

The Creation of Effingham Manor Golf Club – Supplement

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This supplement introduces two newspaper articles dealing with the opening of the Golf Club.

Introduction

Shortly after the main article had been finalised, two newspaper articles came to light referring to the newly-opened Effingham Manor Golf Club, as presented in Figures 1 and 2.

Effingham Manor Golf Course.
 The new golf course at Effingham Manor, which was informally opened on Saturday, is situated a short distance from Leatherhead, on the main Guildford road. A notable feature is that the 18 holes are laid out in two loops, with the first and ninth tees close together by the club house. The old Manor House has been converted into a magnificent club house and, with a dormy house attached, contains every modern improvement, and should rank as one of the best equipped in the country. The professional is W. Mitchell, formerly of Leatherhead.

Figure 1 *The Daily Chronicle*, 6 June 1927.

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EFFINGHAM MANOR GOLF.

UP-TO-DATE CLUBHOUSE AND COURSE.

Under the direction of the Effingham Manor Golf Club, which is managed by a committee chiefly composed of local residents, a new and up-to-date course is now open for play.

The Old Manor House of Effingham, at the junction of the London, Guildford and Dorking roads, has been converted into a clubhouse, and comfortably furnished with lounges, a gentlemen's smoke-room and a ladies' rest room, with dining and tea rooms, all lit by electricity, with shades of Cromwellian design in keeping with the house. There is also a well appointed billiards room, and on the first floor a card room. The bedrooms are fitted with hot and cold water. Baths and every toilet convenience, with locker rooms, are provided for players. A garage for 16 cars and a large car park are outside, while in front of the house are lawns, rock and old world gardens, and lily ponds.

Four hard tennis courts and two grass courts have been built, besides putting and pitching greens.

The course is nearly four miles in length, and the links over 160 acres. The longest hole is the first (520 yards) and the shortest the seventh (180 yards). All the fairways have a big range and width, and, being built on chalk, dryness is assured all the year round.

Mr. W. Mitchell, for 22 years professional to the Leatherhead Golf Club, has been engaged as professional. Messrs. Franks, Harris and Co., of Guildford, constructed the course, which was designed by Mr. H. S. Colt, and it is expected to be officially opened in August or September. The club secretary is Capt. H. H. Cook.

Figure 2 *The Surrey Advertiser and County Times*, 23 July 1927.

These two articles slightly pre-date the official opening of the course and the club. By detailing – helpfully for us – the many appealing features both on and off the course, they are clearly hoping to stir up applications for membership from both sexes.