

## Anniversary events at Roehampton Club

As we enter the 124<sup>th</sup> year of the Club since its formation in 1901, a number of anniversary events across various sports and the running of the Club are featured in the following article.

### 100 years ago

The fixture list for the Club in 1924 was published in the *Bystander Magazine* on 7<sup>th</sup> May showing a programme of the key events (image right) for polo, lawn tennis, croquet and fencing. There are also references to tennis instruction by FJ Pearce and F Ashford (resident professionals at the Club), riding lessons, dances, and performances by the

Roehampton Club Orchestra.

### Golf

There were no significant golf events played at the Club that year but George Gadd (resident Golf Professional at the Club) and Peter Miller (son of the Club Founder Lt Col

CD Miller) were pictured in the *Sketch Newspaper* (photo left) following their victory in the Croydon Alliance Foursomes Tournament played at Roehampton Club where they defeated AG Havers (Golf Professional at Coombe Hill Golf Club) and his amateur partner Ronald Burton in a 36-hole final – winning 6&5.

### Tennis

In the world of tennis, Jean Austin (Wimbledon sensation in 1923) and Randolph Lycett (photo left from the *Sketch Newspaper*) were winners of the Roehampton Club Tennis Tournament.

American Tennis Champion Helen Willis Moody (photo right) made her first competitive tennis appearance in England playing in the Doubles Event at Roehampton Club with Mrs Wightman.

## ROEHAMPTON CLUB. PROGRAMME OF CHIEF EVENTS FOR SEASON 1924

POLO.			
MAY.	SAT.	10.	Junior Fortnightly Challenge Cup commences.
	MON.	19.	Whitney Cup commences.
	FRI.	30.	Gymkhana (open to Ladies and Men).
	SAT.	31.	TRIAL MATCH for the International Team selected to represent ENGLAND v. AMERICA at Meadowbrook, on September 6th, 1924.
JUNE.	MON.	2.	Roehampton Open Challenge Cup commences.
	SAT.	7.	Roehampton Open Challenge Cup Final.
	MON.	9.	Roehampton Junior Championship commences.
	SAT.	14.	Roehampton Junior Championship Final.
	MON.	16.	Public Schools' Cup commences.
	SAT.	21.	Public Schools' Cup Final.
	FRI.	27.	Gymkhana (open to Ladies and Men).
	MON.	30.	Roehampton Cup commences.
JULY.	SAT.	5.	Roehampton Cup Final.
			TRIAL MATCH for the International Team selected to represent ENGLAND v. AMERICA at Meadowbrook on September 6th, 1924.
	MON.	14.	Ladies' Nomination Tournament commences.
	SAT.	19.	Ladies' Nomination Tournament Final.
LAWN TENNIS.			
MAY.	MON.	26.	Royal Free Hospital Tournament.
	TUES.	27.	
	WED.	28.	
			Under the patronage of H.R.H. PRINCESS MARY and VISCOUNT LASCELLES.
JUNE.	MON.	9-12.	(inclusive) Royal Army Ordnance Corps Tournament.
	MON.	16-21.	(inclusive) *3rd Annual Invitation Grass Court Tournament.
JULY.	SAT.	12-19.	(inclusive) Members' Grass Court Tournament.
	MON.	28-2	Aug. (inclusive). Royal Naval and Royal Marine Championship.
SEPT.	MON.	22-27.	(inclusive). *4th Annual Autumn Open Hard Court Tournament.
			*During these Tournaments Members can only obtain FREE admission to the Reserved Enclosures on production of the Membership Badge.
LAWN TENNIS SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION.			
			Professionals—F. J. PEARCE and F. ASHFORD.
			Full information regarding Lessons, Fees and Bookings, etc., can be obtained from the Games Manager.
CROQUET.			
JUNE—JULY.			The Club Championships.
JULY.	J.	7.	Croquet Championships.
AUG.		18.	Champion Cup and Ladies' Champion Cup.
SEPT.		8-20	(2 weeks); Gilbey Cup and Challenge Cups.
FENCING.			
	SAT.	JUNE 28.	Meeting of the Epée Club.
			Riding Lessons.—The arrangements and Course of Instruction are now under the personal supervision of Major C. C. Lister (late 17th/21st Lancers), from whom full information can be obtained.
			Dances.—Commencing Saturday, May 10th, Dinner Dances will be held each Saturday, Dinner, 8 p.m., Dancing 9 p.m. to 12 (midnight). On all other days Dinners can be served from 7.30 to 8.30 p.m., if notice is given before 4 p.m. on the day.
			Orchestra.—The Roehampton Club Orchestra will play, commencing Saturday, May 10th, as follows: Saturday—3.30 to 6 p.m. Sunday—3.30 to 6 p.m.



AMATEUR-PROFESSIONAL MATCHES AT ROEHAMPTON:  
COL. C. D. MILLER'S SON WITH GEORGE GADD.  
The final of this competition, in which each club is represented by an amateur and professional, the former receiving his handicap and the latter being rated at scratch, will be played on Wednesday next at Roehampton. Our picture shows the Roehampton pair, George Gadd (L.) and Mr. P. D. Miller, the latter who is at Cambridge University, being the son of Lt.-Col. C. D. Miller, of Roehampton.



ENGAGED: MISS JOAN AUSTIN AND MR. RANDOLPH LYCETT.  
Miss tennis has been named by the announcement of the engagement of Miss Joan Austin, the well-known young tennis player, and one of the "Lawn Tennis Queens," who received such a triumph at Wimbledon in 1923. She is to marry Mr. Randolph Lycett, one of the most brilliant lawn-tennis players in the world. Miss Austin and Mr. Lycett at the Southborough Tennis Club in August, and later at other lawn-tennis grounds, and they were the Roehampton Tennis pair. The "Lawn Tennis Queens" will be married in January and will go to the South of France after the wedding to play in the tournament there.



Helen Willis Moody, Paris 1924 |



DEFEATED BY MRS. LESLIE BROWN AND MRS. SLAZENGER :  
LADY CROSFIELD (L.) AND MRS. SATTERTHWAITE.

Many well-known tennis players competed in the American Charity Lawn Tennis Tournament at Roehampton Club in aid of the Royal Free Hospital. Players were divided into four sections with each pair in each section playing eight games. Players were pictured in the *Sketch Newspaper* – photo left showing Lady Crosfield and Mrs Satterthwaite defeated by Leslie Brown and Mrs Slazenger in Section A.

### Squash

The General Management Committee agreed the construction of three squash courts at a cost of £3,000 (equivalent to c. £231.6K in today's money)

### 75 years ago, in 1947

#### Newspaper Articles

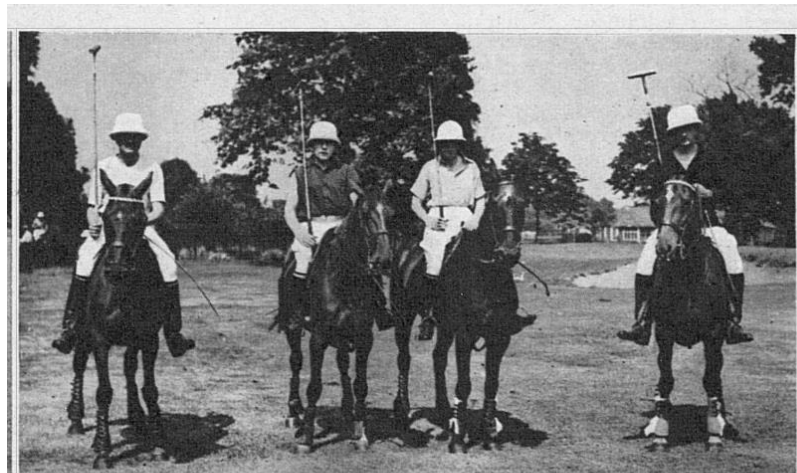
Staff vacancies for the flower shop and the ladies' dressing rooms – *Richmond Herald* 29 March 1947

Marathon Coaching event starting at Roehampton Club for the Richmond Horse Show – *Richmond Herald* 11 January 1947

Arab Horse Show hosted at Roehampton Club – *Herts & Essex Observer* 2 August 1947

First Polo Tournament in the London area following World War II held at Roehampton Club refereed by Club founder Colonel Charles Miller involving two teams from Henley and one from Ham – (photo right) of the Henley B Team from the *Tatler Magazine* 6 August 1947.

Barnes Brass Band given permission by the Roehampton Club to rehearse at the Club for a contest at Walthamstow – *Richmond Herald* 9 August 1947



The Henley "B" team, Mr. M. Hymans, Mr. D. Little, Mrs. P. Fleming and S/Ldr. A. L. Roberts. It was the first time polo has been played in the London area since the war

### Tennis

Roehampton Club tennis coach EW Lowe losing the opportunity of making the quarter final of the Hard Court Championships at Cheltenham. Defending champion Dan Maskell (famous Wimbledon broadcaster) also involved.

**50 years ago, in 1974**

**Croquet**

Stellar achievements by Roehampton Club Member Nigel Aspinall (photo right)

Winner of the Croquet Singles Open Championship

Winner of the Eights Week (Association Croquet) Tournament  
Winner of the Presidents Cup

Played for the GB Team against Australia and New Zealand for the MacRobertson Shield

Winning Captain for Berkshire in the British County Croquet Championships

Unofficial World Croquet Champion following his results in the MacRobertson Shield (pictured)

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