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Bushey Hall is embarking on a major upgrade of the oldest parkland course in the county to celebrate its 100th birthday

Work to improve Bushey Hall is set to be phased over two years and will include the planting of additional trees, rebuilding bunkers and further improvements to the design and layout of the course.

The timing of the improvements coincides with the club's centenary celebrations.

Heading up the team carrying out the work at Bushey Hall is the internationally renowned golf course designer and technical advisor, Bob Hunt.

Hunt is the Managing Director of PGA Design Consulting Limited, which acts on behalf of the Professional Golfers' Association of Britain and Ireland in matters of design and consultancy worldwide.

His projects have led him to every corner of the globe, taking in recent work in China, Trinidad & Tobago, Greece, India,

Korea, Norway and now Hertfordshire. Simon Scarborough, Operations Director of the Veladail Group who own Bushey Hall, said: "It's a great accolade for Bushey Hall to be collaborating with Bob Hunt on this project as he is so highly respected within the international golfing world. "We are very excited about the improvements this work will make to all the club members at Bushey Hall." Situated just a short drive from the M25 and M1, the club's 18 hole, par 69 course is easily accessed and represents a peaceful oasis for golfers to enjoy the seclusion and challenge of a great day's golf. The club also offers a restaurant, two bars, lounge, and three private function rooms.



Left: Renowned designer Bob Hunt will start work on the par 69 course

Bottom: The Bushey Hall Clubhouse

Palmer is new EGU President

Richard Palmer has been installed as President of the English Golf Union. Palmer succeeds course designer and former Sunday Telegraph golf writer Donald Steel, having previously overseen all the EGU's on-course activity.

Born in Sussex, Palmer joined Royal Ashdown Forest in 1968 and is still a member after almost 40 years. He played county golf for Sussex for six years, and also saw action in the Brabazon Trophy and the English Amateur Championship.

He served on the Sussex County Committee in the mid-1970s and then became their representative on the EGU for 30 years. He was Sussex captain in 1987-89 and president for three years from 1997-99.

He also became a member of the R&A in 1982, served on its Championship Committee from 1992-95 and on its Rules Committee from 1999-2002. He has been a member of the Tournament Panel since 1992 and has refereed in eight Open Championships and a number of European Tour events.