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Golf trick-shot king Jeremy Dale ensured The Luffenham Heath Golf Club's 100-year anniversary celebrations went with a real swing during the President's Centenary Trophy Day

Centenary spectacular as Luffenham celebrate historic event in style

LUFFENHAM Heath Golf Club has marked its centenary in fine style with a series of special events, golf days and a grand ball at the club.

The club, whose past captains include, in 1928, the Prince of Wales – later to become the uncrowned King Edward VIII – welcomed hundreds of golfers and special guests throughout last week with a champagne reception and ball for 450 members and guests on Saturday.

The historic course opened in 1911 with a celebrity match featuring stars of the day James Braid and Harry Vardon, both of whom went on to become Open Championship winners.

A century on and the special events at the club – recently selected as one of 14 regional qualifying venues for the 2013 Open Championship at Muirfield – included a golf trick-shot show and a Spitfire fly-past following the President's Centenary Trophy Day event.

Club captain John Edmond said: "We are enormously proud to celebrate 100 years of golf at The Luffenham Heath Golf Club and have been delighted to share

this special week with so many members, guests and visitors.

"While the traditions of the club are strong, the values that underpin golf – honesty, integrity, sportsmanship and enjoyment of the game – are shared by all members and infuse the day-to-day activities at the club."

Among the commemorative events were a show from leading golf trick-shot artist Jeremy Dale, a Seniors' Centenary Day, a Ladies' Centenary Trophy, Members' Centenary Invitation Day, Veterans' and Juniors' Centenary Day, Captain's Centenary Ladies' Day and a Captain's Centenary Men's Day.

The heathland course has undergone a significant upgrade in the past five years with new greens, bunkers and tees and has been extended to 6,550-yards from the championship tees.

John added: "Despite a glorious past stretching back 100 years, the club will not stand still, and the hosting of Regional Qualifying for the 2013 Open Championship is the perfect way to ensure we step into our second century in fine fettle."