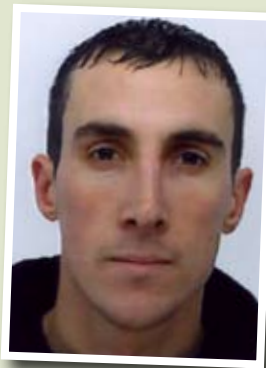


Assistant Profile

Each month we take a light hearted look into the life of an assistant greenkeeper...

Senõr Fluffy knows how to look after himself and enjoys throwing himself out of planes!



Name: Paul Healy

Age: 27

Club: Worlebury GC

Position: First Assistant

Nickname: Senor Fluffy (Thanks to Frank Newberry!)

How long have you been in greenkeeping?

11 years.

What was it about the career that attracted you?

I liked the idea of working outdoors.

If you weren't a greenkeeper what would you be?

I've always liked the idea of being a sky diving instructor.

Which task do you enjoy doing and why?

I've always enjoyed mowing fairways, particularly before a big event.

Which task do you least enjoy doing and why?

I've never enjoyed vertidrainning fairways. It can be a long and boring job.

What one thing, other than a pay rise, would improve the greenkeepers' lot?

As a single man I'd have to say some slightly younger, female members!

Hobbies?

I enjoy golf, sky diving, kick boxing and long distance running.

Favourite Band?

I don't have a favourite band but Michael Jackson is a legend in my eyes.

Which team do you support (football or otherwise)?

Not a big fan of team games. I prefer my more dangerous sports!

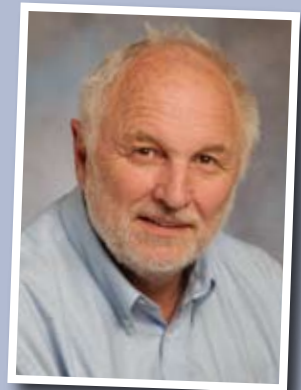
What is your claim to fame?

I once held a couple of kick boxing titles here in the south west and, as a result, appeared in some fighting magazines.

What's your Number?

Our regular and random profile of an industry figure continues with this month's lucky number...

Mike Coleman of Fuschia Exhibition & Conference Services comes under the spotlight



What is your position within the company?

I founded Fuchsia Exhibition & Conference Services and have been Chairman/Managing Director. I am handing over to my son, Nick, but will remain as Chairman.

How long have you been in the industry?

I became involved with SALTEX when it first moved to Windsor and BTME from the first exhibition in what is now Hall A!

How did you get into it?

By chance, we were doing PR for a company when their stand builder did a midnight flit - we stepped in.

What other jobs have you done?

I demonstrated Land Rovers in Trinidad; joined the British South Africa Police, in Rhodesia. I launched newspapers in Buckinghamshire; was Group Production Controller for Haymarket Publishing and Publisher.

What do you like about your current job?

Not knowing what the next call or e-mail is going to bring.

What changes have you seen during your time in the industry?

Cutting a wheat field with a scythe; asking the operator to connect me, cutting grass with a Royal Enfield Mower. A lot has changed.

What do you like to do in your spare time?

Member of a drama group, Chair of the Friends of my Church, 18 years as Chair of Govenors of local Primary School, also sailing a 37ft Bavaria out of the Canaries.

Where do you see yourself in 10 years time?

Hopefully sailing more and I might give up a lot of the physical side of exhibitions.

Who do you consider to be your best friends in the industry?

I am not a great believer in 'best friends' or classifying friendship by degrees.

What do you consider to be your lucky number? . 7.

Always has been. As I get nearer to the big 70 I would like it to remain so.

Pick a number. 21

*You've chosen...
Mike King of Vitax!*