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FACES & PLACES

■ Willie Blair wrote to tell us the good news regarding Gavin Ballantyne, who folks in the Lothians will recall has been first assistant at Craigmillar Park for many years. Gavin has been appointed to the post of Head Greenkeeper – Turnhouse Golf Club. Greenkeeper International joins with his many friends in wishing him good fortune.

■ The North-West section are naturally delighted to announce the acceptance by SISIS Sales Director, Arthur Harrison, of Life Presidency of their section, made vacant by the untimely death of Eric Staniforth MBE, their good friend and loyal President for many years. It is perhaps fitting that Arthur should fill this prestigious position, for he and Eric were close friends and colleagues, perhaps for as long as Eric held office.

■ Philip Swain called to tell us that Colin Murphy, a dear friend of many members in the South West and South Wales, had been in hospital but was now on the mend. Colin was particularly impressed by the overwhelming numbers of 'well-wishers' messages and wanted to thank those who were thinking of him. We join with his colleagues in wishing him a complete and speedy recovery.



■ Peter Wimbush (left), is the new General Manager at Aldwark Manor, having joined Richard Wood's team after a lengthy stint overseas. Talking on the telephone with him, we were pleased to learn that the recent flooding that occurred on the new nine-holes at Aldwark, though causing some damage, is not terminal and the opening date of June '92 is still on schedule. In the meantime, Peter is hoping to brush up on his golfing prowess, which at one time was a useful seven though now is what he described as a 'lapsed fifteen'. Look out for him when you visit BIGGA headquarters.

■ BIGGA member John Nudds, Head Greenkeeper, Gerrards Cross GC, has talents in many directions – including creating advertising slogans – and was first prize winner in the competition staged by Huxleys Grass Machinery recently to name their new turf maintenance vehicle currently being developed at their New Alresford premises. The name HUXTRUC was chosen from an entry of some 200 suggestions and although three greenkeepers chose the same name, the tie-breaking slogan "Huxleys' reputation is enough to sell any machine", was John Nudds alone. John won a specially engraved decanter, with joint runners-up Darren Hoskins of Royal Winchester GC and Alex Macauley of Lochmaben GC both received magnums of champagne. Huxleys tell us that a data sheet on the HUXTRUC can be had by 'phoning 0962 – 733222.

■ The name Charterhouse has a positive ring of quality and longevity about it, yet it is a company that is just eight years old.

In those eight years they have built an enviable reputation for quality of product and service that is reflected in the move taken to develop a completely new and very much up to the minute headquarters in Haslemere. At a press launch on opening day, Managing Director David Jenkins expressed great optimism for their future, feelings that were bolstered by a 'bullish' market which has seen an increase in their turnover by 50% and which is supported still further by encouraging business throughout Britain and Europe.

Jenkins further expressed the view that entry in the European free market was a unique opportunity for them to increase still further and that as a company they based their business plans to mirror the German economy, which Jenkins sees as the most accurate European barometer. European expansion in the sports world is seen by Charterhouse as a golden opportunity to further their market share, with France and Germany in particular looking to Britain for the knowledge we are known to have and a lead in producing machinery to help them with growing and maintaining turf.

The new Charterhouse HQ is at Weydown Ind. Est., Weydown Rd, Haslemere, Surrey. GU27 1DW.



David Jenkins, left and Phillip Threadgold outside Charterhouse new premises at haslemere