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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

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July 2003; Irrigation Water; Greens Mowers; Bent Grasses; Course Management; Rakes

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October 2003; Construction Machinery; Pay Recommendations; Saltex Review; Pesticide Legislation; Finance

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December 2003; BTME & ClubHouse Preview; Downfield GC; Compact Tractors; Architecture; Bio-tech

January 2004; Ipswich GC Profile; Grass Seed; Environment Competition Awards; Utility Vehicles (sit in)

February 2004; Harrogate Review 2004; Tyneside GC; Utility Vehicles (sit on); Irrigation

March 2004; R&A Best Practice; Trentham Park GC; Drainage; Spraying

April 2004; Know your Rules; Tournament Preparation; Landmarks in Greenkeeping; Security

May 2004; Goodwood Club; Seed or Turf?; Biological Product Survey; Water Features; Recycling; BIGGA Environment Competition

June 2004; Fairy Rings; Biologicals; The Grove; Kubota Profile; Turf; Sand and Rootzone

Chairman's Column



Pressed for Time

With nearly half of my year as Chairman nearly gone its finally dawned on me how valuable time is. The very fact that I'm writing this report on yet another flight and (much to Scott's frustration) right on the deadline for submission for the July issue is testament to how difficult it is to fit everything in. I really shouldn't complain however as Travel really does broaden the mind and the opportunity it gives to meet people and forge new relationships is invaluable.



Since the last issue the Imaugural Neil Thomas Memorial Golf Day has been held at Aldwark Manor. On what was inevitably a day of mixed emotions 29 teams enjoyed fine weather and did their bit to raise funds for the Hospice in Harrogate that cared for Neil so well toward the end of his illness. It was a great pleasure to welcome Elaine, Grant, Adam and Natalie back to Aldwark Manor. They are coping admirably with their loss and I hope the words from Walter Woods and Kerran Daly, on behalf of the Master Greenkeepers, were of some pride and comfort.

While trips to Scotland for the R&A's 250th Anniversary Celebrations and the above mentioned Golf Day and combined Board meetings have been most enjoyable, the pace at Carden has not slackened. We are now busy with final preparations for The De Vere PGA Seniors Championship in early August and my team continue to do a great job- hopefully they can now see some light at the end of what appears to have been a long dark tunnel.

Having just watched most of the last days play at the US Open from Shinnecock Hills the thought struck me about how unusual it is to hear players complain about green speeds being too quick! Maybe just maybe you do reap what you sow! With The Open taking place at Royal Troon this year it will be interesting to see what comparisons are drawn. I'm sure that Billy McLachlan will have the superb layout in its finest condition and my best wishes to him for a successful event.

Wherever you are and whatever the size of event(s) you are hosting at this time

Of year they are all important and give us all the opportunity to show the results of our efforts and the

chance to forget, at least for a time, the unrealistic expectations placed upon us each Spring. It's the duty of all of us to keep communicating the wisdom of sound Greenkeeping practices, leading to sustainable conditions, for as much of the year as possible- at least to those who will listen.

For those of you yet to view the R&A Best practice website, I would encourage you to do so and to share the content with your management, members and staff. It's a live working document and one which I feel will have much value to our working lives going forward.

Hopefully you will all be enjoying the chance to share the longer nights with your families or even play your Golf course. It's a tough job we do but the real reason we do it, and for most of the time at least, enjoy it ,can be found by simply walking your course as the sunsets on a Summer evening. I would venture that for all of the Science, business management etc. that we are engaged in today, it's the artistry and the result of our labours that keep us going. Enjoy it and be proud and when Golfers congratulate, accept humbly for it won't be too long, whether you be a Greenkeeper or the mighty USGA, before their complaints yet again ring in your ears!

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