

Back in time to this month in... 1987

Do you have any old artifacts from days gone-by?

Perhaps your grandad was a greenkeeper and has something stored away in the loft? Maybe a Greenkeeping 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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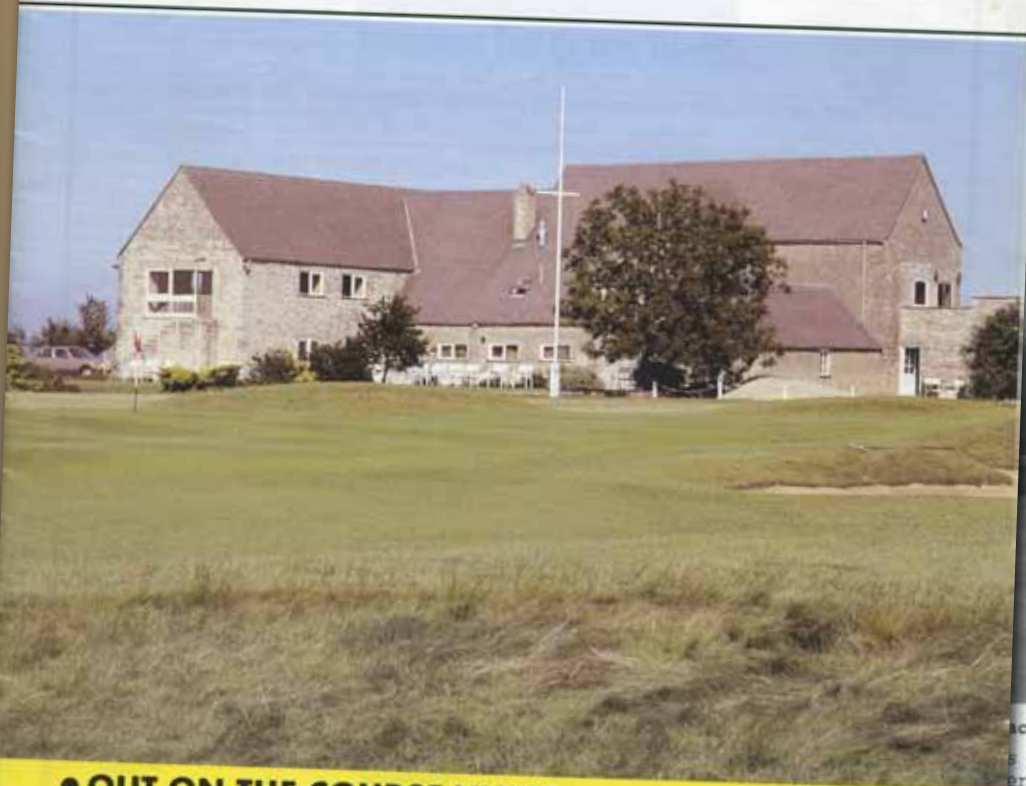
Back in time looks back at cuttings of greenkeeping news from days gone-by. 2012 is a landmark year, being the centenary of Greenkeeping Associations, as well as 25 years since BIGGA was formed. Each month we will look back at the current month, but in a different year, from over the last hundred. This month we travel back to January/February 1987, to look at the magazine which was produced, as BIGGA was in the initial stages of its formation...

The magazine provides a BIGGA update included in which was information on the appointment of a General Administrator (the magazine also contained an advert for the job); where the offices would be located; the Sections; Subscriptions; National Competitions and the magazine.

The magazine also contained articles by Jim Arthur on moss; Jack McMillan on aeration "Aeration is not a passing fad but a constant necessity", and a piece by John Campbell on Laurence Pithie, who was Course Manager at Minchinhampton at the time.

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Jack gets to grips with a Sunningdale green.

... long as we are allowed to aerate, compensating for the additional traffic. Somehow we must find a way to carry out aeration programmes without disturbing the golfer. A very experienced greenkeeper knows that a well-aerated soil aerates well with little evidence of the work having been carried out. The real problem lies in very compacted soils where aerators

leave obvious tracks. They have been face plucking unacceptable surfaces. I know of golfers whose lives are made out of sense programmes. I know others who become ill with worry. This problem has become a measure of stress that



Two generations business.

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BIGGA UPDATE...

At the meeting of the board of management held in York on January 13, it was agreed that a short report should be circulated to members with an accompanying letter from the chairman.

Appointment of General Administrator

As it was not finally known until late last year that a single association of greenkeepers would be formed, it was not possible to take any action until December to engage a general administrator. At the December board of management meeting, consultants were engaged to obtain a short-list of applicants and, at the meeting held in January, a job specification and advertisement were approved. The ad has subsequently appeared in the January/February issue of *Amateur Golf* and appears on page 31 of this *Greenkeeper*. It has also been run in other selected publications.

Office Location

The BIGGA office is to be located at the Sports Turf Research Institute at Bingley and the general administrator's first responsibility will be to set up that office and appoint a secretary. Until this time, the Sports Turf Research Institute is assisting the association. However, until the association has its own employees, members are requested not to communicate with the STRI, but with regional board of management representatives.

Association Sections

The new association's constitution provides that association regions be divided into areas. It is likely that they will be similar to the old sections. Board of management representatives have been asked to report upon this issue at a meeting to be held on March 2. It is being recommended that all section funds shall, subject to the approval of those sections, be handed over to the constituted new area.

Annual Subscriptions

As stated in the letter from the chairman, subscriptions will not be demanded until the association has its own office.

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A Sarmach nozzle with spray pattern uniformity.

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A Sarmach nozzle with spray pattern uniformity.

pollution to water courses and adjacent areas, resulting from a fertilizer application.

The type 119 is a row machine and the standard includes lid, screen and a dual cabin for spread control from both sides.

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Full technical specifications for the type 119, as well as the standard types 116 and 99, are available from AF Tranchers, Greenbeck Road, Colchester, Essex CO1 9JL. Tel: 0206 44411.



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there before and the greenkeeper is the whipping boy. The work has to be done and I would suggest it is tackled early in the week and as early in the morning as possible. What the golfer does not see, etc... I would also suggest that greenkeepers...



Members of the McMillans - Jack with son Billy, one of five sons in the

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