

at Abbeydale Golf Club, be invited to be President. This was unanimously agreed. Mr Arnold, being present, accepted the position and promised his full support.

#### Lecture

The lecture on 19th November 1970 was by Mr W. N. S. Bissett of S.T.R.I., who took for his subject "Aeration," and this was well received by the 38 members present.

The lecture on 21st January 1971 is by Mr D. N. H. Hicken of David Miln (Seedsmen) Ltd., and the subject will be "Top Dressing."

#### New Member

We welcome to the section S. Hobson of Abbeydale Golf Club and hope he will benefit from membership of the Association.

## MIDLAND

*Chairman:*  
G. HART  
(Gay Hill)

**By R. Goodwin**  
*Hon. Secretary:*  
4 Burton Old Road,  
Streethay, Lichfield,  
Staffs.

#### Prince Philip Award to Mr Bretherton

Mr Bretherton was recently presented with a special certificate by the Duke of Edinburgh at Buckingham Palace.

Mr Bretherton received the President's Certificate, which is awarded for special contributions to the work and aims of the National Playing Fields Association.

Mr Bretherton's contribution has been made through the Warwickshire Playing Fields Association, in whose work he has taken an active part since the war.

Mr Bretherton has done much work for the provision of children's playgrounds and was Chairman of the County Playing Fields Association's Executive Committee from 1958 to 1967.

I am sure all greenkeepers will wish to join me in congratulating our President on this very fine award.

## NORTH-WEST

*Chairman:*  
T. BRENNAN  
(Royal Birkdale)

**By H. M. Walsh**  
*Hon. Secretary:*  
Horrobin Cottage,  
Old Links Golf Club,  
Montserrat, Bolton, Lancs.

#### Season's Greetings

May I wish all members of the North-West Section my sincere best wishes for the Christmas season and a very happy New Year. On behalf of the North-West Section I would like to send the season's greetings to our President, Mr Bretherton; the Editor, Mr Hawtree; our Secretary, Mr Dix; to greenkeepers and their families everywhere, and may the Association prosper.

#### Lecture

Our thanks to Mr Wyatt of H. Pattissons & Co. for the very interesting talk and for showing us their new range of equipment, also for the refreshments provided.

The January talk will be given by a representative of Chipman Chemicals Ltd., and the February talk will be given by Mr Cogan of Flymo Ltd. on 8th February. I ask for your continued attendance, gentlemen.

#### Spring Tournament

I have pleasure in informing members that due to the kindness of the Captain and Council of the Romily Golf Club, we will be holding our Spring Meeting on the said club's course on Tuesday, 11th May 1971. Further details nearer the date.

## EAST MIDLAND

**By S. Fretter**  
*Hon. Secretary:*

4 Queens Drive,  
Leicester Forest East,  
Leicester.

*Chairman:*  
J. CARRICK

#### Film Show

A film show was held at Birstall Golf Club on Wednesday, 18th November 1970. The film show was given by Leicester Horticultural Engineering Ltd. and Ransome Sims & Jefferies. The attendance was very good. It was a very interesting evening and enjoyed by everyone there. Our thanks to Mr G. Lee, Mr R. Bailey and Mr Sharp of Leicester Horticultural and to Mr K. Buckledee and Mr Ramsey of Ransomes. It was a film show that could be recommended for any section of the greenkeepers. Once again many thanks to all concerned.

#### New Members

We would like to welcome to this Section the following greenkeepers: G. D. Wilford, Esq., 34 Carter Avenue, Broughton, near Kettering (Kettering Golf Club); L. Bowley, Warwick Avenue, Quorn, Leics. (Charnwood Golf Club).

N.B. The dinner dance will be held on Saturday, 13th February 1971, and not the 16th, as published in the January Journal. We apologise for the error.

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