Back in time is a new feature looking back at cuttings of greenkeeping news from days gone-by. 2012 will be a landmark year, as it will be the centenary of Greenkeeping Associations, as well as 25 years since BIGGA was formed. Each month we will look back at the current month, but in a different year, from over the last hundred. This month we travel back to August 1989 when ironically the magazine was looking back itself with the grandfather of all greenkeepers Old Tom Morris on the cover...

Viscount Whitelaw, BIGGA's first President is pictured (right) and the "Flannel Panel" lists who were involved in BIGGA at that particular time.

"ANOTHER DEAD MOLE"

The story was about an albino mole which was one of four trapped by the Fraserburgh Head Greenkeeper, one Gordon Moir, now Director of Greenkeeping at St Andrews.

The Poseur's Pose! Piece is actually a preview for BIGGA's National Championship, which was due to be played at Lyme Regis GC over three days in August. Coincidentally, Greenkeeper International is previewing this year's National Championship, sponsored by Charterhouse and Kubota, at West Lancs GC.

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Left. Another coincidence! August '89 previews the very first Toro Student of the Year competition, which was to be won by Mark Proctor. This month Greenkeeper International contains the preview for the 2011 competition.

Right: range of adverts which appeared in the issue

Below. A snapshot of an article written by one of greenkeeping's greatest supporters, architect, Fred Hawtree. Again this piece was looking back into golfing history.

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