



Ultimate test for drainage scheme

Eleven holes at Aldwark Manor, the Yorkshire course surrounding BIGGA's rented offices, were flooded following a week of heavy snow and rain. This is the view of the 4th and 14th fairways from the 4th tee. The footbridge in the distance shows the normal width of the River Ouse. About £14,000 worth of drainage has been put in over the past three years. Once the level of the river goes down, the greenstaff will be able to see how efficiently it works.



■ **Rochford Garden Machinery of Wincanton, Somerset, is the newest addition to John Deere's dealer network. The business area covers Devon (east of Plymouth), Somerset and West Dorset. Tel: 01963 33713.**

■ **C&P Soilcare Ltd of Nedging, Ipswich, has asked us to point out that its Terralift machine – which places a probe 1m into the soil, blasts it with compressed air simultaneously injecting nutrients – has nothing to do with Terralift Fertilizers. C&P Soilcare can be contacted on 01449 741012.**



Effingham GC first assistant Euan Grant, winner of the Toro/PGA Student Greenkeeper of the Year Award, receives another accolade at the Plumpton College part-time awards ceremony. He was named as top student on the phase 2/level 2 course.

FLYING DIVOTS



Brian O'Hara has been appointed to the new post of business development manager with Tip Top Turf. Based at

Newton Longville turf nursery, he will be responsible for developing stronger links with existing and potential customers as the company expands into supplying sand, soil, turf dressing and complementary products from Bailey's of Norfolk. Tel: 0908 270701.

■ **Buyers of Rite Feed organic fertiliser could win a trip to Florida. With every drum bought, the purchaser's name will be entered into a draw with the winner going to the GCSAA show in Orlando in February '96. Derek Ganning of The Belfry will make the draw on October 5.**

■ **Writtle College in Chelmsford has been granted university status. It is only the second college serving land-based industries in the country to be granted the status.**

■ **The Welsh College of Horticulture has been named Horticultural College of the Year for the UK by the National Farmers' Union and The Grower magazine.**

■ **Brian D Pierson (Contractors) Ltd has secured two new contracts: a new 27-hole project, Forest Pines Golf Course, near Scunthrope, and the redevelopment of Chestfield GC in Kent following road improvements in the area.**

■ **Collier Turf Care (Dist) Ltd will be holding an open day in Norwich on February 23. Tel: 0603 870944.**

■ **Ransomes has sent £250,000 worth of turf machinery to the first all-grass golf course to be built in the Gulf state of Qatar, the recently completed Dana Golf Club near Doha.**

■ **A local builder has bought 110-acre 18-hole Libbaton Golf Club at Barnstaple, North Devon, for close to £1 million.**