Mr. W. J. Gardner, M.B.E., is this year retiring from the position of Hon. Secretary of the Artisan Golfers Association which he has held for over thirty years. Even earlier he was Assistant Hon. Secretary and he has been the hub on which the Association has turned so smoothly since it became the great force in golf which he is now handing over. There are few such records of devotion and unflagging enthusiasm in golf or, indeed, in any other sphere. The many greenkeepers who know him will join in thanking him and looking forward to seeing him at Artisan functions without the same responsibility but with the same ready word for the hundreds of golfers who value his friendship.

A proposal to build on part of Reading Golf Club has been turned down by Reading’s Planning Committee.

The application by Caversham and Oxon Golf Club Ltd. was to use part of the course at the south end fronting Kidmore End Road.

The committee refused on the grounds that the route of the South Wales motorway is not yet settled. One possible route would pass through the northern tip of the borough and might affect the golf course.

We have learnt with much sorrow of the death of two members of the Southern Section last month. Tom Chamberlain of Highgate Golf Club died in hospital just before Easter and F. C. Neal of Pinner died on Friday, 9th April.

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