

TEE SHOTS



by the Editor

It is good to meet some of the younger generation of greenkeepers and see their courses still kept in the classic tradition of their predecessors. Wilf Earnshaw at Davyhulme Park in the North-West must only be in his middle twenties. He will be tackling a new green this autumn. As at many courses round Manchester, traffic on neighbouring roads has increased and what was safe for a country lane is dangerous today. So the club has wisely decided to play safe and move the 10th.

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L. Beetham, another younger generation greenkeeper at the Huddersfield Golf Club, is relaying his 18th green after doing the 9th last year. This time the problem was slopes in the green, not safety but the basis is the same. More people, more play, thus slopes which cut down holing space can no longer be afforded.

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Not only the younger generation is planning for work this winter. Charlie Brassington, one of the original members of the North-West Section, is adding a couple of new holes to the Crompton and Royton Golf Club. Neighbouring developers have built bungalows within feet of the 3rd green, so changes have to be made.

Oddly enough, it is no defence to say "the club has played this hole for sixty years — the window I have just broken has only been there a week". Your neighbour can, if he feels disposed, get an injunction to stop you playing that hole as it stands. Fortunately, it often happens that neighbouring gardens belong to members of the club who do not wish to get an injunction against themselves.

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Douglas Pate of Royal Birkdale can rest content after all his labours this year for both Open and Ryder Cup — that is if he has not already started preparations for the Carling next year. There is no relaxation for the greenkeeper at a club like this, but Douglas seems to thrive on it. We hope he realises the esteem in which he is held by the Association and the credit he brings to his profession.