The Jacobsen GP400 Diesel ride-on greens mower is full of brilliant ideas. To ensure superior turf conditions, our engineers included free-floating steerable cutting heads with Classic XF™ reels along with a complete Greens Management System including verticutters and groomers. To make the GP400 easy to use and maintain, they added a one-touch joystick for lift/lower, a Management System including verticutters and groomers. To make the GP400 the Jacobsen GP400 Diesel ride-on greens mower from Jacobsen.

The title of Toro Student Greenkeeper of the Year is hard won and rightly so, its presence on a CV carries significant weight if the successful careers of many of the former winners is anything to go by. Luke Turner's achievement in earning this year's award ahead of a very impressive line up of fellow finalists is therefore not to be underestimated. Congratulations to him and all the eight finalists, as one of the judging panel said to me afterwards the future of our industry is in safe hands. Luke has taken a slightly unusual route to finding his career of choice but having done so he has quickly grasped that education is the absolute key to future success. We wish him well on his extremely intensive trip to the University of Massachusetts Turf School in the new year courtesy of Toro.

The runners up, Sam Evans and Scott Roberts, will hopefully now be perusing the enclosed 2014 Continue to Learn brochure to plan their own prize – an all expenses trip to Harrogate in January. I hope that many of you will take advantage of the superb learning and development opportunities that are taking place at BTME. The programme has been carefully put together following extensive feedback from the membership and genuinely offers something for greenkeepers at all stages of their career. The huge success of the Continue to Learn programme has meant that we are starting to outgrow the facilities at the Harrogate International Centre and are expanding in to the Crown Hotel which is just a short walk away. The centrepiece of the programme will take place at BTME. The programme has been well on his extremely intensive trip to the University of Massachusetts Turf School in the new year courtesy of Toro.