

Feature listing from May '97

May '97; Data Tagging; Naunton Downs GC; Alternative Spikes; Suspended Water Table Greens; Shallow Aerators; Working in Germany

June '97; Drought Survival; Cooden Beach; Monitoring the Weather; Slitters

July '97; Royal Troon GC; Speed of Putting Surfaces; Mowers

August '97; Maintenance Facilities; Heather Management; Bunker Rakes; Workshops; Architecture; Kedleston Park GC

September '97; Accident Reporting; Greens Mowers; Valderrama GC; Links Courses

October '97; Environment; Recruitment; Abbeydale GC; Rough Mowers; Soil Analysis

November '97; Environment Competition; Bank Cutting; Risk Assessment; Pumps

December '97; Seed Development; Longhirst Hall GC; Toro Awards; Fertiliser Spreaders; Communication

January '98; FEGGA Conference; Buying Power Equipment; Elmwood GC; Mobile Phones; Traffic Management; Spraying; Environment

February '98; BTME Review; Overseeding; Royal Mid Surrey GC; Drainage; Thatch

March '98; Trees, Golf Course Accessories, News from GCSAA, Leamington & County GC, Trevor Smith's BTME Talk

April '98; Gleneagles Hotel, Compact Tractors, Environment, Protective clothing, Rain bird, Internet

May '98; Greens Mowers, Suspended Water Table Greens, Seeds, Letham Grange Resort, Charterhouse profile, Security and BIGGA's Fund Raising Campaign

June '98; Interview with Nick Park, Earthworm special, ATVs, Royal Porthcawl, Grinding

July '98; Aeration, Royal Birkdale preview, The importance of research, Architecture

August '98; Mill Ride, Fescue, Blowers, Textron, Open Review, Nematodes, Training

September '98; Nine holers - Tolladine and Fingle Glen, Turf, Steve Clement profile, Drainage, World Scientific Congress report

October '98; Saltex Review, BIGGA Retrospective, Stirling GC, Toro Awards Preview, Tree grants

November '98; Royal Opening, Ramsdale Hall GC, Gang Mowers, Hayter International report, Irrigation Systems

December '98; Toro Awards, Environment Awards, The Appliance of Science, Engines, Architects, BTME Preview

January '99; Pesticide Usage, Life in Colorado, Lyshott Heath GC, Worm Research, Stylo Matchmaker profile, Temporary Greens

February '99; Westerham GC; R&A questionnaire results; Finland; grass cutting; BTME99 Review; Bernhard and Co

March '99; Loch Lomond, Worm update, GrassRoots, Softspikes, Maintenance facilities, Environment review, Architecture

April '99; Carden Park, Telecommunications, Water Management, Rolawn, Seeds



Forward thinking



Management, Have We Made Progress?"

When I was first asked to make this presentation I thought it would be easy, but just try to put 50 years into 45 minutes and you will soon have the same trouble I did. It's what to leave out rather than what you say, but I think in the end it became alright on the

night, as they say. I had to leave at lunchtime for Aldwark and the Board of Management meeting, so I had little time for reflections.

What a warm sunny end to March this year, it lived up to its reputation of coming in like a lion and going out like a lamb. By the time you read this page you will no doubt be cursing your luck, for I suspect there will have been the usual batch of cold east winds to knock you back. We did at least have a chance this year to get the grass moving a little before the rush of the new season was upon us and that is something we have not had the benefit of for the last few years. I don't think there is another job anywhere which you must take every opportunity that the weather offers, because if you don't you are sure to be made to suffer later in the year.

On the 25 March, Elliot, Neil and I went over to Portmarnock Golf Club for a meeting with Iain Ritchie, Joe Bedford and Tracy Coburn, who are President, Past President and Administrator of The Golf Course Superintendents Association of Ireland (GCSAI) The meeting was to try and work out how our two associations could work closer together for

the benefit of all greenkeepers in the UK and Ireland.

I am please to report that the meeting was very successful and I would like to thank both Elliot and Neil for their contribution and support. Equally, Iain, Joe and Tracy, who came to the table in a positive forward thinking way, made the task of reaching agreement easy. Both Associations agree to issue a joint statement to be published in our respective magazines, so that no one can be in any doubt that we intend to have a good working relationship in the future.

I am looking forward to the rest of April and the long awaited GTC meeting on the 15th, when I hope to find out most of the answers to the many questions you have all been asking. On the 27th I will be going to Westurf in its venue at Westpoint, Exeter, and I look forward to meeting many old friends and having an excellent day.

Gordon Child