

# Back in time to this month in... 1992

Do you have  
any old artifacts?

Perhaps your grandad was a greenkeeper and has something stored away in the loft? Maybe an Association tie, or a journal? If so we would love to hear from you. We are particularly interested in the early part of the last century, but anything you have would be worth considering for future editions of this article.

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*Back in time* looks back at cuttings of greenkeeping news from days gone-by. 2012 is a landmark year, being the centenary of Greenkeeping Associations, as well as 25 years since BIGGA was formed. Each month we look back at the current month, but in a different year, from over the last hundred. Here, we travel back to April 1992, to look at our very own Greenkeeper International, this month, compiled by Sophie Tolchard

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The issue covered the best way to wipe out weeds, a piece written by Roger Evans, an advisory agronomist at the STRI, as well as how greenkeeping practices are different, and how some are the same in South Africa, an article delivered by Les Adams, Course Manager of the Mount Edgecombe Country Club in Durban, South Africa.

David White paid tribute to the supporters of the Greenkeeper Education and Development Fund, Roger Mossop and Dave Siddon, of ICI Professional Products, and acclaim is given to this on the cover picture, which depicts Colin Gregory (left) and Bob Margree (centre) presenting a check to George Malcolm, Neil Thomas, David Golding and John Allbutt.

In an aptly named article, drainage was made less difficult with words of wisdom from Dick Nugent, of Dick Nugent Associates, Illinois, USA.

Hugh Tilley, a regular contributor to Greenkeeper International with special interests in machinery, management, safety and agrochemicals, offered a piece that weighed up the advantages and disadvantages of using fertiliser on golf course grasses. In addition, BIGGA presented the range of spring and summer fertilisers that were available and how best to use them.

## SOUTH AFRICA

From Surrey to a climate altogether warmer... LES ADAMS explains how greenkeeping practices are different, and how some stay the same, in a country five times the size of the UK, when showers bring 50mm of water in 20 minutes

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# Drainage

By Dick Nugent, Dick Nugent Associates, Lincoln, Nebraska

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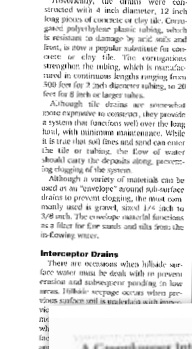
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