 > Payments to KGVV (subscription & website)

£44.96 > Secretaries' expenses (paper)

Since the start of 2026, 1 payment for £70 (subscription to the Kent Golf Veterans League) has been made out of the account and so the balance currently amounts to £1,546.22

Graham Edmonds - Treasurer

The Darenth Seniors
Income & Expenditure Statement for Year Ended 31/12/2025

	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			£1,155.90	£1,183.24
KGVL Subscription			£70.00	£65.00
KGVL Website			£22.20	£10.50
KGVL Jamboree	£320.00	£375.00	£320.00	£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	£1,060.60	£1,474.00
Xmas Extravaganza	£1,559.00	£1,470.00	£1,475.04	£1,475.00
TDS Ties	£60.00	£50.00		
Shirts				£35.00
Website			£97.80	£14.81
Handicap Master				£205.20
Miscellaneous	£20.00			
Bank			£1,616.22	£1,172.97
Total	£6,905.47	£10,420.95	£6,905.47	£10,420.95
Notes:				
Bank	£1,616.22	£1,172.97		
Earmarked Funds				
GU Fees	£34.50	£23.50		
Events	£229.86	£140.50		
Tie Fund	£220.00	£160.00		
Sub total	£484.36	£324.00		
Net TDS Funds	£1,131.86	£848.97		

Graham Edmonds - Treasurer

Doug Hughes - Auditor

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DarCom30 – Social Secretary Report

Dear All,

Firstly, I wish to formally step down as Social Secretary as of 12th February 2026. I informally told Dave Long on 5th February.

I will not be able to attend the DARCOM meeting on 12th as I am still recovering from surgery.

I have enjoyed working with all the committee and thank you all for your support throughout my tenure. I would also say a personal thanks to Dave Long for his uncanny ability to spot my deliberate mistakes where they occurred. Also to David Watts who recently passed away for his advice and support.

The previous minutes indicated that I would again try to introduce a Burns Supper to the calendar but my upcoming surgery which I knew was imminent and the lack of support from members forced me to cancel this endeavour.

I have found the position frustrating as I did attempt to introduce some different social events but the lack of support from members was often disappointing but understandable in today's financial climate.

I will of course continue to support the section wherever possible and provide support to the new incumbent when one is found.

Best Regards
Brian Howat

Match Secretary's Report 12th February 2026

Food prices for 2026 have been held by the Club same as last year

With regard to KGV L Chelsfield Lakes have been invited to join Group 7 from 2027. As mentioned before this will mean at the end of this year two Clubs being promoted and one demoted from Group 3

We have been asked by the Club to change the tee off time for one of our matches going forward to 10.00

I will make it clear when asking for players nearer the time

I have not heard any more re the Ladies match