and Prudhoe. We also recruited some former members, so alto-
gether we have sixteen members extra. It just goes to show what you can achieve by paying a visit. It’s hoped that over the summer months that there will be further visits which have to be mapped out carefully as we try and visit five or six clubs at a time.

Our new chairman is the appoint-
ment of a new Head Green-
keeper at Whitley Bay who is David Wilcock of Woodbrooke Golf Club.

We wish him well in his new role.

David and I first met in the mid eighties at the Greenkeepers Championships and I met him this year at his home during The Open and was always great to chat with.

Last thing, in my last column I talked about PH Kents who was in the pipeline but now I mentioned a trip out to Warmund Golf Club in Leicestershire with our region’s conference on the Phoenix Golf club in Rotherham. It was another good day out, very interesting speakers on good subjects.

Around The Green

Deere qualifier.

Greenkeepers Championships job.

Windermere Golf Club.

keeper at Whitley Bay who is coming months that there will visit. It’s hoped that over the year all of our members we will have sixteen members together and many thanks to the top man Jimmy Richardson who was involved in a fatal accident.

Our condolences go to the family of Mark Pearson, Course Chairman and Stuart Green from BIGGA who attended. The day was a massive success and all the speakers on the day were very informative and interesting. The day gave many greenkeepers the chance to network and discuss ideas with other greenkeepers from around the area. It was nice to see many old friends.

The intersection day took place at Bingley St Ives GC on 1 November and our team of Jez Hughes, Haydn Jones and Simon Ashford sporting a stylish mullet. We are still making an appeal for members’ e-mail addresses and education if you could all please forward your details to diane@walsall@hotmail.co.uk please.

The annual trip to Harrogate is always a highlight from Wednesday day 23 January but this year we will only run the trip if we have enough members who want to make the trip viable, so if you think you would like to go please contact myself or Jez to book your

Around The Green

MIDLAND

Well here we are, the end of the year.

What a year! As the port city of Coventry, I can say with certainty that Coventry was the year. “Water, water everywhere and not a drop to fall”, indeed do anything outside such as perish the thought, work with a little sun on our backs. Let’s all pray for a more clem-

5. Which task do you least enjoy doing and why?

Coldplay would be at the top.

6. What one thing - other than improving the greenkeepers’ lot?

Good weather every day of the year and the odd day of rain for irrigation

7. Hobbies?

Music, Art, Photography, Travel

8. Favourite Band?

Radiohead, Coldplay, Snow Patrol or otherwise.

9. Which team do you support (football or otherwise)

Ireland and Leinster in the rugby

10. What is your claim to fame?

Hugh Grant robbed my pencil at Kingsbarns (but gave it back).

NORTHERN

Good afternoon chaps, follow me sad note I start with I’m afraid.

Our condolences go to the chairman and Manager of the Manor Golf Club who was involved in a fatal acci-

Nigel was a good name and I say depends on the weather!

Assistant Profile

Our monthly look into the life of an assistant greenkeeper…

Name: Gavin Street Age: 24

Occupation: Assistant Greenkeeper

Pronouns: He/him

1. How long have you been greengrassing? I have been a full-time greengrass for one-and-a-half years but have been greengrassing from the age of 15.

2. What was it about the career that attracted you? I could never indoors all day, worst nightmare.

3. If you weren’t a greengrass what do you think you’d be? I’m pretty certain that a role in football awaits Henry at some stage…”Oh no it can’t be true!”

4. Which task do you most enjoy doing and why? Cutting greens, as the greens are my passion.

5. Which task do you least enjoy doing and why? I don’t know about you but I can do anything outside such as...