

## New Golf Pro Joins Hellidon Lakes Golf Hotel & Spa *Local Professional Returns to 'Home' Club*

Hellidon Lakes Golf & Spa Hotel, part of AA Hotel group of the year 2008 – 2009 QHotels, is delighted to announce the arrival of PGA Golf Professional Gary Wills who is joining the hotel as the resident Golf Professional.

Originally from Banbury, Gary started playing golf at the age of 9 and by 15 was the number one player for Northamptonshire and Cherwell Edge. His career highlights include Northamptonshire County Champion, Midlands Open Champion, Carlsberg Open Winner and numerous one day pro-am wins. Injury cut short Gary's playing career and he has since built up a reputation as one of the best teaching professionals in the business, launching a successful overseas teaching academy and working for various resorts and clubs including Drayton Leisure, Cherwell Edge, Rye Hill GC and Banbury Golf Club.

Gary's 'home' club has always been Hellidon Lakes where he was Head Professional between 1994 and 2003, and General Manager Sacha Cauwels is delighted to welcome him back "Gary is an extremely experienced golf professional and an excellent teacher for all levels and with a particular forte in ladies tuition. The fact that he considers Hellidon Lakes to be his 'home' club and that he has previous experience of being Head Pro here will be of tremendous benefit to the club and its members. Our 27-hole championship course features exciting water hazards which are a challenge to both beginners and scratch golfers alike and I know Gary relishes the opportunity to work with guests, members and day visitors on improving their technique and ensuring that they get the most out of our excellent course and golf facilities."

For more information about Golf at the Hellidon Lakes Golf Hotel & Spa please contact 01327 262550 or go to [www.QHotels.co.uk/hellidonlakes](http://www.QHotels.co.uk/hellidonlakes)

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