Explorer to deliver management tips

BTME 1993 will be buzzing with so much to see and do. The Educational Seminar Programme starts on Monday January 18 with two-day workshops, and will again continue to explore topics vital to green-keeping professionals.

The keynote address on Wednesday January 20 will be by one of the world's most seasoned explorers, Colonel John Blashford-Snell MBE. His talk will focus on his experience of leadership, motivation, creative management, team-building and problem solving.

Special five-day, three day and two-day accommodation packages have been arranged at preferential rates for delegates. Places are filling up fast, however – check availability by ringing BIGGA HQ on 03473 581.

Best prices for accommodation

The Old Swan Hotel is nominated as Exhibition Hotel for 1993, following its success as a venue for the 1992 event. The hotel is just a couple of minutes walk from the show and is the focal point for the social programme and pre-exhibition workshops. The Old Swan say they have "extra special rates" exclusively for BTME delegates. Call them on 0423 500055.

Cooper Calder Conferences are a one-stop shop for hotel bookings.

Again, they can offer preferential rates and can arrange bookings on your behalf with a variety of hotels in the town.

The company can also arrange any hospitality requirements. Ask for Jahe Leonard on 0423 505663.

European Forum

Thursday January 21, Old Swan Hotel, 12–2pm BIGGA is organising the first ever European Forum, aimed particularly at ascertaining the needs of greenkeepers throughout Europe.

The objectives will be to see where help can be given through BIGGA's administrative structure, and seeking greater co-operation with European Green-keeping Associations.

Speakers from Sweden, Belgium and Holland have already accepted invitations to contribute to the Forum which it is anticipated will meet with an enthusiastic response from BIGGA's many members working in Europe.

All international members are invited to attend. If you haven't indicated on your booking form of your intention to attend what should be a fascinating event, call Samantha Flint at BIGGA HQ on 03473 581 to secure your place.

A buffet luncheon will be provided, courtesy of BIGGA.





Looking ahead

- ◆ The 1993 BTME runs from Wednesday January 20 until Friday January 22.
- ♦ BTME is open from 9am on all three days. It closes at 5.30pm on Wednesday and Thursday and at 1.30pm on Friday.
- ◆ If you're driving into Harrogate, RAC road signs will direct you to where you want to go. There are plenty of car parks or off-road positions within easy walking distance of the show.
- ♦ Rail-links to Harrogate are good and there are direct Intercity services from London King's Cross.
- ♦ The nearest international airport is Leeds/Bradford (13 miles/20 minutes by taxi). Manchester Airport is 1.5 hours drive away.

