

NEW STAFF



Sustainable LED lighting provider, Greenled, has appointed new staff to help in its mission to reduce carbon emissions and energy costs. Stuart Clowes takes up the position of sales executive and Will Morgan joins as Greenled's general business manager. Both will work from Greenled's offices in Tetbury, Gloucestershire.

Stuart Clowes brings a wealth of experience in high-level sales of visuals and lighting to his new position. Stuart's nationwide role will include business development of Greenled's target markets, giving tutorials on the benefits of sustainable lighting, as well as assisting in the company's recruitment and marketing processes.

HORTICULTURE STUDENTS COMPLETE FINAL PROJECT

Third year students studying the BTEC National Diploma in Horticulture at Writtle College have successfully completed the design and build of three new gardens on College grounds. Designs for the gardens begun back in September 2007, the construction project lasted two weeks and was completed mid March.

The students, who carried out the build as an assessed unit within their course, had to design a garden to a client brief, draw up the specifications and detail drawings, quantify the materials required and then build the 6x6 metre garden in ten days.

The Gardens will be used as outdoor classrooms, showing design principles, use of materials, construction issues and horticultural maintenance tasks.

KEY SENIOR MANAGEMENT CHANGE

Crown Golf has announced an important change to its senior management team.

Founding Director, John Weir has stepped back into the role of Chief Operating Officer for the Binfield, Berks-based company - which has 33 golf venues in the UK and more than 50 courses.

He takes over from CEO Peter Manby, who left the company at the end of February to pursue an opportunity in the hotel sector.

Said John: "Peter has had a positive effect upon the company during his time with us and we wish him well in his return to hotel management."

Crown Golf has stepped up the development of its extensive property portfolio and as a result is looking for a new CEO in the UK to optimise both ongoing operations and the property portfolio.

HEAD OF GOLF APPOINTED

Formby Hall Golf Resort & Spa in Merseyside, which is set to become home to the country's first PGA National Residential Golf Academy in May, has appointed Matthew Allen-Chillman as head of golf.

Matthew, a PGA professional, joins the resort from Aston Wood Golf Club and will be responsible for nurturing existing relations, driving golf tourism and making the game accessible to a wider audience, as well as developing and promoting talent via the resort's PGA golf academy.

NORTHWICK PARK OPENED BY FOOTBALL LEGEND

Playgolf Northwick Park opened recently as London's premier 9-hole golf course - after unveiling the latest hole on its unique layout, which features replicas of some of the most famous holes in golf.

Former England and Tottenham Hotspur football legend Les Ferdinand officially opened the full 9-hole course in April, in his role as a Playgolf Ambassador.

The 'Majors Course' at the Harrow complex will also be set up permanently for PowerPlay Golf - the new way to play golf featuring two flags on every green.

Northwick Park general manager, Jimmy Wallace, said: "We are delighted with the latest phase of the course development, which now makes us London's premier 9-hole golf course."

BIGGA GOLF DAY

Following the success of last year's BIGGA Golf Day £3,923.00 was donated to The Rainbow Trust Children's Charity. The event is to be held again this year on June 30 at Aldwark Manor with profits going to the Child Heart Surgery Fund in Leeds.

The day will be very informal, giving BIGGA the opportunity to promote a strong relationship between greenkeeper and trade members, while at the same time enabling everyone to enjoy a competitive, yet friendly, game of golf.

The programme for the day will follow the successful format of previous years:

- Bacon sandwich, tea or coffee on arrival
- Tee times from 10.00am to 2.00pm
- Teams of 4 entered in competition over 18 holes, best 2 count on each hole
- Ploughman's Lunch
- Halfway House refreshments
- Buffet Meal
- Team prizes and longest drive individual prize

The entry fee per team is £250 + VAT. If you would like to participate please contact Sandra Raper on: 01347 833800 or: sandra@bigga.co.uk