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Christian or given name. In some cases, a third name is added, when the plant is a variation of the species. This third name is the variety or varietal name, and can be likened to another Christian name, or nickname.

Putting all this into something we know, let's have a look at two lawn grasses, Chewings Fescue and Creeping Red Fescue. Their respective botanical names are *Festuca rubra commutata* and *Festuca rubra grina*. Leaving all the explanations of the meaning of the Latin names until later, it can be seen that both are in the *Festuca* class, both are in the *rubra* species, and it is only in the variety stage that they are different, thus showing that, for practical purposes, there is not a great deal of difference between the two grasses.

### What those Latin names mean

The Latin names of plants often refer to some part of the plant which makes it stand out. For instance, the Latin name for Foxglove is *Digitalis purpurea*, and it is helpful to realise that **digitalis** comes from the Latin "belonging to the fingers" thence the popular name, and **purpurea** means "purple"—the colour of the flowers. The three common Plantains are called *Plantago major*, *Plantago media* and *Plantago lanceolata*. This is descriptive of the size of their leaves, their respective common names being greater plantain or broadleaved plantain, hoary plantain and ribwort.

The botanical name may refer to something else of importance about the plant. *Odorata* means a sweet-smelling plant, like *Anthoxanthum odoratum*, a grass which gives off a fragrant smell when cut or crushed. *Repens* means a plant that creeps — for example, *Trifolium repens* (white clover).

The botanical name **officinalis** is often come across, and it simply infers that the plant was used in medicine. It comes from the word **officina**, the name given to the storeroom of a monastery where medicines were kept. Examples of this are *Taraxacum officinale*, the dandelion, which once

was used for the treatment of liver complaints, and *Cochlearia officinalis* (scurvy grass), which contains vitamin C and was once eaten by sailors to prevent scurvy.

Plants are sometimes called after the botanists who first discovered them, or reintroduced them to some country. *Gagea lutea*, the Yellow Star of Bethlehem, was named after Sir Thomas Gage, and Honeysuckle (*Lonicera periclymenum*) was named after Adam Lonicer, a botanist from Frankfurt.

Some are called **alba** because they are white, some **rubra** because they are red, some are **aquatilis** because they grow in water. Some are called **vulgaris** because they are common, and some **pratensis** because they grow in meadows.

All botanical names have a meaning but the most important thing about them is that they can be understood all over the world. Ragwort is a common plant often described as a weed of turf. It is also called in various places St James wort, staggerwort, stammerwort, stinking weed, stinking Willie, etc. A bit confusing, but it has only one botanical name, and that is *Senecio jacobaea*, a name by which it is known throughout the world. This of course is the real value of botanical names.

At first the use of botanical names may be strange to a lot of people, but it is only a matter of use. Once botanical names get widely used, the strangeness will vanish. Campanula, veronica and clematis are all botanical names in common use, as are geranium, dahlia, primula, pyrethrum and a host of others. What is so difficult then about botanical names?

Somebody is going to say "I know what is difficult about them, how to say them". I daresay a lot of people will agree that pronunciation is difficult, and I daresay that a lot of people will disagree about the way the words should be said. Shall the "c" be hard or soft? Shall the "c" in Cyclamen be pronounced as in Sickle or as in Comet? Personally, I do not think it really matters so very much. Let the syllable be sounded as it is written. Break up the word into bits, and say it in the most

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# THOSE WHO SERVE

Number 5 in the series of Profiles by Brigadier C. W. Morton, M.C.

## HENRY FRY

Henry Fry having served for 52 years, including war service, retired in 1962 at the age of 70. He began his greenkeeping at Swinley Forest Golf Club in 1910. When the First World War broke out in 1914, he joined the Royal West Surrey Regiment (Territorials). He served overseas in Mesopotamia in 1915. After the Armistice in 1918, he



was transferred to the Indian Army as a Sergeant Instructor in the 90th Punjab Regiment and finally returned to England in time for Christmas 1920. He at once joined Clyne Golf Club as Head Greenkeeper where he remained until 1945 when he transferred to Pennard Golf Club.

Four years later he was asked to return to Clyne Golf Club to put their course right. It had got into a terrible mess, he says, whilst he was away. He felt he could not refuse so he returned there as Head Greenkeeper in 1949 and stayed until his retirement. He was held in such esteem by both golf clubs that both made him an Honorary Member

of their club. His son Henry took over his job on his retirement.

Henry had a 4 handicap as a golfer. No mean feat. He is a Life Member of the B.G.G.A. He served on the Welsh Greenkeeping Committee for 42 years. He held the Farr and *Daily Mail* Trophy for four years, also the Welsh Greenkeepers Shield.

Congratulations, Mr Fry. You have had a most interesting life and one which you have every reason to be proud of. I am sure the B.G.G.A. is. The best of luck in your retirement.

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## CECIL JONES

Cecil Jones joined the greenkeeping staff of the Little Aston Golf Club in May 1918 at the age of 16. He remained there for 49 years until he retired in 1967. Since then he has been doing part-time work on the course.

He was first introduced to Little Aston Golf Club as a caddie in 1912 by his two brothers who had caddied there ever since its formation in 1908. They too joined the ground staff after they returned from service in the First World War in 1919. The Club Professional was then in charge of the ground staff. When he retired in 1950, Cecil's elder brother became the first Head Greenkeeper of the Club. He died in 1959 with 40 years' service to his credit and was succeeded by the second brother as Head Greenkeeper. He died in 1965 after 46 years' service.

Cecil has served his Club in almost every capacity, as caddie, greenkeeper, and assisting the professional in his shop. He started his golfing career with a handicap of 8 but he says he was never much good at Medal Competitions. He preferred four-balls. He joined the



B.G.G.A. in 1946. During the last two years he has written extensively on the game of golf, including a history of the Little Aston Golf Club; the History of Golf Greenkeeping; and also on the Wild Life on the Golf Course. He was made a Life Member of the B.G.G.A. in 1968. He recommends greenkeeping for anyone wanting a healthy outdoor life, especially on a course as beautiful as Little Aston. Cecil is now 67 and is still going strong. Long may he continue in his job. A great record of service for all three brothers.

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convenient way to you. No arbitrary rules of pronunciation can be laid down; after all, the Oxford Dictionary gives a choice of pronunciation for some words, even English ones, so some variation in the way that botanical names are pronounced can be expected.

With all that said, it may be a good idea to get down to actual names and to some idea of the meaning behind them. To go through the entire list of flowering plants would be a fantastic

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job, and, I think, beyond the needs of the majority of people who will read this article. If the weeds that are commonly found in turf and the grasses that are used or found on playing fields are discussed, this, I feel, would be all that need be done for the purposes of the readers of this journal . . .

(to be continued)

*With grateful acknowledgments to "The Groundsman".*



### INTERNATIONAL TURF SPECIALISTS VISIT LEVINGTON RESEARCH STATION

Following the First International Turfgrass Conference at Harrogate in July, some of the delegates have been touring British places of turf interest. This included a visit to the Levington Research Station of Fisons Limited, as part of a two-day tour of East Anglia organised by the Company.

After seeing St Andrews, Murrayfield and Muirfield Golf Courses, the party flew from Scotland to Stanstead to be met by their Fisons hosts and conducted via the Backs at Cambridge to the American War Cemetery at nearby Madingley before having lunch at a typical country inn.

Most of the 64 members of the party were Americans but there were also turf experts from Japan, Czechoslovakia, West Germany, the Netherlands, Sweden, New Zealand and Canada.

Chief guide on the tour, which took them on to Newmarket Racecourse and through some of the loveliest of the East Anglian countryside to Ipswich, was Mr R. L. Morris, chief horticulturist at Levington Research Station, himself a delegate and contributor at the Conference the previous week. At dinner in Ipswich, Fisons presented their guests with scrolls on which an ancient map of Suffolk was reproduced, as a memento of their visit to the county.

During their visit to Levington Research Station the following day, delegates were shown some of the turf research work which had been presented at the Conference including nutritional studies, broad-leaved weed control and an evaluation of experimental fungicides. Other aspects of horticultural research were included in the programme.

Before the party left for London and the final stage of their tour, they visited Ransomes, Sims and Jefferies Ltd. in Ipswich to see the manufacture of mowing equipment.

# News



from the Sections

## MIDLAND

By R. Goodwin

Chairman:  
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(Gay Hill)

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Lichfield, Staffs.

### President's Team Versus Midland Greenkeepers

A RECORD NUMBER OF GREENKEEPERS came along to this, the 17th Annual Match against the President's Team, at Handsworth Golf Club on 26th June.

Once again, our President had selected a very strong team and provided everyone with an excellent supper after the match.

The President told members present that, during the 17 years this match had been played, he had included in his team; one British Amateur Champion and two Runners Up; three English Amateur Champions and two Runners Up; and eight International Players.

The match was first played with 10 a side in 1952, and four of the Amateurs and three greenkeepers who played on that occasion were playing on Thursday evening.

The Captain of the Handsworth Club, Mr R. N. Smith, the Association Chairman, George Herrington, and the Section Chairman, George Hart, all expressed their gratitude and for those they represented for this most enjoyable event.

The Steward and Stewardess, Mr and Mrs Thistleton, once again put on a first-class meal, and Vic Smith and his ground staff had the course in the excellent condition we have for years taken for granted.

The result was once again a resounding win to the President's Team, but a most enjoyable evening had by all.

### President's Team

1.	R. Hiatt and P. Skerritt	1
2.	H. Roberts and R. P. Yates	1
3.	J. Mitchley and R. Kirby	1
4.	J. Urry and J. Whitworth	0
5.	A. Pullar and Dr Mitchell	0
6.	T. Hodgetts	0
7.	W. N. Dudley Evans and P. A. Hopkins	1
8.	R. N. Smith and T. A. Philips	1
9.	J. Richards and J. W. Jackson	0
10.	J. Baldwin and David Davies	1
11.	E. Ballinger and R. Ramsden	1
12.	W. Lawley and C. C. Moore	1
13.	B. Baxter and R. D. Parker	1
14.	G. Morris	0
15.	L. Hatton and R. W. Bailey	1
16.	L. G. Taylor and D. Taylore	1
17.	D. Mansell and A. Palser	1

### Greenkeepers

D. Brazier and W. Marnock	0	(2 and 1)
T. Jones and B. Lowe	0	(3 and 2)
R. Grealy and R. Smith	0	(2 up)
G. Woodward and R. Hughes	1	(2 and 1)
E. Benbow and Tony Cutler	1	(3 and 1)
W. Barton and J. Munro	1	(1 up)
V. Smith and Alan Cutler	0	(4 and 3)
A. Boraston and R. Goodwin	0	(4 and 2)
A. Stephens and H. Drewitt	1	(2 and 1)
G. Herrington and G. Hart	0	(2 up)
A. Hastilow and J. Bevan	0	(5 and 3)
D. Haynes and E. Lesson	0	(5 and 4)
A. Jamieson and A. Kite	0	(1 up)
D. Moore and T. Morris	1	(7 and 5)
W. Boyce and R. Mercer	0	(6 and 4)
L. Greenow and P. Guest	0	(2 up)
G. Bunting and G. Smith	0	(2 and 1)

### Autumn Tournament

The Autumn Tournament will be played at the Sutton Coldfield Golf Club on Wednesday, 24th September, by kind permission of the Captain and Committee.

Will members please let me have their entries by 10th September as I have to make arrangements for catering.

### Match v. Secretaries

The second Annual Match versus the Association of Golf Club Secretaries, Midland Section, will take place at the Little Aston Golf Club on Thursday, 9th October.

A team of 12 will be selected to play in the match, after the Autumn Tournament.

## NORTH-EAST

By D. Earsman

Chairman:  
J. SIMPSON  
(Ponteland G.C.)

Hon. Secretary:  
Chesterhill  
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Northumberland

OUR AUTUMN GOLF COMPETITION will be held on 25th September at the Morpeth Golf Club, by kind permission of their Captain and Committee. Play will start at 9.15 a.m.

It is many years since the North-East Section played at Morpeth. I hope you will all make it a date to be at Morpeth on Thursday, 25th September.

# NORTHERN

By J. Parker

Chairman:  
A. ROBERTSHAW

Hon. Secretary:  
8 Goit Stock Terr., Harden,  
Bingley, Yorks.

## Autumn Tournament

THE ANNUAL AUTUMN TOURNAMENT of the Section will be played over the course of the Huddersfield Golf Club, Fixby, on Wednesday, 17th September, by kind permission of the Club Committee.

## Sheffield Match

By courtesy of the Club Committee, the Annual Match versus Sheffield Section will take place on Thursday, 16th October, over the course of Halifax Golf Club, Ogdon.

## President's Trophy

This event took place on Tuesday, 1st July, at the Horsforth Golf Club, 50 members taking part. Prize winners were:—

Cup and 1st Prize: C. Ramsden. Other winners were C. Garnett, D. Ward and C. Geddes. The prizes were presented by the Captain of the Club. Our thanks are due to Mr Mountain for his most generous hospitality. Also to Ron, the Club Steward, for the most appetising and filling meal and all other members of the Club staff who helped to make such an enjoyable outing.

## Phillip Carter

Members will be pleased to know that one of our younger members, Phillip Carter, is making satisfactory progress after a shotgun accident on the course of the Leeds Golf Club, Cobble Hall. I know all members will join me in wishing Phillip a speedy recovery.

## Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Section was held in the Queen's Head, Bingley, on Wednesday, 18th June, 18 members attending. This, as usual, was a most disappointing attendance.

Once again the Treasurer was able to give a satisfactory report on the financial position of the Section. The following were elected as Officials for the year:—

President, W. Mountain; Chairman, A. Robertshaw; Vice-Chairman, J. Scott; Committee, Messrs D. Roberts, C. Garnett, A. Marshall, G. Bennisson, J. Mawson, M. Barrett, J. Doull, T. Kershaw.

Mr A. Robertshaw was elected as the Section's nomination for Vice-Chairman of the Association for the coming year.

## Alf Routledge

I am sure that all members will join me in wishing him a full recovery from his serious illness. His cheery and happy disposition has been missed at Section functions and Committee meetings.



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Swansea, Glamorgan.

## A.G.M.

OUR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING was held on 24th June at Royal Porthcawl Golf Club. It is run in conjunction with the Secretaries, who entertained us to supper.

It made a very pleasant evening; the weather was kind to us and we had a good game on a course which was in excellent condition, so there was no excuse for bad golf. Our competition was over 18 holes with the Annual General Meeting after lunch.

The Duncan Cup and watch given by Ransomes Sims & Jefferies was won by H. Fry, net 76; the 2nd prize was won by E. G. Thomson, net 77, one dozen golf balls given by Flymo Ltd.; 3rd prize A. Price, 78 net, Ronson lighter given by Pattisson & Co.; 4th prize A. Sarsby, 80 net, socks given by the professional; 19-24 handicap was won by A. E. Jeffries, 84 net, holdall given by J. C. Clay, Esq. First year competitor was won by Peter Hughes with a gross 90. My committee and members wish to thank the Trade, Golf Clubs, etc., for their help in making



our meeting so pleasant. Thanks to all concerned.

### Subscriptions

Please don't forget to send your subscriptions on as they are long overdue. Please send them to Mr Geddes, 23 Fenton Place, Porthcawl, Glam. Your subscriptions should be paid before you play in the competition.

### Visit to Carmarthen G.C.

Now lads please take notice of these notes; the bus for the competition at Carmarthen Golf Club will be leaving the Library, Whitchurch, Cardiff, on 24th September, at 8.00 a.m. *sharp*. Will all members who intend to make the trip make sure of letting me know not later than 25th August, Monday, so that I have time to arrange the picking up of everybody. The route will be—leave Library via Llantrisant Road to A.48 road at Bridgend bypass at Bridgend Roundabout, then straight on to Morrision. Please make sure of letting me know where, on this route, you can be picked up so that I can notify the driver.

## SOUTHERN

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(Thorpe Hall)

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Mill Hill, N.W.7  
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### Visit to ATCO's

A coach will be at Charing Cross Underground Station (Embankment Entrance) at 8.45 a.m. on Thursday 25th September to take members to the ATCO works in Birmingham. At the time of writing there are 15 vacant seats. Please note that the coach will leave promptly at 9 a.m.

### New members

A warm welcome to the following new members: G. Giddings (Reading), W. A. Cutts (Leatherhead), and C. L. Hucklesby (Hartsbourne).

### Handicap Error

The handicap for E. Sabin should read 22.

### NOTE

#### Apologies

Due to a printing error in last month's Southern Section notes we regret Mr J. Wallis Arthur was incorrectly referred to as Mr Arthur Wallis.



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# Mrs Greenkeeper's



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### Loganberry Wine

1 gallon of boiling water, 3½ lb. of granulated sugar, 3½ lb. of loganberries.

Wash the loganberries very well, put them in a large bowl, pour over them a gallon of boiling water, mash the berries with a wooden spoon and stir well. Cover the bowl and leave for 2 weeks. After the fortnight strain them into another bowl and add the 3½ lb. of sugar. Stir until the sugar has dissolved, cover the bowl and leave another 4 days, but stir twice a day.

It can now be bottled (after straining again). Cork very loosely at first. It should be ready in 8 months, but if you can keep it longer it will be much better.

### Loganberry Fool

Carmine, 2 oz. of sugar, 1 pint of

milk, 1 oz. of custard powder, 2 table-spoonfuls of golden syrup, and 1 lb. of loganberries.

Cook the loganberries very slowly in the golden syrup, keep stirring until soft and pulpy, put through a hair sieve, put them on one side until they are cold. Place the custard powder in a pan, add the milk and stir until boiling, add the 2 oz. of sugar. When the custard is cold stir in the loganberry puree. You can add 2 or 3 drops of carmine to give it a richer colour.

### Loganberry Seedless Jam

Sugar, 6 lb. of loganberries, 1 pint of water.

Cook the loganberries slowly, in the pint of water, until the fruit is very soft (about 40 minutes). Strain through a jelly bag, measure the dripped liquid, and to every pint add 1 lb. of sugar. Bring to the boil and boil rapidly for 20 minutes, keep testing to see if it has set. Pour into warm jars, when cold, cover.

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