



Learning & Development

Sami Collins, BIGGA Learning & Development Manager, with an update on education issues

As we leave our wonderful (!) summer behind us, let our thoughts turn to training and the BTME in January. By now you will have received your Continue to Learn brochures and are thinking about which seminars to attend. Let us whet your appetite with a summary of what to expect.



Continue To Learn

Bookings are coming in thick and fast for the Continue to Learn sessions. The advice is to book early to avoid disappointment! Each month, until BTME, we will focus on a different area of Continue to Learn, providing a brief summary of what is available. This month, it is the turn of the Focus On sessions. On Tuesday and Wednesday, the Focus On seminars are designed to provide 'bite-sized' learning opportunities which delegates can combine with their visit to the trade show.

The sessions last up to two hours and offer a range of subjects from soil and grass science to updating computer skills.

Tuesday 22nd January

Assertiveness - Janet Watling, In Step

What's in a Soil Analysis? - Simon Barnaby

Excel - Essential Calculations for Greenkeepers - Jacky Lowe, Training Gem

Improve Your Powerpoint and Presentation Skills - Jacky Lowe, Training Gem

Managing Difficult Situations - Janet Watling, In Step

Disease identification - Ruth Mann, STRI

Use Microsoft Project to Help Plan and Organise Your Medium and Long Term Project Plans - Jacky Lowe, Training Gem

Participating and Managing Meetings - Janet Watling, In Step

Grass Identification - Andy Newell, STRI



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Wednesday 23rd January

Ecology in Focus - Bob Taylor, STRI

Master Greenkeeper Certificate Workshop Stages 1 & 2 - Les Howkins/Kerran Daly/Lee Strutt

Working to Increase Nature Without Compromising Golf - Bob Taylor, STRI

Master Greenkeeper Certificate Workshop Stage 3 - Les Howkins/Kerran Daly/Lee Strutt

So You Want To Be Promoted - Murray Long, Course Manager, Sunningdale GC and Stuart Yarwood, Course Manager, Lymm GC

Ecology and the Business Working Together - Bob Taylor, STRI

For further information and an up-to-date programme for Continue to Learn, visit www.btme.org.uk/education/seminars

Assistants Development Programme

Following on from last month's launch, the 'So You Want To Be Promoted' sessions continue with the South East Regions', to be held at Sunningdale Golf Club on Tuesday 20th November, presented by Murray Long, Sunningdale Golf Club and Matt Plested, Muswell Hill Golf Club. Further details can

be found in the events section of the website. This is an exceptionally worthwhile event to attend for any greenkeepers wanting to progress in their chosen career and are unsure of the skills they will need.

Library

The library has been offline whilst the selection of books has been updated and re-categorised. Thanks should go to John Deere for their generous donation to the library fund.

It has provided the opportunity to remove some of the older books and increase the stock of the more popular ones.

Careers

For those of you who have been using the website recently, you will find the Careers section has changed slightly, with more resources added.

You will find information about apprenticeships, grants, minimum wages, links to colleges and other essential websites. Again, John Deere are kindly providing the sponsorship for this section. If you have any suggestions for the Careers section, please get in touch.