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Among the highlights will be a motivational talk by one of the top speakers in the business. Frank Dick OBE (inset picture) is a world renowned athletic coach who has also used his talents to inspire the likes of Daley Thompson, Boris Becker and Gerhard Berger to some stunning heights. Frank’s talk is free to attend at 11am in the Royal Hall on the Wednesday. You’d be a fool to miss out of this one.

The BTME '99 Banquet will pay tribute to some of the finest music of the latter half of the 20th century with Showaddywaddy performing their brand of rock and roll, which is a throw back to the 50s and 60s.

With 23 top 40 singles to their credit including such classics as “Three Steps to Heaven”, “Heartbeat” and “Under the Moon of Love” Thursday night’s banquet is sure to have everyone rockin’ and a rollin’.

Tickets are selling fast so book now to ensure your place at what will be a truly memorable night.

The Conference Dinner speaker is Ian Shuttleworth.

NEED TO KNOW INFORMATION

Workshop 2 - Irrigation is Sold Out and places are limited on the other two Workshops. Call Sami Collins for availability.

BIGGA Annual General Meeting
Wednesday 20 January, The Majestic Hotel, 5.45pm
Membership cards must be shown to gain admission

Federation of European Golf Greenkeepers Association’s (FEGGA) Annual General Meeting will be held at 12 noon on Thursday in the Majestic Hotel.

Stan Zontek, USGA Green Section Director of the Mid-Atlantic Region, and a long time friend of BIGGA and BTME, has replaced his USGA colleague, David Oatis, on The Learning Experience programme. Stan will deliver the two papers which David had agreed to give - “Traffic Management; Turf Managers’ Biggest Challenge” during the National Education Conference and “Poa Annua, Friend or Foe” during the Seminar Programme.

THE LEARNING EXPERIENCE HOTLINE IS 01347 833833
Hotels. Loads of them and just as well because the influx of greenkeepers and other members of the fine turf industry mean they’re all just about full for BTME week.

Atmosphere. There is nothing quite like the one generated by BTME either during the day in the conference, seminar sessions or Halls or in the evenings when every pub, club and restaurant contains a familiar face.

Reunions. They take place all the time at BTME when friends not seen for 12 months can catch up on the past year over a beer and share recent greenkeeping triumphs and disasters.

Rumours. Often fuelled by gossip these are the lifeblood of BTME. Who’s moving where, which company is a target for another. Rumours abound throughout the week. And you know what? Occasionally some of them are true!

Organisation. The attention to every detail which the BIGGA staff have fine tuned over 10 years or putting together BTME ensures that nothing is left to chance during this one week in January.

Global. BTME truly is with visitors coming for all corners of the greenkeeping world including every FEGGA affiliated country as well as many from the United States, Canada, Australia and South Africa.

Addiction. For many BTME and Harrogate is addictive and once they tasted the experience once they want to do so again and again. But the great thing is that this particular addiction doesn’t do you any harm at all. In fact it’s downright beneficial to your career prospects.

Trading. With all the major fine turf companies exhibiting at the Show it is an ideal opportunity to do the homework required before making an expensive purchase on behalf of the golf club or, from the other side of the fence, secure new orders.

Education. The bedrock of the entire week. Workshops and seminar sessions, The Learning Experience, in association with Textron Turf Care and Specialty Products. Talking to colleagues and associates ensures everyone leaves Harrogate richer than when they arrived.
Green Releaf

Green Releaf, the US leaders in liquid microbials products are exhibiting a range of microbial products available in the UK. These liquid beneficial microbials applied with their unique food source rapidly improve root strength and growth, as well as increase nutrient resistance to disease. Other products at the show include Thatchless Line, a development which will burn off thatch in only 30 days. And for faster, hard wearing greens why not try KCS 0-0-1 Liquid for turf management. New for 1999 see our range of granular organic fertilisers inoculated with beneficial microbials. Visit us on Stand C11 and/or at the exclusive Distributors: Avoncrop Amenity Products Stand B7 and Athiens Stand A30.

Kubota (UK) Ltd

Kubota is going to be a very important year for Kubota, its dealers and end users as the results of several years' intense product development are unveiled to grounds and turf maintenance professionals throughout the UK. Although details of the most exciting new Kubota machines are not being revealed until the event, the company has announced that improved manufacturing technology and efficiency will be in evidence in Europe. North America and Japan will result in higher quality products at prices which, in a number of cases, will be competitive with the competition and the machines which they will supersede. The first of Kubota's new products for 1999 will be revealed on stand number A15/A14 at BTME. Visitors should look out for new oaks on the 3hp to 49hp LS range. The new LS103 series is the perfect choice for a wide variety of commercial walk-behind rotary mowers and brushcutters.

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Sovergn have been producing high quality turf since the Woodgatefors establishment. Well known for its sports and amenity use since 1988. Founder members of the Turfgrass Growers Association, in 1996 we became the first grower to offer TGA Approved Quality Turf. In a unique move, seed of the same high purity as that used for turf production is now available to the consumer. Packaged in 1kg boxes or 15kg bags, the mixtures have been specially blended to match our Royal and Elite turf. A new corporate video showing the production processes involved in growing Sovereign turf can be viewed at BTME on our stand C14 along with our complete range of top quality turf and grass seed.

Hytier Limited

Hytier will be showing a selection of fine grasses available for all golf courses and local authority applications at BTME in January. Our popular triple cylinder mowers are suitable for all courses and are complimented by the R34 Rotary model. All these machines feature the "easy latch system" enabling the operator to gain quick access to all the parts of the machine for servicing, thus minimising "downtime". The popular gang mowers, TH829 and TM379 have recently gone through a major re-design programme and now, apart from the modern look, now feature considerable growth, including an optional electro hydraulic lift control kit.

John Greasley Ltd

Stand - C20. Contact - Mrs G. Hains, 1154 Melton Road, Syton, Leic. Tel: 01530 769667. Fax: 01530 769666. During 1998 the company has completed the construction of the final five holes on the "Woodgatefors" course at Woodgatefors Club, Cambridge. The reconstruction of nine greens at St Ives Golf (Hunts) C.G, with a further five greens at Crevebrevin, Ibstock and the Wimble and three more at Chestfield in Kent. All 18 greens at the Leicester G.C have now been completed, the final nine being reconstructed this autumn. A new six hole Academy was built at St Edward's School. Oxford and works have started on the extension of three new holes at Northfields Golf Club, C.F. G, Fleet, Hampshire. The new greens for the Open Championship at Royal Birkdale receive favourable comments and the company is very proud to have been the contractor responsible for carrying out this work.

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Stand - A5 Contact - Mike Young, Highgrove, Barnsley, South Yorkshire, S75 1FR. Tel: 01427 262168. Fax: 01427 262186 Ocroms are experts in house design capabilities ensuring that the requirement of each client are individually met and last year were awarded BTJIA Contractor of the Year and Rain Bird International Contractor of the Year. For more information or a obligation survey and design contact Ocrom Irrigation (UK) Ltd. Tel: 01902 746922. Fax: 01902 741925. Tel: 01798 414604, Northern Office: 01798 453102: Scotland Office: 0131 220 2102.

Barenbrug UK Limited

Barenbrug UK, Stand No. A20, will welcome all visitors to their stand whilst from championship course of the municipal (9 holes). We believe that turf is an active and dynamic mixture which can help everyone achieve the best possible playing surfaces whether it be for a parkland or links course. This year we will see a more international flavour on the stand with Lex van der Weerd, Barenbrug's International Agronomist who works not only throughout Europe but also the Middle and Far East as well. He will be on hand to give advice with the range of turf mixes and grasses which are available to golf courses in different countries. We hope you can make the time to visit us. For more information contact Alan Looers.

Rhoe-Poulsen

Visit Rhoe-Poulsen Amenity to discuss their extensive range of sportsturf products and to hear about the latest developments and additions to the range. Featured on the stand will be MILDETHANE TURF LIQUID with its new label recommendation for the supplying of casting works. Close complete range of selective turf herbicides and of course the loading fungicide, ROVALD GREN. Also available will be Biofill. On display all the latest specification of the versatile, soro-term Profi Hopper ride-on 1.2m wide flail mower/collector, plus representative models from the veil proven 1.2m to 2.1m wide Groundkeeper range of trailed or linkage mounted mower collectors. Both the well proven GD55 topdresser and a Mule-mounted GS10 unit will be shown, as will models from the new SLS/S2L actor/senator line. Launched earlier this year and an example of the various combination units available.

Troxen

Troxen Turf Care and Specialty Brands product names include - we will not be selling a green reinforcement paver system like Farmura have been successfully promoting but we do have the Grass Reinforcement Paver System and Conditioners, Flo Gro Super Concentrate and Specialty Products. We were told that there was no market for our products and that they wouldn't sell. We are still selling all of the above with great success; the difference now, is that the customers are being sold, by those that said they wouldn't sell.

If you want to find out what is really new in the amenity market visit stand B20-22 to see the company that has put TECHNOLOGY INTO AMENITY.

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Wiedemann
New Additions to Terra Spike range of Depp Aerators. Wiedemann is currently completing tests on two new Terra Spike models which will be available to the market following the BTME show. The new Terra Spike called Greens Machines are lighter and easier to use than the existing models and will be additional to the existing range. Two working widths will be offered 1.35m and 1.6m. A unique feature of the new range is the ability to set the depth of the tines at any time during the operation of the machine.

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The Greenkeepers Training Committee (GTC) are continually reviewing the approved status of colleges offering greenkeeper training courses. This guide shows colleges offering courses to craft, supervisory and management levels, but it must be stated that until the GTC review is completed only the green coded colleges are approved to train greenkeepers beyond craft level. The introduction of vocational qualifications into industries, has caused the colleges to re-think their training policies, and the GTC will be issuing guidelines for the golf greenkeeping industry as to which colleges employers and their staff should be supporting. Anyone with a query regarding greenkeeper training should contact the Greenkeeper Training Committee at Alcwork Manor, Alcwork, Alne, York Y061 1UF, Tel: 01347 638640.

**NORTH**

ASKHAM BRYAN COLLEGE Askham Bryan, York YO23 3FR. Contact: The Registry Tel: 01904 772211, National Certificate in Horticulture, National Diploma in Horticulture (Turf Option), Higher National Diploma in Horticulture (Golf Management Option) all available full or part time. Block release courses: NVQ Level 2 Greenkeeping, NVQ Level 3 Greenkeeping and Sportsturf Maintenance, NVQ Level 4 Amenity Horticulture. Short courses: FEPA spraying, chainsaw and brushcutter courses.

REASEHEATH COLLEGE Nantwich, Cheshire CW5 6DF. Tel: 01270 625131 Fax: 01270 625665. E-mail: reaheath@reasheath.ac.uk Website: www.reasheath.ac.uk Full time: BTEC First Diploma Horticulture (Sportsturf Option) - 1 year. BTEC National Diploma Horticulture (Sportsturf Option) - 2 years. BTEC Higher National Diploma Golf Course Management - 3 years. Part time: FEPA Golf Course Management - Day Release. NVQ Level 2 Greenkeeping - Day Block Release. NVQ Level 3 Greenkeeping - Day/Block Release. C&G Phase IV Greenkeeping - Block Release. IoG National Intermediate Diplomas in Turf Culture - Day Release. IoG National Diploma - Day Release. Short Courses: FEPA Chemical Safety; Safe Lifting; Chainsaws; Off-Road Vehicle Driving; First Aid. NVQ Level 4.


MYERSCOUGH COLLEGE Bilsborrow, PRESTON, Lancashire PR5 0RN. Contact: Course Enquiries Tel: 01995 640740 Fax: 01995 640842 Email mailbox@myerscough.ac.uk WWW http://www.myerscough.ac.uk Full time courses: BSc (Hons) Turfgrass Science - 4 years; HND Turf Science and Golf Course Management - 3 years; ND Turf Science and Sportsground Management - 3 years; National Certificate Groundsmanship and Greenkeeping - 1 year. Part time courses: NVQ Level 2 and 3 Greenkeeping and Sportsturf Maintenance (plus Fast track option), Higher National Diploma Turf Management and Golf Course Management; Certificate and Diploma in Turf Irrigation: FEPA short courses.

**MIDLANDS**

BRACKENHURST COLLEGE Southwell, Nottinghamshire NG25 0QF. Contact Student Administration Tel: 01636 817999. BTEC First Diploma C&G National Certificate, BTEC National Diploma, RHS Diploma. BTEC HND in Landscape Design and BSc (Honours) in Urban and Rural Open Space Management both in conjunction with The Nottingham Trent University. Part-time courses include GTC & RHS day release, evening and short courses.

RODBASTON COLLEGE Rockbaston, Penbridge, Stafford ST19 5PH. Contact Nigel Foskett. Tel: 01785 712290. Courses offered: NVQ Level 1, 2, 3 and 4 by Day Release. FEPA and chainsaw training.

WARRICKSHIRE COLLEGE, Moreton Morrell, Warwick CV35 9BL. Contact Brian Cook. Tel: 01926 318268. Greenkeeping courses - NVQ levels 2 and 3 (day release), NVQ levels 2 and 3 understanding knowledge only (block release), NVQ level 4 (block release), IoG National Intermediate Diploma (evening class), 2-year ND in Horticulture with turf culture option. We also offer short courses in FEPA, Chainsaws, First Aid etc to cater for individual and company training needs: Call us to discuss your requirements.

THE COLLEGE OF WEST ANGLIA offers a range of programmes for Greenkeepers including NVQ Levels I, II, and III. If you require further information please do not hesitate to contact our Milton Campus on 01223 860701 or Student Support at King's Lynn on 01553 761144 Ext 271.

**SOUTH EAST**


NESCOT North East Surrey College of Technology, Reigate Gate Road, Ewell, Epsom, Surrey KT17 3DS. Contact Dr S Shaw. Tel: 01371 394 3220/3049. NVQ Levels I, II and III in Amenity Horticulture (Greenkeeping options) Training and assessment for the Greenkeepers Training Manual. Part time. Day Release. Duration: Two years to Level II. FEPA Spraying Courses.

PLUMPTON COLLEGE, Lewes, East Sussex, BN7 3AE. Contact: David Blackman Tel No: 01273 890404. Full time courses: National Diploma in Amenity Horticulture (options in Landscaping and Sportsturf), National Certificate in Amenity Horticulture, First Diploma in Horticulture. Part-time courses: NVQ Level I, Level 2 Amenity Horticulture in Decorative, Nursery, Hard Landscape and Sportsturf. Level 3 Amenity in Decorative and Sportsturf, Level 4 Amenity. Also available are RHS General and Diploma and IoG National Technical and National Diploma (Int). Short courses are also available for FEPA spraying and chainsaw courses.

Please note that all the college details published in this guide were supplied by the colleges themselves. Greenkeeper International takes no responsibility for accuracy of information provided. Contact the college directly for prospectuses and comprehensive information.
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