PORTRUSH - A PLACE OF LEGENDS

The Legend of Fred Daly

1911 - 1990

was born here

Fred Daly was born and raised in Portrush. He honed his golf skills as a caddie at Royal

> Portrush and went on to win The Open in 1947 at Royal Liverpool Golf Club, Hoylake. Accepting the Claret Jug he said in his lilting Antrim accent:" I hope the change of air will help it."

Daly also played in the Irish Open in 1947 at Royal Portrush, just a few days after

winning The Open. Max Faulkner was on the boat with Fred returning from Liverpool. Daly had won the Irish Open in 1946 and there were high hopes for him to win the 1947 Irish Open at Royal Portrush. However, he said his hand was sore from all the heartfelt congratulatory handshakes he had received because of winning The Open at Liverpool a few days before.



Getting a Grip



Harry Vardon and Alexander (Sandy) Herd on the 18th green during the first professional tournament in Ireland. Courtesy of Royal Portrush Golf Club

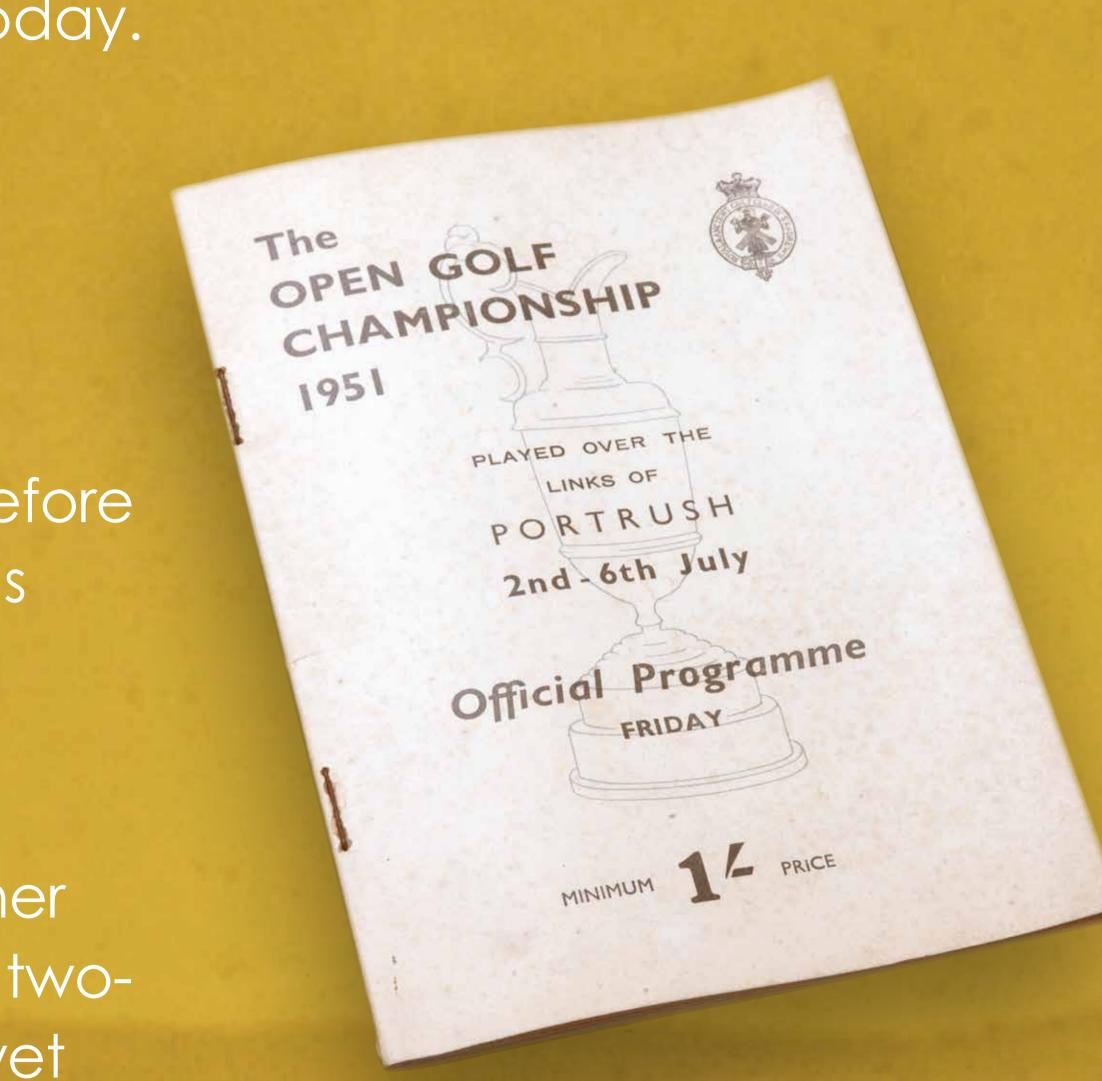
The legendary Harry Vardon played at Royal Portrush against professional Alexander 'Sandy' Herd in the first professional tournament organised in Ireland in September 1895. It was ereed by Thomas Gilroy who was instrumental in developing golf in Ireland and Portrush. and was to win The Open another five times.

> Harry Vardon invented a new way of holding a golf club called 'The Vardon Grip', in which the little finger of the right hand is rested on top of the index finger of the left hand. Today the grip is called the 'Overlapping Grip 'and is still used by golfers today.

The Open 1951: Portrush

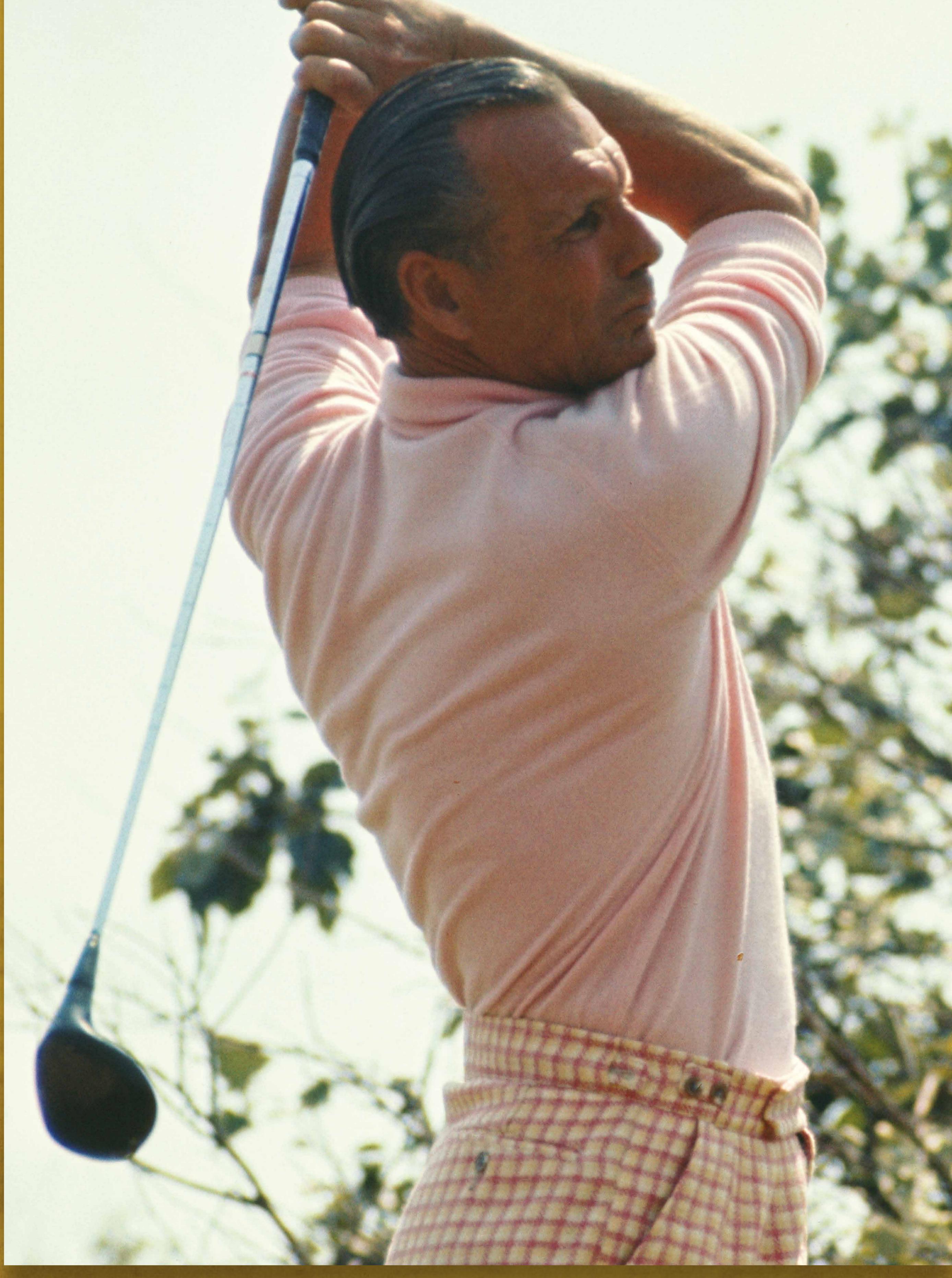
Numerous preparations had been made for The Open coming to Portrush in 1951. A small village of tents and marquees had sprung up around the clubhouse. But before the arrival of The Open it was reported that the links was overrun with rabbits.

Royal Portrush became the first place where The Open was played outside of Scotland or England. Max Faulkner claimed the title of Champion Golfer at Portrush with a twoshot victory over Argentinian Antonio Cerda during a wet weekend. Home favourite Fred Daly finished fourth and in The Open 1951 Original Programme. typical Fred fashion he said that he got what he deserved. Courtesy of Royal Portrush Golf Club



Chartered Territory The Royal Portrush links was not unknown to Faulkner as he had come to play here in 1937 and later in 1947 in the Irish Open in which he claimed third place. Harry Bradshaw claimed

Cutting the Mustard



In a post war world of austerity Faulkner added colour and glamour to the game of golf. He was tall, athletic and with his suntan he cut quite a dashing figure. He played the 1951 Open at Portrush dressed in a horizontal striped shirt and primrose coloured plus fours.