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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 descendants 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 Tubuar 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.

