

TEE SHOTS



by the Editor

The Royal Lytham and St Annes Golf Club has been granted £1,800 over the next four years by the Lytham and St Annes Council. The money is primarily required to improve amenities for tournament crowds. Last year the Club lost £600 because it spent more than £20,000 on extensions and improvements and now has a bank overdraft. The Open Championship attracts something like 17,000 visitors to the town.

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Land to be reclaimed at Wheatley Hill in the Easington Rural District with Newcastle may include a golf course. The Surveyor is planning consultations to find out if the reclamation could provide for golf. A letter from the North Regional Planning Committee had urged the importance of looking to the provision of new golf facilities.

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The Lee Hall Golf Club at Sheffield is one of the latest to suffer from vandalism. Nearly 30 yards of turf on the ninth and tenth greens were dug up during the night by trenches cut in the rough form of the letters S and O.

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Richmond Parks Committee are, at present, considering plans for letting out Fulwell Park as a nine-hole municipal golf course. They have rejected a plan to extract gravel from the site.

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The Dunstable Downs Golf Club has raised its subscriptions by five guineas to twenty-six guineas to cover the drop in bar takings. Mr Frederick Whittingham said that the isolated position of the Club caused bar receipts to nose-dive when Breathaliser was introduced.

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The master plan for the Swindon area is due to appear this year and the officers concerned with further expansion of the town have in mind the need for one or more golf courses. The spokesman for the civic office made this assurance when questioned about the lack of facilities for golf in the Swindon area. The present Swindon Golf Club is near Marlborough but 85 per cent of the membership comes from Swindon.