



### Plaque for Walton Heath

Clive Osgood presented Findlay Picken, Chairman of Green at Walton Heath Golf Club, with a plaque as thanks for the support given to him by the club during his year as Chairman.



Top. Me and my Shadow. Howard Swan during the Design workshop  
Above: A thoughtful class.  
Left: Bill Paterson, of Beaconsfield GC, displays his technique on the First Aid Course  
Right. Dr James Beard drew huge numbers to his two talks  
Far Right. Dr Kevin Jones was a real hit at the Education Conference Dinner



## A TOTAL GOLF EXPERIENCE

Neil Thomas reports on a fantastic week in Harrogate, picking out some of the selected highlights from a very hectic schedule indeed

### Sunday, January 20th

Earlier start this year with the change of opening dates. Sunday is now a build-up day. Down to the halls and the early arrivals are already busy. Slow start indicates many companies have delayed arriving until the 'morrow. Prepare for a hectic Monday. Up to the Majestic for Conference/ Workshop registration and delegates are already booking into the hotel. Catastrophe, the hotel in its wisdom has removed Sky Sports coverage. Mass exodus occurs to find a screen elsewhere to watch the football. Relaxed evening as delegates and speakers meet for an informal dinner.

### Monday, January 21st

Our numbers for the Conference and Workshops are our best ever and this is reflected when Clive opens the Conference with the room packed to hear the first session with Dr James Beard. We are indebted to Jim for undertaking a strenuous schedule at the BTME bearing in mind that he has not been well recently. With the workshops and STRI course also underway there is a buoyant atmosphere in the hotel and all are looking forward to the week ahead. Back down to the halls which are now a hive of activity. On to the Exhibitor's Reception now traditional on the eve of the show opening. Back at

the hotel I complete preparations for the Conference Dinner which proves to be the best attended of all time. An excellent evening proceeds. Did we ever have a better after-dinner speaker than Dr Kevin Jones, Consultant Chest Physician at the Royal Bolton Hospital. His tales of the NHS and insight into a Consultant's mind were hilarious. His subject was one to which we all can relate. Best summed up - if you are going into hospital, make sure you're dead first!