

The Greenkeepers

WALSALL Golf Course is situated at Broadway, Walsall in Staffordshire. It is an 18-hole flat course, open meadow land inclined to be wet as it is built on clay. The club has a total membership of 737 including ladies and juniors.

The Head Greenkeeper is Gilbert Woodward who first started as an assistant at Walsall Golf Club under his father in 1925. After war service in the R.A.F. in India, Ceylon and Burma, Gilbert returned home to be demobbed and went into the transport business until 1954 when he returned to Walsall Golf Club as Head Greenkeeper. For the last ten years he has been an honorary member.

There is a total Greenkeeping staff of six who have done extensive drainage to the course over the years. This has considerably improved the playing conditions, particularly those most affected by the clay subsoil. Trees of various types have been planted and this is a continuing operation.

The club owns a fairly extensive range of equipment. This includes four 18" Auto Certes, a Toro 70, two Atco 24", one Hayter 24", two sets of gang mowers, mark 10 and magnums, two Tractors—one Leyland 154 and one Fordson 2000 with a front bucket, McConnell Power Arm Digger. One

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No. 6: Gilbert Woodward

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Cannock grass seed is used as is their spring, summer, autumn and winter fertilisers. May & Baker's Mersil is popular as is their Dicotex weed killer.

The course being on clay; one big problem is the heavy growth of grass in a wet season. Fusarium can be a problem but this winter a great improvement has been achieved by the use of Tecto Systemic. Vandalism is a problem on the more remote parts of the course and yet another is the recruitment of staff in this part of the country.

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