

Mid-Herts Golf Club was founded following a meeting on Saturday 23rd July 1892, the first minute of which reads that it was 'resolved to endeavour to carry out the formation of a Golf Club on Gustard Wood Common, the permission of the Lords of the Manor having been obtained by Mr Robins.' The Lords of the Manor were the Ecclesiastical Commissioners. Less than nine months later, 'the Links were ready for play'. The original course had just nine holes.

The first groundsman and professional was Horace Rawlins, who was later winner of the first US Golf Association Open Championship.

From 1894, the Club paid a rent of £10 per annum to the Commissioners but, in 1936, Mid-Herts Golf Club Ltd was formed and bought the Manorial Rights for £500.

The first purpose-built clubhouse was built by Joseph Fenwick Owen of Owen's Corner, Lower Gustard Wood, at a cost of £107 and was in use by 1897. It has been much extended over the past 120 years, most recently in the 1990s.

Past members have included the 2nd Viscount Hampden, the Marquess of Salisbury, his sons Lord Hugh Cecil and Lord Robert Cecil, Sir William Beach Thomas, the Earl of Cavan, and Major-General Apsley Cherry-Garrard, father of the Antarctic explorer.

The Club's centenary was celebrated in 1992 and marked with the publication of a history of the Club by Brian Gregory.

Gregory B.F., (1992) *The History of Mid-Herts Golf Club* (Published by Mid-Herts Golf Club)

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