

## Feature listing from February 2001

**February 2001;** BTME2001 review; Winter Mowing; Irrigation; Broadstone GC; Hedges; Security

**March 2001;** York GC; Greens Maintenance; Meland GC, Norway; Greens Mowers; BIGGA Essay Winner; Grass Science profile

**April 2001;** Lightning detection; Brockett Hall GC; CGSA report; Fairway Mowers; Irrigation; Sward renovation; BIGGA Essay winner; Turf Disease

**May 2001;** Foot and Mouth Disease Special Report; Maintenance Facility report; Bunker Sand; ATVs; RainBird Profile; Fineturf Genetics; BTME2002 countdown; Electric-powered machines

**June 2001;** Stoke Park Club profile; Stuart Cagle MG; Tractors; Leaf Spot Disease; Take All Patch; Construction

**July 2001;** Royal Lytham profile; Tees Mowers; Fertilisers; Green Grasses; John Deere profile; Sandy McDivot; College Listings

**August 2001;** Aeration Survey; Machrie GC profile; Rough Mowers; Saltex Preview; Dr Alan Gange - environmental research; Hayter Profile; Ponds; Open Championship review; Toro Student of the Year profile;

**September 2001;** Ryder Cup preview; Chafer Grubs; Drainage; BIGGA National Championship preview; Sandy McDivot; Machinery Maintenance; Soil Analysis; Wild Flowers

**October 2001;** Major Award for Walter Woods; Royal Portrush GC; Portstewart GC; Irrigation; Soil biodiversity; Leaf collection systems; Scotsturf preview/ Saltex review

**November 2001;** BIGGA National Championship review; Environment Competition winner; Spraying; Toro Awards Preview; Cutting regimes; Dyke GC

**December 2001;** Toro Award Winners; Southern Gales GC; BTME preview; Specialty equipment; Thatch removal

**January 2002;** Walton Heath profile; Greenkeeping in Denmark; Moving materials; A first for Andy Campbell; New products

**February 2002;** Harrogate 2002 Review; Drainage; Castlerock GC; Trees; Recycling; TurfTrax profile; Barn Owl special report

**March 2002;** Donnington Valley profile; Utility vehicles; Essay competition winner; Irrigation; Seeds; Sandy McDivot

**April 2002;** Heyrose GC profile; Bernhard's Scholarship; De-stress your greens; COSHH assessments; Rootzones and topdressing; Maintenance facilities; Essay competition

**May 2002;** BIGGA Report; Nematodes; Caldly GC profile; Multi-tasking machinery; Bunker Sand; Essay competition; Fijian GC profile; BIGGA Minimum qualification

**June 2002;** Finding Fungi; Greetham Valley GC profile; Tyres; Calabria GC profile; Lakes and Ponds; Poa Annua - Jim Arthur

**July 2002;** Open preview; Turf; Steve Isaccks; Emissions; Grinding; Rotary Mowers; BTME preview; Sandy McDivot

**August 2002;** BIGGA Golf Day; Open review; Talking Heads - Education & training; Trees; Dr Kate Entwistle; Pwllheli GC; Weather; Compact Tractors; Saltex preview

**September 2002;** National Championship Preview; Irrigation; Non Grass Cutters; Hawkstone Park; Careers in Greenkeeping

**October 2002;** Saltex Review; Golden and Silver Key Supporters; Environment Awards; Health & Safety; Sustainable Use of Pesticides

**November 2002;** Toro Student of the Year; National Championship; Drainage; St Andrew's Bay; Autumn Problems

**December 2002;** BTME & ClubHouse Preview; R&A Golf Course committee; Dr Kate Entwistle; Pennard GC

**January 2003;** Beedles Lake Profile; Talking Heads - Chemical Application; Rebuilding Golf Greens; Constructive Advice



# Hectic from the Beginning



**From the moment Brenda and I arrived at the Majestic Hotel on the Sunday of Harrogate week life has been one hectic whirl and ever since returning to Turnberry I don't seem to have stopped. Such is life in the 21st century I suppose.**

Having said that BIGGA wouldn't have it any other way and the fact that Harrogate 2003 was the busiest yet says much for the success of the most important week in the year for the Association, and perhaps even the industry.

As a kick start to the new year Harrogate is invaluable, giving the trade an early opportunity to meet up with their customers first hand and giving greenkeepers the chance to chat with colleagues and discuss the issues and problems of the day.

That record numbers who attended this year make it extremely gratifying and shows that we are on the right lines.

This year saw the debut of the ClubHouse Show, aimed at Golf Secretaries, Managers and Owners, and it proved to be a great addition to the Harrogate mix. Increasingly over the years more and more club officials have been visiting BTME, usually along with their colleagues on the green staff, so it seemed completely natural to provide them with even more reason to attend.

With over 40 exhibitors, ClubHouse had a very good debut and I'm sure it will go on to become an invaluable element to what is a great week.

That was perhaps already apparent this year with the number of BTME exhibitors who have said that they did record business during the Show. With club officials there, along with their green staff, purchasing decisions could be taken so much quicker than previously, when often recommendations had to be taken back to the clubs before an order could be rubber stamped.

While ClubHouse was one addition to the week another was the Careers Fair, supported by Toro, which provided advice on jobs within all elements of the golf industry and gave clubs and companies an opportunity to advertise for new personnel at the Show. Another great innovation.

The one theme which runs throughout the week under the "Continue to Learn" banner is education and, again this year, the speakers were of a quality you don't often see under one roof. I particularly enjoyed the Keynote speech of Debra Veal MBE who rowed across Atlantic, most of it single handed, when

her husband developed a fear of the ocean and had to stop. A remarkable young woman, she rowed for over three months in shifts of two hours on and one off during the day and waking to check for shipping every 20 minutes or so at night. She said that each morning she "Chose her attitude" for the day and that helped keep her going.

The highlight for me was the AGM during which Richard Barker helped me into my red blazer and I began my year as Chairman. Richard did a superb job of flying the flag for the Association last year and, as members, we all owe him a great deal for the unstinting work he put in on our behalf. Having been Richard's Vice Chairman I have taken the liberty of choosing the very best Vice Chairman I could lay my hands on. I'm sure that Andy Campbell MG CGCS, of Carden Park, will be a superb Vice Chairman and go on to be a wonderful Chairman next year. We are very lucky to have him on board.

I'd like also like to pay tribute to Clive Osgood and Ian Holoran who both stood down from the Board at the AGM and welcome Bert Cross, who joins along with Andy.

I said at the very beginning that it has been extremely hectic since the beginning of Harrogate week, even since we returned to Turnberry, but as the saying goes it hasn't stopped me stopping to smell the flowers. When we got back home our garden was awash with fully bloomed daffodils... and this is the west coast of Scotland in January! Since then, of course, we have had two inches of snow and the daffodils have had a real covering but it just goes to show how the climate has changed.

I wish you all a year in which your problems are small and triumphs are large... and well recognised!

**George Brown  
Chairman**