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BIGGA's Quarter Century is a reason to celebrate, writes Scott MacCallum



Celebrating 25 years of BIGGA

Harrogate Week is always a special occasion for all those who attend, but Harrogate Week 2012 will be particularly so, as it not only celebrates the 25th anniversary of BIGGA itself, but also 100 years since the first surviving recorded minutes of BIGGA's oldest ancestor – the very first greenkeeping Association.

Both events will be recognised during the week with a Celebration Evening to mark BIGGA's Silver Jubilee and an exhibition in the Halls to commemorate the centenary of greenkeeping Associations.

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The rate of change since 1987, never mind 1912, within the industry has been truly remarkable and Harrogate Week symbolises that.

The technology on show during Harrogate 2012 would have had NASA astronauts opened jawed with amazement in 1987, and there is no sign of progress slowing.

Whatever the task which is required on the golf course, there will be a boffin in an R&D Department somewhere, looking at ways of making your professional life better or easier.

The fruits of their labours to date will be there for all to see in one of the four Halls at Harrogate International Centre, while the world renowned Continue to Learn programme ensures that those who take part are in a position to keep on top of all those industry developments.

It is a combination which has proved a very productive cocktail for all concerned over the years and, coupled with the unique Harrogate atmosphere for the Apres Show, it creates a never to be forgotten occasion for all who attend.