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Further information from May & Baker, Regent House, Hubert Road, Brentwood, Essex CM14 4TZ (tel: 0277 230522) or Burts & Harvey, Crabtree Manorway, Belvedere, Kent DA17 6BQ (tel: 01-311 7100).



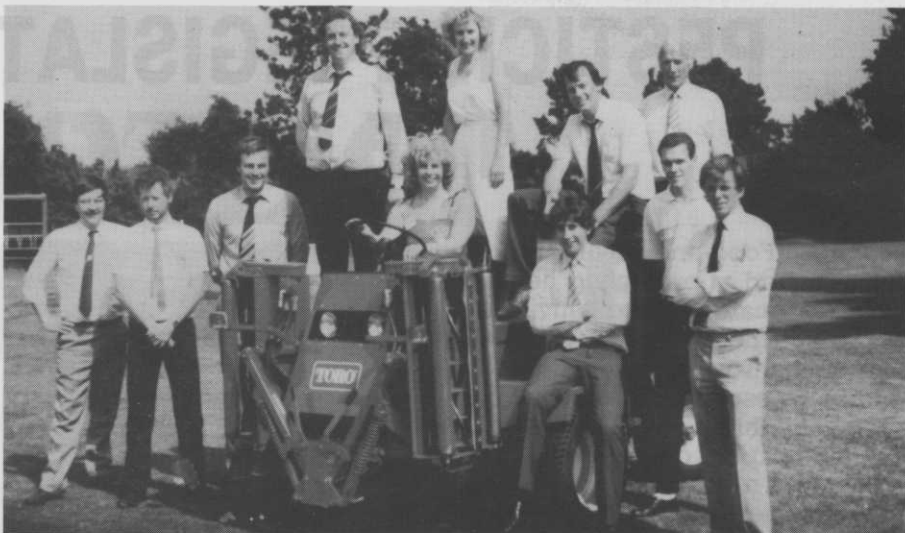
Mark Bowley.

Mark Bowley has joined Kings of Coggeshall, Colchester, Essex as general manager of the horticultural division. He takes over from George Freear, who has gone back to horticultural production. Mark, 29, has ten years selling experience in commercial horticulture, having previously worked for Fargro and then Fisons as technical sales rep.

Barrie Cheetham, 50, has joined Vitax as amenity manager for eastern England and Scotland. He retired recently from Fisons after 26 years service.

Contact him at 3 Barham Court, Melbourn, Royston, Hertfordshire SG8 6EW. Tel: 0763 60825.

Colin Murphy becomes amenity manager for the west and Ireland. He is based at 21 Maes-y-Sarn, Pentyrch, Cardiff, South Glamorgan. Tel: 0222 891893.



A.T. Oliver and TORO staged a joint open day recently, featuring TORO turf management products. Surrounding the 450D Reelmaster are Colin Graham, Graham Dale, Clive Soper, Lyn Jennings, Angela Chapman, Colin Jennings, Dick Peckett and, in

the foreground, Bill Misselbrook, Andy Morris and Antony Oliver. Details of TORO products can be obtained from Graham Dale, Lely (UK), Station Road, St Neots, Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire PE19 1QH. Tel: 0480 76971.

Dabro International of Prees, Shropshire has Bruce Cusworth as its new sales manager and heading up the sales/demonstration team is Andrew Smith, who was previously with the Burgess Group for eight years.



Bruce Cusworth.

Frank Driver of 1 Jupiter House, Calleva Park, Aldermaston, Reading, Berkshire, RG7 4QW (tel: 07356 77451) is offering a trade discount of 20 per cent on mini sprayer units.

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Huxleys will be staging a working display of equipment at Stratfield Saye House, near Basingstoke, Hampshire on Thursday May 21. The venue is the country home of the Duke and Duchess of Wellington.

Entry will be by personal invitation card only, obtainable in advance from Michael Bird, Huxleys Grass Machinery, The Dean, New Alresford, Hants SO24 9BL. Tel: 0962 73 3222.

The new all-weather playing surface at Great Yarmouth's Wellesley Road Sportsground was officially opened by Trevor Brooking, the former England and West Ham mid-fielder. The floodlit surface, sand-filled Nottsward on an envelope system, can be used for hockey, basketball, netball, tennis and football.

A Nottinghamshire system was used for the Temple Park pitch at South Tyneside and for a mini-park using Nottsward sand-filled grass for Liverpool council. And the biggest multi-purpose area yet to be built in Britain, providing two soccer pitches, is being installed for Southampton council.

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PESTICIDE LEGISLATION AND THE GOLF CLUB

THE 1985 Food and Environment Act is aimed at protecting health and safeguarding our environment, but there appears to be a loophole through which private golf clubs escape this legislation, or so they think!

After a paper I gave recently on health and safety, many greenkeepers told me that either their clubs have refused to listen or discuss their position, or, worse still, some head greenkeepers insist that these problems are nothing to do with their duties.

However, if our profession is to achieve its rightful place in the golf world, we must address ourselves to these problems. We can no longer accept the 'head in the sand' attitudes of the majority of golf clubs in this country today. The act's implications are, or should be, of concern to us all.

In a recent turf magazine, I read the totally misleading comment that the act was nothing to do with golf clubs - rubbish! Every time any 'pesticide' is used on a course, great harm can occur, either to the operator, public or environment if efficient calibration and/or application is not carried out.

The term 'pesticide,' by the way, refers not only to pesticides, but fungicides, herbicides and, surprisingly, wood preservers.

One immediate effect the act has on a golf club is the presence of an illegal product such as DDT - this will lead to a large fine. The supply and use of protective clothing, masks, gloves, boots and spray suits is very basic management, but how many clubs supply them and how many greenkeepers use them?

Many committees have a simplistic view of work carried out on the course. They constantly relate to what they do to their lawns and seem to think that golf course management is a lot of fuss about nothing. Education is again the key - education of club staff and officers is vital.

As we have found in the past, far too many clubs are totally apathetic when it comes to encouraging greenkeeper training



By Peter Wisbey, course manager at North Foreland Golf Club, Kent.

and it is my experience that when any sort of educational activity takes place, be it a seminar, trade talk or visit, or simply a few greenkeepers walking a course and exchanging views and ideas, you see the same faces and the same clubs represented time after time.

Returning to the 1985 act, codes of practice are now available concerning the use and storage of pesticides. All head greenkeepers and course managers should obtain copies from the Ministry of Agriculture Fisheries and Food. These codes contain a wealth of information with which we should familiarise ourselves.

The code on storage is of particular use, with details on construction, siting (away from drains or watercourses) and the safety aspect with reference to emergency vehicles, access, etc. It should be a matter of professional pride to have clean and organised storage of all the requisites in regular use on the course. The old adage: 'show me a greenkeeper's sheds and I'll tell you what the course is like' is a very true one.

The new act has far-reaching implications, enforceable by law, for agriculture, local authorities and contractors. One important aspect is the testing and certification of operators, which will be carried out by the National Proficiency Tests Council based at the National Agricultural Centre, Stoneleigh. Although golf clubs

cannot be forced to put staff through such an examination, I feel strongly that clubs should voluntarily send senior staff to sit it.

One aspect of both the 1985 Food and Environment Act and the Health and Safety at Work Act puzzles me when related to private golf clubs. As I have already stated, the law appertaining to agriculture, etc, is clear. But a farmer spraying a field is unlikely to encounter members of the public. On a golf course, however, spraying takes place, on occasions, around play, with all the obvious risks that entails.

As far as the Health and Safety at Work Act is concerned, there is a similar anomaly. A farmer, again working in the same field as before, has to have his tractor fitted with a safety frame. On the golf course, this cannot be enforced by law. I don't think anyone would argue that there is a much greater chance of overturning a tractor while mowing an undulating fairway than working in a relatively flat field.

I feel the powers-that-be should address themselves to this ridiculous situation.

In conclusion, although I have only briefly touched upon details of the 1985 act, which could fill a number of magazines (again, I urge you to obtain copies of the codes of practice), I cannot stress enough the need for us all to approach these subjects in a serious and professional manner.


Committees are made up of businessmen used to dealing with facts and figures. Approached in the proper manner, with all the relevant information to hand, a positive response can be forthcoming. Check on the insurance implication of improper storage and third party cover for members and visitors. Storage in an adequate building or container need not be all that expensive. Keep records of stock, dates and amounts used, operator, results, etc.

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People, Places, Products, Continued...

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Papers will include **Legislation And Codes Of Practice** by Mrs H. Hamilton of the Ministry of Agriculture; **Legislation And The Manufacturer** by Keith Cleverly, ICI professional products manager; **Legislation And The Retailer and Pesticides And The Environment** by Dr M. Anderson, lecturer in zoology at the University of Birmingham.

Cost of attendance will be £5 for IOG members and £10 for non-members. Tickets and further information may be obtained from the seminar organiser: F.J. Hammond, Windmill Cottage, Manor Gardens, Bristol Road South, Northfield, Birmingham. Tel: 021-476 6300.

British Seed Houses supplied grass seed for the new championship course, designed by Jack Nicklaus, at St Mellion. In the spring and autumn of 1985, straight pennecross creeping bent was sown on greens and tees and fairways were sown with the standard BSH A12 fairway mixture, which contains chewings fescue frida.

BSH has been appointed main distributor for the new smooth stalk meadow grass called Julia. The Sports Turf Research Institute made Julia the highest rated poa pratense in its 1987 seed guide. Independent trials carried out at the institute showed that Julia is a compact, hard-wearing poa that withstands regular mowing down to 20mm and has a good resistance to fungal disease. The company intends to introduce Julia in several of its fine turf mixtures for the forthcoming season.

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St Mellion's championship course.

Turf Equipment Company Check List

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Basic sciences by Eddie Park - Continued...

present unsatisfactory situations both in agriculture and golf course maintenance. There has been too much emphasis on narrow subjects and opposing theories and too little on the inter-relationships between all living organisms.

Yet, all through this past critical 40 years, the naturalists have been pointing the way ahead. A series of books, the *New Naturalist Series*, streamed forth, over 50 of them, all with the general intention of bringing together subjects such as botany and geography (rather boring on their own, but interesting if linked with the effects of man) and all produced under an enlightened editorial board by top-class writers.

The bad news is that many of them are now out of print. The good news is that many are back in circulation in old-book shops at low prices.

Seaside holiday

An early experience for me was buying *Wild Flowers* (1954) by Gilmour and Walters during a wet seaside holiday and being captivated by its easily understood ramble through the history and science of practical field botany, together with a simple introduction to plant ecology.

Find one somewhere and enjoy it yourself and try to follow it with *British Plant Life* (1953) by W.B. Turrill.

The relationship of geography to these subjects and an introduction to conservation are well explored by L. Dudley Stamp in books such as *Britain's Structure And Scenery, Man And The Land, The Common Lands Of England And Wales* and *Nature Conservation In Britain*.

The author held a chair of social geography at London University and much of his work was devoted to the actions of man on the countryside, including the scientific basis for conservation. The historical aspect of these subjects is

fascinating in its own right, but for those who now want to know how to avoid the natural disasters with which we are surrounded, it is essential reading.

You may be wondering if this isn't a roundabout way of increasing your knowledge of the science behind greenkeeping. My experience, and I gather that of others, is that this kind of background reading makes it much easier to understand the sciences involved when you come to them.

Other books that explore related subjects in an interesting way are *The Common Ground* (1980) by Richard Mabey, *Farming And Wildlife* (1981) by Kenneth Mellanby and the provocative *Theft Of The Countryside* (1982) by Marion Shoard.

I have been greatly impressed by the experience at my course with help received from Yorkshire naturalists, initially to stem the tide of neglected scrub invasion, and also by their wealth of botanical knowledge, shedding new light on greenkeeping procedures.

So, to start on some of the basic sciences themselves. Those responsible for the maintenance of golf courses find considerable value in learning as much as possible about these subjects and it does not matter where you start.

Most public libraries have a fair selection of modern books, but I find many of them either too superficial or far too complicated. Fortunately, some of the best books were published between 1947-60 and, again, these are now to be found in old-book shops at reasonable prices.

It seems logical to start with climate - the weather, which we all talk about so much (and use too often as a convenient excuse for poor conditions), but not so much weather forecasting as weather patterns. We all have a poor memory for weather in the past and it comes as a shock

when we have a wet autumn or a dry spring or whatever. The truth is that our weather is remarkably consistent over the medium to long term.

Locally, it may do something extreme, but it always pays its debts and averages out. Try to find a little book called *This Weather Of Ours* (1946) by Arnold B. Tinn, which puts this very much in perspective.

Different sides

Geography is another subject with many different sides and it is well worth taking a careful look at the similarities and differences between areas. A series called *The Study Map Note Books* by Allan Murray or *Physical Geography* by R.K. Gresswell are both helpful.

No longer should we be prepared to accept that data from the USA can be just transplanted bodily to the UK or even that conditions in the north-west of Britain are identical to the south-east.

I have never been able to whip up much enthusiasm for geology and judging from the number of books on the subject going cheaply in the shops, I'm not alone!

However, it is a good idea to have some knowledge of what is under the site in which you are involved and its history. *Geology And Scenery* (1938 and reprinted many times) by A.E. Trueman is an old favourite that describes the geology of most areas of Britain and relates it to the scenery we can see. A very helpful book for those who don't want to get too involved in the subject.

I hope I have kindled an interest in finding out about the widest possible nature scene, for only then can the limitations of man's ability to control everything begin to be appreciated.

Soil science, botany and more plant ecology to follow next time.

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