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I just can’t believe that this is my last column. The past year has gone incredibly quickly that it seems like only yesterday that Elliot Small helped me into the Red Blazer at the AGM, during BTME 2001.

One of the reasons it has gone quickly is that I’ve packed so much into the last 12 months and this last month has been no exception.

I visited Dublin for the GC313 Exhibition when I met Joe Bedford and Terence O’Shea and we attended to some good old Irish hospitality. The Irish qualified for the World Cup while we were there so everyone was in particularly good cheer.

From there I was off to Gleneagles and it was there I got to see the Red Blazer at the AGM. I also chaired one of the sessions. It was my first visit to Gleneagles and it was a real privilege to be there even for such a short time. The scenery is breathtaking although I didn’t get a chance to see the golf courses.

The whole event was superbly organised by Jimmy Kidd and his team, and he was right when he said that there were some legends on the platform during the three days.

The session I chaired included Paul R. Latshaw, a retired superintendent, who is now a consultant; Bill Byrnes, a respected advisor and George Shiels, who we all know. Elliot also chaired a session and like me enjoyed a delightful couple of days. I really had an education-filled month as from Gleneagles I headed to Carnamag, College for the South West and South Wales Seminar. Among the speakers were Jim McKenzie, who stepped in at the last minute, who talked about Celtic Manor’s evolution and future plans including the Ryder Cup in 2010; Steven Bernhard, Managing Director of Bernhard and Co, and Richard Whyman, who gave his first Power Point presentation and did it extremely well, on the Bernhard’s Scholarship to Vancouver last year. There was also a question time with the speakers plus, Gordon Child, Neil Thomas and myself.

From there it was to Mill Hill GC - an interesting place to find - and the well attended South East Seminar which was run by Tony Dunstan, Secretary of the London Section. The theme was Information Technology and looked at Microsoft Programmes, Satellite Mapping, and Off-Course Software. The day went very smoothly which is always a good sign.

After that it was down to Broadstone GC - I told you it was a busy month - for the presentation of the BIGGA Environment Competition prizes. I went on the course walk after lunch and was extremely impressed by the work of Adrian Archer and his team, particularly on heather renovation and tree clearance.

I’d like to thank the R&A for their support of this prestigious event and the STRI, through Bob Taylor and Lee Penrose, and Dr Keith Duff, of English Nature, for their expert judging.

As I write I’m just about to leave for Longhirst Hall, Morpeth and another seminar.

One event I was unable to attend last month was the FECCA Conference in France and Vice Chairman, Richard Barker, went in my place. Among the issues discussed were pesticide usage, particularly on heather renovation and tree clearance.

At the conference I had the opportunity to say a few words to the Board of Management for being so supportive over the same period. Finally to my family and particularly Sue, who has kept me supplied with white shirts, and catered for my many quick turnarounds. She, like me, is looking forward to getting back to a more normal existence.

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