



# VICARS CROSS GOLF CLUB



# WELCOME TO VICARS CROSS GOLF CLUB

Vicars Cross Golf Club is an 18 hole parkland course set in a beautiful rural location just 4 miles east of Chester on the A51. The picturesque course is challenging and varied and designed to test all aspects of your game. The club welcomes visitors, societies and corporate events.



The club is rightfully proud of its heritage and offers everyone a wide range of facilities, including a driving range with covered bays, extensive short game practice areas, an attractive and modern clubhouse with spike bar, lounge, dining and function areas.

If you are interested in finding out more about the course or the excellent clubhouse facilities, please contact the club by telephone (01244) 335174, by facsimile (01244) 335686 or by e-mail [manager@vicarscrossgolf.co.uk](mailto:manager@vicarscrossgolf.co.uk)

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# THE HISTORY



Vicars Cross Golf Club officially opened on the 20th May 1939 just a few months before the start of World War II. The club rose from the ashes of Blacon Point Golf Club which was a pleasant 6,200 yard parkland course and was requisitioned by the War Office in 1938 after just 3 years golfing. The land remains under RAF control to this day.

The concept of Vicars Cross Golf Club was born in 1938 when Blacon Point member William Ellison Richardson sounded out fellow members and asked for their support to establish a completely new club in the Chester area.

Such was the response he eventually purchased Parkers Farm with some 91 acres of undulating pasture close to Chester on the A51. Eric Parr who had been the former Blacon Point Professional moved into the farmhouse for Christmas 1938 along with his wife Hylida.

By February 1939, Eric started to lay out the first eleven holes and this task was completed within two weeks, his only help being a bulldozer and his uncle Cyril Hughes who was the Professional at Royal Liverpool Golf Club. The course officially opened just three months later, although the completion of the last seven holes was not completed for a further seven years.

Building work started on the clubhouse in 1940 which was planned to include two further storeys, hence the robust roof supports in the main lounge area. Unfortunately, the war halted any further work and the clubhouse remains to this day a single storey building.

With the outbreak of war, the course was used for agricultural purposes with some grassland retained for livestock. Lever Brothers moved into the clubhouse away from the London blitz, but even they had to give way to a detachment of 100 American soldiers who used the main lounge as a dormitory.

When peace was finally declared, the task of turning the pasture back into a golf course was started, commencing with the greens. The course was eventually reopened in March 1947 by club Captain Arthur Jones.

The course has been developed and improved extensively since this time, resulting in the tremendous challenge it is today.

The course has been played by some very notable names including Alf Padgham (Open Champion 1938), Harry Weetman (Match Play Champion 1951) and Bobby Locke (Open Champion 1949, 1950 and 1952).

Like many other clubs, the golfing boom of the 1960's secured much-needed funds which have in turn been ploughed back into the club. Vicars Cross today has grown out of the hard work of others in the past. We should be extremely grateful for their foresight and their sacrifices.

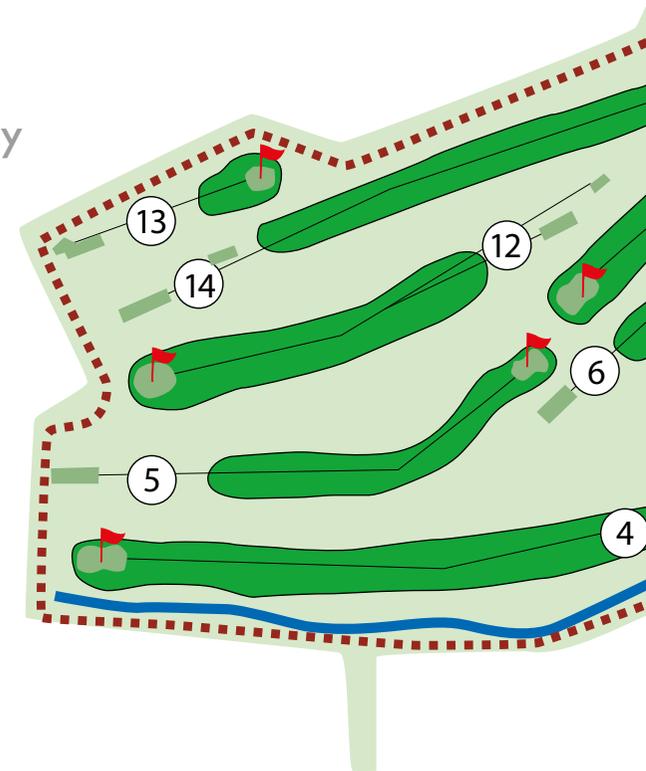


## THE COURSE

Vicars Cross Golf Club is a mature 18 hole parkland course of almost 6500 yards from the white tees and has a par of 72. In recent years many improvements have been made including extensive tree planting, improving fairway drainage and rebuilding the greens to USGA standards. Members and visitors alike can now enjoy year-round golf on one of Cheshire's most attractive courses.

The golf course architect Ken Moodie designed and oversaw the entire project using all his knowledge and experience. He introduced some very interesting, not to mention challenging putting surfaces, with bunkers strategically placed in just the right places in order to encourage accurate approach shots.

The new USGA standard greens are establishing themselves well and have received a lot of complimentary remarks from members and visitors alike, as well as an excellent report from our course consultant.





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# THE OUTWARD NINE

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324yds PAR 4	311yds PAR 4	299yds PAR 4
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A dogleg left and not an easy hole to start with. From the tee, beware of the trees which line either side of the hole and the sensible shot is to lay up short of the fairway bunker, taking the pond on the left out of play. The green is guarded by bunkers left and right, so be accurate with your approach shot.

2

513yds PAR 5	513yds PAR 5	451yds PAR 5
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From a good drive long hitters can reach this green in two, however, trees and water protect both sides of the fairway from the tee. There is more water crossing the fairway which will catch any errant or short second shot and the green is smaller than most.

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393yds PAR 4	371yds PAR 4	327yds PAR 4
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Once again trees can catch the wayward drive on either side of the fairway. More deep hollows just in front of the large green will gather up anything short.

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518yds PAR 5	508yds PAR 5	458yds PAR 5
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A long, slightly dogleg par 5 with trees lining the fairway all the way on the right. The left side is protected by a burn and out of bounds for the length of the hole.

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368yds PAR 4	358yds PAR 4	344yds PAR 4
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This hole offers the straight driver a clear view of the green, whilst anything left or right can lead you into trouble and cost you a shot or two. A bunker to the right and water to the left make this approach shot a true test.

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444yds PAR 4	411yds PAR 4	405yds PAR 5
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Rated the hardest hole on the course, a long drive threaded between the trees is required, leaving an uphill approach to a large green protected by 3 bunkers. A stream crossing the fairway 100 yards short of the green catches the misjudged second shot.

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403yds PAR 4	403yds PAR 4	370yds PAR 4
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Considered one of the hardest par 4's on the course, this dog leg right carries an abundance of hazards. Trees to the left and to the right threaten the drive while a stream crossing the fairway and to the left of the green demand an accurate approach. The green is one of the biggest and most undulating on the course.

8

174yds PAR 3	161yds PAR 3	138yds PAR 3
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First of the par 3's, the large green presents an inviting target though it is important to make sure you finish on the correct level of the putting surface. Bunkers guard the front entrance to the green and the contours mean anything left or long is almost certainly a dropped shot.

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264yds PAR 4	254yds PAR 4	238yds PAR 4
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A short par 4 which is easily reachable for the longer hitter. However looks can be deceiving and if you wander off course either left or right you could pay the price. No less than five bunkers and a hollow protect the fairway while a stream and yet more trees threaten the miscued drive.

# THE INWARD NINE

10

347yds	336yds	319yds
PAR 4	PAR 4	PAR 4

The correct way to play this hole is a straight drive up the right hand side of the fairway as the left hand side is guarded by bunkers. The angled green is protected by bunkers on both sides while anything long will mean a difficult pitch to a heavily sloping putting surface.

13

169yds	155yds	141yds
PAR 3	PAR 3	PAR 3

A shortish par 3, but take care, there are lots of dangers, especially for the shot which wanders left into out of bounds. The green is one of the smallest on the course and is protected at the front by bunkers left and right while anything long means a difficult pitch to save par.

16

400yds	387yds	362yds
PAR 4	PAR 4	PAR 4

Another tight driving hole with out of bounds and trees all the way down the left and a large copse on the right. The uphill drive is followed by a downhill approach to a heavily sloping green guarded by a bunker on the left while the contours to the right of the green will throw off anything slightly pushed.

11

402yds	393yds	325yds
PAR 4	PAR 4	PAR 4

A straightforward par 4 with a stream running across the fairway to catch the shorter or mishit drive. Trees line both sides of the fairway and the green is protected by three bunkers all eager to welcome your approach shot. Water also awaits an overhit shot at the back of the green.

14

550yds	533yds	462yds
PAR 5	PAR 5	PAR 5

Long and troublesome, this par 5 will test your game. Water is everywhere, to the right of the tee, meandering its way up the left hand side of the fairway and then across the front and rear of the green. Just for good measure a large tree sits in the middle of the fairway.

17

474yds	460yds	404yds
PAR 5	PAR 5	PAR 5

A dogleg left par 5 littered with danger. Trees on either side of the fairway mean your only option is long and straight up the right half of the fairway to leave you a sight of the green. A bunker 20 yards short of the angled green and more humps and hollows around the putting surface demand an accurate approach.

12

362yds	335yds	315yds
PAR 4	PAR 4	PAR 4

Water to the right and trees on both sides of the fairway await you on this fairly straightforward par 4. Long hitters will be able to out-drive all the trouble and get fairly close to the green which is guarded by a bunker on the left and out of bounds at the back.

15

200yds	172yds	161yds
PAR 3	PAR 3	PAR 3

A seemingly easy par 3, however, only a straight shot will find safe ground. Don't stray to the right or to the left as danger awaits and beware of the two greenside bunkers which have been well placed to catch anything just off line.

18

141yds	130yds	122yds
PAR 3	PAR 3	PAR 3

A short par 3 in front of the clubhouse to finish. The steeply sloping green means you have to land on the correct tier, avoiding the 3 large bunkers protecting the front and sides. Anything long means one of the hardest 'up and downs' on the course.

# THE CLUBHOUSE

The clubhouse has recently been refurbished to a very high standard and offers a range of facilities and top-quality catering to suit every occasion for both the golfer and non-golfer.

The conservatory bar is open and airy with large windows overlooking the course. The bar is fully licensed and you can enjoy a range of bar snacks or alternatively there are excellent restaurant facilities with a wide-ranging and constantly-changing menu.

Attached to the main bar is a spike bar, once again with all the facilities you would expect. Adjacent to the spike bar there is a snooker room for the use of members and visitors alike.



## THE RESTAURANT

The catering and bar manager Graham Hughes runs his operation in an efficient and organised manner with a wide range of beers, wines and spirits. His menus are varied and offer members and visitors excellent quality of food aimed at satisfying the most hearty of appetites.

Members and visitors can relax and enjoy their surroundings with a drink, some food and some excellent company. The club runs a full and well-supported social programme throughout the year for all members and their guests. Social membership is available for the non-golfers.

The excellent facilities are available to both members and non-members for hire for special events such as weddings, anniversaries, conferences and meetings and Graham and his team are happy to tailor menus to fit most budgets and occasions.





## OUR FACILITIES

In addition to excellent clubhouse facilities, Vicars Cross Golf Club has extensive practice facilities more in keeping with a major corporate or hotel course than a private members club.

Members and visitors can work on all aspects of their game. In addition to the large practice putting green the facilities include a 300 yard driving range with covered and uncovered bays, a chipping area, practice bunker and 100 yard pitching area.

A range of membership options are available for both individuals and companies and further details can be obtained from the Secretary Manager.



# LEARN FROM A PROFESSIONAL



John Forsythe is the club professional at Vicars Cross Golf Club and has a wealth of knowledge and experience spanning nearly thirty years. We all need help, advice and guidance from time to time and John is an excellent person to contact whatever our needs.

John turned professional in 1980 after working as an assistant professional from the time he left school. He became the professional at Vicars Cross Golf Club in 1989 and has enjoyed many happy and successful years at the club.

The shop is well equipped and stocked with all the latest equipment, clothing and accessories from all the leading names, much as you would expect. John majors on three main brands, Callaway, Benross and Titleist.

Where Titleist is concerned, John is shortly to become a custom fit centre, so you can have complete confidence that the set of woods or irons you are purchasing will be set up to your exacting requirements.

Because we are all built differently and have different swing speeds and styles, it is a good idea to try out a range of clubs and shafts before purchasing. John offers this facility and will also give you all the advice and guidance you will need.

Most of us need lessons from time to time to improve different aspects of our game and these can be arranged through John in the shop. He will be pleased to set up a convenient time with Steve Priest with whom he works closely.

Whether a member or a visitor to Vicars Cross, you are invited to call at the shop and see the tremendous range of products available to you. This invitation comes personally from John Forsythe, Club Professional.





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If you need help or advice on any areas of health and fitness then you should give Francesca Noretta a call today and arrange for a consultation, you will be amazed at the results.



# CORPORATE GOLF DAYS



Many companies and organisations recognise the benefits of organised golf days and Vicars Cross Golf Club is the ideal venue for such an event.

There is no doubt that team bonding is vital to the smooth running of any organisation and creates better communication and understanding between departments and people. This can only be beneficial for everyone involved.

Golf is a great way to meet in a social environment, get to know each other on a more personal basis and give everyone the opportunity to chat freely in an informal setting.

You don't have to be a golfer to take part in the day, there are always back room tasks to be performed - stewards, scorers, starters and a host of other jobs, so everyone can get involved.

The benefits are instant and long lasting.

Vicars Cross Golf Club is the perfect venue for this type of event, not only offering an excellent days' golf, but also superb facilities in the clubhouse.

The separate function areas allow you to meet together after the round, discuss the days events, hold the presentations and above all, eat, drink and communicate.

Buffets or sit-down dinners are all available with a wide choice of menus and an excellent range of food.

In addition to golf days, the Club has developed a range of sponsorship, advertising and promotional opportunities for companies to promote themselves and their products in and around the Club. To discuss holding your golf day or the wider promotional opportunities at the Club, please contact the Secretary Manager who will be happy to help and advise you.

Companies interested in corporate membership should also contact the Secretary Manager.



# THE FOXCÔTE INN

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On Station Road in Little Barrow about six miles from Chester you will find The Foxcôte Inn. Surrounded by beautiful Cheshire countryside this pub restaurant has, through sheer hard work and the dedication of the proprietors Leigh and Cathy, become an award winning seafood restaurant that prides itself in producing the finest in home cooked dishes.

Leigh and Cathy took over The Foxcôte Inn in 1998 as franchisees of Inn Partnerships. Prior to this Leigh worked at the prestigious Grosvenor Hotel in Chester and by 21 was the Head Chef at the Rossett Hall Hotel. He then moved to the Crab & Lobster in North Yorkshire where he developed his passion for seafood.



The Foxcôte Inn prides itself on the closeness of its team of highly competent staff. It is this team that is at the core of the pub's success. The kitchen is staffed by a team of highly experienced and motivated individuals. Leigh and Cathy oversee all areas of the business. There is a purposeful blurring of the roles so that the staff can cover each others roles and are always able to provide an exemplary service.

When you visit The Foxcôte Inn you will find this small, family orientated pub welcoming and friendly. The menu is totally seafood orientated and cooked using the freshest and finest ingredients available. They have up to 26 offerings with lobster and fruits de mer platters. They also have a selection of other dishes if you do not want seafood. On Sundays they have a traditional 3 course roast dinner that is available from 12pm to 4pm.

They often have special deals where they offer all inclusive meals at a set prices. These deals change regularly so it is well worth phoning them up or checking out the website at [www.thefoxcote.com](http://www.thefoxcote.com). In addition they also have daily specials that are posted on their blackboards.

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# GOLF RULES & ETIQUETTE



The neglect of course etiquette often leads to frustration and takes the pleasure out of playing golf. Etiquette falls into three main categories and while many of the points are pure common sense and courtesy, they are too often neglected.

## COURTESY

Don't talk, move around or otherwise distract someone who is about to play a shot.

Play without delay, but always make sure the golfers in front are well out of range of a good shot. On par 3 holes, wait until the players ahead have left the green.

If you are searching for a ball and the golfers behind are ready to play, signal them to play through - it stops frustration and saves time all round.

When you have all putted out, replace the flag and move to the next tee without delay. Do not mark your card or stand discussing your scores on the green.

## PRIORITY

The person who had the lowest score on the previous hole has the "honour" i.e. tees off first.

The person whose ball is the furthest from the hole should play their stroke first. This applies to fairway/rough and on the green.

If you lose ground to the extent that the players in front are more than a hole ahead, you must invite the group behind to play through if you have been keeping them waiting.

Under new rules issued by the R & A, no individual or group of players have any priority on a golf course. Common sense and courtesy should however be applied.



## CARE

Always replace divots.

Always look for and repair the pitchmark your ball makes on the putting surface after it has landed on the green.

If you have played out of a bunker, ensure that you rake the sand smooth and replace the rake in its place of origin so as not to interfere with play.

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# GOLFING COMPETITIONS



Vicars Cross Golf Club operate a large number of competitions throughout the year and these can be played in a variety of ways. Whilst Medal or Stroke play is the most popular competition format for the major events, we have compiled a compendium of other possible events. The basic rules can vary from club to club.

## Foursomes

A team of two players who play alternate shots, i.e., player one tees off, player two hits the second shot, player one the third shot and so on until they have holed out. Player two then tees off at the second hole and again both players play alternate shots. The game is usually played in either Stroke Play or Match Play format. Before starting play, it would be wise to work out where the toughest driving holes fall, so that the better driver of the two tees off on these holes.

## Greensomes

This is a variation on Foursomes, with the only difference being that both players tee off on each hole and then decide which of the two drives to select. If they decide to choose the drive of player one, then player two will take the next shot and they take alternate shots until the ball is holed out.

## Match Play

This format is such that each hole becomes a separate competition. It can be played as an individual or two man team event where the winner of the hole is the person who achieves the lowest net score. They are then said to be one up. The game finishes when the number of holes up exceeds the number of holes left to play.

## Medal/Stroke Play

In handicap events the winner is the player with the lowest net score whereas in scratch events the winning score is the lowest gross score. Each hole is played and the total number of strokes for that hole are recorded onto your score card. When all the holes have been played, the total number of strokes taken are recorded as your gross score.

## Shotgun

This can be played as any format with the normal rules applying. It is a social competition where all the players/teams tee off at the sound of a shotgun, allowing all players to start and finish at the same time. The social part takes place at the nineteenth hole where there is the presentation to the winners and runners up.

## Stableford

An individual or team event where instead of strokes being recorded, points are awarded on a sliding scale. After allowing for your handicap, your net score on each hole will attract the following points: 3 under par, 5 points, 2 under par, 4 points, 1 under par, 3 points, level par, 2 points, 1 over par, 1 point and no points for anything above this.

## Texas Scramble

A team event where all players tee off and the team agree on the drive they prefer. They then all take their second shots from this point. They then decide on the best second shot and all take their third shots from this point. This continues until the ball has been holed out. It is usual for each player to have his/her drive selected at least four times over the eighteen holes. A real fun format where some remarkably low scores can be achieved.



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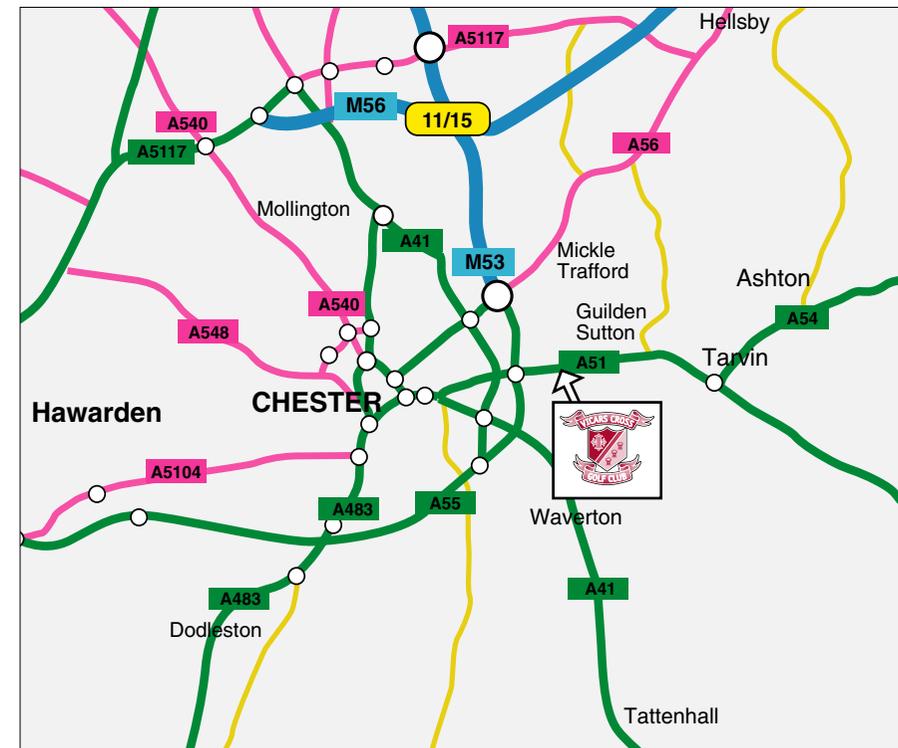
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