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Tyrrells Wood - The Drive (Headley Rd) Leatherhead



Tyrrells Wood once stood in 250 acres and the house was built for Roger Cunliffe to his design to meet the needs of an increasing family (four sons and two daughters) in about 1880. The estate included Highlands Farm, which he let out on short renewable leases.

Roger Cunliffe, who had banking interests, first came to the Leatherhead District in the 1860s, he lived at Fetcham Lodge.

It is a substantial red-brick structure and has massive chimney stacks above its gabled roofs. It was bought by Henry Keswick, MP, in 1913, and in 1922 it was sold as a residence and sporting estate. Henry was the son of William Keswick of Great Bookham and like his father, Henry served as M.P. for Epsom, Surrey, and on his death in 1928 he left an estate valued at £466,409 worth approximately £46 million at 2014 values.

In 1999 Tyrrells Wood Golf Club celebrated their 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary - 1924-99. According to the Royal & Ancient's Golfers Handbook for 1924, it shows the appointment of its first Captain as Sir Rowland Blades (later Lord Ebbisham)

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