

# News



from the Sections

## SOUTHERN

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### Lecture

OUR LECTURE ON WEDNESDAY, 13th November, given by Mr William Finch, International Products, was a very great success. We were pleased to see a good attendance to welcome him. Time went so quickly with all the questions asked and answered that we shall look forward to a return visit later

### January Lecture

Our January lecture will be given by Mr. Philip Marshall, by kind permission of Messrs. Ransomes, Sims, and Jefferies, who write to say he will give a talk on their latest machines, followed by a film show. This should be very interesting and we look forward to another bumper attendance. The date is Wednesday, 8th January, 1964, time 6-30 p.m., and as usual at the Talbot Restaurant, London Wall, Moorgate, E.C.

### New Member

We welcome to the Section, A. Ireland, of Sevenoaks, Kent.

## WELSH

By S. A. Tucker

*Chairman.*  
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### John O'Gorman

I AM HOPING THAT BY THE TIME you read these notes, John O'Gorman will be

out of hospital. He has had an operation on his lung and I am sure you will all join me in wishing him a speedy recovery

### New Year Greetings

May you all have a very Happy and Prosperous New Year in your work and play

## SHEFFIELD

By J. J. Dearlove,

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### Entertainment

MR. GLYN VAUGHAN OF RANSOMES, Sims, and Jefferies and Mr J F Crofts of Fearnco Ltd., entertained our members at the Brunswick Hotel, Sheffield, on 27th November

Heavy rain in the late afternoon reduced our numbers but it was good to see a few Golf Club officials present and we hope to see more of them attend our lectures.

Three excellent films were screened, one of which I believe won an industrial film award. This speaks highly of the quality of entertainment. We thank Messrs. Ransomes and Fearnco Ltd., for the wide variety of food and liquid refreshment provided for us.

When giving his vote of thanks, our President, Mr Shardlow hinted that it would be interesting to visit Ransomes Works at Ipswich.

Mr Vaughan immediately extended an invitation to our section and suggested a summer visit would be more suitable owing to the long journey. If anyone is interested in such a trip and will let me know in the next week or so, we can probably decide on arrangements at the A.G.M.

## NORTHERN

By J. Parker

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### November Lecture

OWING TO INDISPOSITION I WAS unable to attend the lecture held in the White Swan, Leeds, on Tuesday, 12th November, and I am indebted to our President, Mr W Mountain, for the following report.

The first lecture of the winter session was given by Mr J R. Escritt, M.Sc., whose subject was "Around the World with Grass"

There was an excellent attendance of 55 members, one of the largest numbers we have ever had.

Listening to Mr Escritt's lecture, or private talk as he put it, was most fascinating and held every member's undivided attention throughout the whole lecture. In his three weeks' tour of the U.S.A. he talked about "25

hours per day", but we gained the impression of more like three months travelling from one side of the U.S.A. to the other, and in their trying to convince their method of grass culture being better than the English way, we imagine they would have a hard task when we know Mr Escritt's capabilities and experience at the Research Station.

During question time various members put their queries forward and Mr Escritt replied in his usual capable manner

The vote of thanks was given by the Chairman, Mr S. Bailes, and this was seconded by Mr G. Geddes.

### January and February Meetings

In January we hope to have an "Any Questions" session and on Tuesday, 18th February, Mr I Forbes, of Messrs. Stewart & Co. Edinburgh, will give a talk on "Weeds and Weedkilling" Details of venues and times will be circularised in due course.

### New Member

We welcome to the section Mr I. Peak, of Hessele Golf Club.

### Mr. K. Chamberlain

Keith Chamberlain, of Northcliffe Golf Club, and one of our younger committee members has been appointed Head Greenkeeper to Ferndown Golf Club, Bournemouth, and takes up his new position in the New Year I am sure we all wish him good luck in his new venture.

### Grand National Sweep

Once again I have to remind you that you will shortly be receiving books of tickets for our Grand National Sweep. It is hoped that all members will do their utmost to make it a success and so help the funds of our Benevolent Account.

## NORTH-EAST

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A LECTURE WAS HELD IN THE clubhouse of Ravensworth Golf Club by kind permission of their Committee on Thursday, 12th December Forty members turned up to hear a most interesting talk by Mr Ian Forbes, of Stewarts of Edinburgh.

The subject, "Weeds and Weedkillers", and results shown with slides and screen kept the members keenly on the alert and following the talk the speaker ably dealt with questions put to him. It was very encouraging to see many new and young members present.

A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr J Simpson, Chairman, to Mr Forbes, heartily endorsed by all present, and also to the Committee of the Ravensworth Golf Club for the use of the clubhouse and for kindly providing sandwiches, etc., which all enjoyed.

### New Members

We welcome to the Section the following new members Kenneth Hoey, Reuben Wright, Michael David Runnacles, Douglas Neil Docherty, William Bleazard.

## NORTH-WEST

By V Crabtree

Chairman:  
T. BRENNAN  
(Wilmslow G.C.)

Hon. Secretary.  
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Whitworth, Nr. Rochdale

HAVING GOT OVER CHRISTMAS IF you are English and New Year if you are Scottish, here is a Happy New Year from me to you. Let us once again unite and be British, be an Association, meaning "a Society of persons joined to promote some object" Surely our object is more fully to understand our job and even coerce Mother Nature into yielding more abundantly the grass we desire, the turf of which we are so proud, to join together educationally and socially for the pleasure and mutual benefit of each other

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Many New Year resolutions will have been made, many will by this time have been broken. May I borrow the Salvation Army theme song and apply it to our Association "Come and Join Us", the strength and usefulness of it lies in its unity, its unity depends entirely on you. This game of golf is being played more and more, meaning more and more traffic over our courses, bringing more and more problems in its wake. Perhaps some speaker at a lecture can help, or some fellow-member suggest something you did not know, or perhaps—put the boot on the other foot—you can help one of us with some problem. I will risk being accused of reiteration and say once again, "Come and Join Us"

#### Lectures

SINCE MY LAST NOTES WE HAVE had a lecture by Mr H. J Lidgate, B.Sc., Chemist to the Sports Turf Research Institute at Bingley, his subject, "Fertilisers", being enjoyed by about 20 members. Thanks to Mr Lidgate were expressed by the Vice-Chairman, Mr D. Pate.

On 9th December, Mr H. Ratcliffe, of Messrs. Rigby Taylor Ltd., gave a lecture on "Fertilisers and other Top Dressings" In his own inimitable style he expounded his facts and theories and answered many questions. Thanks to Mr Ratcliffe for a very enjoyable evening were expressed by the Chairman, Mr T Brennan.

#### January Lecture

28th January, 1964 (Tuesday) Mr William Finch, N.D.H., of International Toxin Products Ltd., Subject: "Simple Science of Turf Culture"

#### February Lecture

17th February, 1964 (Monday) Mr D. B. Hargreaves, Managing Director of Wm. Hargreaves & Co. Ltd. Sisis.

#### March Lecture

9th March, 1964, Mr J. D. Joss, D.H. of S.T.R.I. Subject "Turf Topics, What do you know?"

All lectures will be held in the Garrick Hotel, Fountain Street, Manchester, at 7.15 p.m. The Garrick Hotel is situated just behind Lewis's Store, Piccadilly

#### New Member

We welcome to the Section, Mr E. T. Clarke, and hope his membership will be a long and enjoyable one.

#### IN MEMORIAM

We have learned with sorrow of the death at the age of 92 of Mrs. Bridges, wife of Tom Bridges, one of the senior members of our Association. Mrs. Bridges had many friends amongst older greenkeepers and will be sadly missed. We all send our deepest sympathy to the Bridges family.



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#### New Year Greetings

WITH ALL BEST WISHES TO OUR members throughout the New Year

**A. HUISH**

*(East Section Secretary).*