B.E.M. for former BIGGA Chairman

It is with great pleasure that the Association learnt of the award of the British Empire Medal to Walter Woods in the recent Queen's Birthday Honours list.

The Award was made to recognise his services both as Links Supervisor at St Andrews and to the greenkeeping profession. Walter, pictured, played a leading part in the establishment of BIGGA in 1987 and indeed was the first Chairman of the Association. His has been a key role in the development and

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progress of the Association and rarely a week goes by without Walter contacting the office with a new idea or some relevant suggestion. Those who know him will vouch for his forthright views, warmth of personality and at all times his determination to enhance the greenkeeping profession and the well-being of greenkeepers.

I am sure that the Association will continue to enjoy his practical support and be able to call on his technical expertise for many years to come. Many congratulations Walter on this very much deserved recognition for all you have achieved for the greenkeeping profession.

NEIL THOMAS, Executive Director



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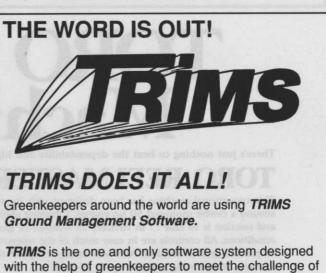
Bookings are up for '92 Exhibition

It is interesting and very encouraging to note that despite the current depressed economic climate, confirmed bookings for our 1992 exhibition in all three halls are well ahead of expectations, which only seems to confirm the growing popularity of BIGGA's January show.

A limited number of excellent sites are still available, but won't be for long! In fact, at the recent Landscape Industries show a new 1992 exhibitor was overheard expressing anxiety as to the outcome of the deadline for 1991 exhibitors to confirm space, as he was awaiting confirmation of his own application and space allocation.

New and potential exhibitors in the UK, Europe and the USA, will be receiving details very shortly and will no doubt accelerate the take-up of remaining stands. The 'no cost to user' facility provided by the hotel booking agency INNTEL will again be available, thus making it easy for exhibitors, delegates and visitors alike to arrange their hotel accommodation for their stay in Harrogate. To avoid any rush you can call now, asking for Annie Moncrieff on 0206-211106. Remember that the BIGGA headquarters hotel is The Old Swan and accommodation can also be booked there through INNTEL.

January 1992 may seem a long way off, but it is wise to make sure of your exhibition space and accommodation soon. Details of the seminar programme, which is always of great interest to our members, will be announced shortly. For any further information, please call Debbie Savage on 03473-581/2.



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