

## ODE TO A BALL

From Gordon Peters

In my hand I hold a ball  
White and dimpled, rather small

Oh, how bland it does appear  
This harmless looking little sphere

By it's size I could not guess  
The awesome strength it does possess

But since I fell beneath its spell  
I've wandered through the fires of Hell

My life has not been quite the same  
Since I chose this stupid game

It rules my mind for hours on end  
A fortune it has made me spend

It's made me yell and curse and cry  
I hate myself and want to die

It promises me a thing called par  
If I can hit it straight and far

To master such a tiny ball  
Should not be very hard at all

But my desires the ball refuses  
And does exactly what it chooses

It hooks and slices, dribbles and dies  
And disappears before my eyes

Often it will have a whim  
To hit a tree or take a swim

With miles of grass on which to land  
It finds a tiny patch of sand

Then has me offering up my soul  
If only it would find the hole

It makes me whimper like a pup  
And swear that I will give it up

And take to drink to ease my sorrow  
But it knows that I'll be back tomorrow

## SAD LOSS OF KEN DYER

As we go to press we learned of the passing on New Year's Eve of Ken Dyer but due to weather and time factors the society was represented at his funeral by just Chris Hare and Cyril Davey. However the service was filled with eulogies and stories from his pantomime and show business friends and sadly it was time for Ken's final curtain. The congregation stood silently to the sound of "MacArthur's Park" followed by "The Land of Make Believe" a number co-written by Ken for Buck's Fizz that made No.1 in 1982. Although only a recent member Ken joined in many of our competitions and supported the society and he will be missed by his fellow players.



## DO YOU FORGET THINGS?

Member Chris Hare is a professional entertainer as "The Memory Man" and travels the world with his unbelievable act. He recently memorised the birthdays of over 300 cruise ship passengers and correctly recalled them instantly. I once saw him correctly memorise a whole pack of shuffled cards during dinner in a Le Touquet restaurant at one of the VGS golf trips to France. His memory technique has been tested by experts and his "Sensational Memory" system has now been produced on a dvd with simple exercises that can help anyone to improve their own memory. It covers every aspect of memory improvement in simple step by step instructions from memorising numbers, dates, text, playing cards, names and faces. Just pull up "Sensational Memory" on your search engine or contact Chris at [chris@sensationalmemory.com](mailto:chris@sensationalmemory.com). "Sensational Memory" price £15.00



Chris Hare

## SHORT PUTTS

### AGM.

The Annual General Meeting of the VGS will take place on Thursday 11th March commencing at 11.00 a.m. at The Water-Rats Pub, 328 Grays Inn Road, London, WC1.

### WELCOME TO THE NEW CAPTAIN

The new VGS Captain for 2010 is Cyril Davey who will be inaugurated at the AGM.

### OVERSEAS TRIP

We missed the trip to France last year due to the crippling exchange rate. This has now improved and Secretary Kaplan Kaye is looking at offers possibly in Le Touquet again

### TOM'S LADIES NIGHT

Tom Anderson's ladies night was a big success during the year and the new captain Cyril Davey is already planning details for 2010.

### VGS SHOWTIME AT FULWELL G.C.

The new captain at our affiliated club at Fulwell has invited the society to put on a show during the season after a match against Fulwell members.

### REVIVAL OF MATCH WITH STAGE GOLFING SOCIETY

This match of former times has been reinstated in the calendar and will take place during the season.

## CASSON'S CORKERS

From Johnny Casson

"Did you know that people who have the most birthdays live the longest"

"Money isn't everything – but it keeps you in touch with your children"



"I'm at a time in my career when everything clicks – my neck, my knees, my back!"

"My father died in his sleep - at a Max Bygraves concert"

"I can remember the actual moment I met my wife. I just opened my wallet and there she was"

"My brother's at Manchester University. He's in a bottle in the biology department"

"I've been reading this book about the evils of drink. So I've given up reading"

"Did a gig recently in this posh town down south. So posh their Salvation Army band had a string section"

"Took my wife out for a meal. I said do you like scampi?. She said I don't like Walt Disney films"

## BEHIND THE TIMES

We hope you are enjoying this the fourth issue of our club magazine "Tee Times" This is produced twice a year for the society by two VGS members and you might like to know a bit more about them.

The design and layout is produced by member Bill Dare, professional designer and commercial artist who also runs a function band "The Daredevils" Trained in design and illustration his work is regularly seen in the national media but his lifetime's passion for music led him to become an accomplished musician on guitar and drums. So much so that his time is now equally divided between gigs and the national press. Bill lives in Hampton just near secretary Kaplan Kaye.



Bill Dare

The editorial and photography are produced by John Derris whose connection with the business started with Bryan Michie as a youth with a magic act, then national service with the R.A.F. spending most of the time in an entertainment unit. After demobilisation he trained in advertising and for thirty years ran his own advertising agency. Retiring some ten years ago he was booked by many of his former clients to perform magic at corporate events in the USA, Japan, Russia, Greece, Morocco and many other venues which continues today. John lives in a little town just four hundred miles north of Paris – Bromley!



John Derris