

THE DARENTH SENIORS

Minutes of Committee Meeting(DarCom 32) (Rev00), held in the Club House on Thursday 15th October 2026

The meeting opened at 13:42

Present were: Brian Dobbs, Alan Bailey, David Long, Graham Edmonds (by invitation), and Jim Connor taking the Chair.

Apologies for Absence were received from: Bill Burt, Martin Finch and John Green.

The Minutes of the previous meeting of 7th May 2026 (DarCom 31), having been pre-distributed were adopted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING: JC raised issue of relief from tree roots, which had been referred back to the Competition Committee. Secretary enlightened that suggestion having been shown no enthusiasm, the matter was not pursued. JC asked if the random draws had been reinstated on Thursdays, Secretary advised that as far as he was able to tell, they had been.

CAPTAIN'S REPORT: Captain's Report as appended.

Matters Arising: None.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Report as appended.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Reported a balance in hand of: £4,066.73; Report and Balance sheet as appended.

SOCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT: Report as appended.

ALMONER'S REPORT: Report as appended.

COMPETITION & HANDICAP SECRETARY'S REPORT: Report as appended.

MATCH SECRETARY'S REPORT: Report as appended.

TOPICS

a) DL proposed that there should be a minimum number of 12 in attendance for a scheduled competition to proceed, without the need of a Competition Committee to be in attendance to deem so. Figure of 12 was agreed upon with the proviso that should there be any complaints from membership, the matter would be brought before the next AGM. Seconded by BD.

b) JC on the need to identify a replacement Treasurer, advised that he had asked David Jones if he was prepared to take on the role. Advised meeting that David was agreeable to taking on the task. In the meantime he would be liaising with Graham Edmonds on procedures, and we will need to get his signature added to the Bank's Mandate.

c) DL on the need to identify a new Secretary. Brian Dobbs volunteered that he would be prepared to take over the role. DL offered to continue with non-Secretarial chores.

AOB:

AB advised that he made a few inquiries at certain venues for his Awayday next year. Had tried to get value for money, and identified High Elms as the likely venue. Suggested date will be Monday April 26th. He will now make fuller enquiries and get back.

DL advised the meeting that the Pick and Place on fairways which we have operated over this past summer will not be an option available to clubs during the summer months, in future.

BD raised the issue of astroturf mats, as raised at AGM. Advised that nothing had been pursued in this regard.

The Date of next meeting will be on 11th February 2027, prior to AGM, at the Club House.

The meeting closed at 14:28

A Note of appreciation to Graham Edmonds for his participation was extended.

XX Chairman signs here XX

CAPTAIN'S REPORT: DarCom32

Gentlemen thanks to the committee for being here today.... Here is the Captains rumblings for the year so far

I would like to say that as my year is now on the down slope to the finish that so far it has been a pleasure to represent you all as Captain, of course it would have been a lot more pleasurable for you had you not had to spend so much time looking for my balls in the trees...

I would like to say a big THANKYOU to all the committee for their hard work in keeping the competitions on track and again to those sorting out the weekly routines of Stablefords and Medals.

We all must have had some misgivings about the course this year I can remember moaning endlessly about it but with the improvements the rain has brought hopefully it will continue to get better and we will see some members return to the club next year

The Captain's Charity, the RNLI, have already received £1,500 and will continue to receive the very kind donations of the members through the weekly nearest the pins (and the balls are SRIXON balls Definitely)

The next big thing on the horizon is the Extravaganza in December and I would be very honoured if all members of the Darenth Seniors and spouses (where applicable) could make it for the knees up.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: DarCom32

Unfortunately we have lost a few bodies since last we met. I have deleted Barry Bright from the database, as things appear to be uncertain regarding his continuance of membership of The Darenth. We have shedded two Committee members, which is unfortunate, John Rampling and Graham Edmonds. Graham has offered to continue maintaining our books until the year-end and, hopefully at time of compiling this report, he is here today to make a report.

Also left is Brian Hubbard, owing to continuing poor health.

Unfortunately two of the departees happen to be Committee members. Martin Finch is standing in for John, and will be prepared to take on the role of Handicap Secretary. We are still scanning the horizon for someone to take over as Treasurer, come the AGM. Hopefully Jim will have some good news on this front later in proceedings.

We have invited on board one new member, Glyn Croxford. Although he seems conspicuous by his absence. This puts our membership total at 41.

Mea Culpa. I have noticed that the Minutes for DarCom 30 are showing the wrong date. They should show as Thursday 12th February, and not the 13th. Unlucky. Apologies.

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Treasurer's Report DARCOM 32 15 October 2026

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 increased from £3,651.68 to £4,066.73. The change in the bank account balance (an increase of £415.05) is due to the following:

£344.50 > Subscriptions paid by members (including 1 sub for a member who appears to have now paid twice).

£93.00 > Surplus of payments received for Summer Dinner over amount paid.

Less

£ 22.45 > Payment for competition secretary expenses (printer cartridge).

The balance in the TDS bank account is currently relatively large. We expect to pay out significant funds in GU fees and for trophies/engraving before the end of the year.

This year we have received subscriptions from 42 members.

Graham Edmonds - Treasurer

The Darenth Seniors
Income & Expenditure Statement for Year Ended 31/12/2026

	Income		Expenditure	
	9-Oct-2026	31-Dec-2025	9-Oct-2026	31-Dec-2025
b/f	£1,616.22	£1,172.97		
Captains Charity				
Secs Expenses			£22.45	£44.96
Trophies & Engraving			£114.54	£1,155.90
KGVL Subscription			£70.00	£70.00
KGVL Website				£22.20
KGVL Jamboree		£320.00		£320.00
KGVL Donation				
Subscriptions	£1,449.00	£1,653.75		
GU Fees	£1,045.50	£1,053.75	£0.00	£1,042.75
Summer Dinner	£1,240.00	£1,066.00	£1,147.00	£1,060.60
Xmas Extravaganza		£1,559.00		£1,475.04
TDS Ties	£10.00	£60.00		
Shirts				
Website				£97.80
Handicap Master				
Miscellaneous	£60.00	£20.00		
Bank			£4,066.73	£1,616.22
Total	£5,420.72	£6,905.47	£5,420.72	£6,905.47
Notes:				
Bank	£4,066.73	£1,616.22		
Earmarked Funds				
GU Fees	£1,080.00	£34.50		
Events	£322.86	£229.86		
Tie Fund	£230.00	£220.00		
Sub total	£1,632.86	£484.36		
Net TDS Funds	£2,433.87	£1,131.86		

SOCIAL REPORT: DarCom32

In Andy Grant's absence, It looks like the Extravaganza will be going ahead in it's usual venue on December 10th. With just the alternate menu choices still to be sorted out.

ALMONER'S REPORT: DarCom32

Luckily I haven't had to report any deaths in the seniors this term, I've contacted everyone that hasn't been around to ascertain their health status, a few have had problems which were quickly resolved, the only person at the moment away through health is Malcolm Morgan who unfortunately had a fall and damaged his shoulder and hand.

Update on Eddie is that they have changed his medication so at the moment he knows he wouldn't be able to play 18 holes, he said he's OK otherwise and maybe pop in next Monday. Martin

COMPETITION REPORT: DarCom32

In John Rampling's absence, It can be reported that the Winter Knockout competition has been set up, and published. As has been the Winter OOM, the Malcolm Fox Trophy.

The Summer Singles Knockout has been completed with Kevin Beerling surpassing David Jones with a 2&1 victory. Trophies may now be sent off for engravure.

Match Secretary's Report 15th October 2026

Our Friendly matches concluded with a 6 – 0 win over Birchwood at home. Prior to that we beat Cherry Lodge 4 – 2 at home. During the season we lost 2 matches in total 1 against Eltham Warren away but we beat them by the same score at home. The other match was the away leg against Park Wood which we lost by 7 points but more than made up for it at home again winning the trophy

In total we used 27 different players this year up from 22 last year which is very encouraging having so many players wanting to play, over 50 % of the membership We heard nothing from the Ladies this year so no match took place

In the Kent Golf Vets League, we finished 5th out of 6 teams in our league. The Ridge won and together with Wrotham Heath get promoted to league 3

Demoted from league 3 was Heaver Castle and we welcome new into our league Chelsfield Lakes.

During the season we lost 7 matches including 2 at home to the two promoted sides. We won 4 matches and 1 finished all square. Some of the matches that we lost were very close games with some pairs losing by 1 hole, sometimes matches were decided on the 18 green

We used 22 players during the season and for some matches we struggled to get 10 players but somehow got there in the end.

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 our last match is the 9th of September next year which is an earlier finish than the last couple of years It will be interesting in both the Friendly and League matches as to how the change to the course rating will affect visiting players' handicaps. I think many of the matches will be a much tighter affair as players coming to us will not have to give up as many shots

Dave and I will be attending the league AGM on the 27th October at Darford GC and I will report back to Committee any news from that.