

TEE SHOTS



by the Editor

The North Kent Golf Foundation, six enthusiasts planning to build a new 18-hole course, have been disappointed with the site at Wrotham but now hope to solve all their problems on land at Addington in Kent, not far from Maidstone. The site runs alongside the A.20.

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Following last month's news that the Wigtown and Bladnock Golf Club had bought its course for £3,750, we hear that an offer of £5,000 by the Kintore Golf Club has been turned down by the owner. He wants £140 an acre for the course, which comprises 40 acres plus about 10 acres rough land, but the Provost said "£140 an acre is prohibitive. It is just nonsense".

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The 230-acre Freshwater Bay Golf Club is also up for sale. Its owner, former army intelligence officer and scratch golfer Alan Pemberton, bought the land in 1946 for £5,000 and transformed it into a picturesque length. Now at the age of 56 he plans a move to Sussex.

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Two more big cities have plans for municipal golf courses. Bristol, where the need has been particularly pressing for many years with half a million population and only six golf courses, has already had a site at Ashton Court inspected. Now Plymouth has a proposal to examine sites and evaluate costs; the *Western Evening Herald* says "There is no reason at all why this splendid scheme should fail—unless, of course, the Council intends to maintain the greens to the same standard as some of its other pitches".

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To commemorate European Conservation Year, Dullatur Golf Club have bought 1,400 trees to plant on their recently purchased golf course.

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Shortlands, Kent, residents have distributed 4,000 leaflets urging householders to oppose development of the Shortlands Golf Course by Wates Limited. One of the residents' main concerns is that the 35 acres golf course provides a natural soakaway for the surrounding areas.



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