



OSBGS

The Old St Beghian Golfing Society

Report for OSB
AGM 2025

Who are we? And what do we do?



**Old St Beghians with a
passion for golf.**



**Social and competitive golf
throughout the year**




**Core members see
representing St Bees as an
honour & privilege.**



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Calendar Year Events

- Critchley Cup – internal social & encouragement for new members – usually held in Cumbria (e.g. Penrith 2025).
 - Halford Hewitt – prestigious alumni public-school tournament – held at Royal Cinque Ports & Royal St Georges, Kent
 - QE Coronation – alumni public-school tournament – held at The Royal Burgess Golfing Society of Edinburgh
 - Cyril Gray – over 50's alumni public-school tournament – held at Worplesdon, Surrey
 - Grafton Morrish – qualifier event at Huddersfield Golf Club with finals held at Hunstanton and Brancaster
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The Halford Hewitt

‘the greatest of all truly amateur tournaments’

- Nick Tremayne, Golf Writer.

- St Bees fortunate to be 1 of the 64 participating teams.
*Public schools not included are envious (Sedbergh, Giggleswick, RCS Wimbledon, Millfield).
- 640 competitors (plus supporters) make the Halford Hewitt a special golfing occasion.
- Royal Cinque Ports, Deal as tournament host.
- Play also at Royal St Georges, Sandwich (recently voted 19th best golf course in the World).
- *Personal opinion:* School underplay the marketing of the Halford Hewitt (even during the Golf Academy years).



Halford Hewitt Centenary - 2024

- Grosvenor House, London
- Core members of the OSBGS in attendance, alongside the 64 schools that play in the Halford Hewitt.



Previous Support to the School

- St Bees Golf Academy.
 - PGA Professional, Stuart Hemmings
 - Costeloe Putting Green & Trackman Tracer
 - OSBGS Events involving the School Academy
- The result: St Bees School flourishing at golf events across the UK, attracting students both locally and internationally to St Bees due to Golf stature.

The glory years?

- Core members providing golfing experiences to last as a lifelong memory.
- Continued contact and interest to St Bees Golf Club and its voluntary core members that support the School in maintaining its 9-hole asset.



OSBGS Status



Membership ~ 30

Annual subscription (£25) – acting as a contribution to entry fees.

Halford Hewitt entry fee rose to £1,200 last year.

Society has survived on donations, notably Tom Fletcher (£15,000 in his will).



Thanks to the generosity of the St Beghian Society recently supporting us with £5,000.



Society did well to maintain contact during COVID-19 pandemic, golf was an encouraged outdoor activity.



Impacted **heavily** by the initial school closure in 2015, and resultant closure of the Golf Academy.

The future?

- ***Without golf being encouraged at the 'new' St Bees, the OSBGS will eventually be unable to field a team at prestigious events.***
- Recruitment and advertisement of the OSBGS is going to be crucial in the coming years.
- OSBGS Reports will continue to be an ever-present in the Bulletin and/or new versions of the OSB communications.
- Future Critchley Cups to be held in parallel with OSB Day at a Cumbrian golfing location.
- At present, St Bees School is small and cannot compete at Rugby, Cricket etc. Golf can be played as a team, as well as on your own. An ideal asset.
- Golf is inclusive, the school has its own golf course (only a handful of schools can boast this).
- Skills for life – teaching etiquette, compliance to the rules, respect for the sport and opponents.
- OSBGS to win the Halford Hewitt.



Questions?

