



EGEU Launch New Website

The European Greenkeeping Education Unit (EGEU) is pleased to announce that a new website has been developed to complement the already existing EGEU website (www.eg.eu)

The new website, designed in association with The Greenkeepers Training Committee (GTC) and the European Greenkeeping Education Unit (EGEU) is based on a Quality Assured scheme of centres, and specialist training providers, all having met a criteria and available to offer both formal and bespoke training courses. Employers and greenkeepers are encouraged to view the new website as there are courses and contacts available to assist with successful staff and management development.

The GTC's David Golding, a Director of the EGEU, believes the new website will develop into the independent information portal for the sector as more countries look to establish a greenkeeping education and training structure to allow access to learning for all levels of operatives and managers.

Any centre, college, company or individual involved in delivering greenkeeper education and training based on *best practice* are encouraged to apply to become involved in the Quality Assured Accreditation Scheme.

David added, advice and guidance will be available to help grow the game globally using expertise in all subject areas to ensure best practices are used to maintain and manage a golf clubs greatest asset, the golf course.

To register visit: www.greenkeepertraining.com

Natural Paving Products

Natural Paving Products (UK) Ltd has launch its new brochure and website.

The new brochure includes flagstones and block paving, as well as a range of new products, colours and features. The Cragstone Collection of weathered flagstones and circles is also new for 2012. www.naturalpaving.co.uk



Renovation Work to Witness

The opportunity of visiting Birch Grove Estate, in Sussex (a course which rarely opens its doors) to witness renovation work being carried out, has arisen.

Greenkeepers can visit this closed course while it is being renovated using the latest machinery from Campey Turf Care Systems, on Tuesday 24 and Wednesday 25, April.

Birch Grove Estate was acclaimed by a select few as the best 18 holes in Sussex. No expense was spared in its construction and the millions spent created a golf course of absolute perfection.

Birch Grove is now under new

ownership and is to be given a new lease of life.

For one week only, an intensive renovation programme will be implemented with machinery from Koro, Imants, Dakota, Omarv, Raycam, Coremaster and Vredo.

Once the work is finished, the gates will be closed and locked by the owner and then the facilities and golf course will be once again reserved for his own private use.

You can apply for your personal invitation. This is the only way you can gain access – so please email your request to julia.campey@campeyturfcare.com or call 01260 224568.

HERBICIDE LABEL CHANGES

New CRD (Chemical Regulation Directorate) label requirements for herbicides approved for use on non-porous, hard surfaces, require increased targeting of spray applications, important in protecting water and optimising application efficiency.

That is the view of Bayer's, Dorin Pop, who has examined the new requirements. "These new label requirements – 'Regulatory Update 42' – will apply to all herbicides used on paved and other non-porous surfaces," explained Dorin.

The new legislation, aligned to the EU Directive on the Sustainable Use of Pesticides and the EU Water Framework Directive, has come into action to help minimise the use of

herbicides and to reduce run-off into drains which poses a pollution risk.

"For herbicides used on such surfaces, the path of movement following application, mirrors that of rainfall, often being directed into drains and gulleys.

"This potential pollution risk is one which must be prevented to deliver environmental protection which otherwise hinders compliance with EU and UK directives relating to pesticide use and protection of water resources.

"The objective is to improve the targeting of herbicide applications and to avoid blanket sprays when controlling weeds on impermeable surfaces," he said.