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from the Sections

Special occasions

Jan. 23 South Coast Section Lecture

Feb. 1 Sheffield Section Lecture

- 7 Southern Section Lecture
- 12 North West Section Lecture
- 21 Midland Section Lecture

Mar. 7 Southern Section Lecture

- 23 Southern Section Annual Dinner
- 30 Midland Section Annual Dinner

SHEFFIELD SECTION

Chairman: G. HERRINGTON (Lindrick) By H. Gillespie Hon, Secretary/Treasurer: 63 Langsett Avenue, Sheffield S6 4AA

Retirement

We all wish a long and happy retirement to Harold Tanfield, Head Greenkeeper at Renishaw Park Golf Club, who retired at Christmas.

Harold started his greenkeeping career at Lees Hall Golf Club and joined Renishaw Park after the war and so completed 26 years on retiring. He joined the committee of this section in 1947 and has been no mean performer in competitive golf, playing off a single figure handicap for many years.

Good luck and best wishes to you Harold!

Lecture

The lecture on 1st February, 1973, will be given by Mr. J. B. Ball of Vitaseamin Ltd and the subject 'Calcified Seaweed'. With the increasing use of soil conditioners, this should

be a very interesting lecture; the venue as usual is Abbeydale Golf Club, 2 pm.

The March lecture at Abbeydale, on the 1st, is on 'Course Architecture' by Mr F. W. Hawtree, this should provide a full house.

5th April will bring a visit from our old friend Mr. Glyn Vaughan of Ransomes with a demonstration of their 'Course Management Equipment'.

A Happy New Year to everyone.

NORTHERN

Chairman: J. Scott Wetherby Golf Club By Walter Heeles Hon. Sec. 7 Tentergate Close, Knaresborough, Yorks HG5 9BJ

October

The first of the Winter Lectures took place at the Horsforth Golf Club on Thursday, 26th October, 1972. The subject of the Lecture was 'Turf Diseases', which was put over very aptly by Mr. A. R. Woolhouse of the Sport Turf Research Institute.

November

What could be described as one of the highlights of the Northern Section Calendar for 1972/73, took the form of a visit to the Nacton Works of Ransomes Simms & Jefferies, Ipswich. In spite of the general lack of support for the occasion, 28 Members mustered for the visit.

Following the arrival at our overnight stop at Felixstowe, a dinner was provided by our hosts and, later, to make the evening pleasant, a plentiful supply of liquid refreshments, etc., was provided once again by courtesy of our hosts, Ransomes. The next day our party travelled to Ipswich to witness the behind the scenes story of the birth of an Auto-Certe's, or a 5–7 Gang Mowing unit, not forgetting the many other kinds of machines manufactured at Ransomes.

Lunch was as a parting gesture, once again furnished by our hosts, after which our Chairman, John Scott, thanked Mr. Wilson, representing the firm, for his close attention and for his firm's generosity.

Our thanks are also due to our President, Mr. W. Mountain (Bill), for his generosity towards the cost of the coach.

The second highlight of the Northern Section took place on Monday, 27th November in the form of a Buffet Dance which was held at the Knaresborough Town Hall. 108 members and friends took part and a most enjoyable evening was had by all. A general discussion was held at the Horsforth Golf