

START THE NEXT 1000 YEARS WITH A BANG!



While the marketing men are frantically pushing the Millennium Dome as the place to visit as soon as we can find a slot in our busy diaries, we at BIGGA are confident that you will already have marked off the third week in January for your annual trip to Harrogate.

BTME 2000 is set to outstrip all others, with many new initiatives and a new hall which means even more stands to visit and bigger and better displays for some of your favourite companies.

The Learning Experience, in association with Textron Turf Care and Specialty Products, carries the theme Past, Present and Future and will feature some in-depth papers by some of the leading experts in their respective fields. In addition the workshop programme has been extended to five covering a range of on and off the golf course matters.

After the success of Frank Dick OBE as the Key Note and Motivational Speaker last year Simon Weston OBE takes the stage on the Wednesday morning this year. It should be a memorable talk.

As ever, tickets for the BTME Banquet are a rare commodity, particularly for BTME 2000 when the entertainment will be provided by The Bootleg Beetles, regarded as the world's leading Beetle tribute band, whose recreation of the Fab Four's music has been described as "fastidiously authentic".

In addition to those undoubted highlights, BTME 2000 will also boast a Careers Advice Clinic while there will be a chance to win some wonderful prizes and raise some money for Cancer Research at the same time.

HIGHLIGHTS

BIGGA NATIONAL EDUCATION CONFERENCE

Monday 17 and Tuesday 18 January, The Majestic Hotel
Delegates arrive and register at The Majestic Hotel, Conference Office between 4.30pm and 6.30pm on Sunday 16 January followed by dinner at 7.30pm (Jacket and Tie must be worn). The new look Conference is held over the next two days, when speakers will present in-depth papers on four topics of interest to all greenkeepers.

BIGGA WORKSHOP PROGRAMME

Monday 17 and Tuesday 18 January, The Majestic Hotel
Delegates arrive and register at the Majestic between 4.30pm and 6.30pm on Sunday 16 January followed by dinner at 7.30pm (Jacket and Ties must be worn).
Workshop 1 will prepare delegates for the next stages of Golf Course Design. Workshop 2 is designed to give Assistant Greenkeepers guidance on Golf Course Presentation. Workshop 3 will give delegates instruction on Written and Verbal Communication. Workshop 4 will give greenkeepers the skills and knowledge to maintain Golf Course Machinery and, finally, Workshop 5 is designed to introduce Greenkeepers to the art of Computing.

BTME SEMINAR PROGRAMME

Wednesday 19, Thursday 20 and Friday 21 January, The Royal Hall
The Past, Present and Future is the theme for the BTME Seminar Programme. Speakers from the USA, Canada, Europe and the UK will be presenting papers on a variety of subjects, ranging from personal experiences and lessons learned to advances in machinery technology. The BTME Seminar Programme, runs alongside the BIGGA Turf Management Exhibition.

RUNNING GOLF COURSES IN THE 21ST CENTURY

Tuesday 18 and Wednesday 19 January, The Crown Hotel
Delegates arrive and register at The Crown Hotel between 8.30am and 9.00am on Tuesday 18 January. This two day course is for those who manage and administer golf courses. The course is presented by STRI experts in all aspects of golf course design, construction, management and maintenance and includes a presentation by a BIGGA Course Manager. These two days will enable you to maximise the agronomic and financial potential of your golf course. It also includes a visit to the STRI trial grounds and laboratories and a visit to the BTME exhibition.

CAREERS ADVICE CLINIC

New for 2000 is the BIGGA Careers Advice Clinic where Brin Bendon and Frank Newberry will be available to answer your questions on CV's, job application letters, interview techniques and negotiating your salary package, all helping you to get 'that job'.