



## BLACKWELL GRANGE GOLF CLUB

### A Decade of Progress 2013–2023

The Club celebrated its tenth anniversary since the merger on Saturday, 1 July 2023 and it is interesting to reflect on the significant progress that has been made in the last ten years. The following timeline records that progress, as well as including certain other miscellaneous information.

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| <b>2013</b> | Blackwell and Stressholme merged, with Blackwell moving from Briar Close to Snipe Lane on 1 July.   |
| <b>2014</b> | In May, Jonathan Gaunt of Gaunt Golf Design Limited undertook a full course assessment and the proposals have underpinned course development to date.   |
| <b>2015</b> | Clubhouse lounge refurbished, new locker rooms created, new professional's shop built and driving range refurbished. New facilities officially opened on 15 October by Bernard Gallacher, OBE, Ryder Cup Legend and an Honorary Member of the Club.   |
|             | New website created.  |
| <b>2016</b> | New scorecards introduced with new, revised Stroke Indexes.   |
| <b>2017</b> | Ralph Givens retired on 28 February after some forty years and Peter Raine took over as Head Professional from 1 March. Ralph was made an Honorary Member of the Club.  |
| <b>2018</b> | A Record Year! Amazingly, the previous course record of 66 (-5) was broken twice in eight days, first by Adam Rochester on 22 September with a very impressive 64 (-7) and then by Stuart Goodwin on 30 September with an incredible 62 (-9).   |
|             | David Lamb retired from the kitchen in September and was replaced by John Tennant from Imperial Express.  |
| <b>2019</b> | Jon Bradley had the unique honour of being Club Captain for a second time; he was also Captain in 2014.   |
|             | Remodelled holes 9, 11 and 13 opened, as well as a new swing studio and Junior Academy course.  |
|             | Aaron Cox joined Peter Raine as Assistant Professional. Aaron has been instrumental in developing the Junior Academy and resurrecting the annual Pro-Am from 2020.  |
| <b>2020</b> | Remodelled holes 1 and 18 and short game practice area opened.  |
|             | The year 2020 was quite a year, but for all the wrong reasons! It was dominated by extreme weather events and Coronavirus (COVID-19).   |
|             | The World Handicap System came into operation in the UK on 10 November 2020.  |
| <b>2021</b> | For the first time ever, the Annual General Meeting was held virtually via Zoom.  |
|             | Members Survey conducted.   |
| <b>2022</b> | The Club's 'Development Plan October 2021 – September 2026' was issued on 28 January. David Youldon was instrumental in creating the document. Everyone should be incredibly proud of all that has been achieved since 2015. A comprehensive list of the works carried out is included in the document, which, as well as the work specifically referred to in this timeline, includes drainage, fencing, tree management, improvements to pathways, etc. |
|             | The Club changed their software system from HandicapMaster to 'intelligentgolf' from 1 March.   |
|             | New course furniture installed.   |
|             | New practice putting green officially opened on 20 May by local Conservative MP Peter Gibson.   |
|             | As a mark of respect, the Club closed all its facilities for the state funeral of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II on 19 September.   |
| <b>2023</b> | Remodelled holes 5 and 6 opened.  |
|             | Congratulations to Sue Theakston on becoming the first female Club Captain. Sue was Ladies' Captain in 2017.  |
|             | Hole Names introduced.  |
|             | To mark the Club's tenth anniversary an 'Anniversary Stableford' competition was played on 1 July.  |
| <b>2026</b> | It will be fifty years since Stressholme Golf Club opened.  |
| <b>2031</b> | This will be the Club's centenary.  |