plex, near Exeter. The morning started with Devon taking on Cornwall in a nine hole match, the winning team (as usual) being Devon, returning six cards totaling 110 points to beat Cornwall with 103. The best score from Devon was John Brayley with 21, this gaining him a pair of cut glass goblets donated by Rigby Taylor and the best Cornish score was that of Richard Minton — also with 21 — but declaring himself out of the prizes and allowing J Bullen to collect the prize of a video presented by — guess who? — Richard Minton! As is usual, the course was presented in excellent condition by our chairman, Bill Pile, and his staff.

Following a superb lunch the 'Dry Patch and Wetting Agents' seminar got underway, with Dr Neil Baldwin presented his paper on Dry patch. Neil, who is a plant pathologist with the STRI, told of his research into this problem, funds for which are being provided by the R&A.

Neil's talk was most informative and I am sure he has made all of us more confident when dealing with Dry patch. We thank him for presenting his paper and for making the long journey West. In addition, the section thanks Mr Breading and Fingle Glen GC for allowing us the use of their excellent facilities.

Special thanks to all our trade friends who took stand space, these being Avoncrop and ICI, PJ Flegg and Ransomes, Devon Garden Machinery and Toro, Rigby Taylor, Ryfords, Fisons, and Willcocks. We hope they found the day successful.

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On the clear frosty morning of January 21st, our coach arrived promptly at 9am to begin our 'journey into the unknown'. All seemed well at the first pick-up point - Exeter G&CC - and with half our party on board we proceeded to the M5.

After some pondering it was decided to withdraw the愈" to take his party to the hinterland and having made Bristol and our last pick-up safely, we continued our trek to the BTME.

Temperatures were falling and there was danger of hypothermia, so no one was allowed to sleep. Great initiative was shown by a Board of Management member who turned his cap inside out and proceeded to keep the windscreen clear for the driver. Finally arriving at our destination - some three hours late - those able bodied members of the group still capable unloaded the boot for the driver. Finally arriving at our destination - 12.30, with everyone ready and on time. Once again it was not to be, for our coach seemed to prefer Harrogate and after two hours delay a new coach was boarded - leaving the first vehicle to rest in peace. This proved to be the best decision made all week and a warm and comfortable journey was achieved at last - even prompting an outburst of song. Despite the trials and tribulations, everyone wished to take up the challenge next year.

With time to reflect on the disasters of 'modern' transport, it has been suggested that we may have to resort to horse drawn carriages for, these seeming more reliable. However, steps will have to be made at Bristol and Birmingham for a change of horses, though this should not.

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