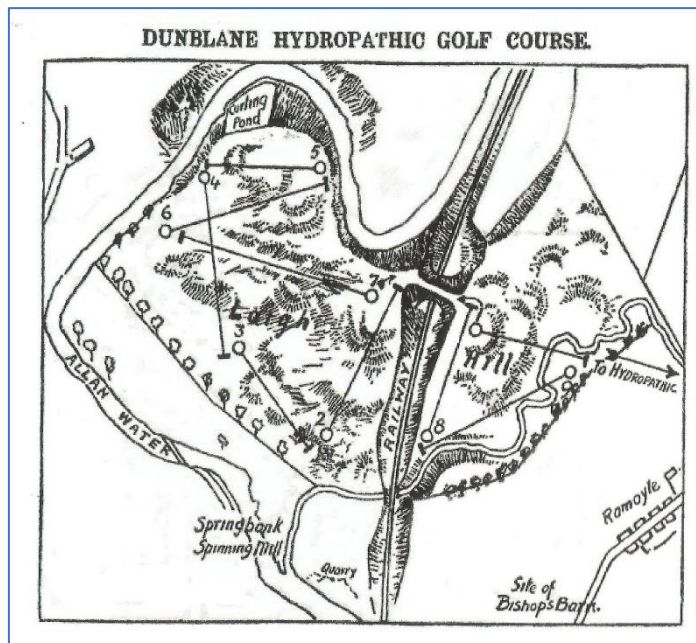


Celebrating 100 years at the Dunblane 'New' Golf Course

Dunblane Development Trust (DDT) Volunteers assist the Golf Club

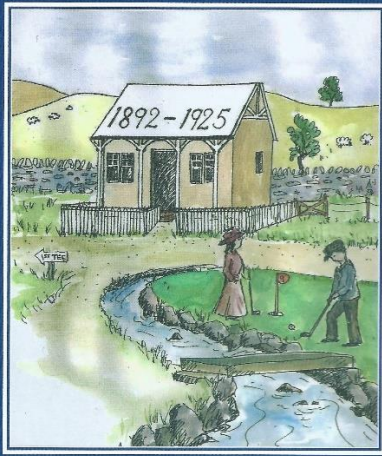
Golf has been played in Dunblane since 1892, initially on a 9-hole course on the Laighills and since 1923 at the current course accessed from the 4-ways roundabout. There is still clear evidence of the earlier course, including concrete bridges across the Scouring Burn and the buried foundations of the original club house.



To celebrate 100 years at the 'new' site, the Golf Club asked us to install a commemorative bench on the site of the old club house which now faces down the line of the old first fairway. Some members will also be trying to play the old second hole later this year. *Early warning to Laighill dog walkers: watch out for flying golf balls on the afternoon of Sunday 2nd April.*

It took this team of 'Mid-Week Group' DIY volunteers 3 mornings to complete the job. This involved lifting & transporting the slabs, excavating the old concrete foundations, raising the level, building a stone surround, securing the bench and, of course, testing it! Thanks are due to all but particularly team leaders Dougal & George, Dunblane in Bloom for the loan of their van and trailer and also Golf Club 'historical consultant' Jane Dunbar who has produced a history of the old golf course which may still be available from the Golf Club, Meldrums and Dunblane Museum.

A Short History of
Dunblane Hydropathic Golf Course
& Laighills Park
1892 to 1925



by J Dunbar

