



# Diary of Events

Details of your Section's forthcoming events in 2011 can be found here...

Date	Event	Venue	Contact
<b>MARCH 2011</b>			
March 9th	East Midlands Section Talunex/ Phostoxin Training Course	Forest Hill Golf Club	Andrew de Wet at biggaeastmidlands@hotmail.com Cost of course is £80.00
March 15th	Cleveland Section - Great Turf Company Lecture	Teeside Golf Club	Ian Pemberton at ispemberton@ntlworld.com or telephone 07791 695768
March 16th	Devon and Cornwall Section	Merlin Golf Club	George Pitts at gpitts.yelverton@googlemail.com or telephone 07929 754401
March 17th	Joint BIGGA/GCMA Educational Seminar	Chipping Sodbury Golf Club, Bristol	Karen Drake at wsmgolfclub@eurotelbroadband.com or telephone 01934 626968
March 30th	Midland Regional Conference	Newark Golf Club	Peter Larter at petelarter972@aol.com or telephone 01476 550115
<b>APRIL 2011</b>			
April 6th	Cleveland Section Spring Tournament	Middlesborough Golf Club	Ian Pemberton at ispemberton@ntlworld.com or telephone 07791 695768
April 13th	North West Section Event	Hesketh Golf Club	Chris Sheehan at jsheehan@blueyonder.co.uk or telephone 07840 706738
April 13th	North Wales Section Event	Denbigh Golf Club	Jeremy Hughes on jezpro69@aol.com or telephone 07876 776265
April 15th	North East Section Event	Newcastle United Golf Club	Jimmy Richardson at jamesrichardson217@btinternet.com or telephone 07500 528542
April 19th	East Scotland Section Spring Meeting	Craigielaw Golf Links	Stuart Ferguson at stuferg@btinternet.com or telephone 07961 630553
April 21st	South West Section	Chipping Sodbury Golf Club	Adam Matthews at adam.l.matthews@hotmail.co.uk or telephone 07732 503855

## Assistant Profile

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

**Name:** Jamie Pack  
**Age:** 22  
**Club:** The Luffenham Heath Golf Club



**Position:** Assistant GreenKeeper  
**Nickname:** Jimmy

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

Five years at the end of January 2011

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

The beauties of nature which provides us with our finest British golf courses

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

I have no idea, couldn't imagine myself not being a greenkeeper. Would have to be something in the industry but have no idea what.

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

All aspects of irrigation because, irrigation systems are one of the most power full tools of agronomic change. Also the correct usage to maintain full effectiveness to help balance

good moisture management practices to favour the grasses we desire

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

Would have to be cleaning out the drainage ditches around the course. The reason for this is because we only really do this through the winter months and this time of the year it's to bloody cold to be standing in a ditch with a shovel removing sloppy mud and any other debris that find its way in.

### 6. What one thing - other than a pay rise - would improve the greenkeepers' lot?

Clean and hygienic facilities for staff to enjoy their break etc. Providing good facilities will

help motivate staff. Who wants to eat a dust filled sandwich whilst listening to the sound of the triplex mower at break time? If you have horrible sheds and useless machines why would staff want to go out and carry out their duties?.

### 7. Hobbies?

Golf, fishing

### 8. Favourite Band?

Bon Jovi

### 9. Which team do you support (football or otherwise)?

I support my legs because they support me!!! MUFC!!!

### 10. What is your claim to fame?

I don't have a fame to claim as of yet. Maybe one day though.