1. **Apologies (25)**

Helen Jones due to a viral infection. Sarah Pritchard, Sharon Metcalfe.
Barbara Brightman, Eleanor Lochee-Bayne, Janet Carney, Jenny Leech, Wendy Pitt, Wendy Gitsham, Verity Hibbs, Jill Merriman, Gina Foster, Kate Robson, Wyn Hayes, Glenda Hayes, June Bush, Margaret Naylor, Lorna Nicholls, Judy Lowe, Maureen Halden, Helen Cole, Ling Staton, Ann Radmore, Sam Humphries, Bev Jones.

There were 55 members in attendance.

2. **Minutes**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on Sunday, 30 November 2014 were accepted as a true record.

3. **Matters Arising**

The wording of the constitution regarding the position of Lady Vice President has been amended following the resolution that was passed at last year’s AGM.

4. **Reports**

The annual reports distributed prior to the meeting are attached. They were accepted by those present.

- Treasurer’s Report
- Handicap/Competition Secretary’s Report
- Match Secretary’s Report
- County Delegate’s Report

5. **Lady President’s Report**

Madam Captain, Lady Vice-Captain, Lady Vice President, Ladies of Ingestre.

It has been a great pleasure to have undertaken the role as Lady President this past year. I have enjoyed so many aspects of the job, and my thanks go to you ladies, for your support and encouragement.

During the year, we have sadly lost Millie Atkin and Liz Asher. They were both very enthusiastic and long-standing members of the club, both of whom had many friends who will miss them dearly. Liz served many years on the committee, was Lady Captain in 1988, and Lady President in 1995. She also dedicated a great deal of time to craft and would spend hours and hours cross stitching beautiful pictures, then raffling them off at our Christmas bazaar. She was an active member of our Past Captains’ Society and enjoyed saying her piece when she thought standards were slipping!
Other members of the club have successfully recovered from injury and surgery and thankfully returned to golf in no time at all.

From a personal point of view, this year has not been without its difficulties and there have been occasions when I have been unable to attend functions, and for this I apologise. Notwithstanding, I hope that our team of Lady Captain, Mr Captain, Mr President and myself, has been able to serve you to the best of our ability and provide you all with a golf filled, fun packed year. Thank you all for your support in raising money for our charity Macmillan Cancer Support, you have been very generous throughout the year.

One last thing, happy birthday to two members today, Sharon Metcalfe and Linda Pearson.

I would like to send my very good wishes to Helen and Bev and I hope they have a great year in 2016.

Chris Betteley
Lady President 2015

The Incoming Lady President Bev Hensley responded by thanking Chris Betteley the outgoing Lady President for all her hard work and support she had given to the club over the last year.

She then presented the outgoing Lady President with a gift from all the lady members as a token of thanks for her work and stated that her Lady Vice President for 2016 would be Maureen Jones.

6. Lady Captain's Report

Ladies, how time flies! It seems like only yesterday that I stood here as Lady Captain Elect and now I am about to hand over to Helen who will begin her year as Lady Captain 2016 at the Club AGM. Congratulations Helen! I am confident that you will be an excellent Captain who will work tirelessly to ensure the continued success of our wonderful Ladies Section. I would also like to congratulate Brenda Parker who has been appointed as President of SVLGA.

My year as Captain has been challenging. I suspect all past Captains will tell you that there are moments when the unexpected can cause consternation - however, for me these have been far outweighed by the pleasure I have gained from organizing and taking part in some very special events.

The weather did its best to cause problems with the Post-Christmas Comp and the Captains’ Drive- in both being cancelled. The Officers did take their drives in pouring rain cheered on by the hardier members among us before making a dash for the Club House. The event still raised £135.00 for charity.

Our Club Championship was postponed in May due to the course being waterlogged. To the relief of everyone the rescheduled event in September went ahead as planned. Thankfully, the competition calendar was completed and was well supported.

At this point I would like to thank our Comps and Handicaps team Caroline, Sharon and Angela who have worked very hard to keep things running smoothly for us.

Match Secretary Mary Jenner and County Representative Bridget Locke have provided full reports of the success of our ladies at Club and County levels. We are proud of their achievements. A full programme of matches has taken place and our thanks go to Bridget, Mary, Ali and Ruth for their work to ensure Ingestre teams took part.
Thanks to Sue Smith who has again been firmly in charge of our very popular Wednesday Morning Comps. Friday Night Mixed competitions have been fun and numbers taking part have been good. It is pleasing to see that they are enjoyed by many of our newer members.

Opens have again been organized by Gill and Bill Greaves-Bentley, Mo Jones and Roger Marsh. Their continued commitment is much appreciated.

In many respects I have been very lucky this year. The mixed Away Days event at The Mere was very well supported and the venue and atmosphere throughout was tremendous. Again, we were nearly rained off but managed to complete the competitions by the skin of our teeth. I held my Away Day at Shifnal in May on the only sunny day in a week of poor weather. I was delighted with the numbers taking part and the way in which we were looked after by Shifnal. Good fortune shone on me again for my Lady Captain’s weekend in July. The competitions were well supported and we were able to enjoy the refreshments and the banter at the half way house, in fine weather. The whole event has been stored in my memory as a highlight of this special year. Lady Captain’s and Lady President’s Away Days at Worsley Park were enjoyed by all who took part. The Mixed Away Day to Great Barr in October was again a wonderful day and many favourable comments were received from those competing. It is always our hope when arranging any of these events that members will support and enjoy them and as usual Ingestre Members have shown their true Club spirit by participating.

We have been able to enjoy several social events including New Year’s Eve, Valentine’s Night, the Summer Ball, and Halloween. Thanks to our Social Committee Colin Jones, Lady Vice-Captain Helen, Verity Hibbs and Ann Radmore who organized these events for us, and also thanks to Mr Vice-Captain Paul and Linda for the challenging quizzes. There are always additional helpers on these occasions and I would like to thank them also.

This year the Captains and Presidents decided to combine our fund raising activities and have chosen Macmillan Cancer Support as our charity. My own major fund raising event was my Charity Lunch held in February which was attended by 128 ladies and raised over £800. Lady President hosted Halloween Night and over £500 was added to the fund. The Christmas Bazaar has again given a boost to the Charity and Past Captain Janet Nicholls, Lady Vice-Captain Helen and all those who helped on the day are to be congratulated on the success of this event. During the year additional donations have been received from the Friday Night competitions and Bridge Drives, organized by Christine Jones, Ruth Jennings and Betty Dean. These together with Raffles and various other small donations have added to the total raised by our Section. When final figures are available the Ladies will be contributing a sum in excess of £3000 to the overall total. I would like to thank all members for their generosity.

I must at this point mention our Treasurer Pat Yates for her immaculate recording of our accounts. Pat has been totally reliable and thorough and she will now enjoy a well-earned rest from the Committee. Assistant Treasurer Sarah took on the additional task of improving our web site and continues to work on the Marketing and Publicity Sub-committee. Thank you both very much. Denise Shed has been our Acting Hon Secretary since Jacky Davis stepped down and she has been extremely well organized and helpful. Her support to me has been invaluable and I am truly grateful.

So many more people to thank – our bar staff, kitchen staff, Professionals, green staff and office staff, who have all helped me along the way.

I would like to thank Lady President Chris for her generous support during my year as Captain. My Vice-Captain Helen has been enthusiastic and always willing to help. My best wishes to you in your year as Captain Helen, and to your team of Lady Vice-Captain Ruth, Lady President Bev and Lady Vice-President Mo. Several members of the existing committee are retiring after giving many years of service, so I wish the new incoming Committee every success in 2016.
To conclude, my sincere thanks to you our Lady members for your encouragement, friendship and support. It has been a privilege to serve as your Captain.

**Lady Captain then read a speech on behalf of Helen Jones, incoming Lady Captain,**

On behalf of all the lady members, thank you Margaret for being our Captain in 2015. A gift to the Lady Captain was given to her by Chris Betteley on behalf of the incoming Lady Captain Helen Jones. Helen said in her speech that it was a gift to show our appreciation for her dedication to the ladies section during her year in office. She hoped that she would wear it, treasure it and look at it with pride recalling a successful year as our Captain.

Lady Captain, Lady President, Past Captains, Past Presidents and ladies of Ingestre Park Golf Club: now to the year ahead. I am honoured to be proposed as Lady Captain of Ingesre Park Golf Club in 2016. I will endeavour to fulfil this role to the best of my ability. I look forward to working alongside Bev our incoming Lady President, Ruth our incoming Vice-Captain and the Ladies Committee.

Early in my year as Lady Vice-Captain I was faced with a daunting task as most of the committee gradually stepped down from office after years of loyal service or for personal reasons. So, I had a challenge. I wished to form a committee with some established members familiar with the operation of the ladies section combined with newer and enthusiastic members. I am confident that this has been achieved and that in 2016 we will work in harmony together, have some fun on the way and do our utmost to maintain the standards of our ladies section. My thanks to the members who have agreed to take up the commitment.

Sue Smith has agreed to continue organising our Wednesday 9 hole competitions. We are indeed grateful for this as they are such a valuable addition to the ladies section. Angela Horton will be arranging our friendly matches with other clubs. These are enjoyable days and give us the opportunity to play different courses and make new friends. Thank you very much Angela.

Our first committee meeting will be on Monday 4th January when it will be proposed that Janet Coope is co-opted onto the committee as assistant competition/handicap secretary. Sharon will instruct her assistants so that she can gradually be released from some of her duties after years of service.

The Club Captains and Presidents are once again combining their charity fund raising and in 2016 our chosen charities will be Cancer Research and St Giles Hospice.

On Thursday 25th February I will be holding a charity luncheon. So do come along and bring your friends to this popular event. I am sure you will be well entertained by the speaker Derek Poulson who, because of the nature of our charities and the valuable work that they do, is generously donating his fee to the charities. Details will be posted in the club house early in January when tickets will be on sale.

I will be placing a large Christmas card in the locker room. So, if you wish you can sign it and write your season’s greetings to your friends at the club. When doing so a small donation to our charities would be greatly appreciated.

A nine hole competition is being organised between Christmas and the New Year. There is a notice in the foyer so do sign up for this and join your friends for some post-Christmas exercise and a tasty bap.

Tickets for New Year’s Eve will be on sale in the stud bar on Monday 7th December from 1900 hours onwards. We hope that this event will be well supported again.
The Captains’ and Presidents’ drive-in and competition will take place on 2\textsuperscript{nd} January. The format will be 4 ball better ball with any combination of players. Full details and the sign-up sheet will be displayed in the foyer. So do join us for this event the start to our golfing year. There will be the usual sweepstake to estimate the combined length of our drives. Entry forms at the bar and the proceeds will be shared between our charities and the most successful estimate.

Before the start of the golfing season a file will be available in the clubhouse. This will list all the competitions in the club with the conditions of entry and the format of each competition. I hope this will be of benefit to everyone particularly our new members.

My wish is that in 2016 the ladies section will willingly and enthusiastically participate in our club competitions and medal rounds. I hope also, that you will support our special events which the ladies section have always been proud of, starting with Club Day and culminating in our presentation evening when we celebrate the achievements of our friends.

Now, I am delighted to present our Lady Vice-Captain Elect, Ruth Jennings. Ruth has during my year as Lady Vice-Captain, given me endless moral support in planning the year ahead. I therefore look forward with confidence to working with her in 2016.

That is all from me for the time being. I look forward to seeing you all at the Club AGM in two weeks’ time when I should officially take up the role of Lady Captain.

Now I will pass you across to Ruth who has some announcements to make about events next year.

**Lady Vice-Captain Elect**

Thank you Lady Captain for nominating me to be your Vice-Captain in the coming year and also thanks to the ladies committee for endorsing the proposal.

I am thrilled to be invited and look forward to fulfilling the role to the best of my ability if elected at the club AGM.

During Helen’s year as Lady Captain the following are important dates to make a note of:
Lady Captains away day is at Walmley Golf Club, on May 18th, a lovely parkland course, challenging for all levels of golfer and an excellent reputation for its cuisine. The format is 4BBB,stableford

Lady Captain’s away weekend is at Mere Park Golf and Country Club, one night stay on Sunday, 11th September with two rounds of golf, dinner bed and breakfast. Full details of both the above will be posted in the locker room

There are three Sunday prize days,- the first on January 3rd, to be organised by Lady Captain and crew. The other two are the 14th February and 20th March for which eager volunteers are sought, don’t want anyone to be disappointed! Names in threes please in the locker room.

That is all from me for now, hope to see you at the club AGM on 20th December at 7pm.

The charities for next year are Cancer Research and St Giles Hospice.

### 7. Election of Officers – Nominations

The following ladies were nominated for the officer posts and, being unopposed, were elected unanimously:
8. Election of Members

None this year.

9. Any other business

Proposal from Christine Betteley, Lady President 2015
Seconded by Gill Greaves-Bentley

In order to promote the cordiality of the ladies section, I would like the members to consider the inclusion of five day members in the 18 hole competitions on Lady Captain’s and Lady President’s weekends.

This would be solely at the discretion of the Captain and President of the year and would not include any other weekend events during the year.

As with the Men’s section, this would be subject to the availability of free slots on the entry sheets, seven days before the competition.

Five day members would be eligible to enter major competitions under the same rules as seven day members for those two Sundays.

A ballot was conducted resulting in 46 Against 14 For. The proposal was not carried.

There was no other business.

The meeting closed at 16.00 hrs.

Honorary Secretary: Margaret Bennett

Signed…………………………………Lady Captain Date…………………………