

**Great Hollands LADIES ANNUAL MEETING
SATURDAY 25TH OCTOBER 2025
UNAPPROVED MINUTES**

Meeting opened: 10.05am (Minute silence to remember members who sadly passed away since our AGM in 2024) Rita Hills.....

Apologies for absence: Heather King, Sheila Ledbury, Iris Sullivan

Minutes of last meeting: Agreed and signed

Matters arising: None

Chairperson's Report: None given.

Secretary's Report: (S Stickland)

Unfortunately, we've operated without a chairperson this year as Angie had to step down for personal reasons, but I'm delighted to welcome her back, and even more delighted that she is ready to get involved once again.

I would like to thank all those who have supported me throughout the year, whether it's been County queries, gentle reminders that something needs to be addressed, or more often than not, the good old techie problems.

Irene and Rose, on behalf of GHBC Ladies section, thank you for all the work you have done ensuring that we have teams in place for both the league matches and the friendlies. I know that has been very difficult at times this year.

There were 22 people at the pre season coffee morning in April, including 3 social members. That was 9 fewer than the previous year.
Thanks to all who organised that.

We had a good day sorting and cleaning the kitchen. The provisions are now stored where those of us who are vertically challenged can reach.
Thank you to everyone who helped with that.

The new club shirts seemed to go down quite well, once we got used to how bright they are. You will see that item 8 on the agenda is an opportunity to discuss a proposed change to the Ladies' uniform.

Generally speaking the catering for matches was ok, although there were occasions when the nominated tea person didn't show, and someone, mostly the bar steward I think, had to nip out to get some milk.

We have been left with a surplus of supplies, due to several matches cancelled at the last minute towards the end of the season. But I think Linda was able to use up most of the crisps via the honesty bar; and the biscuits, which are still in date, are here for us today.

Once again the Macmillan weekend was very successful, raising a total in the region of £1300 plus £150 from the blind auction of the donated TV.

Thanks must go to everyone who supported the cause in so many ways, and especially to Angie and the team for putting the whole thing together.

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Captain's Report: (I. Bradley)

I would like to thank all those who have helped and supported me this season. Especially to Rose as Vice Capt who ran the ladies friendlies when she was able to after her op. Also to those ladies who stepped in at really short notice to play TVL. Maureen especially as it was her first full game of playing 18 ends when we played at Wokingham on a really hot day. Thank you and very well done.

Due to illness and Rose and Linda having hip operations, 4 of our usual TVL ladies were unable to play at the beginning of the season so we struggled. However, we did fulfil all of our games.

The hot weather did stop us playing a couple of them (these were against Bracknell and Maidenhead Ash) They were postponed and played at the end of the season. Other Clubs were also affected by the heat so it wasn't just us.

Caversham pulled out of playing in the TVL quite early in the season leaving only 7 Clubs remaining. This had also happened the previous year when Reading pulled out due to lack of players.

Desborough were the winners of Division 1 this year and it has been decided we will remain in Division 1 again for 2026. I know we have mixed thoughts on this decision but we will do our best. Maiden Erlegh will be coming up to join Division 1 in 2026.

We took part in Top Club and the Ladies Double 4s and we are entered again next year.

Finally, we had an end of season ladies lunch last year and I have put a list up. If you are interested in doing it again this autumn, add your name to the list.

Winter well ladies. Irene

Vice Captain's Report: (R. Reason)

We had mixed results in the Ladies Friendlies: Won 5, Lost 6, Drawn 1. 3 games were cancelled.

Thank you to all the ladies who stepped in, some at short notice. It was much appreciated.

Also, thank you to Irene for doing a good job in a difficult year, especially in the league matches, when illness and criticism of team selection did not help. We are a team and should be working as such and accept the Captain's decision. You can never please everybody. Anyway, thank you Irene, and let's work together next season.

County Report (C Lofthouse):

I represent GHBC as your delegate attending at least one meeting a year. The latest was held on Oct 15th.

Every member of our club has to be affiliated to the county and this is paid by our club treasurer from your membership fee and entered on line by our club administrator.

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Feedback from the delegatesP meeting:

Joyce Heathman our president this year leaves office and will be succeeded by Angela Isaac from Desborough.

However there is a proposal to amend the constitution combining the Mens and Ladies committees into one. This will be voted on at the County AGM. Thus some positions will be combined slimming down the executive.

There was a proposal to remove the 30 mile rule from all non zoned competitions, and this was voted in.

The Draft calendar for 2026 was available and I will put it up on our board.

I will put up the county competition sheets on the board for anyone entering to fill in asap by the end of January. It will be our club administrator who will enter names on the PORTAL, by the end of February. However, it was stressed that every lady must check that all their personal details are correct on the portal e.g. d o b if entered in age related comps. The 2 wood competition is 'play by' dates and not zoned. Results, applications for matches etc must be done using the portal as it will be fully operational next season.

We had a small number of ladies entering some competitions this year, which I hope they enjoyed the experience and I would suggest they do so again, and perhaps encourage others/new members to join them. Congratulations to Sheila, Lesley and myself for reaching the quarter finals of the triples competition.

If there are any questions I will try to give answers.
Thanks for listening

Proposed change to Ladies' uniform (C Lofthouse):

Since the introduction of the new shirts and the exclusion of white trousers, it has become increasingly noticeable that the variety and interpretation of 'grey' does not unify us as a 'team'.

The County are introducing bottle green trousers which match our new shirts very well. The meeting was shown an example of these, and it was suggested that County players who already have them might show us a range of the sizes. It was agreed that they should be bought from the same producer to guarantee uniformity. Aceit, the supplier of our new shirts, have a range of trousers and shorts to choose from in the same colour, bottle green.

There was a discussion about whether the Men would agree to the change, and it was decided that there is no reason why we cannot change even if the Men wish to stay with greys.

The vote was unanimous in favour of a change to bottle green trousers.

This must be put to the Executive Committee.

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ELECTION OF COMMITTEE/OFFICERS for 2026

Chairperson - Linda Stone
Secretary - Angie Sherfield
Committee Members - Irene Bradley, Carole Drury, Sheila Stickland
Ladies' Captain - Rose Reason
Ladies' Vice Captain - Lesley Langer

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Angie Sherfield reminded the meeting of the role of the members of the Ladies committee:
They should cater/assist with food for Open Day, Finals Weekend, Club Clean weekend and if approached and agreed by County for a County Match to be held at GHBC.
To check and maintain the cleanliness of the kitchen area and replenishing tea/coffee etc.
Clarification is required from the Club house manager as to who should be ordering kitchen supplies, black bags etc.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

TBA

Meeting closed 10:40am