

The links between Salford Station and Salford Golf Club

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The mid to late nineteenth century saw great changes in society. There was a greater emphasis on the moral and physical value of sport; there was more leisure time available; and, as an expression of society's acknowledgement of the importance of leisure, Bank Holidays were introduced in 1871.

The Industrial Revolution had put more money into people's pockets and the emancipation of women had encouraged greater female participation in sport.

In addition to these factors there was one other which made Salford desirable as a place to play golf. The Great Western Railway from Bristol to Bath stopped at Salford.

Salford station, which was situated above the Shallows next to the Bath to Bristol Road and adjacent to the junction of the Glen with that road, had opened in 1869.

The importance of the railway to the Golf Club can be gauged from the fact that the station master of Salford received a Christmas box from the Club until 1924.

Golf publications which list Salford Golf Club in the early years of the twentieth century give not only the Great Western Railway as a means of access but mention also the proximity of Kelston Station which had been built by the Midland Railway as a stop to the landowner whose land they had to cross on their *Bristol* to Bath route.

It is possible that some golfers took a pony and trap, but it is more likely that golfers for whom the GWR was not convenient came by bus.

Salford Golf Club Members, 1905



A bus from Brislington stopped at the Crown Inn, Salford and deposited players from Bristol, and the Golf Club must have been delighted when the Bath Electric Traction Company extended its tram route from the GWR station in Bath to the Globe Inn, Newton St Loe, in 1904 the very year the Golf Club was established, making access from Bath very easy.

