

WELCOME TO SALTEx



September sees Saltex come around once again and GI previews the IOG Event.

Like BTME & ClubHouse, held in January every year at Harrogate, all the displays at Saltex 2005 focus on labour and money saving products for the effective maintenance and management of turf and sports surfaces, as well as children's play and safety surfacing and leisure and facilities management. These will be complemented at Windsor Racecourse, September 6-8, by a host of features.

These include the Central Arena, which is at the heart of the showground and is constructed as a mini stadium. This is the venue for a host of events, including Tree Climbing demonstrations, a series of educational/training presentations and debates.

As originally introduced at BTME & ClubHouse, the Internet Café is another component of the show and offers visitors unlimited and free access to the Internet and email services. Also a feature at this year's show is the LandscapeSkills Competition final, which has teams completing predetermined landscape projects from scratch.

The educational programme includes presentations on recycling, meeting demands in the public amenity sector, pesticides and EU legislation, landscape skills training as well as play area insurance and inspections. The Groundsman Live Question Time type debates will this year focus on climate change, natural versus artificial turf and safe surfaces. There will also be presentations by Eddie Seaward, of Wimbledon, home of The All England Lawn Tennis Club, and the 'From Cow Field to Cricket Pitch' session by Chris Wood, ECB pitches consultant.