

# TEE SHOTS



by the Editor

According to a report just published by the County Planning Officer, Wiltshire needs four more golf courses during the next 10 years.

No completely new course has been opened for 50 years and there are no publicly owned courses.

The Swindon area is considered to be in greatest need of more golf facilities, followed by parts of the south-west of the county and West Wilts.

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Warwick's new £20,000 golf driving range, in the centre of Warwick Racecourse, should be open to the public by the end of the summer. The 10-acre site will have 30 floodlit driving bays and a clubhouse. It is planned to add an 18-hole golf course later.

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When two students went rabbit shooting in a car they picked the wrong place . . . the historic golf links at St Andrews.

Had they been prosecuted under an old poaching Act, they would have suffered "quite terrible consequences" a court was told in July.

They could have been "transported beyond the seas".

They were shooting rabbits at 2 a.m. one morning in June from a car on the fairways of the Jubilee course next to the famous Old Course.

Their solicitor said they were unaware that their expedition was against the law.

"The Act is of great antiquity and the penalties, though no longer applicable, are quite terrifying."

Under the Act of 1828, poachers in groups of three or more who used a gun at night were liable to be "transported beyond the seas" for no longer than 14 years.



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