Exhibitors to date

ADAS Agriland **Aitkens Sportsturf** Allen Power Equipment Allett Mowers Askham Bryan College Atterton & Ellis **Baileys of Norfolk** Barenbrug UK **Better-Methods Europe BEV Golf Equipment** Blazon Europe Brackenhurst College British Seed Houses **CDC Group of Companies CMW Equipment** Cheshire College Claymore Grass Machinery **D&E Turf Maintenance Donath Seeds** Elmwood College **English Golf Union** Farmura **Fenchurch Northern** Fisons **Ford New Holland Gem Professional** The Golf Sign Co. Grace Sierra UK Hardi Hayters PLC Hole-in-White (Europe) **Howard Evans Financial** Services **Huxleys Grass Machinery ICI Professional Products** I/C Distributors Institute of Groundsmanship Inter Seeds Inturf lseki UK Jacobsen Kubota Lancashire College

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A message from BIGGA Chairman Roy Kates

You've got to be there!



ach year brings new challenges and new opportunities and this is always clearly illustrated in the development of the BIGGA Turf Management Exhibition.

At the beginning of this year, expectation was high for another successful BTME. Our expectations were

more than surpassed, with a tremendous response from greenkeepers, the trade and all visitors who attended the Harrogate event in whatever capacity.

To build on that great success was always going to be a challenge. Faced with a crippling economic climate and the worst recession in over 50 years, the prospect of a BTME which matched the recordbreaking 1992 event, was something we could only dream about.

But thanks to the determination and sheer hard work of the BIGGA staff, our friends in the trade and the sterling efforts of the BTME Steering Committee, all the signs are that we have indeed produced another winner.

I am thrilled at the prospect of Prince Andrew opening the 1993 event. It is a clear sign to the entire industry that the BTME has achieved recognition at the highest level. Our exhibition has always been the jewel in BIGGA's crown - an expression which takes on even more meaning this coming vear.

A keen sense of purpose continues to drive the

Association forward. Our Greenkeeper Education and Development Fund was launched by Viscount Whitelaw at this year's BTME, and you can read elsewhere in this issue of the huge strides this fund has taken in so short a time.

We are all working tirelessly for greenkeeper, golf club and game and the annual BTME is your chance to see those efforts come to fruition. As well as the education and illumination of it all, there's ample opportunity to meet old friends, make new ones and generally take advantage of the stimulating atmosphere which gives BTME such a buzz.

If you've already been before, no doubt you too will be looking forward to this "week of the year." If you haven't, I urge you not to miss out and guarantee that you won't regret the journey.

This is an appropriate time to thank those many, many people without whose efforts the 1993 BTME would not hold such promise. To everyone within BIGGA, the staff, magazine staff, Board of Management, Regional Adminstrators and Section Secretaries, plus the members - thank you for working together to build a brighter future for us all. A special thank you goes to the trade for their support and to the Golden/Silver Key Circle members who have provided vital financial help for tomorrow's greenkeeping profession.

To conclude, I wish you all you would wish yourself this Christmas and I hope we will all enjoy a prosperous New Year - starting, of course, with the fortunes of the BTME.

Having read about BTME on these pages, I do hope you will make tracks to Harrogate, and will bring your colleagues along too. I look forward to seeing you there.

