

‘The Great White Shark’ is the nickname given to **Greg Norman**, one of the greatest golfers the game has known, because of his blonde hair, tall figure, aggressive game and his Australian origins. So what was an international golfer of his stature doing here in Bramley? The answer is not obvious: his manager, James Marshall, had leased Beaurepaire House and was living there in the 1970’s and Greg Norman frequently came here to visit him. The sight of him in the village, sometimes on a motorbike, was for a time quite a frequent sight.

Gregory John Norman was born on 10<sup>th</sup> February 1955 in Mount Isa, Queensland, his mother Toini being of Finnish descent. She was a keen golfer and Norman began to play when he was sixteen and he turned professional in 1974, winning his first professional tournament, the West Lakes Classic at Adelaide in 1976. Among his many achievements all over the world, he won the United States Open Championship twice in 1986 and 1993 and also the Players Championship in 1994 in which he even set a record. Besides his golfing career he is also a successful businessman.

His marriage to the American Laura Andrassy in 1981 ended in divorce in 2007. They had two children, Morgan Leigh and Gregory. In 2008 he married the former tennis champion Chris Evert.