

interesting talk. We were treated to a good account of how various types of soil were originally created and their contents, also about the supplements often required to ensure a constant supply of plant food. Question time was again very popular and to the point, and I think everyone was satisfied that the answers were very clearly and honestly explained.

Mr Shardlow thanked Mr Wager for the interesting talk and Mr Aldous for assisting.

Secretary's Farewell

As these will be my last notes as secretary of this section I would like to take this final opportunity to say a big Thank You to all members of this section for their marvellous support over the last three years; also for entrusting me with this office. I am leaving on the 9th January to take a post with the Wilderness Club, Sevenoaks, Kent, and hoping that I will be able to continue my interest in the association.

I would also like to ask you to continue your support of the section, and encourage others to do so; this is the best way to show appreciation to your secretary, and encourages him to arrange interesting evenings for your benefit. It has been a pleasure to share your company and most rewarding to be a member of your section and I will look forward to news of future activities from Sheffield.

Mr Ron Whitehead is taking over until the A.G.M. in April and any correspondence should be addressed to him at 1 Southmoor Avenue, Armthorpe, Doncaster.

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Annual Dinner

OUR ANNUAL DINNER AND SOCIAL Evening will be held at Shepherds Panorama Restaurant, Gateshead, on Friday, 27th January, at 7 p.m. for 7.30 p.m. We hope that you will do your best to attend and wives and friends are invited. The tickets are 19s. and obtainable from me.

Subscriptions

There are still quite a number of subscriptions outstanding and I should be pleased if members would let me have them as soon as possible, or notify me if they no longer wish to belong.

New Members

We welcome to the Section the following new members: A. Phillips, 1 Bell Meadow, Brandon, Durham; J. P. Dickson, 9 Marine Road, Alnmouth, Northumberland; D. Barker, Caravan, Lime Villas, Beamish, Stanley, County Durham.

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MAY I WISH ALL GREENKEEPERS A Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Subscriptions

There are still a few members who have overlooked their annual subscription. Mr Cashmore, Hon. Treasurer, is looking forward to hearing from these members so that he can bring his books up to date.

Sixtieth Anniversary

The Sixtieth Anniversary of the Warwickshire Union of Golf Clubs was recently celebrated by a Grand Dinner. Among the many distinguished guests were Mr Frank Cashmore, Association Chairman, and Mr George Hart, Midland Section Chairman. A great tribute to two great stalwarts who, between them, have given many years valuable service to greenkeeping and the game of Golf.

I am sure all greenkeepers will join me in congratulating Frank and George on being invited to this memorable and, I am sure, most enjoyable occasion.

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Lectures

OUR LAST LECTURE WAS GIVEN BY Mr E. Kitson, Sales Manager of S.A.I. Horticulture Ltd., for which we once again had a very good attendance. The subject covered by Mr Kitson was "Fertilisers for Fine Turf" and a very interesting and instructive talk it was, as I think all members present agreed. Our Lecture for 6th February will be given by our friend Mr Hewitt of Atco Service Branch, Longton, so once again I ask for your very good support on this occasion at the usual venue. The Garrick Hotel, Fountain Street, M/C, 7.30 p.m.

Greetings

Once again I hope all members had a Happy Christmas and New Year.