

## Feature listing from July 2001

**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 Gailes 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; Caldyc GC profile; Multi-tasking machinery; Bunker Sand; Essay competition; Fijian GC profile; BIGGA Minimum qualification

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

**July 2002;** Open preview; Turf; Steve Isaccs; 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

**February 2003;** BTME/ClubHouse Review; Royal Liverpool Profile; Irrigation; Nematodes

**March 2003;** The Berkshire Profile; Meloidogyne; Overseeding Golf Greens; Talking Heads - Health & Safety

**April 2003;** Oakmere Park GC; Spraying; Golf Course Security; Bernhards Delegation; Ransomes Jacobsen Profile

**May 2003;** Cardrona Golf & Country Club; Poa Annua; Rough Mowers; Mole Control; Rootzone; Green Construction

**June 2003;** Irrigation; Ransomes Jacobsen Scholarships; Fertiliser; Fairway Mowers



# Pull up a Chair but Think of the Work



**For the armchair viewer June has been a great month of TV for keen golfers but tough on the Superintendents having to prepare their courses so early on in the season.**

But the great news is that there was much praise for the guys in the firing line - Bevan Tattersall, at The Belfry, for the final ever Benson and Hedges International; Jim McKenzie, of Celtic Manor, with the Wales Open; Kenny McKay, at Forest of Arden with the British Masters, and more praise than usual for my old mate, Chris Kennedy, at Wentworth, for the PGA Championship.

It may have been early in the season and the weather might not always have been ideal in the run-up to the events but there was heaps of praise for the presentation of the golf courses and justifiable accolades for the greenkeeping staff and all involved in helping to prepare their golf courses to the highest standard for these the first four televised events in the UK.

By the time you read this report it will be the turn of Gleneagles and Scott Forrest for the Diageo Championship, being played over the PGA Centenary Course. Then on to Loch Lomond and Ken Seims for the Scottish Open which is followed by The Open the following week which this year is being played at Royal St George's in my hometown of Sandwich. And finally to wind up July to us at Turnberry for the Seniors British Open Championship over the Ailsa course.

The R&A is responsible for the whole organisation of hosting an Open and it is one hell of a operation for all concerned, with the many committees, advisors, various contractors and thousands of volunteers who all play a valuable part in the success of the Championship.

But at the end of the day it is the Course Manager and Green Staff, who prepare the course. And what a responsibility it is as it seems as if the whole world is watching... most of them actually are. I am sure it will be a great Open on a great course and produce a great winner. We wish all at Royal St George's, especially Neil Metcalf and all his crew, every success.

Talking of Championship courses, we should spare a thought for the many hidden gems throughout our country which by design and condition easily would be able to host an Open but perhaps are held back by logistical challenges that a modern Championship places on a community.

Having played golf for 30 years and seen the standard and quality of some of these courses it is a shame that they do not get the recognition that they richly deserve, but they are certainly worth a visit if ever the opportunity should arise.

I was sad to learn of the sudden death of Allan McDougall, Course Manager at Royal Mid Surrey. Allan was very popular among his greenkeeping associates and our commiserations and thoughts are with his family at this sad time.

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Chairman