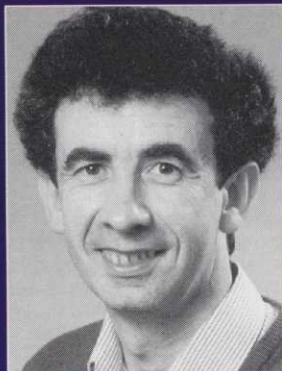


AMONG THE SPEAKERS...



The welfare of wildlife is a growing public concern and therefore there is increasing pressure on greenkeepers to manage the problem species on their course in a humane manner. In most cases there is also legislation in place which prescribes the way in which animals can be managed, particularly, for example, badgers. Dr Gordon McKillop of the Central Science Laboratory will give details of management techniques – so greenkeepers can adopt a balanced, ecological approach to this sensitive subject – in a seminar at the BTME on Thursday January 26.

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THERE should be no long queues to get in this time. BIGGA has invested in a new pre-registration system and is employing the latest technology to ensure that visitors can walk more or less straight into the show.

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◆ The three qualities every greenkeeper should possess are perseverance, pride and professionalism. At the National Education Conference Geoff Allinson, the 27-year-old course manager at Patshull Park, will explain how he used these qualities to overcome problems at this 18-hole parkland course. Problems such as breaking down age barriers between him and his staff, improving greens with insufficient machinery, and overcoming problems caused by moles and buggies.

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