

# THOSE WHO SERVE

Number 5 in the series of Profiles by Brigadier C. W. Morton, M.C.

## HENRY FRY

Henry Fry having served for 52 years, including war service, retired in 1962 at the age of 70. He began his greenkeeping at Swinley Forest Golf Club in 1910. When the First World War broke out in 1914, he joined the Royal West Surrey Regiment (Territorials). He served overseas in Mesopotamia in 1915. After the Armistice in 1918, he



was transferred to the Indian Army as a Sergeant Instructor in the 90th Punjab Regiment and finally returned to England in time for Christmas 1920. He at once joined Clyne Golf Club as Head Greenkeeper where he remained until 1945 when he transferred to Pennard Golf Club.

Four years later he was asked to return to Clyne Golf Club to put their course right. It had got into a terrible mess, he says, whilst he was away. He felt he could not refuse so he returned there as Head Greenkeeper in 1949 and stayed until his retirement. He was held in such esteem by both golf clubs that both made him an Honorary Member

of their club. His son Henry took over his job on his retirement.

Henry had a 4 handicap as a golfer. No mean feat. He is a Life Member of the B.G.G.A. He served on the Welsh Greenkeeping Committee for 42 years. He held the Farr and *Daily Mail* Trophy for four years, also the Welsh Greenkeepers Shield.

Congratulations, Mr Fry. You have had a most interesting life and one which you have every reason to be proud of. I am sure the B.G.G.A. is. The best of luck in your retirement.

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## CECIL JONES

Cecil Jones joined the greenkeeping staff of the Little Aston Golf Club in May 1918 at the age of 16. He remained there for 49 years until he retired in 1967. Since then he has been doing part-time work on the course.

He was first introduced to Little Aston Golf Club as a caddie in 1912 by his two brothers who had caddied there ever since its formation in 1908. They too joined the ground staff after they returned from service in the First World War in 1919. The Club Professional was then in charge of the ground staff. When he retired in 1950, Cecil's elder brother became the first Head Greenkeeper of the Club. He died in 1959 with 40 years' service to his credit and was succeeded by the second brother as Head Greenkeeper. He died in 1965 after 46 years' service.

Cecil has served his Club in almost every capacity, as caddie, greenkeeper, and assisting the professional in his shop. He started his golfing career with a handicap of 8 but he says he was never much good at Medal Competitions. He preferred four-balls. He joined the



B.G.G.A. in 1946. During the last two years he has written extensively on the game of golf, including a history of the Little Aston Golf Club; the History of Golf Greenkeeping; and also on the Wild Life on the Golf Course. He was made a Life Member of the B.G.G.A. in 1968. He recommends greenkeeping for anyone wanting a healthy outdoor life, especially on a course as beautiful as Little Aston. Cecil is now 67 and is still going strong. Long may he continue in his job. A great record of service for all three brothers.

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convenient way to you. No arbitrary rules of pronunciation can be laid down; after all, the Oxford Dictionary gives a choice of pronunciation for some words, even English ones, so some variation in the way that botanical names are pronounced can be expected.

With all that said, it may be a good idea to get down to actual names and to some idea of the meaning behind them. To go through the entire list of flowering plants would be a fantastic

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job, and, I think, beyond the needs of the majority of people who will read this article. If the weeds that are commonly found in turf and the grasses that are used or found on playing fields are discussed, this, I feel, would be all that need be done for the purposes of the readers of this journal . . .

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