

TEE SHOTS



by the Editor

THERE is fascination and speculation about that artificial line where country meets country—especially for those in these islands who even when they pass a sign welcoming them to Cymru meet no Jones the Customs to relieve them of contraband.

Last month we were walking round a site for a new course in France near Lille and at last found the perfect Out of Bounds. A hook off the 3rd tee will not only take the ball outside the course, but outside the country into Belgium; and if all goes well the 2nd tee should be in Belgium and the 2nd Green in France.

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The Ormonde Fields Golf Club in Nottinghamshire is to get its course back following open-cast mining. The whole 9 holes were thrown out of action but the Committee remained intact and will soon have the first rewards of patience.

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Fontainebleau Golf Club has taken in an extra piece of the forest and is considering whether to extend. This is one of the world's really attractive courses and with a little more length would surely have been more widely known. Pines, birch, oak, heather, and sandy soil characterise the setting. Fairways have mostly rolling contours and a new water system installed last year now maintains a good turf. Sprinklers are plugged into two rows of plastic capped points which run down each hole and there is no other above-ground equipment to set up or move around apart from green sprinklers.

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Work on stream widening in Sutton Coldfield, part of which passes through Walmley Golf Course, is scheduled to start next May. An Act of Parliament was necessary so the preliminary stages have been longer than we hope the members will have to suffer.

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King's College at Newcastle is planning a 9 hole golf course as part of its new sports centre at Heddon-on-the-Wall. As land is restricted, the course will be combined with a sports ground lay-out, but only cover the relatively little used winter pitches. A driving range will cater for golfers on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons in the winter terms. In summer cricket and golf can flourish side by side. This is a formula which more schools and local authorities could adopt to economise in use of land and in total cost.