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## DRUIDS GLEN

FALL UNDER THE SPELL

### **1600**

Woodstock Estate is part of Sir Thomas Wentworth's landholding in Wicklow and South East of Ireland.

### **1740**

The Earl of Aldborough purchased the estate from the descendents of Thomas Wentworth.

### **1770**

Hon. John Stratford, Son of the Earl of Aldborough built Woodstock House.

### **1780**

Arthur Knox, a prominent Justice of the Peace, from Castlerea, appointed High Sheriff for Co Wicklow, purchased the property from John Stratford. He died in 1798 and Woodstock passed to his son John Knox who became High Sheriff in 1809.

### **1826**

Lord Robert Ponsonby Tottenham, Bishop of Clogher, purchased Woodstock. He employed Sir Richard Morrison to design the extensions consisting of the wings. He died in 1850, leaving the Estate to his son, Lieutenant Colonel Charles John Tottenham, who was elected M.P. for Wicklow East. Richard Colley Wellesley, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland 1821-1827, rented the house.

### **1946**

Mr. & Mrs. Gerard Van den Berg purchase the property from the Tottenham Family.

### **1968**

Mr. & Mrs. William Grantham Lewis Forwood purchased the Estate.

### **1980's**

Woodstock House was used as a writing and recording base at various times by many well known musicians, including Mike Oldfield (recording Tubular Bells II), Rod Stewart, Steve Winwood and Jim Capaldi. The House also featured in the RTE TV series Glenroe.

### **1990**

Irish Entrepreneurs purchased the property and employed Pat Ruddy & Tom Craddock to design a golf course.

### **1995**

Druids Glen Golf Course opened.

### **1996**

Colin Montgomerie wins the Irish Open at Druids Glen.

### **1997**

Colin Montgomerie wins his second Irish Open at Druids Glen.

### **1998**

David Carter wins the Irish Open, denying Colin Montgomerie a hat-trick of wins in a playoff.

### **1999**

Teenager Sergio Garcia wins his first Tour Event worldwide, capturing the Irish Open at Druids Glen.

### **2002**

Druids Glen builds a 148 bedroom 5 Star Hotel. The Hotel opens with the hosting of the Seve Trophy at Druids Glen.

### **2003**

The sensational Druids Heath championship golf course opens to huge international acclaim. Designed by Pat Ruddy, the course is soon given the title "Nature's Gift to Golf" by the golfing world's media.

### **2004**

Druids Heath hosts the TaylorMade 25th Anniversary Event featuring double US Open Champion Retief Goosen, Sergio Garcia, Darren Clarke, Ian Poulter, Sam Torrance and other leading Players.

### **2005**

The Resort is voted European Golf Resort of the Year by the International Association of Golf Tour Operators (IAGTO).

### **2006**

Druids Heath hosts the Irish PGA Championship, the oldest championship in Irish Golf.