

interesting seeing we all use motorised equipment these days.

Make a date! January 29th at 7.15 p.m., The Brunswick Hotel.

I have received a letter from F. Frost who left Sickleholme for Bermuda earlier in 1969. He thanks all Sheffield greenkeepers for the good wishes I sent him on your behalf and says he is settling down well to the different techniques required in the Bermuda climate. The Mid-Ocean Club, where he is employed, is a very busy club requiring a large staff — a super-intendent, two English greenkeepers, horticulturist, mechanic, driver, foreman and twelve Portuguese greenkeepers — quite a staff.

New Members

We welcome the following new members: S. Lawler, Tankersley Park Golf Club; A. Wadkin, Lees Hall Golf Club; and M. Woodliff, Hallamshire Golf Club.

A Happy New Year to you all.

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Lectures

Our thanks to Mr Fairhurst of T. Forster & Sons (Hort.) Ltd., for his very interesting talk on "Wild Life on Golf Courses",

and the very excellent slides used to depict same, both in summer and winter. Thank you, sir.

Our December talk was to have been given by Mr Ratcliffe of Rigby Taylor Limited but unfortunately he was taken ill and was unable to attend. He wrote to me asking me to make his apologies to the members present and also to have a drink with him for the coming festive season. The members then drank Mr Ratcliffe's health and hoped he would make a speedy recovery and become his old self once again.

The January talk will be given by Mr Unwin of Joseph Metcalf Ltd., and the subject will be "Planting and Cultivation of Trees on Golf Courses". This is a subject in which most greenkeepers are interested so let us have a really good attendance once again. Date January 19th, 7.30 p.m., and the venue Brunswick Hotel, Piccadilly, Manchester.

The February talk will be given by Mr Whyatt of H. Pattison & Co., the date 17th February, 7.30 p.m., venue Brunswick Hotel.

The March talk will be given by G. Vaughan of Ransomes Sims & Jeffries on 17th March.

New Member

We are pleased to welcome to the section the following new member and hope his association will be a long and happy one: L. Cook, Pleasington Golf Club, Pleasington, Blackburn, Lancs.

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December Lecture

A good gathering made the journey to the Stirling Castle to listen to a talk on "Organics" by Mr W. Finch, a subject in which he is second to none.

Very interestingly he talked about organic collides, trace elements and of course seaweed. Bill Finch is a great believer in seaweed, consequently his lectures are always worth listening to.

During a discussion which followed he offered a permanent solution for DRY SPOTS on golf greens, a treatment of Teepol followed by seaweed.

Good stuff this seaweed! Bill even takes a daily dose himself! He also told me later on at the bar that he considered his visit to the Southern Section as one of the highlights of the year.

February Lecture

On Wednesday, 4th February 1970, our speaker for the evening will be R. L. Morris, senior horticulturist (turf), from the Levington Research Station, Ipswich. His last visit to us was in 1967 and on that occasion he made a great impression on the members of the Southern Section.

New Members

A warm welcome from us all to A. J. Dennis of Broadstone and a sincere hope that he will be able to join in some of the section's activities in the coming year.

Subscriptions

Members who have not paid their subscriptions are reminded of Rule 7 (c). No person whose subscription is in arrears shall participate in any advantages or privileges of the association, vote on any question or compete for any prize.

Bereavement

Our thoughts go to Bert Dash whose wife died of heart trouble on Thursday, 4th December.

One of our oldest Association members and an ex-committee man, Bert also wrote to say he was pleased to say that she had passed away free from pain. On behalf of all his friends in the Southern Section I wrote back to him offering our sincere and deepest sympathy in his great loss.

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