

we know more we will ask our members to do their bit, as they have so valiantly done before.

We are looking for anyone in the Section who may be handy with a bit of leather and willow, as Nick Gray, of Bathgate's, has organised a cricket match between the North Wales/ North West Sections on July 6.

If you feel you would like to get involved with this, please contact me I will happily take your details and pass on any relevant information, also we may be a little lacking in cricket gear anyone able to help out there? All offers of help will be welcome.

In local news, all hail Stu Yarwood, not only has he got the energy to become the Section's newest Master Greenkeeper but he has also become a dad again, Stu and his wife, Paula, became proud parents to, Isla Valentine, on February 1. Congratulations go to you both from the Section as a whole.

Right I think that will just about do for now so all the best until next month.

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## North West

We are now through early Spring and I can feel the grass growing outside. (Actually as I write this, it's early March and white solid outside).

Recently we attended an informal get together organised by greenkeepers in the NW, it was held at Garstang GC, with a talk from Tony Kvedaras followed by a really nice curry.

There was a large number in attendance and seemed enjoyable to all, thank-you Spencer Penwortham, for the invite and all the hard work you put into the night.

With the Season all systems go, we are looking forward to hosting the Spring tournament here at Hesketh, on April 13.

There are still some spaces available and if you are looking to play, please contact Phil Dewhurst or post on the facebook page, the tee-time is reserved from 10-11.30 and all are welcome.

Oh well it's time to go out and put the greens on temporaries, on ladies day as well. Surely there can't be much more frost now.

All the best for the upcoming season...

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## Sheffield

Well March seemed to disappear as fast as it arrived. We are now well into preparations for the new season and I hope the weather has been kind to us and all our courses are ready for the battle.

Firstly, I would like to put a shout out to any keen cricketers among our ranks. Mike Brear, of Rigby Taylor, has kindly organised the Sheffield Section Vs Rigby Taylor cricket match for this summer (Date TBC).

The match will take place at Phoenix Sports and Social Club and will be a family event so feel free to bring the wife and kids. There will be a BBQ and bar available.

If anyone is interested in playing, or wants to attend, then get in touch with either me or Mike himself. Mike has told me he has pretty much sorted his side so we have some work to do.

I was talking to my Gordon the other day and he informed me that he was getting an extra member of staff for the summer. Sachin, I think his name was!

Fixture cards for this year's golf should have arrived at your doorsteps, if not you will have them shortly.

Thank you to Peter Fell, and Aitkens, for supplying the fixture cards once again.

Unfortunately that's all for April but remember if you like cricket get on the phone and get your place in the team reserved.

Bye for now and have a good April.

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## Midland Region



### East Midlands

Hello all,

I am afraid I am rather busy at the time of writing this, so apologies for the brief nature of this update from our Section!

Mid February saw the Section take to the track in a Toro-sponsored go karting event. A total of 22 brave souls turned up ready to test their driving skills at the indoor Wymeswold track. Split into two heats with the slowest from each heat taking part in a Losers' final, then the fastest in a grand final. We all feared the worst when one of our members turned up ready to race "Stig" style with his own helmet and overalls, We soon realised this was just a trick to try and scare us out of the way!

What we realised was that those of us who had "listened to the rules" about no bumping or indeed, like me, are carrying to much weight were always going to be racing in the now renamed Heavyweight Final, as opposed to the Flyweight Category Final who had been able to whizz around the track at breakneck speed unhindered by weight!

In the Heavyweight Final Sam Voss, from Forest Hill, took third place; Andy de Wet, second, and yours truly first place, I feel at this stage I would like to apologise to Gary Thurman. Why? By his own admission Gary had become a bit like a slow moving chicane on the track, and after the first heat I realised that rather than sitting behind Gary for three or four laps it was far easier to "give him a little nudge" at the hairpin, sending him into a spin, I think I used this method five times in the final "Sorry Gary"

In the Flyweight "Racers" Final, Adi Porter, from Greetham, took third; Matt Lowe, from Woolaton, took second, with racer supreme Stefan Carter, from Forest Hill, taking the podium honours.

It should also be said that it was noted by many that some of the participants in the "Fly-

## Assistant Profile

*Our monthly look into the life of an assistant greenkeeper...*



**Name:** Kevin Moore

**Age:** 23

**Club:** Garforth Golf Club

**Position:** Assistant

**Nickname:** "The machine"

### 1. How long have you been greenkeeping?

5 ½ years

### 2. What was it about the career that attracted you?

The thought of working in an outdoor environment.

### 3. If you weren't a greenkeeper what do you think you'd be?

Would of liked to be a professional sports man.

### 4. Which task do you most enjoy doing and why?

Woodland Management and Greens Projects.

### 5. Which task do you least enjoy doing and why?

Raking bunkers and ditching.

### 6. What would improve the greenkeepers' lot?

The development of young greenkeepers.

### 7. Hobbies?

Darts, Cricket, Rugby League, Golf and sport in general

### 8. Favourite Band?

I am a fan of R&B music

### 9. Which team do you support?

Castleford Tigers

### 10. Your claim to fame?

Going to Super league Grand Final and having pictures took with some players .