Aeration: Throughout the year Tom aerates the greens three times a day - once early specified by the STRI.

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Grass cuts: He cuts in two directions at 90 Verticuts: Every two weeks until two weeks month before The Open with a Buxton Sand end of the year to 2/3 times a week.

Watering: Yes, he uses water, but only if absolutely necessary.

Awards for Walter Woods.
It was reported with great pleasure that the Association had learnt of the award of the British Empire Medal to Walter Woods in the Queen's Birthday Honours List. The award had been made to recognize his services both as Links Supervisor at St Andrews and to the greenkeeping profession. Walter had played a leading part in the establishment of BIGGA in 1987 and had been the first Chairman of the Association. The magazine commented on his forthright views, warmth of personality and his determination to enhance the greenkeeping profession and the well-being of greenkeepers. It was hoped that the Association would continue to enjoy his practical support and be able to call on his technical expertise for many years to come.

Although 'retired', Walter remains very active today both in a consultancy role and as one of BIGGA's Guardians on the Executive Management Board.

The Open Championship.
Greenkeeper International previewed The Open Championship to be held at Royal Birkdale with the golf course in perfect condition thanks to the efforts of Tom O'Brien B.E.M. It is interesting to note 'Royal Birkdale's Working Calendar' at the time.

Aeration: Throughout the year Tom aerates the greens weekly, stepped up at the back, for the Open with a Buxton Sand and as one of BIGGA's Guardians on the Board for representatives from each of that process to meet and expand their knowledge and understanding of one another's role.

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New man for Eamonn Wall

Eamonn Wall and Co has appointed Antony Stravon to its new English office in the Midlands where the company has now concentrated its English based consultants.

The company now has two offices, at Dollar in Scotland and Retford in Nottinghamshire.

Antony, 30, is an experienced wood-land design and management consultant having worked for another company in the East Midlands for the last five years. He is a graduate of Reading and Oxford Universities and is a native of Lincolnshire. He is a keen mountaineer and a member of the Institute of Chartered Foresters.

Rolawn website is a real hit

Rolawn opened its web site just over a year ago and has steadily built up awareness of the site to the extent that in recent months their site has received record numbers of visitors amounting to 16000 page requests in May alone.

Among the speakers confirmed are Fred Green, Developer of Queenwood Golf Club, England, Nanucket Golf Club, USA; David McLay Kidd, Designer of Queenwood GC and Bandon Dunes GC in the USA; Project Manager/Management Structures, Melvin Thomas, of Barnfield GC; Dr Albert Kausch, Rhode Island University; George Shields, Consultant Agronomist; Melodee Fraser, Director of Research - Pure Seed Testing Inc; Paul Latshaw, US Open and Masters Course presentation and Ian Beukema, Rain Bird Irrigation Design and Operation.

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