

The Jarman brothers

There were five Jarman brothers, all of them golf Professionals. They came from Kent where their father, Henry Frederick, had been bailiff on a farm on the Isle of Thanet. When the farm was converted into a golf course their father became its Greenkeeper and later also its Professional. He left in 1920 to join Houghton-le-Spring Golf Club near Sunderland, but had to give up in 1924 with ill health.

✦ **Fred Jarman** was the oldest of the brothers, and he is credited with having started the career of Ted, the second-oldest brother, by giving him a small wooden driver as a present some time before the First World War. Fred came to Stockport as its Professional in 1923, having been previously an Assistant Professional at Criccieth in North Wales and East Acton in London. He joined the King's Royal Rifles in 1914 and served for two years in France before being invalided out with severe frostbite after being blown up. He was not expected to walk again, but eventually he was able to join Harry Fernie at Gosforth Park in Newcastle as his Assistant, and then to obtain his first full Professional position at Seaham Harbour in County Durham. After he left Stockport in 1930 he moved to Cavendish in Buxton and, in 1937, to Beeston Fields, a recently opened club in Nottinghamshire. He died in 1978.

✦ **Edward Jarman** was in his late teens when he joined Fred as his Assistant at Stockport, leaving in December 1928 to become Professional at Prenton at the tender age of 21. It was while he was at Prenton that he began to make some impact as a tournament player, although he won the 1924 Manchester Alliance Assistants' Championship at Heaton Park in his Stockport days. He won the Leeds Cup (*golf's oldest professional tournament*)

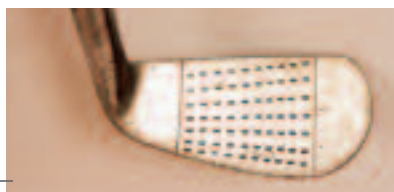
twice in the 1930s and his best finish in the Open Championship was tied 13th, in 1934. He was then selected for the 1935 Great Britain and Ireland Ryder Cup side to meet the Americans at Ridgewood Country Club in New Jersey. Unfortunately Jarman was not paired with his regular partner and friend, the Sale Professional, Dick Burton. Instead he was sent out with Bill Cox with whom he had never played before. They lost heavily (9 & 8) to Paul Runyan and Horton Smith and Jarman was left out of the singles matches. In the end it hardly mattered, for the Americans won easily by 9 points to 3. After the match the British and Irish team travelled on to Canada where they played a team of Canadian professionals at Rosedale Golf Club in Toronto and, once again, lost badly, this time by 9 to 5. Ted then moved on to the

West Lancashire Golf Club where he remained as Professional for almost forty years and, on his retirement, was given Honorary Life Membership. At the time of his death in 2002, aged 95, he was the oldest surviving Ryder Cup competitor.

✦ **Jack Jarman** began his career as Assistant to Fred at Seaham Harbour, later becoming Professional at Ravensworth. He then moved to Hexham as its Professional, where he stayed for some 25 years, and was made an Honorary Member in 1971.

✦ **Like Ted, Tom Jarman** started by working as an Assistant to Fred at Stockport in 1924. He moved on to Cavendish with Fred in 1930, leaving there to become Professional at Bury, where he remained until his retirement in 1976. He, too, was made an Honorary Member, but did not live long to enjoy it, dying in 1980.

✦ **The youngest Jarman was Bobby**, who joined Ted at Prenton as his Assistant in 1930. When Ted moved on in 1936, Bobby took over as Professional, serving the club loyally until his retirement in 1983, apart from the years 1940-6 when he served in the forces. Although Bobby was basically a club Professional he was good enough to have taken second place in the Leeds Cup, to have won the Liverpool Open, and to have reached the third round of the News of the World Matchplay in the late 1940s, narrowly losing to Fred Daly, the reigning Open Champion.



DETAIL OF FRED JARMAN CLUB HEAD
ON CLUB DONATED BY ERIC BURD



THE 1935 GREAT BRITAIN RYDER CUP TEAM.
TED JARMAN IS BEHIND AND ON THE LEFT OF THE MAYOR AS THEY SAIL FOR THE USA



TED JARMAN DRIVING