

## INTURF GO EXPRESS



As part of a drive to increase and improve its nationwide distributor network Inturf has signed up the Johnsons of Whitley Xpress outlet at Chobham, in Surrey, to stock its high quality topsoil. Johnsons Xpress stocks a range of plants and trees to meet the needs of some of the top landscape designers, contractors, and property developers in the South East.

"From our point of view this association of two brands who share the same principles of quality and service makes perfect sense. Johnsons Xpress at Chobham is already meeting the plant supply needs of some important landscape contractors and designers, so adding our topsoil makes perfect sense," said Inturf Director of Sales, Andy Church.

Simon Lord, Xpress Centre Manager added: "I very much look forward to developing the relationship with Inturf."

## NEW WAY TO MAKE A BUNKER

Digging a new bunker took an unexpected and hazardous turn for greenkeepers at Buckpool Golf Club recently. While creating the new course feature, Head Greenkeeper, Peter Fiske, and Deputy, Dave Murdoch, unearthed an unexploded World War II land mine.

The discovery sparked a security operation that witnessed a 100 metre area being sealed off for an entire day while Army bomb disposal experts carried out a controlled explosion. The blast, conducted by the Edinburgh Troop, 521 Squadron EOD Regiment, left a hole in the golf course that measured eight foot by three foot. No other damaged was caused to the course or the surrounding area.

The mines were scattered across the Moray Coast and local area during the early stages of World War II to repel the threat of a German Invasion. Once peace was declared in 1945 a concerted effort was made to clear all mines from the local area, but inevitably some escaped detection. The mine located at Buckpool GC contained 10lbs of TNT, designed to destroy a Military Vehicle, such as a tank.

"We were digging a new bunker up by the greenkeeping sheds when we hit something metal. The mine was about the size of a biscuit tin, so we took it up to the shed. We washed the muck off it to try and establish what it was," explained Dave Murdoch.

## FROM SMALL SEEDS...

The Barenbrug sales team has its sights set on further growth following its best year ever. After achieving its highest turnover figure the team, now led by newly appointed Sales Manager James Ingles, announced plans to provide specialist

advice across a wide range of market sectors.

"Understanding the specific needs of our customers and how changes in their industry can effect their grass seed requirements is vital for our continued growth and success. Our market is very competitive and we need to underline that Barenbrug is offering much more than just a bag of grass seed. Now, with our team of dedicated specialists, we can select the right person to provide knowledgeable advice whatever the market sector," commented James.

Barenbrug has also appointed Jayne Leyland as UK Research and Development Manager. Jayne's appointment follows investment by the company in a significant trials programme in the UK, together with work by Barenbrug Research in Holland.



Barenbrug's sales team, front row L-R, Julie Whitelaw, Caroline Sadler, Jayne Leyland and David Linton; back row, Billy Nimmo, David Long, James Ingles and David Singleton

## CRIMEWATCH COLUMN

Those unfortunate greenkeepers who have had machinery or equipment stolen from their clubs are invited to send in a description of the missing kit plus a serial number. We will then print the information. Hopefully this will lead to some recovery and perhaps make it more difficult to sell on the stolen items.

*Anyone wishing to take advantage of this service should send the information to Gareth Jones at BIGGA HOUSE, Aldwark, Alne, YO61 1UF or email [gareth@bigga.co.uk](mailto:gareth@bigga.co.uk).*

## MASON BECOMES SHERRIFF

Sherriff Amenity has appointed Rebecca Mason as an amenity specialist covering the Yorkshire area.

Rebecca, who graduated from Leeds University, said she was looking forward to the challenges

ahead and meeting existing and potential customers in her new role.

"Rebecca will be responsible for sales with a high level of technical support, backed by an efficient and effective delivery network. Rebecca's appointment continues the growth and development of Sherriff Amenity in the UK," stated Mark Pyrah, Amenity Director.



## BAYER GET NEW MARKETING MAN

Alan Morris has been appointed as the new Marketing Manager for Bayer Environmental Science, covering the company's Professional Products in Northern Europe. Alan was previously European Migration Manager, based at Bayer's European Head Offices in Lyons, France.

The new expanded marketing role sees Alan claim responsibility for both the Amenity market, which covers greenkeeping and grounds care, and Professional Pest Control, which provides products for public health markets. Alan takes over from John Hall, who has moved onto a global portfolio management role.

He will be based at the new Bayer Environmental Science Head Office in Milton, on the outskirts of Cambridge - the company moved in January 2006.