

# Letters



## OLD PHOTOGRAPHS

GI's Editor made an appeal for old photographs in last month's issue, after being sent a picture from the late 60s/early 70s, by BIGGA Life Member, Bob Moffat. BIGGA's Chief Executive, John Pemberton, recently discovered the picture below. We have spotted Past BIGGA Chairman, Andy Campbell – he is in the middle row, second from the left.

If you recognise anyone else in this picture or have any old greenkeeper pictures you'd like to send in, please email them to: [scott@bigga.co.uk](mailto:scott@bigga.co.uk) Alternatively you can post them to: BIGGA House, Aldwark Manor, Alne, York, YO61 1UF.



## Dear Greenkeeper International

I feel I should respond to the letter from Graeme Gallimore in the March issue of Greenkeeper International concerning an article I wrote on grinding.

Mr. Gallimore didn't seem to recognise that it was an open discussion on the pros and cons of relief grinding.

To my knowledge all grinding manufacturers offer relief grinding and most mower manufacturers send out new units relief ground. The article tried to establish why this practise is maintained as it adds an additional process to the manufacture of a mower. To answer this question, the grass cutting equipment manufacturers were consulted independently and their responses were quoted in the article. They came up with several similar valid arguments as to why they choose to relief grind.

Non-contact mowing has been an established practice for many years. However, there are some manufacturers (as stated in the article) who encourage light contact mowing. So while non-contact is still the preferred choice of greenkeepers, it has yet to be adopted universally.

With regard to the importance of the bottom blade, it is accepted that the sharpness of the bottom blade is equally important as that of the cylinder but the article was actually about the proven benefits of applying a relief angle to any blade, so I felt no need to focus on one blade over another.

I am unsure why he felt the need to mention the STRI article as I understand that most greens maintenance staff would agree with grinding as a preference to backlapping anyway. Apart from which, the content of said article has appeared in print several times before so it's by no means news.

I stand by the integrity of my writing which was produced with the full co-operation and approval of two of the world's major mower manufacturers, who I'm sure will be happy to answer any further questions on the subject.

*Yours sincerely*  
Charmian Robinson, ABR Publicity



# In the Shed

## ANSWERS

### CROSSWORD

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### QUIZ ANSWERS

- Nose bleed
- Jane Fonda
- Dawn French
- Cotton
- Glass
- A (flightless) bird
- 13 years of age (nearly 14)
- The Roadrunner
- Arthur (died in 1502 while still heir presumptive)

### MONSTER SUDOKO

1	0	6	D	4	C	E	9	7	3	F	A	2	B	8	5
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F	9	3	7	B	5	6	8	2	4	0	C	E	A	1	D
5	4	8	B	2	A	1	F	9	E	D	6	0	C	7	3
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9	D	5	0	A	2	C	7	3	1	4	E	6	8	F	B
E	7	B	1	0	8	4	6	D	A	5	F	C	3	2	9
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### SQUIGGLY SUDOKO

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