



In 1998 BIGGA's Golden and Silver Key members donated £44,000 to equip the training room in the newly built BIGGA HOUSE



At his peak, Comedian Lee Hurst entertains the banquet in 1998



Guests get into the 60's groove in Millennium year



Inspirational: Keynote speaker and Olympic Silver Medallist, Rodger Black, wows the crowd in 2002



1999 witnesses Mr Motivator, Frank Dick OBE, deliver his Keynote speech

# GI REMEMBERS THE GOOD TIMES HELD AT HARROGATE IN BYGONE YEARS

In 1999 Showaddywaddy strut their stuff at Harrogate



Current BIGGA Vice Chairman, Richard Whyman, is presented with his plane tickets as part of the Canadian Scholarship by Stephen Bernhard in 2001



The Bootleg Beatles headline at a 60's influenced Exhibition in 2000

Linda Nolan performs in 1998, much to the delight of BIGGA's first Executive Director, the late Neil Thomas



John Pemberton, now BIGGA's Chief Executive, joins The Searchers on stage in 2001



# Harrogate week

## Preview



## Do What's Good for You!

We can all recall being told what to do and exactly what was good for us as youngsters. Whether it was to eat our greens; wash behind our ears or not sit so close to the telly because it would ruin our eyes, they came in a steady stream and you and I all know what we thought of them.

With that in mind, and with the risk of sounding like your mother, I hesitate to suggest to you that you should get yourself to Harrogate Week because it is exactly what is good for you.

As an opportunity to develop professionally and keep on top of industry developments there is no better place to be in the third week in January. You will have an unrivalled opportunity to quiz world renowned experts in their field if you are suffering a particular problem on your course, or attend workshops in areas you feel you'd like to brush up on your knowledge and skills. Add to that the chance to investigate first hand and thoroughly a new piece of machinery or turf or soil application which might be just right for your course.

Then again there is the Apres Show when you can share experiences, tips and solutions with colleagues and friends in a town which offers you as much as Harrogate does. Can you see the pros out weighing the cons massively yet?

Speak with anyone who has taken the plunge in previous years and headed for Harrogate and you will find someone with no regrets and who has been enriched by the experience.

You know it makes sense and it's more fun than eating your greens!



**EDUCATION 22 - 27 January 2006**  
**EXHIBITION 24 - 26 January 2006**

### BTME & ClubHouse Opening Times:

Tuesday 24 January	9.00 am - 5.00 pm
Wednesday 25 January	9.00 am - 5.00 pm
Thursday 26 January	9.00 am - 4.00 pm

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# Out and About in Harrogate

The most important event in the fine and sports turf industry and club management world is not just about the three day BTME & ClubHouse Exhibitions. There's so much more to the entire week, including seminars, workshops, presentations, receptions and dinners, to name just a few.

Included in this is Harrogate itself, a Yorkshire town that has become interwoven into the whole BIGGA event. So Gareth Jones went exploring to see what Harrogate has to offer both visitors and exhibitors alike.

## WHERE TO EAT

### Damn Yankee

This fun and lively restaurant has made its name serving freshly prepared American food, from burgers and ribs to steak dishes and fajitas. The walls are adorned with memorabilia and images from The States, with an authentic US atmosphere.

### Cattleman's Association

The only Texan restaurant in Harrogate is famous for its hearty steak and chicken dishes that will satisfy the biggest appetites. The flavours are authentic 'Old West' and Mexican, and all the dishes are prepared fresh to order from the highest quality ingredients.

### Chez la Vie

Chez La Vie offers a range of classical Mediterranean dishes from their basic menus and blackboard specials. The restaurant offers a wide range of wines from throughout the world. A classic French restaurant with the informality of a Parisian bistro.



### Loch Fyne

The menu offers a wide array of delicious entrees, comprising a selection of the freshest seafood and shellfish, the majority of which is sourced direct from the shores of Loch Fyne, Scotland. The restaurant has a contemporary design that creates a light, bright ambience.

### Lords

Modern English cuisine with game and seafood specialities. The menu reflects a commitment to producing creative and attractive food using fresh seasonal ingredients resulting in a special blend of English and Continental cuisine.

### Salsa Posada

Salsa Posada's reputation is for Mexican food prepared on the premises using authentic Mexican recipes, served by friendly staff in a vibrant atmosphere. A wide range of cocktails, shooters and Mexican beer are available.

### Wing Wah

Wing Wah breaks from the traditional expectations of a Chinese restaurant with its contemporary decor set on two floors, giving a light and airy feel. The menu is authentic and extensive including a wide choice for vegetarians.

### The Jinnah Spice Club

Offering a menu designed from several different Asian cultures, the venue provides a dramatic setting for diners looking for a broad menu of dishes. After dinner, guests can relax in the luxurious coffee lounges.

## WHERE TO SOCIALISE

### Muckle's

Muckle's is a large one room operation, comprising a bar area, restaurant and a beer garden. The pub holds a weekly quiz and good quality food is served daily, including sandwiches.

### Coach & Horses

Known as one of the last 'Proper English Pubs' in Harrogate, the Coach & Horses is a genuine Free House and serves a wide variety of championship ales, guest beers and superb wines.

### Blues Bar

The Blues Café Bar has a most unusual stage backdrop - a full size shop window with a panoramic view of Harrogate's Montpellier Gardens. The bar has hosted such luminaries as Van Morrison, Jools Holland and John Martyn.

### Christies

Christies is a very welcoming pub. It is an excellent place to watch your favourite team play with all major matches shown on the big screen. Snacks such as burgers and toasties and specials are available every lunchtime.

### Old Bell Tavern

This comprises an atmospheric period bar linked to the adjacent non smoking Farrah Room and also an upstairs Brasserie Dining Room. The bar offers a varying range of eight real ales, two Belgian draught ales and draught Erdinger Weissbier.

### Albert's

Only opened in 2005, Albert's offers a comfortable and relaxed space to enjoy a few drinks or a meal. From a latte to one of the unique beers, to a cocktail or a bottle of wine from an extensive list, it has it all.

### Montey's Rock Café

Montey's has an earthy, dark feel, with a music policy of pre recorded rock. The bar boasts a large cocktail and shooter list. Opened in 1996, Montey's has become a cornerstone of Harrogate nightlife.

### Montpellier

This bar has undergone an extensive refurbishment and now offers a range of hand pulled ales and home cooked food. With its open fire and traditional surroundings, food is served seven days a week.





**WHERE TO PARTY**

**Revolution**

It is a multi environment concept designed to deliver all aspects of eating, drinking and entertaining with style and glamour. You will find cool, comfortable and contemporary surroundings, with distinct and modern furnishings.

**Time**

Each of the venue's four rooms has been indulgently designed with the clubber in mind. Music ranges from Soul, funk, and disco and House to chart, party and pop anthems to R'n'B and Hip Hop.

**Carringtons**

Carringtons is the ideal venue for any taste for a night out. Entertainment includes DJs, Comedians, themed events, VIP function area and live tribute bands. The club boasts four bars and two dance floors, so get your dancing shoes ready.

**Cardinal Sins**

This is one of the busiest club's in Harrogate. Cardinal Sins DJ's include Tony Walker, Danny Whitehead, Jay Floyd and Tim Lyall, who play a mix of R'n'B and Hip Hop.

**Po Na Na**

'Po Na Na' means Magical Market Bar and is brought to life with the use of candlelit alcoves, subtle North African original textiles and lanterns. The dance floors are not specifically drawn out allowing customers to sit and chat or dance where they like.

**WHERE TO GO - WHEN NOT AT BTME & CLUBHOUSE**

**Betty's Café Tea Room**

Once inside the world famous shop you'll be spoilt for choice with over 300 breads, cakes and chocolates, as well as 50 different teas and coffees. The Café overlooks the Stray and colourful Montpellier gardens.

**Traditional Turkish Baths**

Treat yourself to a relaxing few hours at the original Victorian Turkish Baths. It includes a Steam Room; three inter-connecting Hot Rooms of varying heat; Tepidarium (warm), the Calidarium (hot), and the Laconium (very hot); Plunge pool; and Frigidarium (Relaxation Room).

**Mercer Art Gallery**

The Gallery is home to Harrogate district's fine art collection, which consists of some 2000 works of art, mainly from the 19th and 20th centuries. The collection includes works by William Powell Frith, Atkinson Grimshaw and Sir Edward Burne-Jones.

**Valley Gardens**

The famous Gardens are specially cultivated and are a delight to the eyes and nose, with floral displays leading to pine woods. The Valley Gardens also contain a boating lake, sun pavilion, mini golf, tennis courts and a playground.

**Harrogate Theatre**

Showing during Harrogate Week 2006 is Bouncers. Lifting the lid on the Friday night experience, this is a send up of the disco scene. Under the watchful eye of the Bouncers, a gaggle of gorgeous girls, a smooth talking DJ, a group of likely lads collide with outrageous results.





# Spoilt for Choice

The BTME & ClubHouse Exhibitions are the heartbeat of Harrogate Week and they combine to form a One Stop Shop for all fine turf professionals' and club management needs. There will be over 250 Exhibitors at Harrogate Week, all showcasing their latest products and services.

BTME is Europe's largest indoor specialist turf Show. It serves the sports turf professional and provides solutions to meet their challenge to produce and maintain top quality turf. ClubHouse contains everything to fulfil the desires and wants of the club official, no matter what sport they apply their trade.

You can check out [www.harrogateweek.org.uk](http://www.harrogateweek.org.uk) for more information on exactly who will be at the Show. The dedicated website details everything you'll ever need to know about Harrogate Week, including who will be at BTME & ClubHouse, where their Stand will be located and what they will be exhibiting, plus much, much more.

Here's a taster of just some of the 250 companies who will be at Harrogate Week.

## AFT TRENCHERS

Stand: B11

AFT Trenchers has been manufacturing trenchers for nearly 40 years, and our products are well known to turf professionals the world over. On display is the AFT 45 chain trencher suited to compact tractors plus the AFT WizzWheel 55 wheel trencher for installing slits from 50 to 125mm wide, to a depth of up to 550mm. We also have the revolutionary AFT Sandbander, which installs 25mm wide and 250mm deep slits with consolidated sand, even if wet and to complement this, we have recently launched our Multi-Use Trailer which offers users a very versatile machine.



## AGCO LIMITED

Stand: M11

AGCO Limited is delighted to be Golden Key Support of BIGGA's Education & Development Fund. There is no doubt that the Golf Course Manager demands the same degrees of sophistication and operator friendliness, as does the modern Contractor/Farmer. With the Massey Ferguson brand you can choose a model to suit your own specific needs. Tractors from 16.5 to 290hp, there is a model to suit you. Front cuts and Diesel Garden Tractors complete the line up.

The Massey Ferguson UK & Irish distributors are all geared up ready to give you the sales, service and spare parts back up you richly deserve by choosing AGCO.



## BARENBRUG

Stand: A20

Barenbrug is unveiling a new traditional mixture for golf tees, fairways and roughs called BAR 20. Introduced to provide customers with a 100 per cent fescue mix, which is increasingly specified for links and heathland courses, it contains Bardur for improved drought tolerance and sward density.

Also new is an improved formulation of BAR All Bent, for fine turf applications. It now contains 50 per cent BarKing, an outstanding new cultivar which offers superb winter colour and wear tolerance. The company is also showing a new formulation of BAR Extreme, which has been strengthened for wear tolerance with the addition of Bareuro.



## BRITISH & INTERNATIONAL GOLF GREENKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

Stand: Q123

No visit to Harrogate Week would be complete without a visit to the host's own Stand Q123. Well it would be rude not to wouldn't it?

It is the perfect opportunity to put a face to the voice on the phone, renew or take out membership or simply collect some of the literature or membership forms you have misplaced at home.

Whatever the reason that brings you to the stand you are sure of a warm welcome from everyone. It will also give you the chance to ask that question. You know, the one you've always intended to ask but have not been too keen to from the audience of a seminar or conference. If no-one can help straightaway they will guarantee to get it for you - or, better still, arrange for the relevant person to provide you with the answer personally - as soon as possible.

Or you can simply use the stand as a meeting point for you and your colleagues. With two shows - BTME and ClubHouse - it is easy to become distracted, wander off in the wrong direction and become detached.

Whatever the reason make sure you make a point of visiting BIGGA on Stand Q123.



## BIOIBERICA

Stand: Q13

Bioiberica is a Spanish company which produces biomolecules for the pharmaceutical, agricultural, veterinary and animal nutrition industries.

In the Golf Course market, Bioiberica has 10 years of experience in US and seven years in UK, where it has pioneered the development of Amino Acid based biostimulant fertilisers for the stress management of turf grass plants. The products Amino-Sorb F and R have become a reference in the UK market to help greenkeepers better manage their problems such as drought, heat, cold, waterlogging, anaerobic conditions, shadow, traffic, etc. Bioiberica welcomes you to know more about how these products will help you better manage your turf stresses.





# Extending Your Learning

With the completion of the Queen's Suite within Harrogate International Centre BIGGA has vastly expanded its Continue to Learn Programme for 2006, which means that it really does offer something for everyone. Greenkeeper International takes a peek at the upcoming Education highlights at Harrogate Week 2006.

## Sunday 22 & Monday 23 January 2006

### Two-Day Workshops

#### *The Greenkeepers' Guide to Project Management - Powerful Lessons in Planning and Performance*

Presented by Frank Newberry, Director of Enjoyable Seminars Ltd. This fully interactive workshop uses the delegates' personal experiences of planning and organising complex tasks.

#### *Taking the Fear out of Financial Management*

Presented by Brin Bendon, Director of Vector Training Ltd, and Andy Campbell MG, CGCS, Golf Courses and Estates Manager, De Vere Carden Park. Focuses on the manager's role in effective budgetary control on the golf course.

## Monday 23 January 2006

#### *Customer Care - Avoiding the Machete*

Presented by Michael John, Managing Director of Kielder Newport West Ltd. This will examine the various aspects of Customer Care in a totally practical and amusing way.

#### *From Rain To Drain - Managing Water*

Presented by Dennis and Adrian Mortram. They will explore various methods of managing water in the rootzone from application of water by natural precipitation and irrigation, water relationships in the rootzone and the removal of excess water by drainage.

## Tuesday 24 January 2006

#### *Opening Session and Keynote Speaker*

The session will include the Chairman's Address, the presentation of the BIGGA Golf Environment Competition prizes and Master Greenkeeper Certificates. The presentation of awards will be followed by the Keynote Speaker, Colonel John Blashford-Snell. Entrance to the Opening Session and Keynote Speaker is Free of Charge to all visitors.

#### *The Fairway to Better Communication - How to Influence Others Without Getting into a Fight!*

Presented by Brin Bendon, Director of Vector Training. This seminar will give attendees guidance on how to project a confident and positive self-image, giving them the knowledge to be able to influence those around them, while helping to build and maintain productive working relationships.

#### *Environmental Management*

Sponsored by Ransomes Jacobsen



Led by three leading experts in the field of environmental management of golf courses - Jonathan Smith, Committed to Green Foundation, Lee Penrose, STRI, and Carolyn Hedley, SGEG. This will enable you to find out just how much of an environmental steward you are. You will be assisted in identifying the strengths and weaknesses of your current approach to environmental issues.

## Wednesday 25 January 2006

#### *Working Together in Golf Club Management*

Presented jointly by the Association of Golf Club Secretaries, BIGGA and the English Golf Union, this programme of seminars is aimed at golf club officials, golf club secretaries, golf club managers and golf course managers. Presentation titles include How to set up your Course for a Championship; The EGU Community; What is in the Legal Pipeline for Secretaries?; and Security and Risk Management for Greenkeepers and Golf Clubs, plus much more.

#### *Taking the Lid off the Box - Media Skills and Strategy Training*

Sponsored by Ransomes Jacobsen



Presented by Roger Greenwood, Television Producer/Director, Goodwood Productions Ltd. This will help delegates to understand and appreciate the power of the media and the importance of handling it well. Offering practical skills on how to deal confidently and successfully with the various styles of media.

## Thursday 26 January 2006

#### *Managing Weeds to Tournament Standards - Managing Poa Annua*

Presented by Peter Jones MSc, MBPR, Managing Director, Peter Jones Associates Ltd. Here the view held by some purists that poa annua is a weed and has no place on a golf green will be challenged. This will explain many of the important maintenance principles that can be used to get the best from greens that are dominated by poa annua.

## Thursday 26 & Friday 27 January 2006

#### *Maintaining the Sustainable Golf Course*

Presented jointly by The R&A and BIGGA, this session will focus on promoting sustainable golf courses, concentrating on grass species selection. A Thursday afternoon of presentations will be followed by an open debate on Friday morning.

Speakers include Steve Isaac, The R&A; Chris Haspell, Hørsholm Golf A/S, Denmark; Alistair Beggs, STRI; and Gordon Irvine MG, Golf Course Consultant.

## Fringe Seminars

These will run from Tuesday to Thursday and will be presented by exhibiting companies on a number of interesting and varied topics. These half hour sessions are totally free for all attending the Harrogate Week.



# On the Look Out

There's plenty going on within the BTME & ClubHouse Exhibitions - the heart of Harrogate Week. Here are some of the things to look out for while you're exploring the vast array of Stands at the Exhibitions.

## Museum

Take a walk back in time through the History of Turfcare. See the tools and equipment that were used in yesteryear.

## Internet Café

The successful BIGGA Internet Café, sponsored by Pitchcare.com, will help you to keep in touch with the outside world while you are away from home.

## Relaxation Zone

Judy Holroyde ITEC, AOSM, will be at BTME & ClubHouse offering Acupressure, Reflexology and Indian Head Massage. A short therapy session will not only relax you but will also revitalise you.

## BIGGA Manx TT Motorbike Racing Competition

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Take part in a competition to be the fastest around the track. Sit on a Manx TT motorbike simulator and wait for the adrenaline to start pumping. Fly through the streets and get your knee down for those tight Manx bends.

## BIGGA 9 Hole Competition

Win £1,000 in holiday vouchers by picking up a scorecard at an entrance to the Exhibition. Visit the stands shown on your card, have it stamped, pop it in an entry box and your in the draw for a dream prize - simple.

## International Lounge

The International Lounge is available for all International visitors and exhibitors. This will provide a relaxed atmosphere in which to do business or chat with fellow travellers.

## Exhibitors' Business Lounge

The Exhibitors' Lounge is available to all exhibitors. A comfortable place to discuss business or relax and chat with fellow exhibitors.

## The BIGGA Stand

### Hall Q, Stand Q123

The BIGGA staff will be on hand to give advice and information on all Association matters. Why not visit the BIGGA Stand for a chat and the chance to put a face to the name of the person you only ever talk to on the phone?





**Careers Fair**

Supported by the Toro Company



Follow in the footsteps of the many greenkeepers who have used the services provided to find that next job, improve your prospects in your current job or to negotiate your salary package. Short seminars and individual consultations will be available to give you the skills and confidence to produce a meaningful CV and much more. Best of all - it's all free!



**Students' Forum**

Thursday 26 January 2006

12.30 pm - 1.30 pm

Supported by the Toro Company

New to Harrogate, this event brings together students, trainers and employers, and includes the Student Quiz, with the winner receiving an iPod.



Short presentations will be given by Euan Grant, Head Greenkeeper, The Old Course, St Andrews Links; Peter Mansfield, Lely UK; and David Golding, The GTC.

**Women's Forum**

Wednesday 25 January 2006 - 12.30 pm - 1.30 pm

Its aim is to keep the few women there are in the fine turf industries in contact, to join in lively debate on relevant topics and to enable them to network. The Forum is open to anyone who wishes to attend, not just women.

**BIGGA AGM**

Wednesday 25 January 2006 - 5.15 pm

The BIGGA Annual General Meeting is open to all Greenkeeper Members of BIGGA. A current BIGGA membership card must be produced to gain admission.

**The Banquet**

Thursday 26 January 2006, The Majestic Hotel

A highlight of Harrogate Week is the very popular Banquet, held in The Majestic Hotel. This year's event will feature The Rat Pack's Back who will sing and dance up a storm. Following a sumptuous dinner you will be entertained by one of the UK's up and coming stars, Terry Alderton.

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## EAGLE PROMOTIONS

Stand: C43



Eagle is the best choice for your club's marketing collateral – Signage, Course Guides, Scorecards. Eagle is the leading provider of quality marketing collateral for over 1,500 golf clubs. Superior course and clubhouse signage – timber or rock, with zinc, bronze, and now our new range of polished granite tee plates. The most innovative yardage guides – from the new Eagle Eye photographic style to traditional designs. The widest range of scorecards – from tailor-made to off-the-shelf in 4, 6 or more page formats. Bag Tags and green fee tickets – designed to project your club's branding. EGU approved course measurement and certification.

## JOHN DEERE

Stand: M9/M10



JOHN DEERE

A new version of the Aercore 800 pedestrian aerator is being unveiled at BTME 2006. This features a more powerful 25hp engine, smoother and more efficient operation and easier maintenance. Drive wheel core deflectors are now available as standard, and new electro-hydraulic controls halve the time needed to lift and lower the coring head, which also helps to improve the quality of the entry and exit holes. In addition to the Aercore 800, John Deere's new T-Series utility vehicles will be on display. Designed for general transporting, loading, hauling, dumping and materials handling duties, these models are faster, more powerful and more comfortable, with increased payloads.

## LASTEC UK

Stand: C40



Lastec UK returns to Harrogate with a comprehensive display of the Articulator range of rotary mowers. The line-up includes the best-selling 721XR, 621ER and 325EF rear and front mount models with cutting widths of 11' (3.35m), 10'6" (3.2m) and 6' (1.83m) respectively.

The 3696 ride-on Articulator has a cutting width of 8' (2.44m) and cuts an area of 6.79 acres (2.75 hectares) per hour. Latest addition to the range is the lightweight, zero-turn ride-on 3372, making its first appearance at BTME, fitted with grass collection system and striper roller. The 3372 is priced substantially below any comparable machine in the UK and European markets.

## RANSOMES JACOBSEN

Stand: A23

Ransomes Jacobsen is delighted to be sponsoring some of the educational seminars during Harrogate Week including those dedicated to basic IT skills and the Media skills training.

Also, we are sponsoring the BIGGA Manx TT challenge, located in Hall Q, where you can test your biking skills against your friends and colleagues. Visit our stand to collect your entry form.

As you would expect from one of the market leaders in turf maintenance, you'll find virtually everything for the grounds care professional on our stand; from walk-behinds to ride-ons, aerators to top dressers and much more.

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## GAMBETTI

Stand: A1



Gambetti are the UK's leading Sprayer manufacturer, selling innovation, technology and quality. Our sprayers are still being perceived as the most prestigious on the market.

Our Range of Rotomec finishing Mowers has been very successful this year. Rotomec is a very high quality and reliable product. The cut is second to none and this is not compromised by high forward speeds and undulations. The new Woodbay Greensiron 3000 is now available. Although similar in looks and the end result, it is now Hydrostatic, making the operation effortless and smooth. The 'Greensiron' is the only machine to achieve speed and consistency without creating compaction.

## KUBOTA (UK) LTD

Stand: A13



A number of important new products are being shown for the very first time by Kubota at BTME. These include high performance diesel ride-on mowers and a new mid-range compact tractor that will appeal to golf course users, public authorities and growers alike.

Also on show will be representative examples from Kubota's current tractor and mower ranges and the new RTV900 all-terrain utility vehicle launched last summer. Powered by a 22hp diesel, the RTV900 has a top speed of 25mph, rugged suspension and a three-range hydrostatic transmission giving dynamic braking and an automatic torque boost when climbing slopes.

## MOX UK LIMITED

Stand: M13



Mox UK is a golf related vehicle management company, part of Leaseplan, the largest vehicle management company in Europe. Mox leases buggies and turf equipment to various industries, mainly golf, but any other that either manages turf or requires transportation of people over a widespread site, such as airports and large industrial areas.

With distribution nationwide for long-term leasing we also have probably the largest short-term hire fleet in the country, catering for those special occasions. We also have a wide selection of used vehicles for lease or purchase. Please visit the Mox stand (M13) to see how we can help you.

## RIGBY TAYLOR LIMITED

Stand: C22



Rigby Taylor will be featuring their Mascot Grass Seed range, containing many exclusive and highly STRI-rated cultivars. Also on display will be Mascot Speciality Range products including Magnet, a chelated iron product, Profile for improving water percolation, Activate R+ERD for improving root development and their Breaker Triple wetting agent.

The Mascot Fertiliser range of conventional and controlled release products will be featured, and also the Mascot Chemicals range including the selective turf herbicides Bastion T and Greenor, Qualgex biocide and the fungicides Rimidin and Fusonil Turf. Staff will be on hand to answer individual queries on the company's full product portfolio.





### World Renowned

Colonel John Blashford-Snell is one of the world's most renowned and highly respected explorers. He has been involved in and led some of the most impressive and toughest expeditions in history.

In 1968 he trained and headed a team of 60 from the British Army on the first ever descent of the infamous Blue Nile. More difficult assignments included the first vehicle crossing of the complete Darien Gap in 1971/2 and, in 1974/5, navigating almost all of the 2,700 miles of the great Zaire River.

In 1984 the Colonel launched Operation Raleigh and by 1992 over 10,000 young men and women from 50 nations had taken part in challenges and worthwhile expeditions all over the world. Raleigh International, as it is now known, inspires people from all backgrounds and nationalities to discover their full potential by working together on challenging environmental and community projects around the world.

With his indefatigable energy, John has found time to write 13 books, including his autobiography 'Something Lost Behind the Ranges' and 'Mammoth Hunt' on the quest for the giant elephants of Nepal. He also broadcasts and appears on a variety of wildlife and entertainment programmes.

No doubt the Colonel will have an enthralled and intrigued audience hanging on his every insightful word at Harrogate.



### Back with the Pack



The Rat Pack's Back has taken the concert world by storm in a tight, polished cabaret act evoking the style of the infamous American Rat Pack. Starring some of the UK's brightest talents the performers sing some of the world's most loved songs made famous by the likes of Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin and Sammy Davis Jnr.

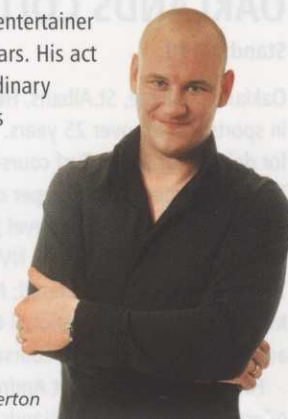
Dressed to the nines, the Rat Pack's Back recreates the sound of the Big Band era in a dazzling show. Each of the singers in the Rat Pack's Back has worked extensively all over the world in major musical productions, concerts and corporate events, television and film, including The Phantom of the Opera, Les Miserables and Grease.



### Terry Alderton

A former Southend United goalkeeper and holiday camp entertainer Terry Alderton has burst on to the comedy scene in recent years. His act is a riot of exuberant, loose-limbed physical comedy, extraordinary caricatures and stunningly acute impressions. Terry leaves his audience exhilarated and exhausted with laughter.

The stand up will be familiar to many, as he starred in ITV1's London Burning in 2002 and has also hosted his own radio show, Terry's Turnstiles, on London's Capital Radio FM. Terry has hosted the National Lottery programme on BBC 1 and has made appearances on various TV shows, including Holby City, Ian Wright's Friday Night's All Wright, Stupid Punts and The Stand Up Show.



Terry Alderton





## SCOTTS

Stand: B34



Scotts and Syngenta are launching Primo Maxx, an innovative new turf management tool for golf and sport. The product uses unique chemistry which makes turf stronger, healthier, more resistant to drought, more vigorous at lower cutting heights and better able to survive in stressful conditions. Visitors to the show are invited to attend a presentation on Primo Maxx in the Queen's Suite at 3.30pm on Tuesday 24 January.

Also new is a range of Greenmaster liquid fertilizers for fine turf, and Scotts' improved website ([www.scottspromaxx.co.uk](http://www.scottspromaxx.co.uk)). The company is running a special giveaway at the show for those registering with the new site on the stand.

## SYNERGY PRODUCTS/ULTRA SPREADER

Stand: A10

Synergy Products brings together a range of proven products from Ultra Spreader International, Locke and Groundsman Industries. Ultra Spreader will display its multi-purpose spreader range which gives greenkeepers and contractors a machine that is able to carry out spin spreading, bunker loading and drainage back filling. Information will be available on the stand on other products in their range.

Locke will display both the GT-126, with its 26" 14 blade cylinder, and the Commercial Series mowers, both with full floating heads to give that perfect cut. The revolutionary V Reel will be displayed.



## TORO

Stand: M12



Toro is introducing a new generation of Sand Pro bunker rakes that make it easier than ever to maintain world-class bunkers and tackle landscape maintenance jobs all across the golf course.

The new Sand Pro 5040 and 3040 - which join the existing 2020 model - have an 18hp Briggs & Stratton engine, three-wheel series/parallel drive for optimum traction and, unlike the 2020, the added benefit of power steering.

Attachments are new, or redesigned, to make them easier to attach and remove. These include spring rake, tooth rake, spikers of various widths, a manual or hydraulic blade, a variety of mats, a finish grader and leveling bar.

## TOWER CHEMICALS

Stand: C42



From the USA, the latest technology in localised dry spot management is available through Tower. Whether it is in pellet, liquid or granular form, the solution to your problem is just one conversation away! As always all products carry a 100% money back guarantee.

The products that have brought us such huge success over the years, such as Line Marking Aerosols, spray pattern indicator, PH reducers, fertilisers to name but a few will also be on show. Hear about OARS, an organic acid removal system which after two applications removes up to 27% of humic acid in sand soil surfaces.

## TURFCARE SOLUTIONS

Stand: B4



TurfCare group will be represented by TurfCare Solutions & TurfCare systems. TurfCare Solutions provide technically advanced turf grass nutrition and maintenance products. The company is a distribution partner for Floratine, Andersons, Gro-Power & Plant Marvel.

TurfCare Systems is European main distributor for Finn Hydroseeders, The Finn range of consumable products as well as wood fibre mulches from Canadian Forest Products, supplying the amenity and public sectors. As part of its group activities, TurfCare is European main distributor of Gro-Power and Plant Marvel and will be inviting distribution enquiries from around Europe.

## GREENKEEPERS TRAINING COMMITTEE

Stand: Q131

The GTC represents golf clubs and greenkeepers in relation to qualifications, training providers and all associated matters including assessor and management training.

Visit our stand and view the latest learning materials which are used by the GTC Approved Training Providers. You can now purchase these together with the internationally acclaimed Training Manual.

The GTC Staff and representatives from the organisations within the GTC will be pleased to offer independent advice.

The GTC is supported by: BIGGA, English Golf Union, European Tour, R&A, Scottish Golf Union and the Welsh Golfing Union.



## OAKLANDS COLLEGE

Stand: Q110



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Oaklands College, St.Albans, Hertfordshire, has been delivering courses in sports turf for over 25 years. The college has an excellent reputation for delivery of Sports Turf courses. The Greenkeeping section has won The Toro student Greenkeeper of the Year three times and is a GTC recognised Management Level provider.

Part time courses offered: NVQ Level 2 Sports Turf, NVQ Level 3 Sports Turf. Full time courses offered: National Certificate Sports Turf Management, Higher National Certificate (subject to accreditation). In addition a range of NPTC courses are also run.

For information contact Andrew Wight on 01727 737000 or email [andy.wight@oaklands.ac.uk](mailto:andy.wight@oaklands.ac.uk).

## WARWICKSHIRE COLLEGE

Stand: Q129

Warwickshire College provides a range of turf qualifications. Our NVQ Level 2 is oversubscribed, proof of the confidence local employers have in the college to deliver training and education. Our NVQ Level 3 enables candidates to learn the skills and technical knowledge vital for carrying out a Level 3 position, not just pick up a certificate. The HNC/FdSc equips successful candidates to fulfill a professional role in turf management, with a grounding in soil and turfgrass science and business management. Combined with a full range of NPTC qualifications,

Warwickshire College can meet all your training and education needs.

