



# Diary of Events

Details of your section's forthcoming events in 2010 can now be found here...

## January

*Wednesday, January 13,*

In at the deep end a presentation by Keith Exton, Head Groundsman of the Swalec Stadium Cardiff, home of Glamorgan CCC.

Venue of the event is Taff's Wells Rugby Club and will start at 7:30pm.

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The Devon and Cornwall Section has arranged a golf event to be held at Newquay Golf Club. Contact George Pitts [gpitts.yelverton@googlemail.com](mailto:gpitts.yelverton@googlemail.com)

*Tuesday, January 19*

The North Wales Section will be arranging a bus to travel to Harrogate Week. This will travel from the North Wales area and can pick up in the North West Section by prior arrangements. Contact Jeremy Hughes [jezpro69@aol.com](mailto:jezpro69@aol.com)

*January 2010*  
*- Date to be advised.*

The South West Section are organising a Manual Handling training course. Contact Adam Matthews [adam.l.matthews@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:adam.l.matthews@hotmail.co.uk)

## February

*Thursday, February 11*

The Devon and Cornwall Section has arranged a golf event to be held at Torquay Golf Club. Contact George Pitts [gpitts.yelverton@googlemail.com](mailto:gpitts.yelverton@googlemail.com)

*Wednesday, February 17*

The Devon and Cornwall Section Spring Workshop entitled "The Life Beneath Your Feet", to be held at Duchy College.

Contact George Pitts [gpitts.yelverton@googlemail.com](mailto:gpitts.yelverton@googlemail.com)

*Wednesday, February 17*

Recent developments in chemicals for use on sports turf. Paul Clifton, of Bayer Environmental, will be giving a presentation covering recent developments in chemicals for the use on sports turf. Venue is Pencoed College (Bridgend) and starts at 7:00pm.

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*- Date to be advised.*

The South West Section is organizing an Excavator Training Course (novice driving course). Contact Adam Matthews [adam.l.matthews@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:adam.l.matthews@hotmail.co.uk)

## March

*Tuesday, March 2*

Scottish BIGGA Conference, Carnegie Conference Centre, Carnegie College, Dunfermline. Speakers include; Henry Bechelet, STRI, Richard Windows, STRI, Greg Evans, Ealing GC, Gordon McKie, Course Manager, Old Course, St. Andrews Links, Lee Strutt, Course Manager GWest, Gleneagles, Paul Kimber, Golf Course Architect. Contact Peter Boyd [pj.boyd@btinternet.com](mailto:pj.boyd@btinternet.com)

*Thursday, March 4*

The South Coast Section has arranged an education section seminar to be held at Canford Magna Golf Club. Contact Chris Bitten [chrisbitten@btinternet.com](mailto:chrisbitten@btinternet.com)

*Friday, March 5*

South East Region Annual Gentleman's Dinner to be held at Walton Heath Golf Club. Contact Clive Osgood [cliveosgood@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:cliveosgood@yahoo.co.uk)

*Wednesday, March 10*

The Kent Section has arranged a golf event to be held at Princes Golf Club. Contact Rob Holland [grassysars@hotmail.com](mailto:grassysars@hotmail.com)

*Wednesday, March 17*

The Devon and Cornwall Section has arranged a golf event to be held at Mullion Golf Club. Contact George Pitts [gpitts.yelverton@googlemail.com](mailto:gpitts.yelverton@googlemail.com)

*Wednesday, March 17*

Site visit to Ffos Las Racecourse, Carmarthenshire. A chance to have a look around only the 3rd racecourse to be built in the UK in 80 years in the company of Clerk of the Course Mr. Tim Long and Managing Director David Thursfield. Ffos Las is located near Kidwelly and the visit starts at 5:30pm.

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## April

*Wednesday, April 14*

Site visit to 2010 Ryder Cup Course at the Celtic Manor Resort. Director of Golf Courses & Estates Management Jim McKenzie will be showing us around the first golf course to be purpose built to host the Ryder Cup. Following the tour there will be a presentation when Jim will be joined by Chris Sealy to discuss the Ryder Cup at Valhalla in 2008.

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*Wednesday, April 14*

The East Midlands Section has arranged a golf event to be held at Erewash Valley Golf Club. Contact Andy de Wet [biggaeastmidlands@hotmail.com](mailto:biggaeastmidlands@hotmail.com)

**More dates for your diary next month**