

DERBYSHIRE GOLF CLUB MOVES TO MACKWORTH (SEPTEMBER 1908)

New Links for Derbyshire Club.

The Derbyshire Golf Club have decided to remove their links from Littleover to the Humblaton estate of Mrs. Mundy, near Markoaton. The new links, which will be approached from Derby by way of Ashbourne Road, are about the same distance from the town as the present course, being about ten minutes' walk from the Ashbourne Road electric tramway terminus.

The present course is held on a yearly tenancy, terminable by six months' notice on either side. These and other restrictions have prevented the club carrying out certain desirable improvements which will be possible on the new course, which is to be held on a lease for 21 years.

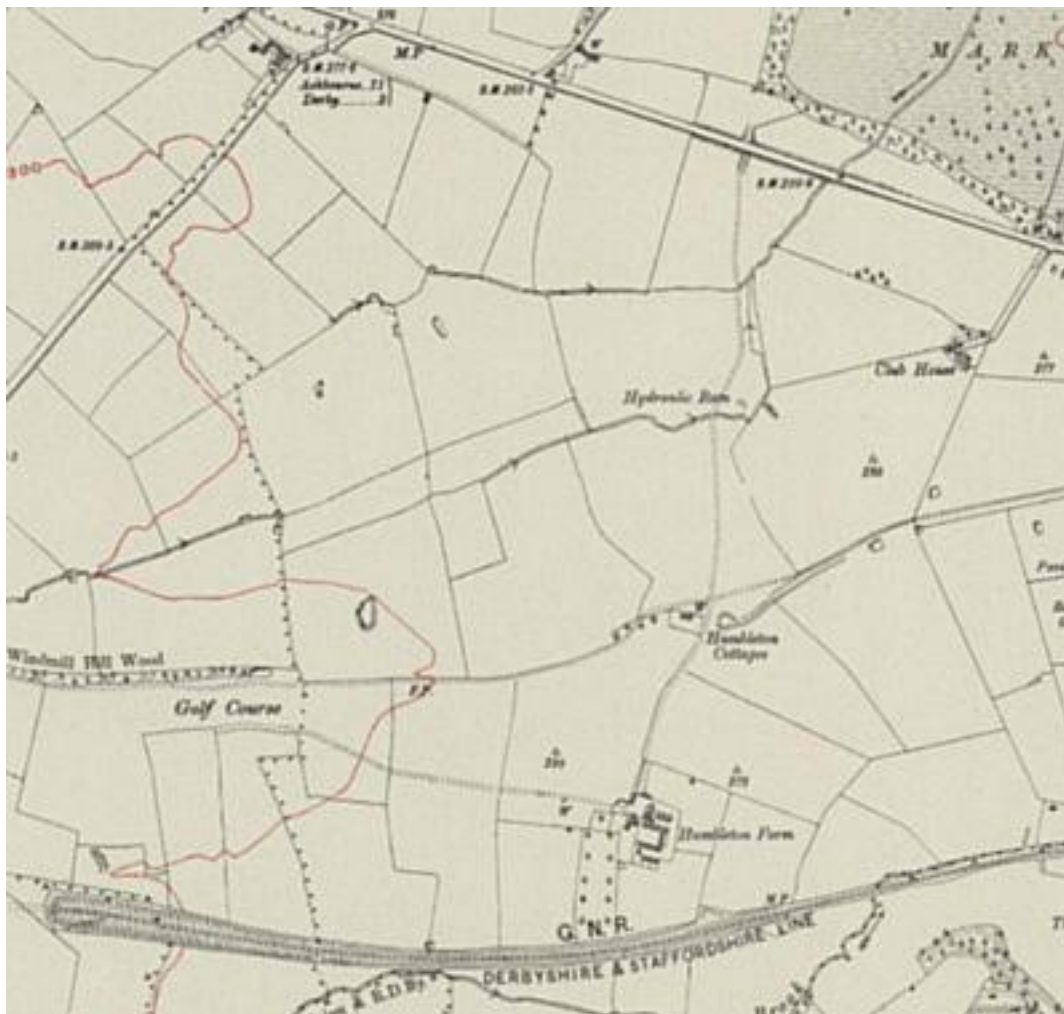
There are other advantages to be derived by the change, the new course covering close on 150 acres as compared with 90 acres area, the extent of the present links. The greens will be an improvement with the full number of holes.

It is also proposed to build a new and elaborate clubhouse.

The new course at Mackworth measured 6,200 yards and was laid out by Tom Williamson. There was a large and impressive clubhouse.

In approximately 1930 the land on which the course stood was purchased by the Borough of Derby for housing development, this became the Elms Farm Housing Estate, although the original clubhouse still exists on the estate.

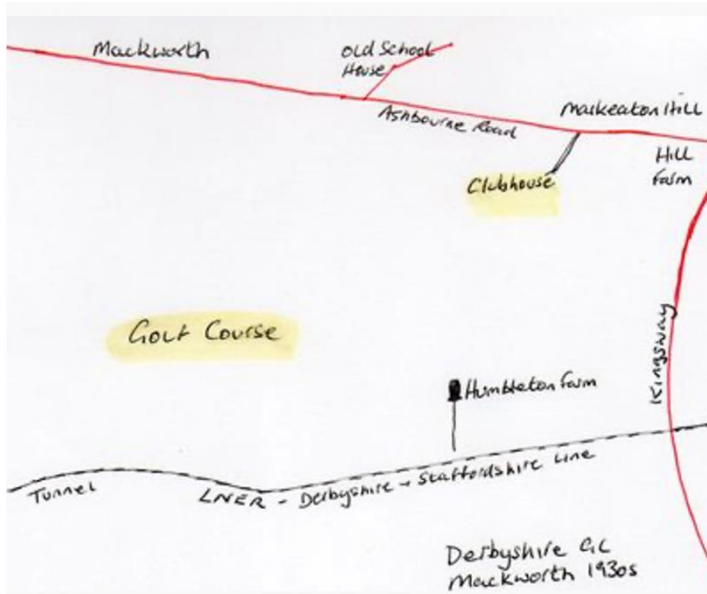
The Ordnance Survey Map below show the Mackworth clubhouse and course at the time of WW1.



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DERBYSHIRE GOLF CLUB

History From 1892 – Part 2



The course at Mackworth, the area has been taken over by housing, although the impressive clubhouse building still stands.

Clicking on this link will show the satellite image of how this area looks now.

<https://goo.gl/maps/W2QB87qX2GzBXsRo9>

The former clubhouse is pinpointed towards the top right on the Britain From Above link below.

<http://www.britainfromabove.org.uk/image/eaw004667?search=golf&ref=507>



The Derbyshire club were served notice to leave the Markeaton course by the end of May 1930.

THE DERBY DAILY TELEGRAPH, THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 1929.

NOTICE OF THE DERBYSHIRE

EXPIRATION OF LEASE

Absence of Sand in the Bunkers

DERBYSHIRE Golf Club are in a nasty bunker.

Their lease expires next year, and prospects of an extension are not too bright, and the question before the officials is—to move or not to move.

The present site will be hard to improve on from the point of view of convenience to town members. It is off the Ashbourne-road just beyond the tram terminus.

Tom Williamson, the famous Notts. golfer, has been looking round the district for a suitable ground, but up to the present his efforts have not met with a great success.

The start of the club dates from a meeting held on Oct. 12, 1892, and the names of the pioneers were: Messrs. A. Wilson, W. N. Buncroft, F. K. Booty, W. Campion, F. C. Coulthurst, Dr. R. Laurie, P. S. McCallum, W. Morley, Howard Marsh, W. T. Morley, and Dr. E. Vaudrey.

A nine-hole course was laid out on the Osmaston Park by the Fairfield Club professional, and three rooms in Osmaston Hall were used as the clubhouse. Dr. E. Vaudrey was the first captain, and the Hon. W. M. Jervis was the first president, and held office until 1906.

W. P. Lewis was appointed professional for some of the early years of the club. In 1898 a new course was laid out at Littleover, and the new ground gave the members a more sporting game.

A larger area of land was acquired, and after being enlarged to a 12-hole course finally extended to the full 18. The club remained at this ground for nine years, when other sites were inspected, and finally a 21 years' lease was obtained from Mrs. Mundy, beginning from March 25, 1909, for the present course. It covers about 150 acres, and lies on the south side of the Ashbourne-road near Humbleton Farm. Various alterations have been made, and the original length of all the holes (6,000 yards) has now been reduced to 5,500 yards.

Tom Williamson laid out the original course.

OLDEST PRO.

When Lewis resigned from the club, William Hitchings was appointed as professional. Known to all the club members as "Bill," he is a great favourite. Having been with them since 1898, he is regarded in the light of a "fixture." Bill is the oldest professional in Derbyshire, for, as he says, "I am the father of all of them."

Mrs. Mundy was presented with a gold key when the course was officially opened.

The course is in two sections. Holes No. 1 to 6 and No. 18 lie on the Ashbourne-road side of the cottages, and the others are on a separate piece of ground altogether; and the nature of the land of these two sections is



DR. C. R. C. MOON.

"Bill" Hutchings, Derby's Oldest Professional

FIRST HOLE (402 yards).—Down a slight slope. The entrance to the green is guarded by hedges to the left and right. There is a deep drainage gully 250 yards from the tee. Bogey 5.

SECOND HOLE (158 yards).—Tee shot has to be sent over a fence, hedge, and wide brook. Bogey 3.

THIRD HOLE (228 yards).—Road crosses the fairway. Brook and trees put into the fairway to catch sliced drives. Undulating green. Bogey 4.

FOURTH HOLE (390 yards).—Brook with high banks to carry from the tee and another brook about five feet wide runs across the fairway nearer the green. Bogey 5.

FIFTH HOLE (293 yards).—A blind hole. Brook to carry from the tee. Approach shuts sent too hard will land in the hedge and brook at the rear of the green. Bogey 4.

SIXTH HOLE (410 yards).—Brook crosses the fairway half way between the tee and the green. Bogey 5.

SEVENTH HOLE (264 yards).—Here one had a walk to the tee on another part of the course, leaving behind such hazards as wide brooks and gullies. Bogey 4.

EIGHTH HOLE (395 yards).—Grass hillocks lie to the right and left of the undulating fairway. The double green is also guarded by hills. Bogey 5.

NINTH HOLE (308 yards).—There are trees and a gully to carry with the approach shot. Bogey 4.

TENTH HOLE (140 yards).—A gully and hedge to carry with the long shots. Bogey 3.

ELEVENTH HOLE (307 yards).—The fairway is flat leading up to a green surrounded by grass hillocks. Bogey 4.

TWELFTH HOLE (100 yards).—The shortest hole on the course. The entrance to the green is guarded by shrubs and hillocks. Bogey 3.

THIRTEENTH HOLE (545 yards).—Slightly dog-legged up to the double green. This is the longest hole on the course. Bogey 5.

FOURTEENTH HOLE (192 yards).—Grass hillocks lie to the right and left of the fairway to catch misplaced tee shots. Bogey 3.

FIFTEENTH HOLE (440 yards).—Trees cross the fairway at the mouth of the green. It is on this fairway that one sees the clubhouse again. Bogey 5.

SIXTEENTH HOLE (285 yards).—The fairway is down the hillside to a green surrounded by hills. The green is out of sight from the tee. Bogey 4.

SEVENTEENTH HOLE (265 yards).—Runs nearly parallel with the sixteenth. The green is slightly lipped at the rear to stop balls rolling into bad rough. Bogey 4.

EIGHTEENTH HOLE (408 yards).—Up the hill side with drainage gully to carry. The fairway is undulating, and sometimes puts the player in a

are across brooks and hedges, while the others are over straighter fairways and in most cases these holes are longer. This makes the course all the more sporting; in fact, the longest and shortest holes follow each other. No. 12 is only 100 yards long, and the next is 515 yards.

One noticeable feature of the Derbyshire links is the absence of sand bunkers. Everywhere one runs up against steep grass hillocks enclosed in wire, and all the greens are surrounded by fencing. The sand bunkers had to be taken away and grass substituted because the cattle would insist in rolling in the sand and scattering it over the fairways.

CATTLE NUISANCE.

The greens have to be enclosed to keep the cattle off.

Mr. W. G. Haslam, J.P., now occupies the position of president of the club.

Dr. C. R. C. Moon is the new and popular captain; and Mr. G. Nutt the hon. secretary and treasurer.

The scratch score for the course is 75, and the professional has been round in 71. Dr. H. Barber has a 70 to his credit, along with Mr. G. Rear. Mr. L. West, however, has them all beaten with a return of 69 made in a

