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David Spurden (Ganton), Donald Roberts (retired), Adrian Robertshaw (Ilkley), Colin Garnett (Garforth), and Bill Mountain.

P.S. More news of staff changes. Chairman Philip Sutton moves from West Bradford to take Baldon Golf Club and Robert Gee has been promoted to assistant course manager at Cleckheaton Golf Club.

BOB LUPTON

SOUTH COAST SECTION

DESPITE police warnings not to venture out unless your journey was absolutely necessary, a hardy band of stalwarts attended our February meeting. This took place during the second winter storm to hit the South and made road driving conditions particularly hazardous.

However, those who made the journey had the pleasure of listening to Bob Young from Sparsholt College Hampshire. Bob gave a paper on “Principles of Nutrition as applied to Turf”. This gave an up-to-date outline on the thinking and understanding of topical nutritional policies and ended with a question and answer session. Bob also covered the range of Courses on offer at Sparsholt College Hampshire for Greenkeepers and will be happy to supply a written report of his paper to any interested members.

My thanks to Bob for turning this space.

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Derek Edwards went on to emphasize the importance of talking to properly qualified and experienced turf growers when selecting turf for golf green or tee development. “Surprisingly there are very few turf growers in this country with sufficient experience or the necessary qualifications to advise greenkeepers on how to cultivate and manage turf grass properly. Often they pretend to know sooner than admit to their own inexperience and provide the wrong information, which could potentially be very damaging to the whole of our industry.”

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Keith is actively involved with the growing of the turf using his many years of experience to continuously monitor the turf during all of the growing stages, constantly trying to improve the product.

Since its inception the business has grown considerably and the workforce has already doubled, they are already supplying turf to Golf Clubs, Local Authorities and many Landscape Gardeners.

They are even supplying an increasing amount of quality turf to other well known turf suppliers. The company is gaining a considerable reputation for its fast efficient delivery service.

Whilst Keith is involved with the task of growing the turf with his efficient work force, Linda is dealing with the every day running of the business in the office. One of them is always available to deal with any queries from existing or prospective customers.

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