

1891

**BURNHAM
GOLF CLUB FORMED**

**132 acres of Britwell Park
leased from landowner
R.A.A. Wright**

**47 MEMBERS:
21 Ladies – 26 Gentlemen**

**Annual Subscription
1 guinea (£1.05)**

1891



F.C.D. Haggard
Founder Member and
First Captain (1891-93)

1892

**Wooden Clubhouse
completed (cost £240)**

55ft long – Earth Closets

**First Medal
Competition**

Standard scratch set at:

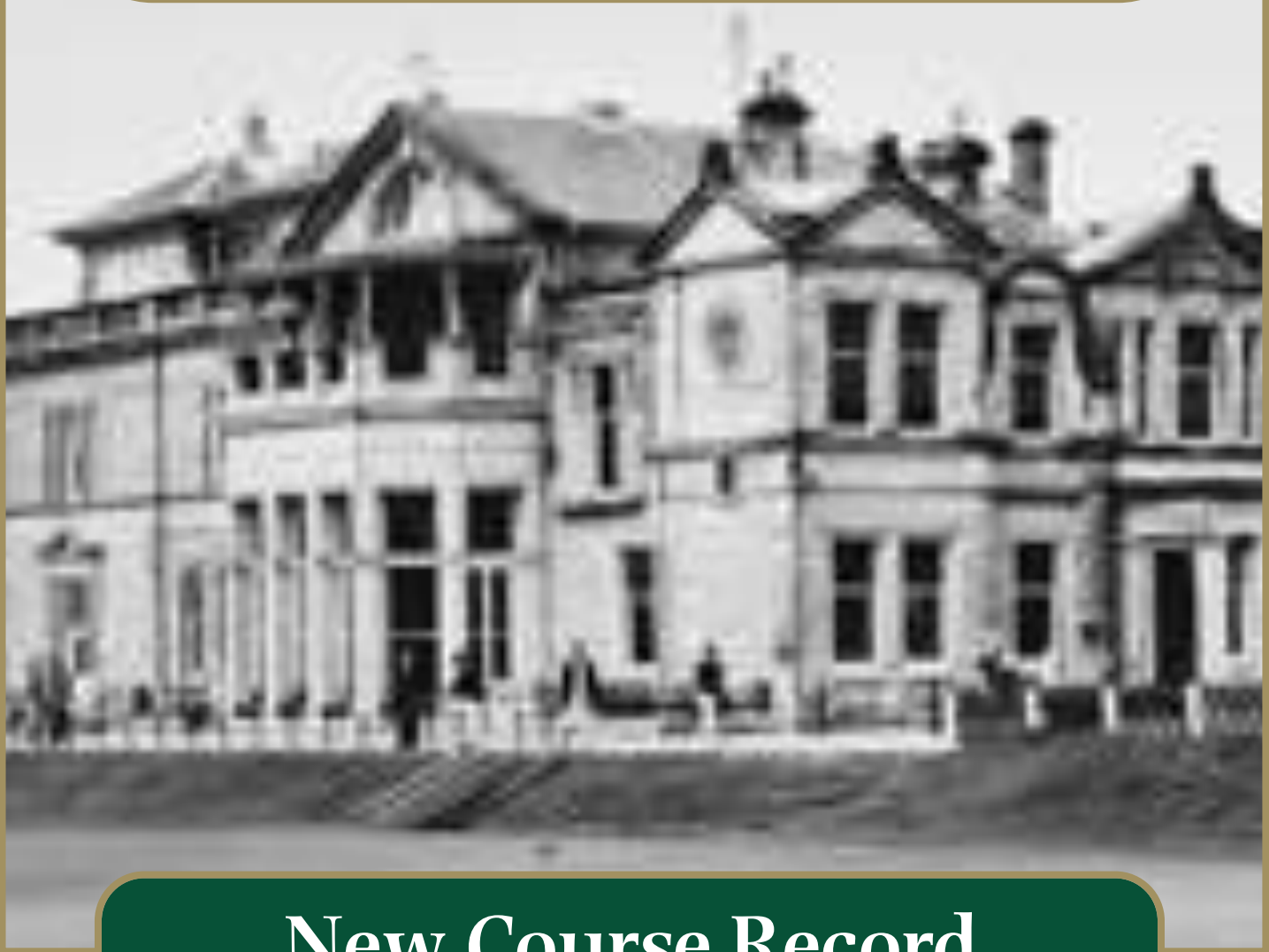
Gentlemen 90

Ladies 60 (9 Holes)

Greenkeeper Appointed
10 shillings per week and free cottage

1897

R&A RULES ADOPTED



New Course Record
of 83 set by
A.E. BELLAIRS
(In Diamond Jubilee Cup)

1898

A Proposal by F.C. CARR-GOMM
(a founder and first vice-president)
was carried to rename the Club



The Club changed its name from
Burnham Golf Club to:

**BURNHAM BEECHES
GOLF CLUB**

1900

**Ladies First Clubhouse
built at cost of £130**



**The former Ladies' Pavilion
after conversion into the
Pro Shop in 1950**

1901



Arthur Lacey Snr
appointed Head Greenkeeper

The family lived in the cottage to the
right of the 5th and 12th fairways

1902

J.H. Taylor
(5 times Open Champion)

A black and white photograph of a man, identified as J.H. Taylor, wearing a light-colored flat cap and a dark, patterned jacket. He is holding a golf club with both hands, positioned as if about to swing or having just finished a swing. The background is slightly blurred, showing what appears to be a golf course or a similar outdoor setting.

**Redesigned
the course
with par of 81
(5,610 yards)**

1907

**The Great Triumvirate
(Taylor, Braid and Vardon) played
in a Tournament at Burnham**



**Photo of the old 7th tee –
(behind the current 13th Tee)**

1908

**Reymond Hervey
de Montmorency
(1903 Club Captain)**

**Set amateur course
record of 69 playing
off handicap of +4**

**Became
President of
English Golf
Union in
1935**

**Represented
England on
many occasions**



1908-9

RENEWING THE LEASE OF THE GOLF COURSE LAND

Rent
raised from
£50 to
£600pa

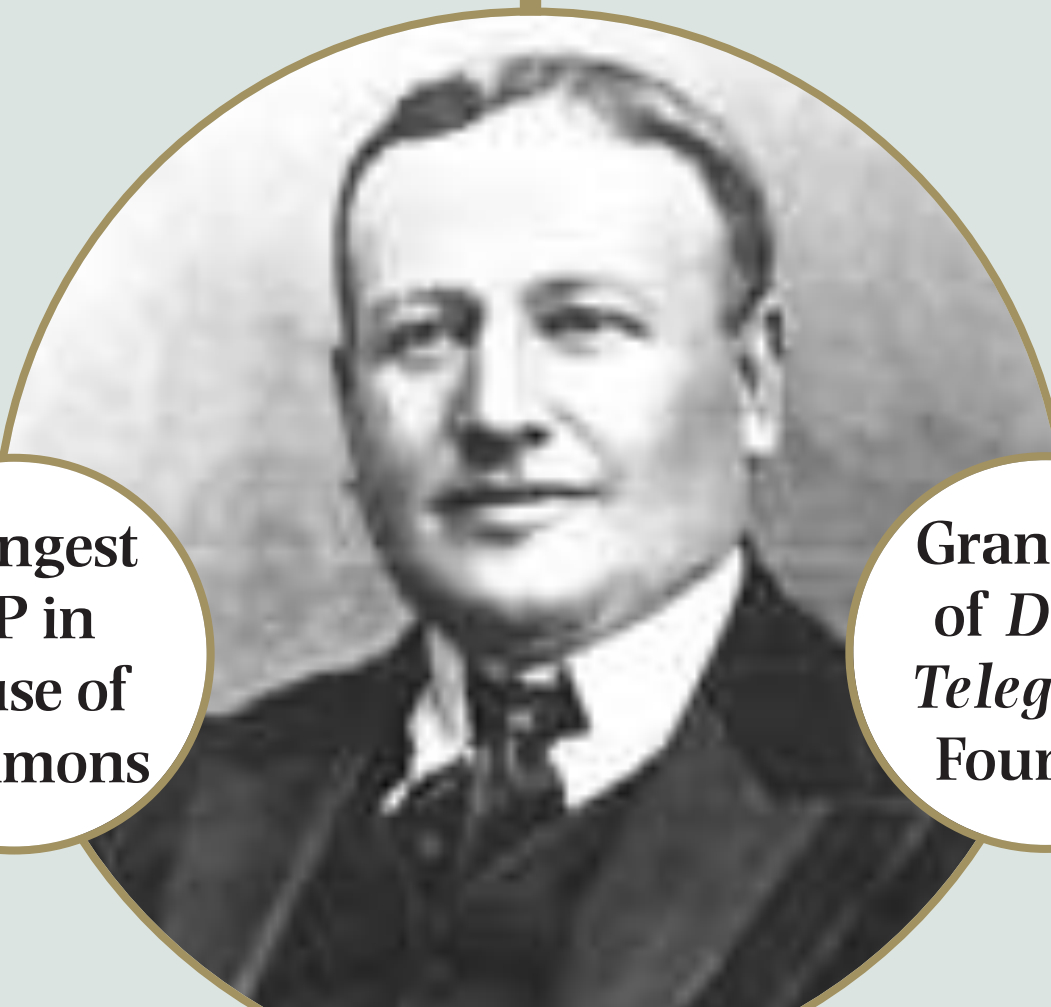
Freehold
available
for purchase
£13,500

NEITHER WAS AFFORDABLE

Alternative land at Stoke Park considered
but J.H. Taylor thought it 'not suitable
for a golf course – would be uninteresting'!

1909

Hon. H.L.W. Lawson
(later 2nd Lord Burnham)
BOUGHT THE COURSE

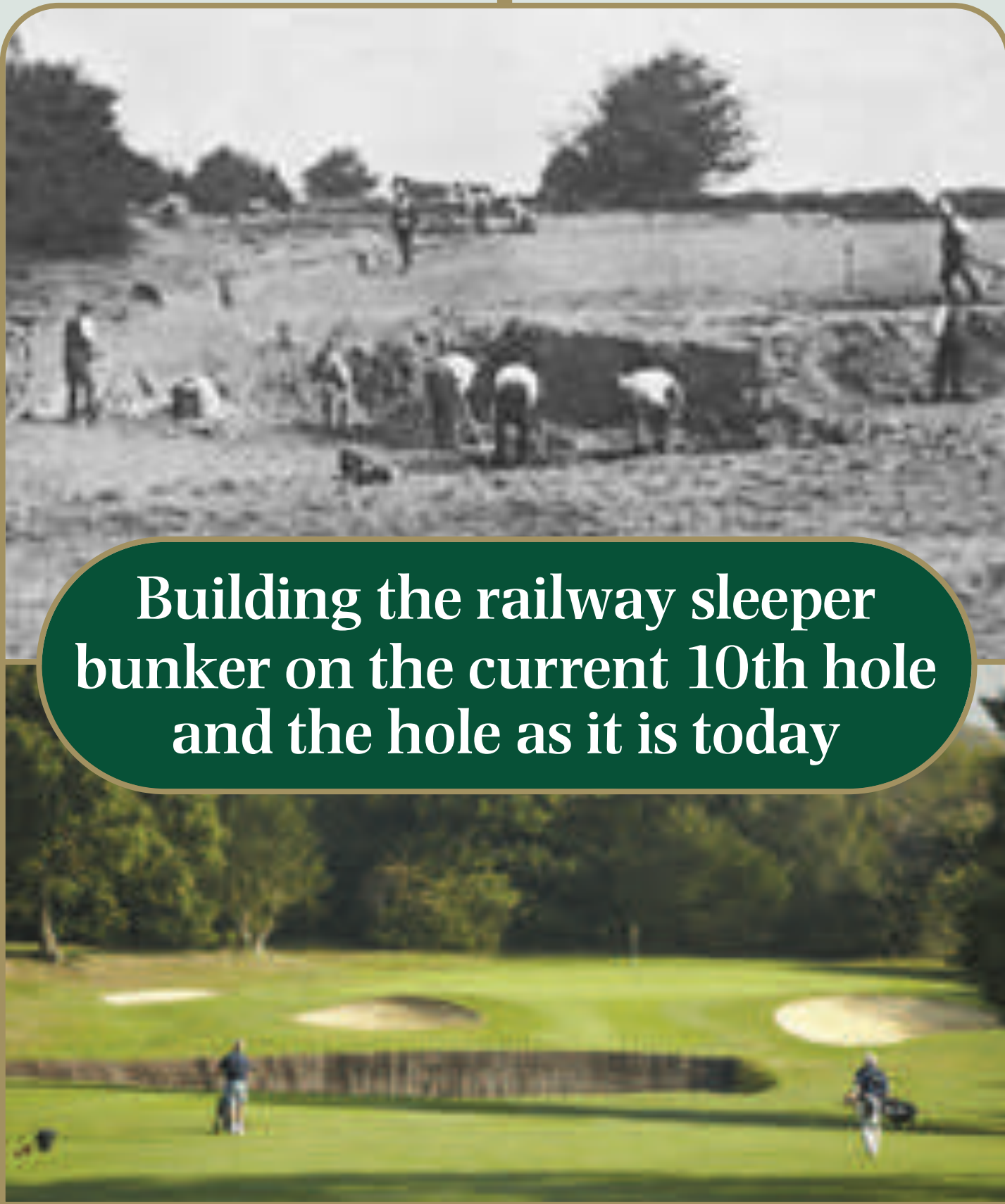


Youngest
MP in
House of
Commons

Grandson
of *Daily
Telegraph*
Founder

**Land leased to club for 80 years
at £400 pa**

1909



**Building the railway sleeper
bunker on the current 10th hole
and the hole as it is today**

1912

**New Clubhouse completed
(cost approx £4,176)**



**Designed by
E.W. Wimperis**
a Club Member
who also donated
the turret clock

**The Clubhouse, though modified
over the years, was basically
what we have today**

1914-18

THE 'GREAT WAR'

Competitive golf suspended

**20 acres of
course turned
into arable
farmland**

**Course
used for army
tactical
exercises**

**54 Members
served in HM Forces**

1922

Margaret Gavin

**The
Club's most
successful
lady golfer**

**3 times
runner up
in US
Women's
Championship**



A vertical timeline diagram with four nodes connected by lines. The top node is a black rounded rectangle with the year '1927' in white. The second node is a dark green rounded rectangle with the text 'First 36 hole Club Championship' in white. The third node is a white oval with a gold border containing the text 'Won by O.P. Horlick with 2 round total of 161 (he also won the title 4 further times)' in black. The bottom node is a dark green rounded rectangle with the text 'Cadets Section formed' in white.

1927

**First 36 hole
Club Championship**

**Won by
O.P. Horlick with
2 round total of 161
(he also won the title 4
further times)**

Cadets Section formed

1933-37

Arthur Lacey Jnr



Played twice
in the Ryder Cup
1933 & 1937 and
captained the team
in 1951

1937

Charles Lacey



**Younger brother who was 3rd in
the 1937 Open Championship**

1938

**Australian Cricket Team
made Honorary Members**



**Don Bradman
practising prior to a match
against the Club in 1948**

1939-45

WORLD WAR II

**Competitive golf
suspended**

**Clubhouse
requisitioned
by War Dept
until 1946**

**Cattle
and sheep
grazing on
the course**

1949

**Joe Burnham became
the Club Professional**



**Served
the Club
until retiring
in 1977**

**Planted
over 3,000
trees on the
course**

**Involved in planning the new
Pro Shop which opened in 1970**

1956

Membership
still recovering
after the War Years

154
Male
Members

19
Lady
Members

33
Joint
Members

25
Students
& Cadets

1957



**Sandy Middleton won the first
of his six Club Championships**

Repeated win in
1958, 1961, 1965, 1972 and 1980

1959

Club's Future Secured



**Club Captain Jim MacKenzie
and his team negotiated
a new 99 year lease from
Lord Burnham at £600 pa**

1960



Peter Alliss,
Dai Rees and
David Thomas
teeing off in an
exhibition match
at Burnham

1960

Australian cricket tourists
return to BBGC



Members watch Richie Benaud,
Australian Captain, teeing off

1965

Course redesigned
by F.W. Hawtree



Layout
remains basically
unchanged
today

1970

New Pro Shop completed



**Keith Gough wins first
of his 9 Club Championships**

**Membership increased to
550 plus 50 Five Day
Members**

1974-76

Andrew Jackson

1974: second in BB&O county
championship

1975: won many championships
in UK beating English champion
Nick Faldo in one of them

1976: played for English Youth
team against Scotland

Club champion in '74, '76 & '77

1974: Plans drawn up to
enclose veranda outside lounge
into Clubhouse

1979

**Keith Gough
elected Captain of the
BB&O Golf Union**



**Club Champion in 1970, '71, '73,
'78, '82, '83, '87, '88 and '90**

1984

Tony Buckner appointed BBGC Club Professional

He had been
assistant to
Joe Burnham
in the '60s



**Women's
PGA White Horse
Whiskey Challenge
held at the Club**

1987

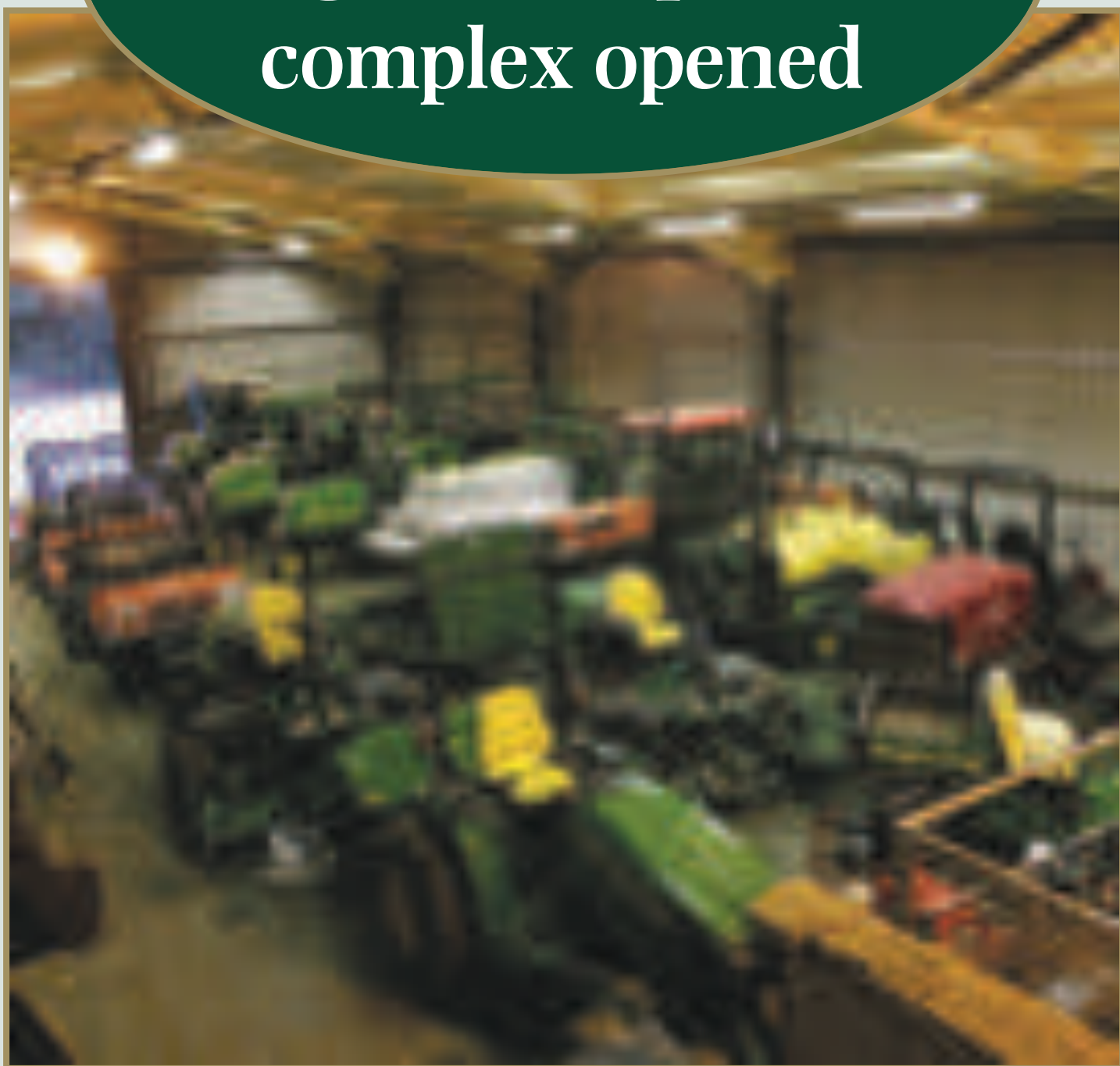
**Burnham Beeches Open
Championship first played**



**Seve
Ballesteros
visited the
Club**

1989

New 'state of art'
greenkeepers
complex opened



1991

CENTENARY YEAR

- Centenary Oak planted
- Centenary Ball

‘Golf Among the Beeches’
by Michael Roe published

1992

**The Club purchased
2 fields to the right of the 1st
fairway and built a driving
range and practice area**



**Later in 2006 it provided
space to house the reservoir
for the irrigation system**

1993



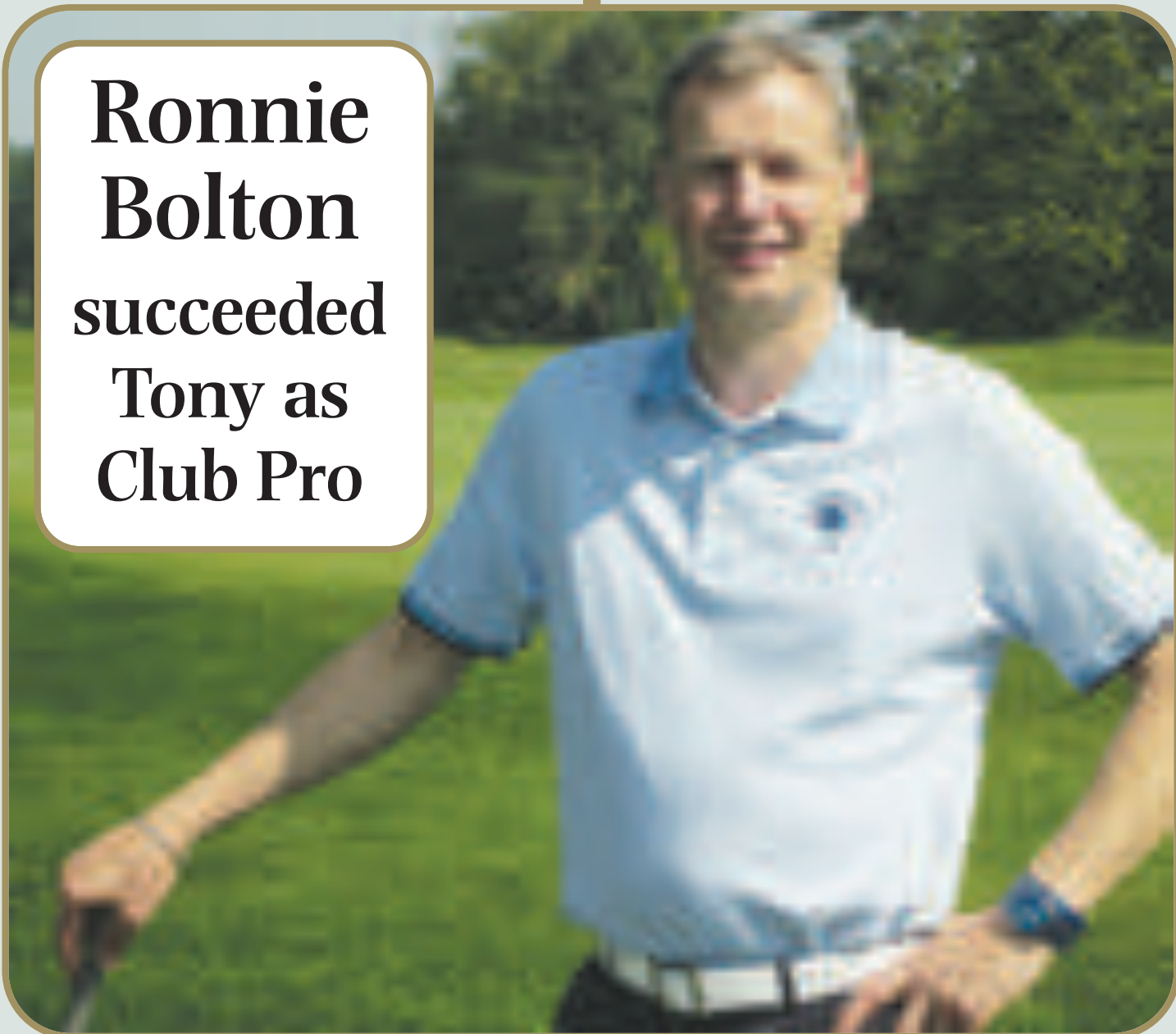
**Nathan Hammonds
and Simon Hatcher**

**Winners of *The Daily Mail*
Foursomes at Lindrick Golf Club**

1994

**Tony Buckner appointed
as General Manager**

**Ronnie
Bolton
succeeded
Tony as
Club Pro**



1997

**Luke Donald sets a
new amateur record 66
for the course**



**He won the BB&O Amateur
Championship with 4 sub par rounds**

2007

**Full irrigation system
and reservoir completed**



**at cost of £700,000
...then the most expensive project
in our history**

2009

**Club's Management divided
between newly formed Board
and Captain's Committee**



**Brian Griffin – the Club's first
Board Chairman**

2011

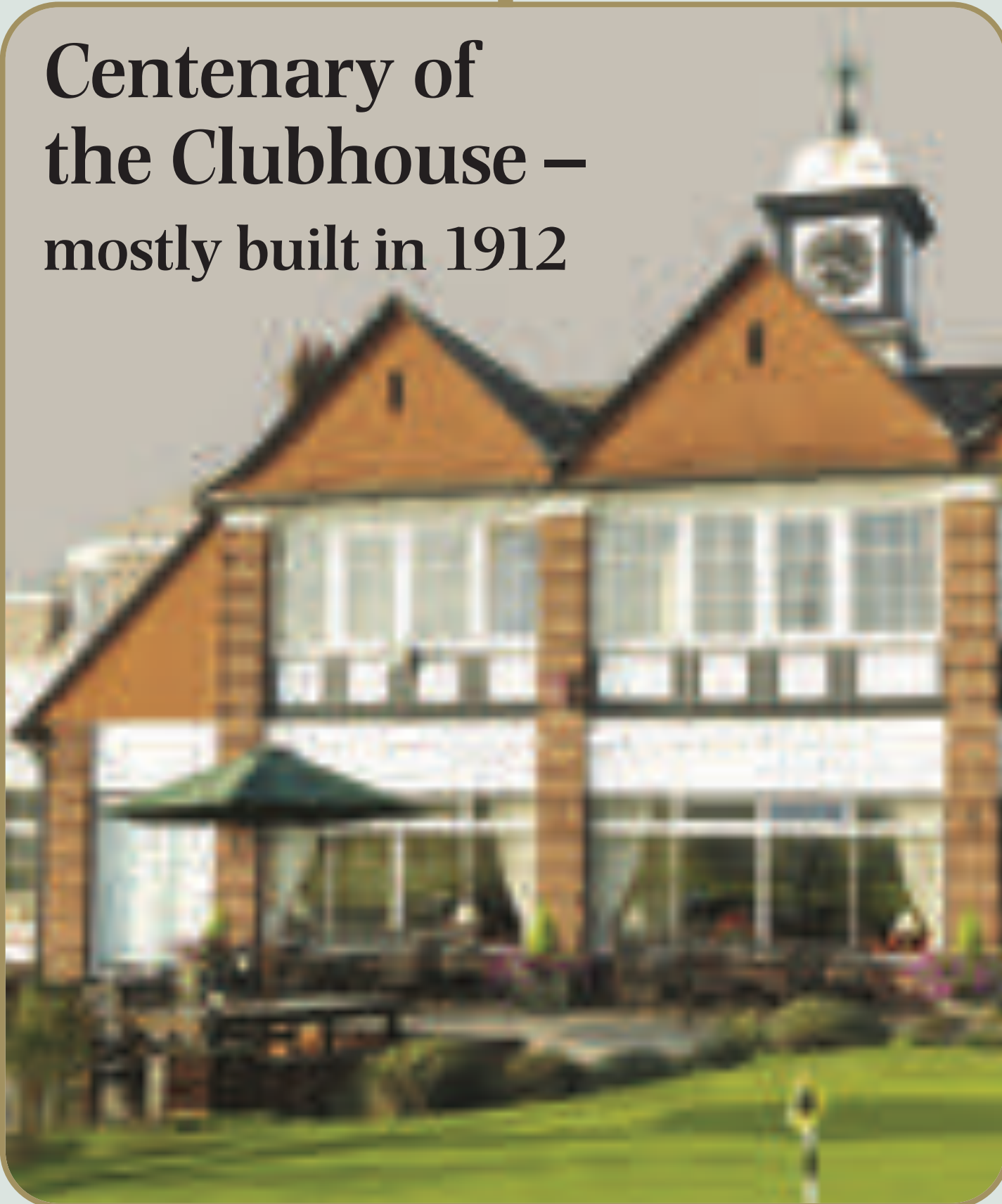


Simon Goddard

won his 9th Club Championship
(equalling Keith Gough's Record)

2012

Centenary of
the Clubhouse –
mostly built in 1912



2012

**Michael East
became the youngest ever
Club Champion at age 14**



2013

**Freehold of course
purchased, golf secured
for future generations**



**Terry Willcox headed the team
which secured the purchase from
Lord Burnham's family**

2015



Henriette Watkins
won a record 11th Ladies
Club Championship

2015

Captain John Murphy and
Ladies' Captain Edie Robinson



They will lead the Club's 125th
Anniversary Celebrations in 2016

2016



125 Years of Golfing Heritage

**‘Golf Among the Beeches’
Michael Roe’s history of the Club
updated and re-published 2016**