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Welcome

At The Millbrook Golf Club we pride ourselves on the warm welcome that we offer all, regardless of age or golfing experience.

Whether you are a seasoned golfer looking to join a friendly vibrant club, or an occasional golfer out to play with friends or completely new to the game and keen to learn then we're sure that you'll find that this is just the place for you.

Nestling in woodland by the delightful village of Millbrook, we are situated in a beautiful part of Bedfordshire between Woburn and the historic market town of Ampthill. We are therefore conveniently situated just 10 minutes from M1 junction 13, 25 minutes from central Milton Keynes

and only two minutes from Center Parcs Woburn Forest.

Our elevated position on the Greensand Ridge means we can offer year-round playability and are blessed with unrivalled views of our rural surroundings. Once you arrive, you'll be amazed at how tranquil our setting is!



About The Course

The Millbrook is owned by its members, we therefore reinvest our revenues into making the club the best it can be for our members and guests.

Our course was laid out in 1977 and open for play late 1979 early 1980. The course has matured so well that during the past few years we have been selected to host the Bedfordshire County Championship twice, be the home club for all Bedfordshire county men's matches and more recently have become host venue for Europe's largest developmental tour, a direct feeder to the DP World Tour. This is testament to the advances made both on the course and in the clubhouse during the past ten years.

Indigenous pine and silver birch line 13 of our 18 holes. The remaining five holes are protected by gorse and wispy fescue grasses.

Standout features of our course are our 'links style' pot bunkers and double greens which complement our sandy, free draining soil, made possible by the Greensand Ridge. The soil type and our standout features above offer the player a links feel during summer and heathland during autumn, winter and spring.



Course Tour



Hole 1

The course starts with a short par five which is very reachable in two shots for the longer hitters provided the drive is positioned on the left of the fairway; but be sure to take one more club than you think for your approach to the green ensure it carries. If you are not confident of reaching, a mid-iron laid up into the dip leaves a soft wedge to the green. Once on the putting surface, all putts gather toward the front right portion of the green.

Hole 2

Three good strikes are needed to reach this par five green in regulation. Avoiding the only fairway bunkers on the course is your primary focus from the tee. Once on the fairway, a fairway wood or long iron will carry the ditch, leaving a short shot to one of the flattest greens on the course, however in summer anything long will run on.

Hole 3

It's all about the tee shot! A slight draw, aimed down the left side of the fairway, will counteract the natural camber and leave a

long iron or fairway wood to a well-guarded green. Members will often use the bank to the left and rear of the green to take the green-side bunkers and sloped front portion of green out of play. A small but flat putting surface awaits on the top of the two tiers.

Hole 4

A chance to get one back on the course! A well-struck drive could easily find the putting surface leaving putts for birdie. A safe tee shot over first ditch but short of the burn leaves a short pitch to a green that slopes towards you.

Hole 5

Climb the steps to check the group ahead are out of range and then a good tee shot is placed to the left of the downhill fairway. This would leave a mid-iron approach to a green that slopes away from you. Downhill, it's wise to take at least one less club than you think. An uphill putt from the back of the green will always be easier than one half the length downhill.

Hole 6

A straight tee shot is required, ideally to the right of the fairway. This will leave you a

mid to long iron approach over the pond to a small contoured green. All putts gather back towards the water.

Hole 7

The first of three par threes. Make sure you take enough club to carry as anything short and right will finish in the dip leaving a chip to a green that slopes away from you. As with the 5th, an uphill putt from the back of the green will always be easier than one half the length from the front.

Hole 8

The correct shape of tee shot is vital to maximise your distance off the tee but this is a par five that requires strategy rather than brute force. A well-shaped, right to left, tee shot should run down the hill leaving you with a decision to either take on the pair of trees that sit aside the fairway or lay up short. Whatever you decide, your approach to the green should be aimed right of the pin.



Course Tour *CONTINUED*

Hole 9

Members will tell you this hole is a lot easier than it might first appear. The fairway is almost at a right angle to the men's tees allowing over 100 yards of landing area to aim at. The more you aim at the green the greater the carry you require. Decide how your swing feels and aim slightly left of where you think. The ladies tee is on the other side of the valley but irrespective, all shots kick right, both off the tee and on approach to the green that slopes gently towards you but long is out of bounds. Before teeing off, you can always call ahead

to the kitchen (07340293940) to order a take-away sandwich which they can have ready for you once you've finished the hole. Before teeing off, you can always call ahead to the kitchen (07340293940) to order a take-away sandwich which they can have ready for you once you've finished the hole.

Hole 10

Whether you are playing from the front tees at 110 yards or the back tees at 187 yards, a well struck tee shot is required to hold a green that measures only 15 yards from front to back. The bank to the rear of the green can sometimes

rescue the over hit shot, therefore, it's better to be slightly long rather than face a chip to an elevated green if you happen to fall short.

Hole 11

The majority of our members would list this hole as their favourite on the course. It is however a tricky test on your first attempt. From the tee take aim at the marker post using a club that will carry at least 180 yards (a little less from the front tee). Once you are on the fairway, a well-struck mid to short iron shot must be aimed right of the flag to a green where subtle slopes make

putting tricky. The ladies tee is up the hill but the line is still right to allow for the natural slope.

Hole 12

A short par five for the men or par four for the ladies that demands accuracy. Ideally the drive should be aimed at the lone pines in the middle of the fairway using the large camber to gain maximum distance. A drive of 250 yards for the men will leave an approach of around 220 yards but take one more club than the yardage suggests to reach a green which slopes towards you.

Hole 13

The tee shot here can make or break your round. Dependent on the tees you are playing from, a straight drive between 200 and 260 yards is required to ensure a view of the green. The approach is uphill, so take one more club. Try to stay right of the flag to ensure you are left with a friendly uphill putt.

Hole 14

A well-struck drive will leave a mid to short iron approach but be mindful of the humps and bumps 250 yards from the yellow tee. The prevailing wind means your approach

will play long with the usual wind direction into your face and from the left.

Hole 15

There is plenty of space to aim at off the tee but a right to left shaped drive will considerably shorten the hole. A well-struck second should leave a simple pitch to the green. Beware of the cavernous pot bunker that sits in wait front right of the green. This is an up-turned saucer of a putting surface which requires the players full attention.





Course Tour *CONTINUED*

Hole 16

The last of our par threes, but much like the previous two, a well-struck shot is required to hold a green that slopes away from you. Take enough club to carry the bunkers front right and you will be rewarded with an uphill putt. There are fantastic views from the tee that sits on the top of the Greensand Ridge but this means it is always windy. It is usually downwind but always downhill so judge the yardage, wind direction and then take one less club!

Hole 17

A tough tee shot that requires accuracy rather than distance as there's more space on the left than you can see. So aim left of center with a club you are confident will travel 180-plus yards. If that's all gone to plan, you will be rewarded with a short iron approach ensuring you take enough club to carry the two greenside bunkers.

Hole 18

This is an excellent finishing hole but you need to hit the fairway from the tee if you want to score a par or better. Especially

in summer, you should beware of the Out of Bounds to the rear and right of the green when selecting your approach shot so a conservative approach may be wise if you're on for a good score. Approach shots landing on the front-left portion of the green will feed toward the middle of the putting surface, leaving easy putts to complete your round.

All that awaits is a nice drink & something to eat in the Clubhouse as you entertain your playing partners with hopefully tales of joy recounting your round.



Membership



The appetite for golf club membership remains strong and we have a small waiting list for several categories of membership.

We offer either seven or five day membership allowing unlimited use of our facilities or alternatively for the less active golfer, our new flexible membership. Members at The Millbrook can also utilise several reciprocal arrangements with both local clubs and a number further afield.

We are confident that we can offer a membership package to suit any requirements or budget. Membership is available to everyone and we encourage the junior golfer and young adult with a sliding price scale from age 12 to 30.

Our membership year at The Millbrook begins on the 1st of March and runs for 12 months to the 28th February but should space allow, you are able to join mid-way through our membership year and charge accordingly, pro-rata. Should you require we offer a direct debit facility to help split the cost via a 3rd party at an additional cost.

Please contact our manager to arrange a trial round and brief meeting to discuss the club in further detail: The Millbrook Club
Office Hours: 8:00am till 5:00pm

Contact:
Rob Brightman (Club Manager)
Tel: 01525 840252
Email: manager@themillbrook.com



Membership *CONTINUED*

Criteria for Membership Concessions

Senior Membership

Applies to those aged 65 and over on the 1st March who have paid full price for at least 3 years.

Family Membership

This applies to adult couples aged 24 and over e.g.; husband & wife, brothers & sisters, parents & children if the child is aged 24 or older. Both these categories offer a 15% discount on annual fees; please note that if you are a family member and over 65, there is no further discount.

Students

Students must be in full-time education up to a maximum of 25 years of age. There are some restrictions with tee bookings on weekend mornings before 10:00am

Juniors

As with the Student membership, restrictions apply to tee bookings on weekend mornings before 10:00am.



Membership *CONTINUED*

Forces

This rate is available to serving members of the Armed Forces, Police and Firefighters. In addition to the discounted membership fee, those taking advantage will be required to add a fixed amount to their bar card which entitles members to 20% of drinks and 10% of all food.

Flexible & Affordable Membership

If none of the above suit you then please contact us to hear about our flexible membership, as a CASC registered club (community amateur sports club) we can provide affordable weekly golf for all.



Reciprocal Golf

As a member of Millbrook Golf Club you can now play an additional 40 golf courses.

We have a reciprocal arrangement which allows golf at a number local courses.

The Millbrook Golf Club is proud to also be part of the Golf Club Network. A network of 35 clubs that allow access to our members provided they join the scheme.

Members who wish to take advantage must obtain a membership card from the office for which there is an annual cost of £10. Following this purchase, members can play each of the participating clubs up to 10 times per year.

You must phone the golf club at least 24 hours in advance of your desired date of play. Explain that you are a member of Millbrook Golf club and a Golf Network member, tee times will then be offered subject to availability.

Visit www.thegolfclubnetwork.co.uk for contact details of all participating clubs and further information.



Societies

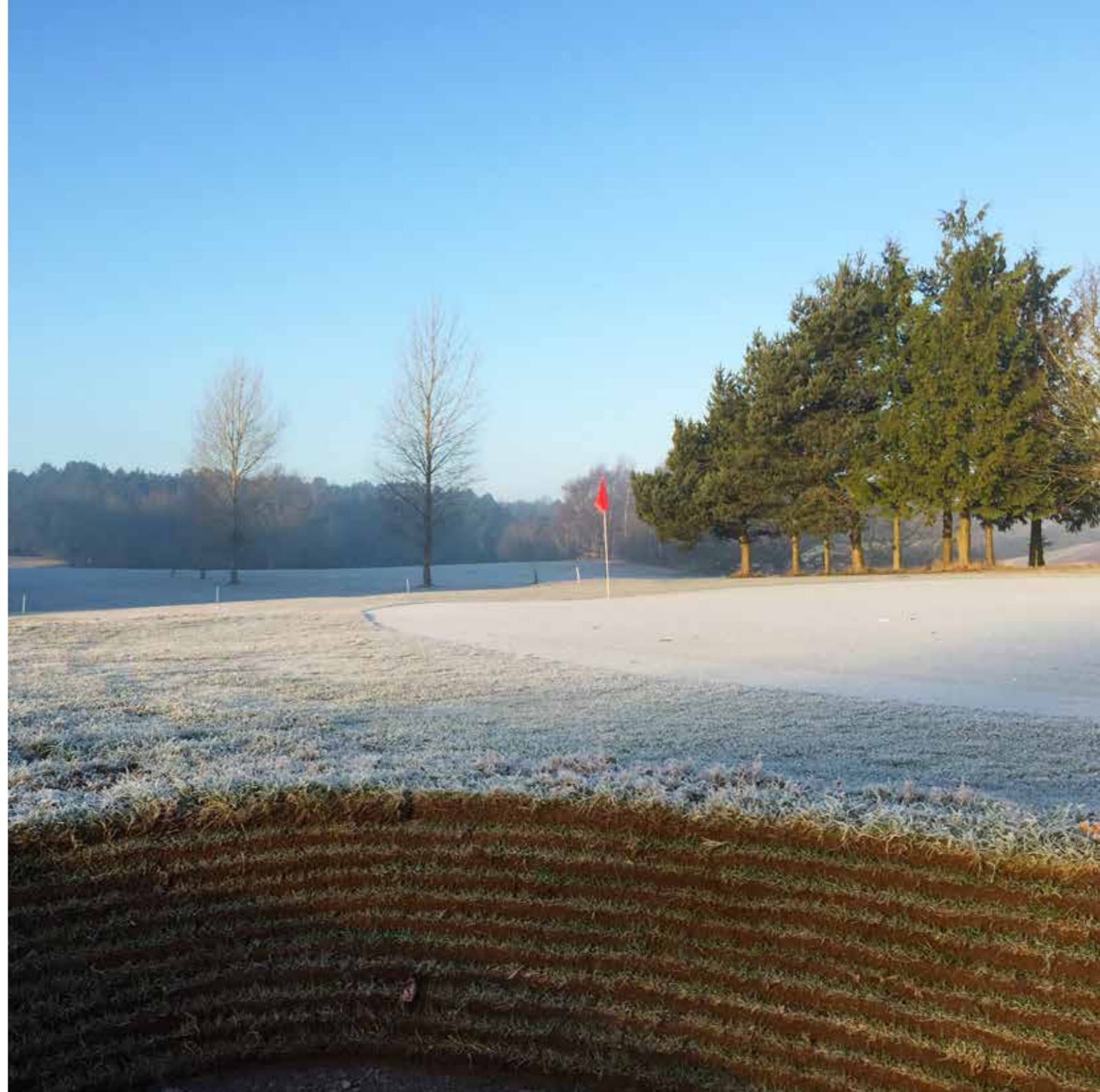
We welcome the opportunity of creating a bespoke golf day to suit your group. We have multiple menu options, the amount of holes you play is totally up to you, we even have meeting rooms should you wish to combine business with pleasure...

For twelve or more golfers a discount is offered on green fees and food.

A basic golf day including Bacon rolls and coffee on arrival followed by 18 holes would start at £37 during Winter and £43 during Spring / Summer mid-week. (Prices correct as at Nov 2023)

Please contact us:
The Millbrook Club Office Hours:
8:00am till 5:00pm
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Visitors

We look forward to welcoming individual visitors and societies alike and make every effort to present ourselves and our course at its very best. We treat all visiting golfers as members for the day and will do everything we can to provide you with an experience to suit you. It is our intention that you enjoy not just your rounds of golf but your whole time with us.

Our picturesque course, high above the county of Bedfordshire on the Greensand Ridge, means we can offer year-round playability and are blessed with unrivalled views of our rural surroundings. As you would expect, we have excellent locker room and practice facilities and a friendly welcome in our attractive bar and informal restaurant.

We do ask that all visitors respect our club and assist us in keeping it at its best. As a minimum we ask that each player must have their own set of golf clubs, proper golf shoes and observe the dress code both on and off the course. We also expect that all players know and abide by the accepted rules and etiquette of golf, repairing divots, pitch marks and raking bunkers whilst playing at an acceptable pace of play.



Green Fees

Tee times can be reserved either in person, online via our website or by telephone 01525 840252 option 1.

Our green fees are the same regardless of your booking method (it's not cheaper online) and are very competitive. Check us out <https://visitors.brsgolf.com/millbrook#/course/1>

Our winter green fee rates start on 1st November and end on the 1st April.



Practice Facilities

Warm-Up Area

Pre-round warm-up, mid-week practice or long term swing changes, members and visitors are welcome to use our purpose built, open-air facility. Much like our golf course, the warm-up area opens and shuts dependent on daylight.

The Ball machine is located next to the hitting area, 25 balls cost £1. Change is available from either the professionals shop or bar.

Members Hitting Area

Located between the warm-up area and the 8th hole, a well-kept area of turf measuring 250 yards in length and 80 yards wide is available for members wishing to hit their own balls.

Short Game Area

The short game area is reserved for members only. Three bunkers of varying depths and a severe tier running through the green ensure that all aspects of your short game can be practised.

Putting Green

Our large putting green can be found adjacent to the 1st tee, practice your putting while taking in views of the 1st fairway or the county of Bedfordshire...

Swing Studio

Recently built, our indoor / outdoor two bay facility allows members to practice their game in all weathers using the latest technology to measure performance.



Buggies and Trolleys

Due to superb course drainage, we rarely impose buggy bans and only in exceptional circumstances do we restrict the use of trolleys.

We have a fleet of eight electric golf buggies available to hire, along with electric & pull trolleys.

Hire Clubs are available upon request. Please contact the professional shop in advance.

Booking is essential for Buggies and Electric Trolleys. Please telephone the professionals shop on: 01525 402269 to check on availability.



Clubhouse Facilities



Bar & Restaurant

In our bar and restaurant we believe we have created an environment that is both comfortable and functional.

Food & Beverage manager Emma Cooper and her team are confident that you will find a refreshing drink, tasty home cooked meal and warm welcome.

Not only do we cater for golfers, our clubhouse facilities are available for hire. A perfect venue for birthday parties, corporate gatherings or business meetings.

Please contact: Emma Cooper for more details: 01525 840252 (option4)
Our bar opening hours are: 11:00 to 21:00 during Summer
11:00 to 17:00 during Winter

Our Kitchen opening hours are 11:00 to 16:00 Monday to Friday
08:00 to 17:00 Saturday, Sunday and bank holidays

Our food and drink offering is of the highest quality. Traditional breakfast items and classic golf club fare can always be found on the menu and enjoyed throughout the day. Our Steak nights are very popular and again offer the highest quality food at reasonable prices.

Our halfway house is conveniently situated inside the main clubhouse, due to the location of our 10th tee!!

Our famous homemade sausage rolls and pasties are readily available and can be picked up as you pass...

Alternatively, telephone us from the 9th tee and you'll have a sandwich of your choice waiting for you on arrival at the counter.



Club Shop

The shop is staffed and operated by the club. Much like our bar and restaurant, members buying goods from the shop receive a 10% discount when using their club account.

We offer a well-stocked shop, focusing on soft goods, balls, gloves, shoes, crested clothing and accessories.

We endeavour to price match all golf products and ask that you give us the opportunity before buying online.

Members wishing to purchase golf clubs can also be catered for via AF golf who visit the club regularly offering free custom fitting.





Flora and Fauna

In such a rural environment surrounded by woodland, we are blessed with a wealth of Flora and Fauna. A wide variety of mammals and bird species are often seen on and around the course. Muntjac Deer and stoats, woodpeckers and dragonflies are all regularly visitors.

Flora

In addition, you will see majestic raptors circling – Buzzards & Red Kites.

We also now have a group of tame ducks that have taken up residence on the pond in front on the 7th tee. If they sound hungry, please take a moment to give them a little food.

For a better understanding of the geology of our location and the Greensand Ridge in general, check out our website, where a publication from the Bedfordshire & Luton RIGS group interesting.



The Millbrook Team

Rob, Duncan, Emma & the rest of the team at The Millbrook look forward to welcoming you to our club in the very near future.

Thank you for flicking through our brochure. Feel free to check out our website, where you can see in more detail what we've got to offer here at The Millbrook Golf Club.

To keep up to date with our news and events please follow us on Twitter, Facebook or revisit us here again soon.



How to Find Us

Travelling from the South, North or West

Exit M1 Junction 13

Take the A507 towards Ampthill. Pass the Amazon warehouse on your left and continue for 3 miles, passing the Lidlington turn and head towards Ampthill. After passing the golf course on your left, turn left at the Millbrook roundabout. The club entrance is signposted down the drive we share with the local Village Hall

Travelling from the East

Exit A1M Junction 10

Take the A507 past Stotfold, Shefford & Clophill towards Ampthill. At the "One-O-One" roundabout keep following the A507 now signposted to Milton Keynes. After passing Ampthill Park on your right, turn right at the Millbrook roundabout. As above, The club entrance is signposted.



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