



England's Finest Links

History of Royal Cinque Ports

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There has never been a detailed history written of the Club and its links, not even at its centenary, consequently the period covered by this history is from its inception to the end of 2009. It refers to the early Ladies Club, that no longer exists, the Downs Club, that was absorbed by the parent Club after the Second World War, the Deal Artisan's Club that still exists today, and foundation of the Halford Hewitt Tournament; Deal being its permanent home. It details the acquisition of the links by Sir Aynsley Bridgland after the Second World War and its subsequent purchase on behalf of the Club in 1967 by Jack Aisher, the late Club President.

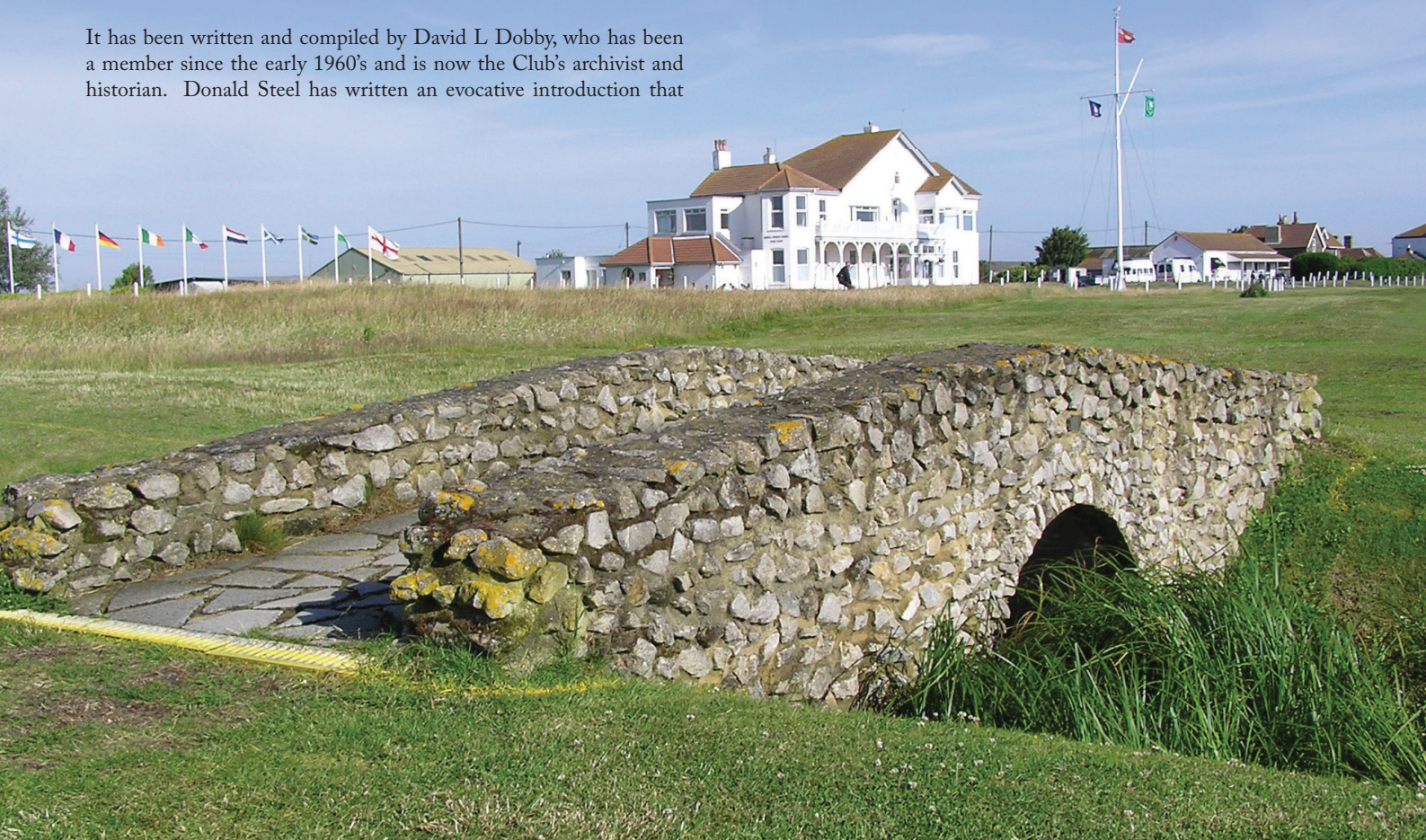
The history is liberally scattered with photographs and illustrations throughout. It includes twenty-five profiles of personalities who have had a significant bearing on its history and has comprehensive appendices covering officers of the Club and many other interesting records.

It has been written and compiled by David L Dobby, who has been a member since the early 1960's and is now the Club's archivist and historian. Donald Steel has written an evocative introduction that

sets the scene beautifully for the reader. This history is long overdue and rightfully takes its place alongside the histories of the other Open Championship links.

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