

A Little Taste of History

Marriott Dalmahoy Hotel and Country Club Through The Centuries

Dail-ma-hoig – the view to the East

The story of Dalmahoy begins with the Dalmahoy family, the family who owned the estate for hundreds of years. The earliest records available show that the first line, Sir Alexander de Dalmahoy, gave permission for the monks of neighbouring Newbattle to pass through his lands in 1265.

The present house was built in the 1720s, to the design of William Adam, for George Dalrymple, youngest son of the Earl of Stair. It was then acquired by the Douglas family in 1760 and still owned today by a direct descendant of the family, the 21st Earl of Morton.

Mary Queen of Scots is said to have been a visitor to Dalmahoy and when she was later imprisoned in Loch Leven Castle, the Douglas family came to her aid. Firstly, George Douglas who was in love with her was banished for concocting a plan to free her.

His brother, William Douglas then helped her escape and threw the keys of the castle into the loch. In the 19th Century, the loch was drained and the keys were found. These were presented to the Douglas family and are currently held by the 21st Earl of Morton.

In more recent times, Dalmahoy first opened as a Country Club in 1976, with 10 bedrooms. It has since been developed extensively in close collaboration with historic building advisors.

Nowadays, the Marriott Dalmahoy Hotel and Country Club has an international reputation as one of Edinburgh's leading luxury hotels. With 215 bedrooms, renowned for its world class golf courses and highly rated leisure club.