

ROB EPTON'S

SURVIVOR

2024 SCILLY SPECIAL

Can you last the week?



PRESIDENT

Rob Epton

PAST PRESIDENTS

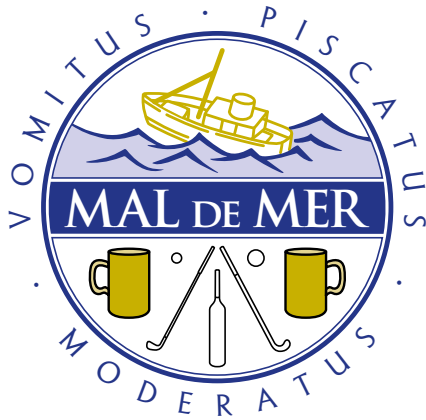
1934-37	E. H. Maddocks	Sir Harry	1985	R. Fox	Bob
1937-45	C. S. Asbury	Archbishop	1986	K. R. Bound	Roy the Golf
1946-47	E. P. Morgan	Perry	1987	A. R. Gibbs	Roy
1948	A. T. Rouse	Bomber	1988	J. D. Ashby	Canon
1949	G. C. Willis	Geoff	1989	J. Gray	Jimmy
1950	F. W. Ross	Goldfish	1990	V. Woodfield	Tiger
1951	F. J. Spence	Spindle	1991	G. F. Nabb	Gordon
1952	W. J. Jones	Bioscopic Bill	1992	R. Cutts	Reg
1953	W. Gough	Archdeacon	1993	A. Upson	Andy
1954	T. L. Clarke	Nobby	1994	A. Smith	Andy
1955	J. H. Jones	Gentleman Jack	1995	E. Gladden	Eddie
1956	H. N. Parnell	Handsome Harry	1996	S. Marlow	Steve
1957	T. L. Fraser	Alderman	1997	P. Simmonds	Simmo
1958	G. E. S. Twist	Lord George	1998	B. Barrett	Bernie
1959	J. M. Stotter	Cupid	1999	R. Farr	Ray
1960	W. H. Goold	Uncle Jimmie	2000	M. Gibbs	Martin
1961	E. T. Willetts	Daylight	2001	G. Snell	Geoff
1962	R. C. Devis	Vicar of Mirth	2002	S. Greiner	Simon
1963	E. W. Weatherhead	The Burgher	2003	A. Farr	Anthony
1964	Mac Smith	Prebendary	2004	J. Chadwick	Chaddy
1965	J. D. Ashby	Canon	2005	G. Izzard	Graham
1966	F. B. Beard	Commodore	2006	D. Nottingham	Notty
1967	R. E. Jones	Turpin	2007	S. Galloway	Squirry
1968	N. F. Kendall	Professor	2008	A. Guest	Alan
1969	L. S. Richards	Major General	2009	D. Martin	David
1970	P. V. Hope	Paddy	2010	P. Calfe	Calfey
1971	C. W. Phillips	Chips	2011	S. Dann	Stevie
1972	L. J. Shaw	Beau	2012	A. Clay	Andy
1973	P. A. Kavanagh	Caesar	2013	A. Polhill	Al
1974	A. V. Brackston	Brack	2014	H. Marsland	Haroldinho
1975	R. A. Flanagan	Dancing Master	2015	J. Davidge	Gadget
1976	M. M. Martin	Jet	2016	S. Ward	Wardy
1977	L. J. Hains	Jerk	2017	J. Pooley	Poolos
1978	D. J. Walsh	Dave	2018	D. Epton	Eppo
1979	J. Nicholas	Doc	2019	P. Nelstrop	Pistol Pete
1980	B. A. Guest	Ben Gurion	2020	P. Nelstrop	Rollover
1981	A. Robinson	Tony	2021	W. Feely	Wilf
1982	G. E. S. Twist	Lord George	2022	K. Williams	Edwards
1983	B. E. Pooley	Sailor	2023	A. Hicks	Ali
1984	D. Hawley	Dudley			

ORGANIZATOR J. Chadwick

DIRECTOR GENERAL M. Gibbs

AUDITOR R. Farr

TREASURER S. Galloway



PRESIDENT
ROB EPTON

Wednesday 25th September – Monday 30th September 2024

Origins

For the benefit of new boys and others who read this brochure for the first time, a short history of the origins, aims and objectives of the Mal de Mer Club will provide a useful grounding for the forthcoming trip.

In the early 1930s, W. H. Goold (Uncle Jimmie) was working in Plymouth as a Branch Manager for an Insurance Company. On one of his trips to Scilly he got into conversation with certain of the Island's sportsmen and the subject of sport on the Islands was the topic for discussion. Opportunities for playing competitive sport on the Islands were limited so Uncle Jimmie offered to bring over a team of sportsmen who would play the Islanders at whatever game they chose.



Our founder, Uncle Jimmie

In September 1932 the first party arrived and, with the exception of the war years and 2020, has been coming ever since. Uncle Jimmie died in 1977 but the Island sportsmen from those early days remain very dear friends.

The objectives set by Uncle Jimmie from the first trip remain clear today – to encourage and foster sport and sportsmanship both on and off the field and particularly, in the Isles of Scilly, to encourage good fellowship with the Islanders, good feeling in its membership and a willingness to have a go when called upon.

A word of warning to new members, the Mal de Mer Club is not a democratic organisation, it is a benevolent junta comprising the President, Organizer and Director General with the opinions of the Treasurer thrown in for good measure. Do not question its authority, we have lost too many good men at sea!

Qualifications for Membership

- Proposed by a member, approval of the Organizer, Director General and President
- A second invitation to join the Mals
- Possession of a good sense of humour
- Respect for the D.G.'s commands
- Ability to hold upright all you consume
- Ability to play any three of the following games or sports:
 - Football, Cricket, Golf, Tennis, Softball, 5-a-side football, Dodgeball, Basketball, Snooker, Badminton, Pool, Gig Racing, Clay pigeon shooting, Darts, Volleyball, Table Tennis, Beach Volleyball, Hockey, Archery, Beach Football, Bowls, Rifle shooting, Bowls and Quiz answering.
- The further ability to play any one well earns you a bonus point, the admiration of your fellow Mals and a place at the top table

A PROFILE OF OUR PRESIDENT:

Rob Epton

Picture the scene. 2008 Tregs bar, around midnight. The crowd salivating. (Not just dribbling, as per usual). An unforgettable occasion in Mals folklore. Down went the pastie. Down went the Guinness. Out went Jakes and another lesser mortal whose name escapes your scribe. (*Lloyd Bowles, Ed*). And up went the crowd. Our Gladiator 300 was born.

Lincolnshire, home to so many somewhat 'special' Mals, had produced a chip off the hitherto finest of blocks, Dave Epton. Here emerged his younger, more handsome, charismatic, witty brother. (Gotta be worth a seat at the top table eh Mr Pres?)

Not so much throwing himself into everything, more throwing everyone else out of the way, we were now armed with our own wrecking ball. Instantly, he was every Captain's first pick for any contact sport. And what is Island Life if it isn't a contact sport?

But perhaps I paint a rather one-dimensional, fearsome Flintstone of a warrior.

He doubtless has a gentle, artistic, sensitive side.

And maybe tender new boys may catch a glimpse of this, with his Leader's responsibility for pastoral care for we charges. But... nah... doubt it.

Obey his command, follow his lead... or he will have his vengeance, in this life or the next.

Onwards, President Robert Epton!



REMEMBER

- On the Islands, obey the commands of your President, when he rings the bell he wants your attention immediately.
- Eat or converse at the table. Reading a newspaper, looking at a mobile phone or being late for meals will earn a stern rebuke from your President and a fine.
- Stick to the programme, being together, staying with the party makes the trip a happy one.
- If you have any complaint ask of the Organizer's permission to speak to the Director General on the matter.
- Morning surgeries are a regular feature for those feeling unwell, you may find the cure worse than the complaint.

Mission Statement

FROM YOUR PRESIDENT-ELECT

Dear Readers,

It's that time of year again, another sporting holiday to the fair Isles of Scilly. The reason it comes around so quickly is because as you get older the simple mathematical fact is that 1 year is now a smaller percentage of your life... however it is another year survived! Survival/Survivors, apparently that is the theme of the trip, in all its shapes and forms and as such we will deal with all of life's challenges over the following days and offer best tips and advice on all matters from pronouns and genders to inclusion and diversity and the generational differences!

My first taste of the Mals was seeing my older brother, Emperor Eppo, (yes... he is older!) recovering on our mother's settee after his trips... in between bouts of heavy snoring he regaled the amazing and often incredulous adventures of a weird cult trip to faraway islands. I was of course hooked but had no idea how to join this merry band of desperados to this exotic location, until he finally sponsored me on Andy Clay's trip in 2012. I roomed with Joss where I was coached in the dark arts of Maldom, technology and gadgets. (I even flew to Cape Town to try and lure him back for this year!) However it is clear that every trip has been an education in all things living and undead since then.

My flushing-in year had the additional excitement of having to fight for the coveted 300 number... now putting, pastie eating and drinking a pint have never been my strong points but clearly multitasking helped beat Lloyd and Jakesy to the title, now held dearly.

Like many Mals before, I knew that at some stage in my membership of this wonderful organisation I would get the call... so the 92nd trip will be under my watch (well, that's not entirely true, we have a superb hierarchy that steer, guide, advise and kick in the right direction!) The customary round of golf before the trip for the PE with the DG and Mr O resulted in the terms and conditions of the trip being set. The first 9 were for me to formulate my plans and ideas and the second 9 was for them to dispel any notion that I had any control over what would happen! After 18 holes all I had to offer was Rainbow socks and no shaving until guest night... obviously neither are compulsory but why not give it a go? (Spirit of the Mals!)

In writing this mission statement I thought I should be more "Gen Z" and use AI, ChatGPT and plagiarise previous brochures. I then realised my company laptop prevented me from using these sites in case I wrote my performance management reviews with them! I had also hoped to gain divine guidance from the previous president Ali, watching his every move, taking notes of timings and speeches and finding ways of perfecting the perfect. Unfortunately circumstances sadly prevented the Epton gang from attending a most enjoyable trip and exciting Presidency. Sorry Alastair, I was looking forward to your leadership. (Just as an aside, we would like to thank all the well-wishers for your kind words



and understanding... all is looking good now). I have re-read Ali's mission statement and would just like to say ditto, but I suspect I may have to paraphrase some of the messages in all Presidents mission statements to get away with my own!

The joys of the Mal de Mer club come in many forms but I would say one of the key ingredients is the friendship and camaraderie that comes from a group of diverse individuals teaming up to take on a common foe. This is a primordial function of a species to ensure its survival (obviously I am not considering the Islanders as the enemy, far from it, but I am using some poetic licence!) This teamwork extends from the battlefields into the group bonding to celebrate the spoils of victory. Notice I have not included commiserations. We are a team of winners and any notion of defeat will be severely dealt with... please bring plenty of £1 coins for fines!

As a species we will function best if we stay together where possible (safety in numbers) and engage in all those events we feel best suited for and even those we aren't... remember we have the Endeavour trophy to award to the person who has taken part in the most events. So with this in mind, New Boys don't be shy about displaying your talents or lack of them in any of the disciplines... seek out the Captains and get your name down on the team list.

I would also ask non-combatants to ensure they support the players at all events where possible but please remember that positive encouragement comes in many forms, cheering and flag waving is a fantastic way to seek assistance if stranded but can also be used to boost a team's morale. Expletives and certain nouns need to be chosen carefully... remember we are not all thick skinned like the Baby Boomers or Gen X or the Millennials and ladies and non-binaries may be present.

Finally Mals and New Boys, I would like to say have fun, respect the location and hospitality of these gracious hosts and hostesses. Be kind and mindful to all. Pay your bar bill and fines promptly. Don't feed the seagulls. Play fair, we all have to work the following week (well maybe the Baby Boomers and some of the Gen Z guys have managed to eke out their retirement pots to enjoy an easy life). Most of all, survive... we need you all back next year and bring a friend if you've got one!

300

MOTIVATIONAL MESSAGES

By way of ensuring all Mals are at all times focussed on what's expected of them, our President has taken the trouble to add some motivational pictures to assist.

Let them be an inspiration to you!



GOLF: GENERAL

It has long been decreed that all who are able to walk must play golf each morning.

Those Mals whose state of health is such that the prospect of a walk round the Golf Course will seriously endanger their health will be excused and should report to the Director General who will seek a second opinion from our expert medical team. Goofers are those handicapped 28 and are identified as such on the list opposite.

Rules for Goofers:

- Do not pick up lost balls until they have stopped rolling;
- Goofers having lost or destroyed two balls at any one hole must desist from further punishment at that hole and enter ten on their card;
- Ten is the maximum score for Goofers at any hole in any competition;
- When Goofers play with golfers they must desist from coarse language should the golfer hit a bad shot. Retribution should be extracted in the bar;
- Dislodged turf should be replaced (except on the tee);
- Do not eat the blackberries behind the sixth tee.

PLEASE NOTE:

The Golf Organizer will decide on the format for morning golf; and if prompted may even share that with us at breakfast.

IMPORTANT GOLF MATCH INFORMATION



Introducing the new official issue Mal de Mer ball for the golf match vs. the Islanders. All selected players should seek out the golf captain to collect theirs.

Q : What's a collective noun for Golf Organizers?



A : Yep, it's a shambles!

Captured here our three most recent Golf Organizers, The Good, The Bad and The Ugly (not necessarily in that order...)

GOLFERS x 27	HANDICAP
Dave Dallaway	9
Keith Williams	9
Tom Field	12
Elliot Hick	12
Paul Simmonds	12
Stuart Viggers	13
Andy Smith	14
Jamie Pooley	15
Oli Collins	16
Jeremy Chadwick	18
Simon Hewer	18
Alastair Hick	18
Jonathan Young	18
Guy Simmons	19
Dave Epton	20
Darrel Foulk	20
Shaun Galloway	20
Martin Gibbs	20
Dave Martin	20
Eddie Gladden	22
Graham Izzard	22
Dave Nottingham	24
Andy Clay	25
Alex Polhill	25

Paul Calfe	26
Rob Epton	26
Jim Ward	26
GOOFERS x 11	HANDICAP
Sean Calfe	28
Sam Cunningham	28
Matt Dunn	28
Tom Hinchley	28
Will Jackson	28
Mike Loggin	28
Ian Rees-Evans	28
Kevin Ridge	28
Richard Tredwell	28
Stewart Ward	28
Harry Marsland	36

NOTE The handicaps above are indicative only. If yours differs, please advise the Golf Organizator – especially if you are on the cusp of Golfer or Goofer.



GOLF RESULTS 2023

GOOFERS:	MORGAN MUG	Kevin Ridge
	NOSWORTHY NOGGIN	Geoff Snell
GOLFERS:	PERRY POT	Elliot Hick
	BISHOP'S BEAKER	Elliot Hick
	GEORGE TWIST TANKARDS	Keith Edwards & Darrel Foulk*
	BEST GROSS	Elliot Hick

*Played at the Cape Cornwall Club crazy golf course (we needed to improvise)

LOOK**IMPORTANT!**

Outbound flights

Photo ID is required. It is your responsibility to ensure you have this on you! We have an allowance of 15 kgs each, so please ensure that none of your bags are heavier than this.
If in doubt, decant into two smaller bags.

Wednesday 25 September from
 Land's End Airport.

FIRST FLIGHT IOS 007 (x14)

Report to Airport Check-in: 7.15am**Take-off: 8.15am**

Roy Bound	Paul Simmonds	Keith Williams	Guy Simmons
Tom Hinchley	Rob Epton	Dave Epton	Eddie Gladden
Mike Loggin	Darrel Foulk	Stuart Viggers	Keith Ridge
Richard Tredwell	Will Jackson		

SECOND FLIGHT IOS 011 (x12)

Report to Airport Check-in: 7.30am**Take-off: 8.30am**

Martin Gibbs	Tom Field	Ian Rees-Evans	Sean Calfe
Oli Collins	Paul Calfe	Alex Polhill	Jamie Pooley
Jeremy Chadwick	Alastair Hick	Elliot Hick	Matt Dunn

THIRD FLIGHT IOS 025 (x13)

Report to Airport Check-in: 8.35am**Take-off: 9.35am**

Shaun Galloway	Harry Marsland	Dave Dallaway	Dave Martin
Sam Cunningham	Jim Ward	Stewart Ward	Andy Smith
Andy Clay	Dave Nottingham	Simon Hewer	Graham Izzard
Jonathan Young			



The Ben Gurion ETHOS AWARD 2023 WINNER : Charlie Applewhite

Many congratulations to Charlie for winning the award on account of his all round attitude and efforts throughout the trip.

Indeed, extra congrats on recently becoming a father – a whole lot more effort required now matey!



Room Listing

	ROBINSON CRUSOE	MAN FRIDAY
2	Andy Smith	Martin Gibbs
4	Rob Epton	Jim Ward
5	Roy Bound	
7	Jeremy Chadwick	Shaun Galloway
10	Andy Clay	Stewart Ward
14	Alex Polhill	Paul Calfe
15	Dave Nottingham	Simon Hewer
16	Dave Martin	Sam Cunningham
17	Will Jackson	Tom Hinchley
22	Graham Izzard	Jonathan Young
23	Sean Calfe	Ian Rees-Evans
24	Darrel Foulk	Stuart Viggers
25	Richard Tredwell	Mike Loggin
26	Elliot Hick	Matt Dunn
27	Kevin Ridge	Dave Dallaway
28	Dave Epton	Jamie Pooley
29	Guy Simmons	Tom Field
30	Paul Simmonds	Eddie Gladden
31	Keith Williams	Oli Collins
32	Alastair Hick	Harry Marsland



ENDEAVOUR TROPHY '23



Initiated by President Davidge in 2015, this is awarded to the Mal who has taken part in the most events over the trip.

2023 WINNER : Tom Hinchley



Just got the results of my ancestry test back, I'm full English.

President's Golf Day

Mal de Mer Golf Day : 3rd May 2024

The President had asked for a golf course with a hotel attached for the ease of staying the night.

Telford Hotel, Spa & Golf Resort was chosen and after a few dropouts 28 Mals and 8 new boys attended the golf day, a fantastic turnout which shows the popularity of our President, Air Vice Marshall Hick.

We were all aware that it had been the wettest start to the year in history and subsequently the Telford course was very, very wet.

They were selling Wellington Boots with studs in the pro shop!

The day started well with bacon baps, coffee and/or alcohol being the pre golf ritual for many.

Roy Bound had agreed to run a nearest the pin chipping competition on the 18th hole with all the profits going to the Mals Future Fund to support our young newcomers. He had a very long and tiring day but what a huge success in raising £255 after paying out the £100 prize to a very lucky Adrian Cowell.

We all thank Roy for all his hard work on the day.

The golfers came in, some wet and dejected, others not so much and soon the tribulations of a very wet and uninspiring round were forgotten with the taking onboard of a few after-golf bevies.

Dinner came, unfortunately not much better than the course, but Hey Ho spirits were lifted in due ratio to drinks consumed.

It was good to see some returning new boys from last year's trip and some new boys for their first acquaintance with the Mals.

Speeches were finished and the President was presented with a golf visor to help his follically challenged appearance.



THE TELFORD
HOTEL, SPA & GOLF RESORT

Roy kindly showing us his balls whilst running the Future Fund chipping competition



Chipping Champion: Adrian



1st: Smithy



Booby prize: Lee



Josh



Calfey invades Russ's group to tell them about his nearest the pin effort.

ROBINSON RECEPTACLE

OVERALL WINNER : Andy Smith

BEST GROSS : Stuart Viggers

LONGEST DRIVE : Keith Williams

NEAREST THE PIN : Josh Nunneley

NEAREST THE PIN : Paul Calfey

BEST NEW BOY : Tyson Nunneley

FUTURE FUND CHIPPING : Adrian Cowell

And so to the prizes.

In a very consistent streak, Lee Cope retained his *'I know it didn't look like it but I really did try'* award.

Nearest the Pins were new boy Josh Nunneley and very old boy Calfey. Longest drive was Keith (Edwards) Williams (there were longer, but none stayed on the fairway). Best Gross was won by new boy Stuart Viggers. Best New Boy was won by Tyson Nunneley.

3rd and 4th Places were shared by Dave Dallaway and Simmo with 33 points.

Edwards came in 2nd with a creditable 35 points but was overshadowed by a rejuvenated Golf Captain, Smithy, with a superb 38 points taking the Robinson Receptacle and an array of golf prizes. His winning speech lasted just short of one hour, interlaced with some very old jokes by himself and other Mals.

The evening carried on with stylish conversations and copious amounts of alcohol for those staying at the hotel and only ended when the bar shut at 1.30p.m.

And so to bed and another Mal de Mer Golf Day came to an end.



2nd: Edwards



3rd (on c/b): Dave



4th Simmo



Tyson



Stuart



Calfey

2023 AGM

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

Present : Hierarchy

Apologies : N/A

Election of officers

PRESIDENT : Alastair Hick was elected President and duly flushed in.

DG : Martin Gibbs was re-elected.

ORGANIZATOR : Jeremy Chadwick was re-elected.

TREASURER : Shaun Galloway was re-elected.

AUDITOR : Ray Farr was re-elected.

PRESIDENT ELECT : Rob Epton

Treasurer's Report : Despite our concerns ahead of the 2023 trip, I am happy to report that the Mals accounts remain in the black and we managed to break even on Ali Baba's excellent magic carpet ride last year.

We have increased the cost of this year's trip to recognise the large increase in hotel costs but we have chosen not to pass the full increase onto members and use some of our reserves.

The Future Fund remains steady as we continue to raise money and subsidise our new boys.

New Boys on the trip : Steve Brownley, Phil Cook, Lee Cope, Adrian Cowell, Matt Dunn, Elliot Hick, Andy Lunn, Kevin Ridge, Geoff Snell.

New member flushed in : Simon Hewer, Tom Hinchley, Richard Tredwell, Russell Webster.

Organizator's Report ahead of 2024 trip : I'm delighted to pronounce the club is in rude health – that's mainly down to half the Mals being healthy and the other half rude.

We once again travel in good number, and welcome a fine selection of New Boys to bolster our ranks. As alluded to by the Treasurer above, keeping the trip affordable to all becomes more of a challenge year on year. Please do your best to support the Future Fund so that our unique club can continue to subsidise our younger members and in turn secure our future.

Thank you to all that respond to my assorted requests throughout the year, it really does help and sometimes doesn't even feel like I'm herding cats!

VOODOO

My wife yelled from upstairs and asked "Do you ever get a shooting pain across your body, like someone's got a voodoo doll of you and they're stabbing it?"

I replied "No..."

She responded: "How about now?"

The D.G.'s 2023 Report

Preparations for the 2023 Trip to the Isles were made well in advance for all 34 athletes. Most of the Lincolnshire contingent were going to fly direct to St. Mary's, with the remainder in a holding pattern over Penzance. However, a combination of late fitness tests, family illness and Storm Agnes would all have their effect. Eventually 31 athletes met at Lands End International with the direct flight from Lincolnshire having been grounded.

The Scillonian 'hell boat' had already been cancelled due to Storm Agnes, and fog at most of the local airports prevented the Mal de Mers from flying to Scilly. The flights were eventually officially cancelled, so 'what to do'?

31 Testosterone filled sportsmen all disappointingly crammed into a departure lounge with nothing to do and nowhere to go. In my 35 years of travelling to Scilly, this was the first time we had failed to arrive on the first day. A very big **thanks** to one of our senior fitness coaches for having a bright idea and contacting Cape Cornwall Golf Club. He enquired about accommodation for the night and fortunately they had vacancies for all 31 of us. The Trip was about to start but not on Scilly! This Trip was going to be full of 'Firsts'.

Arriving at Cape Cornwall, Storm Agnes was just gathering momentum. We decided to play one of our Island golf tournaments in the afternoon. Teeing off at 2pm, the George Twist Tankards pairs tournament would be played over 18 holes. However, Storm Agnes intervened again, and just after lunch the rain came down so hard that the greens flooded and the course was closed. Were we downhearted? Never! The sun poked back through at 3pm and the tournament was transferred to the 'Crazy Golf' course next to the putting green. 23 Mals plus 8 New Boys did battle. The noise was deafening and after 14 holes of no ifs, or putts the winning team of The President (2022) and Darrel Foulk shone through, closely followed by Simon Hewer and Elliot Hick. I can safely say everyone knew each other far better after this, our first event.



The seventh hole proved particularly tricky.



Tom puts down a marker on the first night.

Affairs of state meant we were due to flush in our new President Alastair Hick, and at 18.40 he was declared President or should I say Captain? Alastair quickly slipped into flight deck mode wearing his first officers jacket, with some fetching scrambled egg on his sleeves. Luckily for us we had agreed to eat at 7pm and join in the golf club quiz night, this thankfully kept



Hi Ho, Hi Ho, it's off to Penzance we go.

the Presidents 'State of the Mals' speech down to about 20 minutes. Environmental and diversity issues were front and foremost of the Presidents hopes and dreams. The Endeavour Award was to be tweaked slightly allowing a free vote to decide the winner. A vote! Another first for this very unique club. Somewhere between the environment and diversity, last years 'New Boys', Richard Tredwell, Tom Hinchley, Russell Webster and Simon Hewer were flushed in as full members of the Mal de Mer club. Congratulations to you all. On a personal note it is very heartening to see New Boys of this quality and I would like to thank their sponsors for introducing them to this very special club.

For the evening's quiz, the Mals and Cape Cornwall club members were divided into teams of 6 and a very pleasant evening was had by all – plus a useful first point was earned by the Mals! Although not at our usual first night venue, I must thank everyone at Cape Cornwall Golf Club for making us so welcome. A different start but still very enjoyable. Room allocations had been made earlier and one or two first time tourists would be getting to know each other even more betterer by the end of the night when the double-bed sleeping arrangements were revealed.

A return to Lands End airport for 7.45 on Thursday morning ahead of a bus trip down to Penzance and the start of our journey to Scilly on the Scillonian 111. The 'stewardess of the day' Simon Hewer collected sweepstake money and at 9.15 we set sail for Scilly. The Captain set the tone by saying it was



Smithy discovers his Biggles disguise doesn't fool the local constabulary.

going to be rough! He was right. Almost 3 hours later we arrived on St. Mary's. Some unexpected Mals names

featured in the official Mal de Mer chunder sweepstake results, with our own septuagenarian stalwart, Simmo providing Kevin Ridge with a prize fund of £31.



Grab one whilst there's still some left.

The flag was raised and I gave my usual wise words, then before we knew it we were down on Porthmellon beach playing football. Aply captained by Tom Hinchley, we played some attractive football but eventually succumbed to a 6–2 defeat. A gigantic squad were available for the beach volleyball. The practice game sorted the wheat from

the chaff but we were silver medallists in a 3 leg competition, going down 2-0. Time for a dip. A mixture of 14 Mals and New Boys took to the water and reported back that it was a pleasurable experience. With such a fine example of mankind on display, the team photo was a shoe-in for this years Christmas card...

Time now for the hockey match. This was the first sport played by the Mals against the Islanders back in 1932, and is recognised as one of the 'Blue Riband' events. The Islanders fielded a strong squad but unfortunately were no match for the Mals, who won 3-0 and were ably captained by Keith Williams. Man of the Match went to new New Boy Geoff



Top marks to our super hockey heroes.

Snell. Also that afternoon, an unscripted challenge from the school basketball club led to match down at the school, with the 5 Island Globetrotters winning 34-18. Unlucky captain Broadbent, we know they are a handful. Unfortunately the gigs were cancelled due to poor sea conditions so it was back to base for a livener!

Dinner was a typically noisy affair, with various sports reports and teams announced, and then it was all down to the Scillonian Club. Alex, with his finger on the pulse, selected a very strong darts team. Mr O thrashed the Crafty Caledonian, Jock MacDouble and the DG gave Steve (I've never lost to the Mals) Watt an archery lesson. Unfortunately all to no avail, as the Mals lost 5-7. Come on Mals just a touch more training and we will be there. Now for the pool... We drew last year and we did again this year, but the bold captain Simon

Hewer accepted the decider challenge. Elliot Hicks, the Presidents Champion, thrust himself into the limelight and with a club full of Scillonian's, Gibbo the Islands pool captain selected himself AGAIN! If only Jock had selected himself in the darts 2 or 3 times! Anyway I digress, and despite the Island captain's skullduggery, Elliot put up a fantastic show, just falling short with a foul on his final ball. 5-4 to the Isles. Thank you, the Scillonian Club for making us so welcome.



A pre-planned but 'surprise' meeting with our very good friends Avril and Clive Mumford.

The Thursday forecast said shorts, and as we wanted to win the golf, all the Mals had fruit juice! The sweep for the Presidents drive was collected by the 'Stewardess



of the day', Darryl, along with the money for the morning competition, the Perry Pot. Elliot Hick pipped Keith Williams into second place. Nearest the pin was won by Adrian Cowell on the 2nd and Paul Broadbent on the 4th. Lincolnshire la, la! (*Enough, Ed*). The prizes were kindly sponsored by Oli Collins,

James Barry and Sean Calfe. Thank you boys. Rather embarrassingly the President won 'nearest the fairway!' on his President's Drive with a staggering 21 metre drive off the first tee. Alex Polhill won the sweep and was immediately deported to the Mainland for such a disrespectful guess.



Top captaincy Smithy, 'Ave it!

The Golf Captain made what was an easy task, selecting the golf team, into some sort of drama, only revealing some pairs after the morning competition. A most enjoyable game was bashed about for 4 hours, leaving the honours even with one game to go. It would be remiss to say, Lincolnshire won the day, but it was true! Guy and the DG eventually won their match 2 & 1, to secure the Cup for the Mals. Thank you again to the Isles of Scilly team for a very competitive match. The Island Golf Club captain spoke very warmly about several members of the Mals golf team and the fact that he personally had never been beaten by any Mal, apart from last night at darts and today on the golf course! There wasn't a dry eye in the house when Andy Smith received the stand-in trophy. Well done Mals, another 'Blue Riband' event comfortably in the bag .The bowls team found themselves up against an in form team 'The Scilly Strikers' and were well beaten 44-17. The pedometer measured 18,770 steps today, it was a good job I had hit the ball straight!



Nifty footwork Tredders! Our captain led by example.

Dinner was again a frantic affair, with results being declared and final teams being announced for the evening's festivities. Four sports were fought for, the Badminton team were thrashed again, this time by 13-3. The rifle shooters (without 'Top Gun' captain David Epton) were captained by 'gunner sergeant' Charlie Applewhite. An improved Mals score still wasn't enough to defeat the victorious Islands, 692-667. The Mals Merry Men claimed victory (it hadn't been the best of days) when the toxophilites from the Islands were a no-show.

The final official game of the night 'vineyard snooker' proved to be about 17,000 steps too far for our captain Guy Simmonds and we repeated the 2022 result by losing 3-1. It's been a long, but very pleasant day, rehydration was required.

How can it be Saturday already and the final golf competition? In overcast conditions the prestigious Nosworthy Noggin for goofers, was won by the Jesse James of the Mals, Geoff Snell! Close behind were Alex Polhill and Richard Tredwell. Winner of the golfer's Bishop's Beaker was "That's my Boy" Elliott Hick, with Simon Hewer a very close second.

Anyone for cricket? The game against St. Mary's is always tough and we wondered whether the cloud cover would favour our swing bowling attack? St. Mary's batted first, scoring 141. The Mals replied with 104 all out. A valiant 47 from Tom Hinchley, plus a couple of wickets and a superb catch, deservedly won him the Mals 'Man of the Match.' Captain Richard Tredwell took 4 wickets and in his post-match interview remarked that playing at altitude had certainly affected some of his players.



In it goes!

Football manager/captain Harry Marsland had failed a last minute fitness test on the mainland so fitness coach David Nottingham very bravely stepped into his well-worn boots. The team selection promised a lot of energy but even more experience.

With an average age far too close to 50 and an Island midfielder signed in a late night transfer coup, the Mals took to the field. A well-drilled Island side faced a spirited Mals team and at the turn it was 1-1. The Mals almost took the lead with the first kick of the second half, striking the crossbar from the kick-off. Everyone earned maximum points for



In the heart of the midfield battle.

commitment, including the Islanders linesman who openly criticised the referee when a foul resulted in a Mals free kick! Luckily the Mals played down hill in the second half, but as their legs started to get heavy the scoreline began to get away from them. With a few minutes to go the Mals captain was scythed down in the penalty area (a genuinely accidental elbow, Ed.) The resulting penalty was scored, but was the last kick of the game which finished as a 5-4 win to the Islands. A very close fought game thank you one and all. Thank you also to Andy

Lunn for providing unpaid 'care in the community' and escorting our captain to the Island blood bin.

Super Saturday Supper was slightly downbeat with losses in the cricket and football, but the announcement of Rob Epton as President Elect lifted the spirits, especially with the thought of nut cutlets in a plimsoll sauce stirring the juices for next year!

The quiz venue had been sold out for weeks and a very close game saw the Mals finish with the silver medal, missing the gold by just 5 points. Official scorer Alex also received an award (first class) for coaching the Islanders in philately! (An indiscreet stamp remark that proved to be the turning point).



Sleeping Beauty.

Down in the Mermaid the 'boat race' teams were warming their glasses! There was some skulduggery last year and some of the Islanders were still serving bans. The contestant burped then swallowed and the Islanders again declared themselves the winners. With the replay on BAR available minutes later, certain misdemeanours were spotted but nobody seemed to care! Must be time for a sit down. Fortunately it's a lie-in tomorrow.

A slightly damp Sunday morning resulted in some questions regarding pitch inspections, luckily the answers were 'full steam ahead'. The shooters shot down the airfield and the tennis and cricket teams plus the 'barmy army' boarded the Sea Horse for Tresco.



What a team!

The tennis squad, Charlie Applewhite, Mr. Organizer, Tredders, Geoff Snell, Keith Williams and the Treasurer looked formidable in the warm up. Unluckily this wasn't the case in the matches! All three contests were close, in fact all went to third set champion tiebreaks, with the Islanders emerging as 2-1 winners overall. The sun then came out and an optimistic Mals cricket team took to the field. Tresco batted first scoring a respectable 131. I think the captain's report summed up

the situation perfectly. "131 was well within our scope until the second ball!" Our flamboyant batting order was soon tamed by the Tresco bowling attack and only a late flurry by Tom Hinchley and Charlie Applewhite made the score more respectable.

I'm sorry to report that the clay shooters were also out gunned. Kevin Ridge proved to be our Top Gun, but still no match for the Islanders who won 201-183. Hard luck Mals, maybe next time.

Unbelievably it's our last night on Scilly! Where did the time go? Despite Storm Agnes, the Trip has been another memorable one, very different in parts but still enjoyable.

The guest night dinner as usual was a sell out with Steve Watt responding for the Islanders toast. He modestly mentioned that this was his third dinner as Island respondent, which must have been an oversight on the administration side! The Endeavour Award was presented to Tom Hinchley, and the Ben Gurion Ethos Award to Charlie Applewhite. Well-done boys, both much deserved. Tim Garratt of the Five Islands School revealed the Merit Trophy winner, Maddie Blackwell. Thank you Maddie for your kind response and we wish you all the best in the future. The Future Fund revealed the most popular of winners, the DG!

Free tickets to the Thespian's all round! A cast of thousands, very loosely based around Ali Baba, took us through the life of Alastair Hick, and the ultimate pinnacle of his life, when he became President of the Mal de Mers.



Don't you wish your girlfriend was hot like me?

Thank you Islanders, thank you Mals and thank you Mr President for leading us through another very special Trip. Unfortunately the weather once again interfered with our travel plans and the boat trip back meant travelling home in the dark and some very late nights...



VIP fast access tickets courtesy of the Heirarchy.



Summary of Games

EVENT	DATE	PLACE	TIME	HOLDERS
ARCHERY	Friday, September 27	Rifle Range	8.15 pm	Mals
BADMINTON	Friday, September 27	School	8.15 pm	Islands
BASKETBALL	Wednesday, September 25	School (staff)	4.45 pm	Mals
BEACH FOOTBALL	Thursday, September 26	Porthmellon Beach	2.00 pm	Islands
BEACH VOLLEYBALL	Thursday, September 26	Porthmellon Beach	3.00 pm	Islands
BOAT RACE	Saturday, September 28	Tregarthens' Terrace	10.15 pm	Islands
BOWLS	Friday, September 27	Golf Course	2.00pm	Cancelled
CRICKET	Saturday, September 28	Garrison v St. Mary's	1.30 pm	Cancelled
	Sunday, September 29	Tresco	Noon	Islands
DARTS	Thursday, September 26	Scillonian Club	8.45 pm	Islands
DODGEBALL	Wednesday, September 25	School	5.15 pm	Mals
FOOTBALL	Saturday, September 28	Garrison Ground	5.00 pm	Islands
	Sunday, September 29	Garrison Ground	5.00 pm	Mals
5-A-SIDE	Wednesday, September 25	School	6.00 pm	Islands
GIG RACING	Friday, September 27	Harbour	6.00 pm	Cancelled
GOLF	Thursday, September 26	Golf Course	9.00 am	
	Golfers: Perry Pot 9 holes Goofers: Morgan Mug 9 holes			
	Friday, September 27	Golf Course	9.00 am	
	Golfer/Goofer: George Twist Tankard			
Match-v-The Islanders		1.00 pm	Mals	
Saturday, September 28	Golf Course	9.00 am		
Golfers: Bishop's Beaker 9 holes Goofers: Nosworthy Noggin 9 holes				
HOCKEY	Thursday, September 26	School	5.00 pm	Mals
POOL	Thursday, September 26	Scillonian Club	8.45 pm	Islands
QUIZ	Saturday, September 28	Tregarthens'	9.45 pm	Islands
SHOOTING: RIFLE:	Friday, September 27	Rifle Range	8.15 pm	Mals
SHOOTING: CLAYS:	Sunday, September 29	Venue TBA	10.00 am	Islands
SNOOKER	Friday, September 27	The Vineyard	8.30 pm	Mals
TABLE TENNIS	Wednesday, September 25	School (pupils)	3.15 pm	Mals
TENNIS	Wednesday, September 25	Garrison Ground	3.00 pm	Cancelled
	Sunday, September 29	Tresco	Noon	Islands
VOLLEYBALL	Wednesday, September 25	School (pupils)	4.00 pm	Mals

Team Captains

SPORT		ISLANDERS	MAL DE MERS
ARCHERY		Steve Whomersley	Andy Clay
BADMINTON		Linda Thomas	Keith Williams
BASKETBALL		Ben Jenkins	Jamie Pooley
BEACH FOOTBALL		Russ Hutchins	Sean Calfe
BEACH VOLLEYBALL		Richard Mills	Paul Calfe
BOAT RACE		Russ Hutchins	Tom Hinchley
BOWLS		David Corners	Roy Bound
CRICKET	ST. MARY'S:	Kevin Hall	Captain: Richard Tredwell
	TRESCO:	Jamie Parkes	
DARTS		Jock MacDonald	Alex Polhill
DODGEBALL		Adam May	Darrel Foulk
FOOTBALL		Gibbo	Harry Marsland
VETS 5-A-SIDE FOOTBALL		Chris Evans	Dave Nottingham
GIG RACING		Paddy Davey	Alastair Hick
GOLF		Keith Hale	Andy Smith
HOCKEY		Selena Baxter	Jim Ward
POOL		Gibbo	Simon Hewer
QUIZ		Steve Sims	The President
SHOOTING:	RIFLE:	Steve Whomersley	Dave Epton
	CLAY PIGEON:	Clinton Perry	Eddie Gladden
SNOOKER		James Francis	Guy Simmons
TABLE TENNIS		Adam May	Dave Martin
TENNIS		Mike Brown	Shaun Galloway
VOLLEYBALL		Adam May	Graham Izzard



Whilst driving along the other day, I thought I saw Irish pop legend Van Morrison in my rear view mirror. What a fool I felt when I remembered that things appear reversed in mirrors. It was actually a Morrison's van.



Duties

Officer of the Day

This post was created many years ago and its duties should be undertaken responsibly.

- To ensure that every Mal receives an early morning call at 7.00 am to 7.30 am.
- To ensure that all Mals proceed to meals, the bus/boats at the appointed times.
- To collect golf sweep and hand this to the Golf Organizer.
- To collect fines and pass them to the Treasurer.
- To assist the DG, Organizer and President in any other task required.
- To raise the Mal de Mer flag pre-breakfast and lower pre-dinner each evening.

Presidency

It is the duty of all Mals to respect the office of President during his year of office which commences on the island of St. Mary's and ends in the following year on the island. The President Elect shall not assume the title of President until he is flushed in. Abuse of this regulation will earn a firm rebuke or worse from the Hierarchy. Any Mal addressing the President Elect as 'President' will suffer similarly!

TOP TABLE ETIQUETTE

At dinner, the top table (with the exception of the Officer of the Day) will be seated only by those who have received a personal invitation from the President that day. Imposters will be exposed and removed, and if there is an empty seat, everybody shuffle up one.

TREGARTHEN'S BAR



The Tregarthens bar will close at 2am every night, so last orders is to be at 1:30am.

They are only able to accept room transfers as payment after midnight, and no cash or card payments.

However, there will be an extended late bar on Saturday night (but same payment rules apply)



Tom and Guy running amok on Tresco last year. Nice costumes chaps!

Clive Tregarthen Mumford

5th July 1938 – 17th March 2024



It is with great sadness that we learnt the news of our good friend Clive passing.

A life-long ally of the Mals, Clive's very competitive sporting skills, his quick-wit and the fact that he was always up for a pint ensured he was very highly regarded by all that knew him.

When he no longer had the fitness to stare us down across the tennis net, Clive headed up the IOS quiz team for which he was perfectly suited and amply qualified. So much so, that since its inauguration the Mals have only once recorded a victory in that event. Clive will be very sorely missed.

By way of a tribute, the poem (right) was written by Clive's grand-daughter Abbie and read at his memorial service by his step-daughter Lesley.

Many thanks to Avril Mumford for sharing.

Clive was a true lover of sport, writing and his family.

He would bowl you over with his perpetual knowledge of many things.

He was so full of love and care – always so willing to help whenever approached by anyone in a sticky wicket.

Encouraging you to always strive for your best, never throwing in the towel.

Some may say he was batting above his average with the beautiful women in his life, but it's no secret Clive was a total knockout – he always gave a silly, coy smirk when his good looks were acknowledged!

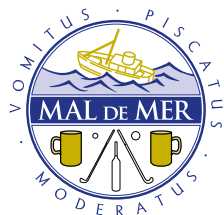
He was a total softy, giving in to his daughters whenever they caused a racquet or rallied in their quarrels.

He would try, but never giving the penalties and would kick the issue into touch, but you always knew you were in good hands, from the first serve to the very last, he was nothing short of magnificent. Smashing in fact!

He truly aced at life. What a life he led and a legacy he leaves behind in his family and in Scilly. Some fantastic innings.

Game, set and match Old Boy. God bless and Pip-Pip.

Abbie Nimmo



FUTURE FUND

Supporting the future of the club

The Mals **FUTURE FUND** (formally the 100 Club) is an initiative designed to help us fund New Boys and Young Sportsmen. Simply buy a ticket (or two) and you're in.

There are 3 tickets for the Xmas draw (£75, £50, £25), 2 for the Golf Day (£50, £25) and 3 for the trip (£100, £50, £25).

At each of the 3 draws we will be buying 10 lottery tickets. If/when we win, then that money also goes into the trip draw (to be allocated pro rata). If by chance we win more than £1000 on any lottery ticket(!) then that will instead be allocated out evenly to everyone who has bought a ticket.

WINNERS:

CHRISTMAS DRAW

£75	The D.G*
£50	Darrel Foulk
£25	The D.G

2023 TRIP

£100	The D.G
£50	Alan Guest
£25	Guy Simmons

GOLF DAY 2024

£50	Keith Williams
£25	Dave Martin

**Generously donated back by the D.G and then re-drawn at the Golf Day, where it was won by Kieran Counihan who equally generously donated it to the Future Fund pot. Very kind chaps, but you are allowed to keep it you know!*

All draws are now also broadcast live on Facebook... tune in if you are not at the draw.

In addition we have started an amazing initiative that will allow us to generate **FREE MONEY** for the **FUTURE FUND**.

It is a super easy, pain free, zero cost way to raise money for the Fund... so please sign up now and use it whenever you buy something on the internet. Instead of going straight to your favourite shopping website direct, go via [easyfundraising](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) first and then click on to your favourite retailer and the Mals will get a % donation from the retailer every time you shop – simple!

Every time you shop online go via this site. All donations are automatically paid direct into the Mals account.

We have registered the Mals so just follow these simple steps. Go here: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/>

- Search for the cause 'Mal de Mer Club'
- Join the site for free
- Enable the pop up
- Bookmark the site in your Bookmarks bar so you remember



IMPORTANT!

One of the great traditions with the Mals is our ability to transform ourselves from sweaty sportsmen to suitably smart 'gentlemen' for dinner (usually in record time). This is an important part of our heritage, and the hierarchy ask that all do their very best to maintain standards.

Sponsors are obliged to ensure their New Boys are correctly suited and booted.

Dress code









Morning

Casual – what you intend to play golf in.

Evening

Jackets and Mal de Mer ties and badges must be worn at dinner. Rings or studs through noses, ears or lips are very strictly forbidden. New designer ties and lapel badges are now in stock. See the Organizer should you need an upgrade. Do not wear colours that clash.

Sporting/Boat trips

	CRICKET	With our Tregarthens sponsored cricket shirts, you will only need to bring white trousers and a jumper. Trainers must be worn for batting and bowling.
	FOOTBALL	Full Mals' kit is provided, so just bring boots, alic bands, shin pads and plenty of support strapping.
	HOCKEY	The Yellow polo shirts are to be used for hockey. Shin pads, gumshields and all weather surface footwear.
	SHOOTING	Countryside commission regulation dress, no balaclavas.
	BOAT TRIPS	Some form of waterproof clothing and a Mal de Mer fleece. Plastic sheets available on board if it gets really rough.
	GIG RACING	Shorts, T-shirt and shoes you don't mind getting wet.
	BADMINTON	Green Mals polo shirts – see the Captain for this if you are selected.
	BEACH VOLLEYBALL	Pink Mals polo shirts – see the Captain for this if you are selected.
	BEACH FOOTBALL	Blue Mals shirts – see the Captain for this if you are selected.
	VOLLEYBALL/ BASKETBALL	Green Mals shirts – see the Captain for this if you are selected.
	VETS 5-A-SIDE FOOTBALL	Just the shirts required, as all players will likely already have sports shorts, socks and shoes (and if not, why not?)
	DODGEBALL	Hi-vis yellow shirts for this event chaps. The captain will provide these and will sort the laundering afterwards.

The Mal de Mer Merit Award

At each Guest Night Dinner we ask a representative of the Five Islands School to announce the School's recommendation for the recipient of the Mal de Mer Merit Trophy for the year. Some Mals may be slightly unsure as to the full detail of this and it is as well that we again place on record the importance which we – the Mal de Mer Club – attach to this annual award.

It is our premier contact with the School and an important link between the Islanders and the Club, since many earlier holders of the trophy will now be meeting us in our various sports or in the shops/hotels on the islands. The award is accompanied by a cup, a certificate and a cheque donated by our President. The cup was introduced in 1956. Unfortunately our archives do not show the donor but the first name engraved upon it was J. R. Williams. In 2023 The Merit Trophy was awarded to Maddie Blackwell.



The Mal de Mer Merit Trophy

Importantly, the criteria upon which the recommendation for the award is made is as follows:

The trophy is not presented for scholastic success, it is not even competed for. It is awarded to the BOY or GIRL who over his or her school career, has contributed something of merit, by his or her example and personal effort made to help others. The Mal de Mer Club in an effort to recognise these merits, has offered this Trophy for annual award among Scillonian scholars.

CAN YOU HELP?

If you happen to be an Islander reading this, then this message is for YOU. Roy Bound is endeavouring to establish a “*Where are they now?*” record for all the previous winners of the Mal de Mer Merit Trophy.

If you happen to know how any previous winners have fared since they left the school, then please let Roy know on 07740 604099 or email: roy@roybound.plus.com

It would be great to learn how their lives have progressed and to possibly run a feature in next year's brochure.

Many thanks for your help!

ROLL OF HONOUR

MERIT AWARD

1956 : Jack(ie) R Williams

1957 : Cynthia Ball

1958 : G Pascoe

1959 : Richard Pender / Gerald Thompson

1960 : Clive Guy

1961 : M Pender

1962 : Diana Morley

1963 : No award

1964 : T J Perry

1965 : Annette Wright

1966 : P E Barker

1967 : Ann Hicks

1968 : No award

1969 : No award

1970 : D Rosewall

1971 : Charmaine Evans / Trevor Williams

1972 : P Raglan / Michael Hicks

1973 : P Palmer / Ralph Handy

1974 : Miriam Hicks

1975 : Andrew Goddard

1976 : Isobel Lawry / Debbie Sims

1977 : Gail Evans

1978 : Amanda (Mandy) Goddard

1979 : Kay Roberts

1980 : David Pickston

1981 : K Martin / Mark Humphreys

1982 : Stephen Jenkins

1983 : Julia Poat

1984 : Sarah Hunt

1985 : Stephanie Loxton

1986 : Mark Thompson

1987 : Emma Brown

1988 : Jenny Thomas

1989 : Mark Chiverton

1990 : Amy Julien

1991 : Marie Woodcock

1992 : Merryn Smith

1993 : Armorel Duncan / Sarah Bennett

1994 : Francine Morley

1995 : Bryony Duncan

1996 : Adam Conisbee / Crystal Nicholas

1997 : Andre Nicolle

1998 : Isobel Taylor

1999 : Chris Wyburne Ridsdale

2000 : Hannan Plevin and Stephen Duncan

2001 : Leonie Hicks / Darren Hicks

2002 : Charlie (Charlotte) Bennett

2003 : Billy Jackman / Aimee Christopher

2004 : Sam Fortey

2005 : Charlotte Jane

2006 : Tom Scott

2007 : Lizzie Phillips

2008 : James Hicks

2009 : Tina Duxbury

2010 : Jess Robson

2011 : Bethan Jane

2012 : Joe Sibley

2013 : Pippa Grossett

2014 : Keri Lock

2015 : Cameron Hicks

2016 : Tara Hitchens

2017 : Sam Stefan

2018 : James Hathway

2019 : Lelani Dawes

2020 : Isaac Langdon

2021 : Thomas Hicks

2022 : Ryan Whittiker

2023 : Maddie Blackwell

Wednesday 25th



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The trip begins

FIRST FLIGHT (x14): Check in: **7.15am** Depart: **8.15am**

SECOND FLIGHT (x12): Check in: **7.30am** Depart: **8.30am**

THIRD FLIGHT (x13): Check in: **8.35am** Depart: **9.35am**

Arrival at Tregarthens

Your one and only chance to make a good first impression with our hosts. Don't disappoint!

PLEASE NOTE:

Not all rooms may be immediately available due to departing guests. There will be some rooms for changing into sports kit (to be advised).

10.45 am

Raising the Flag

The Officer of the Day is to ensure all Mals report to the Tregarthens decking as the Mals flag is raised. A bugle player is also required – you know who you are!

10.50 am

Island Briefing

The D.G.'s pre-trip address will officially welcome both the Mals and New Boys. Listen carefully as he will outline some important guidelines to the trip ahead.

11.20 am

Bryher Trip

Down to the quay side for the scenic trip to Bryher and a visit to Fraggie Rock for a sportman's lunch. Don't overdo the lunchtime beers and peak too early.

3.00 pm

TENNIS

v St. Mary's (1st leg, 2nd leg Sunday)

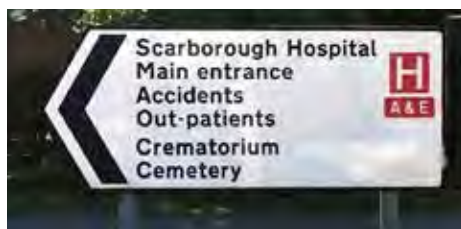
Garrison Ground

CAPTAIN: Shaun Galloway










One of the trips blue riband events and very important that the captain has his team get us off to a good start. No pressure Squirry!

Well, that escalated quickly...





	3.15 pm	TABLE TENNIS v the School CAPTAIN: Dave Martin		
	4.00 pm	VOLLEYBALL v the School CAPTAIN: Graham Izzard		
	4.45 pm	BASKETBALL v the Staff CAPTAIN: Jamie Pooley		
	5.15 pm	DODGEBALL v the Islanders CAPTAIN: Darrel Foulk		
	6.00 pm	VETS 5-A-SIDE FOOTBALL v the Islanders CAPTAIN: David Nottingham All at the school sports' hall.		

Whilst there will be much to discuss over a beer, don't be distracted and make sure you're on time for dinner. Don't forget your tie and badge (see note below), the incoming President may want to test his powers and get a bit 'fine-happy'. We've seen that before...

7.45 pm **Dinner**
Pre-dinner we will be formally introduced to the 2024 Tregarthen's team. Show your appreciation, these very important people will be looking after you better than you deserve.

Our President Alastair Hick will flush in our 2024 President Rob Epton. Sponsors will formally introduce their New Boys.

New Boys to be flushed in:
Matt Dunn, Elliot Hick, Mike Loggin and Kevin Ridge.

10.00 pm Enjoy the catching-up at Tregarthens bar, but don't go too crazy as you've a very busy day tomorrow.

DRESS CODE

Sponsors of New Boys and those requiring an upgrade should visit The Organizer in Room 7 to purchase a Mal de Mer tie and lapel badge.

NEW TIES £15 • BADGES £5

Individuals not wearing both items may discover the fine is more than the purchase price (and then you'll still have to buy them anyway...)



Thursday 26th



- 6.00 am There's no need to be up to see this hour, but if you are then why not head to the beach for a stroll?
- 7.15 am You should be able to find a clean golf shirt and socks – look like a winner!
- 8.00 am **Breakfast** – get yourself fuelled-up.

9.00 am	<p>REMEMBER MONEY? Please have your £1 for the golf sweep ready to pass to the Officer of the Day to ensure you're allowed on the bus. Cash only, no excuses!</p> <p>GOLF COMPETITIONS: PERRY POT – GOLFERS 9 HOLE MEDAL (½ HANDICAP) MORGAN MUG – GOOFERS 9 HOLE MEDAL</p>	
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We say hello again to golf club stewards Phil and Julie. If you would like lunch at the Golf Club, please pre-order before going out to play.

 KIT	<p>2.00 pm</p> <p>BEACH FOOTBALL v St. Mary's Venue: Porthmellon Beach CAPTAIN: Sean Calfe REFEREE: t/b/c Exact kick-off time depending on the tide. An excellent chance for the football captain to determine how his squad is looking ahead of the weekend.</p>	
2.45 pm	<p>SWIMMING CLUB ICE BATH Now in its 20th year. Originally a skinny-dip, it is now an important restorative process for all sportsmen. Don't forget to bring your trunks!</p>	

**PSYCHIC
REQUIRED**

You know who you are



'My mate has a Quality Street chocolate stuck in his windpipe'
'The purple one'
'Yes that's him'.

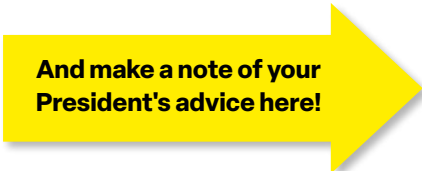
 <p>3.00 pm</p> <p>KIT</p>	<p>BEACH VOLLEYBALL Venue: Porthmellon Beach CAPTAIN: Paul Calfe A disappointing defeat last year in two very closely contested sets. This is a winnable event and our new captain is expected to deliver.</p>	 
 <p>5.00 pm</p> <p>KIT</p>	<p>HOCKEY v St. Mary's Venue: The School CAPTAIN: Jim Ward A sport that has proved very successful over the years and the captain will know that more of the same is required.</p>	 

7.30 pm Dinner
 Our President will be busy this evening with results to report and teams to be announced. Be sure to respect the bell as there may not be much mercy with the fines.

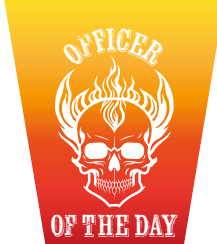
<p>8.45 pm</p>	<p>Everyone to depart to the Scillonian Club to compete for both the pool and darts titles. Two important events where victory can be roundly (and loudly) celebrated in the bar afterwards.</p> <p>DARTS CAPTAIN: Alex Polhill A much closer result last year, although once again we were on the wrong side of it. Surely our time has come?</p> <p>POOL CAPTAIN: Simon Hewer Another photo-finish last year, which is becoming a habit. Come on captain, make the magic happen.</p>	    
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8.15 pm We re-group at Tregs bar to share the hits and misses of the day. Will there be any singing tonight?



Friday 27th



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6.30 am No need to leap out of bed just yet – those extra zzz’s are crucial.

7.15 am Probably time to shake a leg.

8.00 am **Breakfast**

9.00 am Promptly to the square for the mini buses please.

GOLF COMPETITION:

9 HOLE AMERICAN FOURSOMES
(AKA: Golfer/Goofer) for the legendary
George Twist Tankards



RULES: The Golf Organizer will have explained the rules in full over breakfast. On account of the prevailing weather in 2023, to much amusement this competition was actually played on the Cape Cornwall Crazy Golf course. It’s back to reality again now chaps.

Noon Please make sure you get your lunch order in early.



KIT

1.00 pm

GOLF

Mals v The Islanders
CAPTAIN: Andy Smith

After a glorious albeit very tight win last year, can our captain secure back-to-back victories?



2.00pm

BOWLS

Mals v The Islanders
Venue: The bowling green at the golf club
CAPTAIN: Roy Bound

Great fun and even better views, although an improvement on the 2023 result is required.



6.00 pm

GIG RACING

v St. Mary’s
CAPTAIN: Alastair Hick

An event and experience not to be missed. New boys will get their chance and hopefully the weather and sea conditions will be favourable. Many thanks to the new IOS captain Paddy for accommodating us.



QUIZ QUALIFIER

After dinner Alex and Roy will arrange a 'quiz-off' for anyone interested in selection for tomorrow's Quiz Team

7.15 pm **Dinner**

Dave Dallaway will propose a toast to the New Boys.
Jonathan Young will respond.

The New Boys are: Sam Cunningham, Tom Field, Will Jackson, Ian Rees Evans, Stuart Viggers and Jonathan Young.

The D.G. will deliver edited highlights of the 2022/2023 AGM.

NOTE: All those competing in the Shooting and Archery later are requested not to over-do it on the drinking beforehand please. There will be plenty of opportunity to catch-up later.

 KIT	<p>8.15 pm BADMINTON v St. Mary's Venue: The school sports hall CAPTAIN: Keith Williams</p> <p>A very disappointing result last year, sort it out captain, your future may depend on it!</p>		<table border="1"> <tr> <td>I</td> <td>v</td> <td>M</td> </tr> <tr> <td> </td> <td> </td> <td> </td> </tr> </table>	I	v	M			
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	<p>8.15 pm RIFLE SHOOTING v St. Mary's CAPTAIN: David Epton</p> <p>Another second place in 2023, the President will be expecting better.</p>		<table border="1"> <tr> <td>I</td> <td>v</td> <td>M</td> </tr> <tr> <td> </td> <td> </td> <td> </td> </tr> </table>	I	v	M			
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	<p>8.15 pm ARCHERY v St. Mary's CAPTAIN: Andy Clay</p> <p>Our very own Robin Hood (Lincoln-green, la, la, la) will be targeting a victory here.</p>		<table border="1"> <tr> <td>I</td> <td>v</td> <td>M</td> </tr> <tr> <td> </td> <td> </td> <td> </td> </tr> </table>	I	v	M			
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	<p>8.30 pm SNOOKER CAPTAIN: Guy Simmons</p> <p>Once again, kindly hosted by Rob and James Francis at the Vineyard, it's high time we recorded a victory in this one.</p>		<table border="1"> <tr> <td>I</td> <td>v</td> <td>M</td> </tr> <tr> <td> </td> <td> </td> <td> </td> </tr> </table>	I	v	M			
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11.00 pm

Friday night is limerick night! Be sure to find and learn one for when your turn comes around.

“There was a young lady from...”

Saturday 28th





SEAN

- 7.15 am Today is Super Saturday – wake up feeling like a winner!
- 8.00 am **Breakfast** Get yourself properly fed for what lies ahead.
- 8.30 am Sniff your shirts and let that determine what you'll be wearing.

8.45 am Your last chance to win an individual prize – history beckons...

GOLF COMPETITIONS:
 BISHOP'S BEAKER FOR GOLFERS – 9 HOLES
 NOSWORTHY NOGGIN FOR GOOFERS – 9 HOLES

When finished, please pack your clubs away neatly (remembering to remove/keep anything important – phone, wallet etc.) as the clubs will be collected ahead of our return on Monday.

12.30 pm **Lunch** Top-up your energy levels but don't pig-out as there are sports to be won this afternoon!

1.30 pm **CRICKET**
 v St. Mary's
 At the Garrison Ground
CAPTAIN: Richard Tredwell




Not our most successful event in recent years, so whilst a victory would be magnificent it would undoubtedly be very hard fought.

Scorer: Alex Polhill Umpires: t.b.c.



5.00 pm **FOOTBALL**
 v The Woolpack Wanderers
COACH/CAPTAIN: Harry Marsland





With an excellent intake of new boys this year – not forgetting the return of some famous older Mal de Mer footballing legends – our captain will have plenty of resources to tinker with.

Can we put down a marker ahead of the second leg tomorrow?

7.30 pm **DINNER**

Our President will now be fully into his stride so expect a well-oiled evening under his guidance.

Those of you selected for the Boat Race team go easy, we need you to be extra thirsty for later!

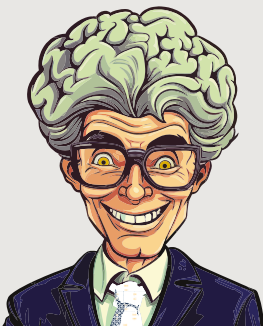




9.45 pm **QUIZ: THE CLEVERDICKS CHALLENGE**
v St. Mary's

Tregarthens Lounge
CAPTAIN: The President

Very sadly we'll no longer be competing against Clive, however Steve Sims and his Island team once again secured a win last year (although if memory serves the margin of victory was reduced).


Can lightning strike again for us as it did just the once way back in 2017?

10.15 pm **BOAT RACE**
v St. Mary's

The Mermaid
CAPTAIN: Tom Hinchley

After recent controversies, VAR will be operating this year to ensure any victory is fair and proper.


11.30 pm Saturday night is late bar night – enjoy!



INTERESTING FACT!

One to share with any nerds you may know...

If earth's history were condensed into 24 hours, life would appear at 4am, the dinosaurs extinction at around 11.41pm and human history would have begun at 11.58pm.

Not a lot of people know that (and if you already did make sure you sign-up for the quiz team!)

Sunday 29th



JIM

8.30 am No rush, today's the day you get your lie-in.

8.45 am **Breakfast** Fill your boots

10.00 am

SHOOTING

Shooters v Scilly

CAPTAIN: Eddie Gladden to liaise with new island captain Clinton Perry on the format of the competition. Pick-up at the Square for 9.20 am to be at the far side of the airport for 9.30am.

The Mals captain will be naming a team of 6-8 to shoot although spectators may travel to support the team.



10.30 am

All Mals down to the quay

Note: Due to the tides we will be dropped off at Carn Near (pardon?) so prepare for a longer walk.

Noon

TENNIS

(Second Leg) At the Flying Boat Club

CAPTAIN: Shaun Galloway

A very popular event played on some great courts. In 2023 every match was decided by a Champions tie-break, which shows just how closely the pairings were matched. Time for revenge Mr Captain.



Noon

CRICKET

v Tresco

CAPTAIN: Richard Tredwell

Scorers: To be selected on the day.

Umpires: To be selected on the day.

Having been well beaten last year, our Captain will be picking a team to make amends.



Post match

There may just be time for a post-match beer with our opponents, but please don't be late for the boat back, it won't wait!

3.30 pm

Make sure you ask the Officer of the Day for confirmation on the boat departure time, no excuses will be accepted and fines will be issued.



5.00 pm

The second leg up at the Theatre of Dreams.

FOOTBALL

Mals v Garrison Gunners

COACH/CAPTAIN:

Harry Marsland

The challenge is to be heading into this game with a positive Saturday result to build on. At time of writing it's assumed that's been achieved so let's see it over the line lads!



7.00 pm

A quick beer with our opponents then a swift change for the footballers, as all other Mals get scrubbed up in time to welcome our guests.

7.45 pm

Time to introduce yourself to the nearest guest and check the table plan (it's not the usual free-for-all seating arrangements).

8.00 pm

GUEST NIGHT DINNER

A warm welcome to our Island Guests and Sports Captains. During the evening we will learn which of the school's pupils will be the recipient of the Mal de Mer Merit Award for 2024, and our Guest Speaker Mike Brown will be invited to say a few words on behalf of the Islanders.



10.30 pm

IT'S SHOWTIME! The Thespians take to the stage...

At the time of going to press, no insight into what to expect has been made available, I wonder if they even know?



Monday 30th



DAVE D

6.00 am Make sure you don't forget anything – check under the bed too.

From 7.00 am Breakfast will be served as you appear. Please be sure to thank the Tregathens team for looking after you so well.

Return flights

FIRST FLIGHT IOS 008 (x13)

Depart from square: 7.50am Take-off: 8.50am

Martin Gibbs	Jim Ward	Jonathan Young	Andy Clay
Stewart Ward	Rob Epton	Dave Epton	Tom Hinchley
Will Jackson	Guy Simmons	Harry Marsland	Shaun Galloway
Graham Izzard			

SECOND FLIGHT IOS 012 (x13)

Depart from square: 8.05am Take-off: 9.05am

Eddie Gladden	Mike Loggin	Kevin Ridge	Richard Tredwell
Stuart Viggers	Darrel Foulk	Alastair Hick	Elliot Hick
Matt Dunn	Tom Field	Dave Nottingham	Simon Hewer
Andy Smith			

THIRD FLIGHT IOS 026 (x13)

Depart from square: 9.10am Take-off: 10.10am

Roy Bound	Oli Collins	Keith Williams	Jamie Pooley
Alex Polhill	Jeremy Chadwick	Paul Calfe	Sean Calfe
Ian Rees-Evans	Dave Martin	Paul Simmonds	Sam Cunningham
Dave Dallaway			

My neighbour has been getting on my nerves recently, so I rearranged her laundry for her



My wife and I have started role playing in the bedroom. Her favourite is 'sexy librarian' where I have to sit quietly while she reads a book.





All time trip ranking 1932 – 2024

(Just for fun, its not a competition!)

			MAL NUMBER	FIRST TRIP	LAST TRIP	No. OF TRIPS
1	Ashby	John	69	1951	2001	51
2	Bound	Roy	177	1974	2024	47
3	Guest	Ben	150	1967	2012	45
4	Twist	George	41	1938	1987	42
5	Gladden	Eddie	219	1984	2024	41
6	Martin	Jet	101	1955	2007	40
	Smith	Andy	218	1983	2024	40
8	Simmonds	Paul	226	1984	2024	39
9	Gibbs	Martin	234	1987	2024	37
10	Pooley	Brian	162	1970	2009	36
11	Farr	Ray	230	1986	2022	34
12	Hope	Paddy	113	1957	1988	32
	Beard	Freddie	78	1949	1985	32
	Chadwick	Jeremy	242	1990	2024	32
15	Goold	Uncle Jimmie	1	1932	1974	31
16	Galloway	Shaun	258	1993	2024	30
17	Nabb	Gordon	187	1976	2009	29
18	Snell	Geoff	236	1987	2017	27
	Nicholas	John	133	1960	1992	27
	Nottingham	David	252	1988	2024	27

Vignettes

123 = Official Mal number

20 = Milestone trips

These informal profiles are conceived and written by a selection of ‘volunteers’ who were each given a random collection of names. The authors remain anonymous, their text unaltered, and the editor distances himself from anything that may be considered offensive, inaccurate or slanderous – so there!

NOTE: New Boys – if your sponsor hasn’t provided a picture, then the image used has been based on their description of you.

177 Roy Bound

Roy’s first trip was in 1974. His vignette for that year describes him as a Shropshire lad expected to be an asset to the Mals both in football, cricket and golf. His introduction as a new boy is credited to the then DG (Freddie Beard) via Roy’s late wife, Janice, who was Freddie’s PA. This will be Roy’s 49th trip – only surpassed by one other Mal (the late John Ashby).

Roy has lived the life of James Dean’s younger more sensible brother and star of *‘Rebel without a Clue’* – this is not being rude – it’s reference to Roy’s scrupulous Quiz master credentials.

Father of the House and fast approaching National Treasure Status. Roy has contributed so much to Mals trips over the years including being Top Shotgun, Golf Organizer, 100 Club organiser (rebranded the Future Fund by Gadget), Merit Award historian, Quiz master, crab meat broker, bowls captain etc.

A true stalwart from the Shropshire stable. A gentleman and great company.



260 Paul Calfe

A true multisport hero of yesteryear, our own dashing Denis Compton.

Calfie left everything on the Garrison... from where has now emerged his Gladiatorial son. For those contests, his keen eye and wisdom will be invaluable to Captains. And his natural sporting talent will be a reliable option for Captains of those sports for the non-sportsmen – darts, quizzing and golf.

See you at the bar, Calfie-boy.



318 Sean Calfe

Exploded onto the scene in 2019 and enthusiastically embraced all (well most – there's always new experiences to be had) that the trip offers. A committed and determined sportsman who has already given the Mals some skilful and big-hearted midfield displays at the Garrison. His presence again will be a welcome shot in the arm (*"unnatural position ref... handball ref!!"*) for the prospects of the football team.



While a Vinnie Jones on the pitch, young Calfe is more Aled Jones off it – a calm, thoughtful and caring Mal with an awful singing voice now that it's broken (just like his Dad). A man of his word, Sean announced on the trip that he loved his girlfriend, beautiful scenery, and heavy rain. He has since got married and moved to the Lake District.

Great to see you back for 2024.

242 Jeremy Chadwick

Many theories exist about Chaos and some have tried to use the Mals trip to the Islands as a perfect example, but the irony is that people who would like to predict it as disorder and uncertainty are shocked as actually the theory predicts the opposite... this will become very apparent while on the trip... you may hear several shouts of "shambles, shambles" but don't be misled by these ignoramuses... Mr. O has it all planned!



Along with his long suffering roomie Shaun, Jeremy is a key element to the incredulous playwriting team "The Thespians"... no subject is off the menu and if it may appear the plots are difficult to understand and follow for the audience, then try acting in them to get an insight into the mind of the genius that is Mr. O!

The golf trophy engraver has now been spell checking Jeremy's name and let's hope that this is the year when we finally see Mr. O collect his just rewards for his years of perseverance at the driving range!

257 Andy Clay

Andy is a big rugby man, which makes him one mighty fine asset on the trip. He understands teamship, competition, camaraderie and Guinness. He is also held in high esteem by the Lincolnshire Mafia, and as such will be something of a power behind the twin thrones of Prezzie and DG this year.

Always a relief to see Andy on the Trip.



321

Oli Collins

We're delighted to welcome Oli back to lead the line up at the Garrison. As a fit, competitive, agile all-round sportsman, Oli is the guy all the older Mals look on enviously and say 'I used to be able to do that'!

A top bloke who has been know to enjoy the odd beer to celebrate a successful day. Here's to you having many of those Oli!



N/A

Sam Cunningham

Sam is Jet's grand-daughter's better half, which is a fudged way of David claiming a third generation of the Martin family on the islands. An RAF Air Traffic Controller now based at Waddington, home of the Red Arrows, so he should be able to find his way back from any licenced establishment to Tregarthens (*many have tried and failed. Ed*).

A huge fan of James Vardy, who took until his mid 20's to make it big time, so Sam feels he's still got a chance himself. Unlike most of the Lincoln crowd (Lincolnshire la la la) he prefers football to hockey but will have a go at anything, which is just as well. Not quite sure where being a Preston supporter fits in to all this but enjoy your first trip Vardy.



281

Dave Dallaway

The trip is so much the better for the presence of Dangerous Dave. Will he resume his pleasingly poetic partnership with the tennis captain? Let's see. But what is certain is his Captaincy of the weather-watching team, as he starts nervously assessing the swell around Sunday Thursday morning.

Dave is the most literal Mal de Mer in our number.

Welcome aboard, Dave.



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Matt Dunn

Outstanding New Boy who excelled on the trip last year and deservedly returns to be flushed in as a Mal.

Stoic and determined, Matt will be the first name on many a team sheet this trip. He is part of a double act with Elliot Hick, so you are likely to see them in many sports teams together... but which one will win the Endeavour Trophy?

Have a fantastic trip Matt, great to have you back on board!



285 **Dave Epton**

Dave is a past president, a highly valued member of the Mals club and part of the ever-growing Lincolnshire Mafia. Unfortunately he missed last year's trip due to his mother's sudden illness. He is a man of many skills both on land and in the air. His absence from the Rifle and Clay pigeon teams was devastating for the Mals results!

An all-around sportsman and good company. He will lead from the front and endeavour to complete the Mals quest for glory, both in the sporting arena or the bar. A true Mal Gladiator. New Boys be aware he can get very CROSS dressing for dinner!

300 **Rob Epton**

So the boss of the Lincolnshire Mob has worked his way to the top of the Mals tree. A giant of a man who will take no prisoners, Mals and Islanders beware! Rob will lead from the top, New Boys stay close and learn.

Wishing Rob all the very best for his trip and everyone is looking forward to buying you a pint.

Important Note: A truce is in force for the entirety of the trip between the Lincolnshire and Landan Mobs.

Fun Fact: Rob and his brother Dave move to Mexico every winter to join the PRO LUCHA LIBRE Wrestling tour. Phil and Grant (their wrestling names) are unbeaten in the past five years. Any Mals who wish to take them on this year on the trip, please send in your applications to Mr. O (don't forget to bring your mask!)

N/A **Tom Field**

From the same Stourbridge breeding ground that gave the Wolves Alf Bishop and the Blues Jude Bellingham, Tom arrives on the Mals via the Baggies academy. He adds to the Bath University alumni among us – finding time while studying to be awarded football fresher of the year and later appointed as manager of FC Copenhagen women's team during his placement year in Denmark. He succeeded in keeping them up!

Tom has moved on to London where he spends much of his time in business development for sports investment crowd funding projects – basically attending lots of events, schmoozing and drinking. Tom is also a keen golfer and not unexpectedly has adopted the Bryson DeChambeau innovation led approach to the game to gain an advantage. This has included the use of children's clubs to minimise the loss of swing power and direction accuracy ratios. Tom also loves organising and participating in quizzes and is often in demand from family and friends to provide the entertainment.

Welcome to another high functioning millennial. Really good to have Tom aboard and hope you have a great first trip.



302 **Darrel Foulk**

Another from the Banbury stables of Eddie Gladden. Pickle ball is his sport and as we don't play that then he has to resort to alcohol. A good all-round sportsman and a financial advisor who can tell you immediately if you are not spending enough behind the bar. His advice will cost you a drink or two but could be very valuable.

Good to see you back on the trip Darrel, its your round.



258 **Shaun Galloway**

Mal's Treasurer, Shaun Galloway, Shaunee to his friends is the original 'Super Mal' and has the brochure to prove it, just ask him. Rarely seen without his sidekick Mr. O, Shaunee excels at tennis, badminton, skiing and to a lesser degree, golf. A great thespian, in the manner of John Gielgud, his talents will show themselves on a Sunday evening. Having a rib-tickling funny moment? you won't find Shaun far away from the action. Never been known to go to bed early, Shaun is the epitome of a great Mal.

PS. He paid me £10 to write this.



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234 **Martin Gibbs**

Our leader on the Isles, don't be fooled by that approachable smile, new boys beware, step out of line and he will come down on you like a Tom Hinchley body slam! (Video clips available for those that missed it!)

The Godfather of the Lincolnshire Camorra's will be a proud man to have one of his own in high office this trip

The DG loves to win, whether playing or supporting he sets the example for us all to follow, looking forward to hearing your voice turn from Freddy Mercury to Lee Marvin!



219 **Eddie Gladden**

No Mal is an island, but if Our Ed fell overboard, that could change. The consummate bon viveur was once a speedy winger and balletic tennis star, so for those younger Mals who may merely observe a Hairy Behemoth, be assured there is so much more to Eddie than meets the eye...

Buy him a pint and milk his wisdom.



322 **Simon Hewer**

Blossoming nicely and is adapting to the way of the Mal like a duck to orange sauce. Fresh from a second successful season as everybody's favourite Love Island hunk.

The chord to Notty is almost severed and we are all expecting great things! A song, ditty maybe, who knows maybe even introducing us to a New Boy who owns a ferry.

Always good to see you, have a momentous Trip.

287 **Alastair Hick**

Finally climbing down from the heady heights of the hierarchy, we are pleased to see the former leader back in the ranks of the proletariat, mucking in with the hired help and finally towing the line.

Unlike other lesser-known Ex presidents, Alastair has refrained from wandering up to the Garrison shooting range to see if someone from the team can pierce his left ear. However he will be the predominant force on the golf course, tearing down the fairway *"watch out, ex-pressie playing through"* will be his battle cry.

When not out-foxing batsmen with his curvaceous swinging balls, Ali may grace the solid Garrison ground Mals football defence... following his recent advisory trip to the Euros where Gareth and Ali mastered the Hokey Cokey play... in, out, shake it all about, forward, back, back, back and back... bionic knee willing!

New Boys, if you feel the childish behaviour of other Mals is draining, then head to the bar to catch our intellectual former leader nattering about Nietzsche and morality or arguing with Aristotle about logic or shouting at Socrates for his vision of truth and virtue... whatever your persuasion, Ali will happily let you buy him a G&T and broaden your horizons!

Great to have him back to on the islands in whatever capacity he chooses... a bloody nice bloke!

328 **Elliot Hick**

Elliot returns to be flushed in the year and deservedly so. Made an immediate impact on the sports field and golf course so welcome back Elliot!

Thankfully he is nothing like his old man – it's so refreshing to have a Hick on board who is good at sport, doesn't grumble about his knees, insist on an organic wheat free muesli breakfast... and has some hair.

Elliot is rumoured to be casting for his new movie which is a comedy about an overweight, "has been" sportsman with alcohol problems returning to the Field of Dreams. On the Garrison this year he will be spoilt for choice.



323 **Tom Hinchley**

The Lincolnshire Army gets bigger... literally! The Mal de Mer yard-of-ale champ and Endeavour winner is with us again this year and will be coaching the boat race team in the bar every evening, we hope!

Tom is never boring unless it's in the front row at Newark and rumour has it he's bringing his hooker this year.

Making it three in a row this trip... let's hope he does many more!



221 **Graham Izzard**

Giizzaaarrrd! Stand by your beds! The Legend returns!

There have been many a tale regaled fondly of this Mal, now is your chance to check him out for real.

Graham has been a keen footballer (think – Amoco Cadiz), an enthusiastic golfer (think Tasmanian Devil), combative cricketer (think – David Blaine), metronomic rower (think – Terminator), in the true spirit of the Mals, whenever asked upon to deliver, captains he is your man!

He will raise the standard of sartorial elegance in the bar (think – Robert Palmer) as well as glass in support for all the teams. Welcome back Graham!



N/A **Will Jackson**

An honorary member of the Lincolnshire contingent from across the border in Nottinghamshire. A powerlifting back row forward and supreme athlete to bolster the ranks. Wig/Jacko will be keen for everything and anything. (It's not a rugby trip) a mature head on young shoulders ready to survive.

Have a great trip Will!



329 **Mike Loggin**

Mike returns this year to be flushed in. Mike is a very good sportsman be it cricket, tennis or clay shooting – you name it he will not let any captain down. He also does an excellent Sven impersonation as this picture shows (written before his untimely departure).

His time keeping is very suspect but I'm sure the fines procedure will sort that out!

Welcome back Mike !



213 **Dave Martin**

Its difficult to know if Dave has finally hung his football boots up or not... he clearly longs to demonstrate to the Gen Z and snowflakes what getting stuck in really entails... leaving injuries that no magic sponge will fix in a hurry. However he has found that VAR clearly has its limitations in such a high octane, fast moving game on the Garrison so is now often seen running the line with his lightening reflexes and eagle eyes he will hopefully prevent the islanders ever getting close to our goal!



His talents know no bounds and if you don't believe me then head to the School sports hall and watch him demonstrate his teaching prowess by giving the kids a good lesson in table tennis and other indoor sports... he is also clearly happy to coach goofers into improving their swing and misses and has often been seen ensuring that the diverts go back "green side up."

A great Mal to have on your side and is not one to shy away from leaning on the bar dispensing tales of daring do and unbelievable adventure... buy him a drink and prepare yourself for "tales of the unexpected". Great to have you back Dave!

265 **Harry Marsland**

Now that his sporting prowess is waning Harry has taken to management with great success. Still not keen on golf but doesn't complain and will no doubt find his clubs in the dust in the corner at the golf club where they have rested, unmoved for the last 20+ years.

Hopefully packing a wetsuit this year to ensure his safety and be able to deliver his comprehensive after dinner reports.

Hope you can caddie for me H, we'll share a bottle of Claret!

252 **Dave Nottingham**

Our midfield dynamo on the football pitch up at the Garrison back in the early 90's, Notty continues to control the game albeit these days from a bit further back. Wandered forward last year to try and score the winner from a corner only to lose a battle with an islander's elbow, the result being yet another return to St Mary's hospital where he's now on first name terms with all the nursing staff. He was allocated a new boy last year to bring him back from his sick bay (and to pay his fine for being late for dinner).



Regularly makes advanced trips with family under the guise of being an ally but its really a scouting trip to see who we need to watch out for, or nobble, this year. Often leads the choir in the early hours of the morning, that is until his voice goes.

272 **Alex Polhill**

Recently became an Octogenarian, a Past President and a regular on trips for over twenty years, our now retired Golf Organizer has recovered from last year's Room 2 challenges and is ready to join us once again. Suave and sophisticated, as you'd expect from someone coming from leafy Camberley, but it can (and often does) go downhill after a few glasses of a nice claret.



Regularly offers advice and guidance to the new golf leadership team but suspects they're not really paying full attention. Proved in his final year as GO that putting from anywhere on the course, even from the tee, is feasible, if not entirely practical. Always worth spending some time with Alex reflecting on why we love putting ourselves through all this.

278 **Jamie Pooley**

Poolos jets in from his store in Chicago (what commitment!) to join the Mals with more of his sporting prowess – cricket, golf, hockey and more. He excels in all sports and throws himself into everything with a ferocious competitiveness.



New Boys please note, much like his father, Jamie is a sociable flower, and enjoys nothing more than serenading the Mals with Cornish shanty songs in the bar, so please join in to save his voice.

Great to have you back on the trip Poolos!

N/A **Ian Rees-Evans**

A proud Welshman joining our ranks this year; originating from the mighty Swansea and currently living in Bristol, Ian is coming on board for his first trip on the Mals. We welcome a strong all-round sportsman (with the exception of golf).



Ian is a keen footballer; playing mainly as central midfielder with a wonder of a left-foot. He will be a welcome addition to the football squad this year. Whilst will show an enthusiasm for giving all sports a go on the trip; Ian has a great talent for arrows both archery and darts. Having participated in competitions across Europe for archery; (*Fact. Are you reading this Captain? Ed.*) he will look forward to showing off his talents in the contest vs the Islanders. Also throwing regular 180s and big check-outs; Ian will be one to look out for with the darts at the social club.

On a personal level Ian enjoys a pint, having a good laugh and trying to convince everyone he looks like Prince Harry. Ian will be a much welcome addition both from a sporting and personal perspective for the trip. We all wish him a great first trip of hopefully many.

330 Kevin Ridge

You knew from the moment you met Kevin he was going to fit in. The off island golf tournament heralded a potential no nonsense Mal with talent!

Sure to spread his wings now that he's an idea of what it's all about, beware any islanders reading this – the Mals have their very own Chuck Norris.

Welcome back Kevin, once you are flushed in your minder duties are over (for now...)



226 Paul Simmonds

Cummin up for iz furty ninth Trip to Scilly, Simmo as been there and dun it all! New boys seek him out and buy him a dark wum and coke (no ice), and he will talk for hours about his sporting prowess. You'll understand about 'arf of it but that'll be enough to comprehend what being a Mal is all about.

Sportsman, songwriter, after dinner speaker, past golf captain and now the first predominantly sane Golf Organizer! Always a pleasure to be on the Trip with you. Here's to the next 39!



319 Guy Simmons

If there's a problem with travel to Scilly perhaps this Guy can ferry us over, be a lot quicker!

Fast becoming part of the Mal de Mer furniture, his immaculate dress, perfect speech and constant politeness show the influence of the DG. Prone to quiet periods of people watching in the corner of the bar with a large gin and tonic but don't worry he's OK. Keep crunching that 3 iron Guy... you might make the team.



218 Andy Smith

Andy is part of the Mals furniture and and a great man to have on the trip. Always there for advice especially on the golf course and still Captain of the early to bed team.

He might not be James Bond but a top Mal to share a Dry Martini, shaken not stirred, with at the bar.

Fun fact: if you buy Andy a pint he will tell you the legendary story of how he won the 1986 World Welly Wanging championship in Warsaw against a guy from Wisconsin on a cold wet Wednesday night.



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Richard Tredwell

Freshly flushed in Richard Tredwell is known as Tredders. He originates from the Banbury stable under the guidance of Postman Pat. An excellent cricketer and tennis player (or so he tells us).

If his sport was as good as his cider drinking then he would be an English international. Always a positive addition to the trip and a man who stays up at night until he falls asleep.

Welcome back Tredders!



N/A

Stuart Viggers

A new addition courtesy of Darrel. I'm sure he will do his sponsor proud! A master Thatcher by trade during the day and a comedian by night, Peter Kay holds nothing on Stuart! I can guarantee he will keep us entertained in the bar with his quick wit and jokes. *(No pressure there Stu, Ed).*

Don't let that humorous side distract you! Vigg's is a tenacious competitor which he honed on the rugby and football pitches of Oxfordshire and surrounding counties. A winger on the rugby pitch and very slight of foot was he... lets hope he can repeat that on a cold wet Sunday up at the Garrison. Also a single figure golfer, *(not according to page 7, Ed.)* so he'll be certainly chasing the birdies! A true all-rounder and should fit very nicely into the Mals set-up.



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Jim Ward

Fortunately for Jim (and the Mals) the apple fell just far enough from the tree.

A very accomplished and talented all-round sportsman and still relatively youthful (certainly in terms of Mal years and appearance) who has often made a difference to the Mals being competitive in a number of sports in recent years including hockey, cricket, golf and football.

It seems Jim has come a long way since his first trip in 2016 in the year of his father's (the Rock), presidency. Increasingly relishes a week away from Lincolnshire and the opportunity to give of himself to the ethos of the Mals.

Good to have you back Jim.



268 **Stewart Ward**

As long-standing member of the Lincolnshire Mafia, Stewart or the “Rock” as most of us know him, is returning to the Mals fold after a self-initiated sabbatical. Its great to see him back! As a past president he is a valued member of the club and still has a lot to offer both New and old Mals. After such a long absence, let’s hope he’ll be first to the bar (with his wallet) and be his normal jolly self.



The Rock is thoroughly dependable, versatile and an accomplished hockey and badminton player on the Islands. I’m sure he’ll leave no stone unturned and be up for participating if needed, or be found shouting support (abuse I mean) from the sidelines at all the events. A tip to all and sundry... whatever you do don’t leave your phone volume on at dinner as The Rock may get up to mischief, which may result in numerous fines! Great to have you back!

284 **Keith Williams**

Mal’s Man of Mystery.

I’ve been invited to say a few words about “Keith Williams”. Well, I’ve been on The Trip for more years than I can remember, but I can’t say I know this bloke. P’waps his sponsor is too embawassed to p’woperly intwodge poor Keith.

So maybe this is the place for a few words of advice. Keith man, get involved! Speak up! If you think you’ve got what it takes to help out in the arena, don’t be shy! Tell the captains. If you’re over 70, snooker will want you. If you’re under 70, and can shoot from your own half, you’ll be a shoo-in for football.

And if you know any jokes to tell at dinner (*actually no thanks, Ed*).

Looking forward to finally getting to know you over a pint.

N/A **Jonathan Young**

JY finally makes his Mals debut after many years of cajoling, a new boy invitee by his old school mate Mr. Izzard. A striker that was never blessed for pace as a youngster, but somehow kept what little he had so when playing vets football (where everyone had lost theirs) he moved like lightening!

A very steady golfer who will relish the challenge the scenic St. Mary’s course provides, JY will be great company for anyone lucky enough to be in his playing group.

A sports fan and great all-rounder who is sure to catch the eye of many captains – just make sure they pick you JY!





Calfey has just got his 2nd question right on Who Wants to Be a Millionaire? and is now on £200.

Here's the 3rd question: *"Who was the great train robber? Was it:"*

- a) Ronnie Biggs?
- b) Ronnie Barker?
- c) Ronnie Parker?
- d) Ronnie Wood?

Calfey says *"Well Jeremy, I've had a lovely time and I'm going to take the £200."*

Jeremy says *"Are you bloody stupid? You have all your life lines left".*

Calfey says *"I might be stupid, but I'm not a grass".*



You may be interested to learn that this year's Origami World Championship will be shown on 'paper-view television'. I know because I came runner-up last year. I should have won really but folded under pressure.

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