



CHRIS IS NEW HEAD AT PRESTWICH

Chris Harding is the new Head Greenkeeper at Prestwich Golf Club in Greater Manchester.

Previously a Deputy at Dunham Forest Golf & Country Club in nearby Eccles, Chris has joined the 18-hole parkland course with the intention of making his mark in his first Head Greenkeeper role.

He said: "It's a challenge and it's one I'm

really looking forward to. My first focus is to improve the greens because they have suffered with thatch here.

"It's a very pretty course, we've recently had a few new members join too so I want to help reach its full potential."

Chris currently has just one colleague on the greenkeeping staff although they are currently interviewing for a third member of staff.

KEITH KENSETT

Everyone at BIGGA was shocked and saddened to hear of the death of Keith Kensett of R&K Kensett in September.

One of his many good friends in the industry is Peter Bradburn, an expert in the start up of golf course businesses in the UK and Mediterranean for the past 20 years.

He said: "It is unavoidable that in a small industry such as the turf and golf sector we are all going to lose acquaintances and colleagues over the passing of the years. But the unexpected news about Keith will create a void in many people's lives.

"I was first introduced to Keith over 15 years ago, in another country on another grow-in but I was struck by his dedication and tenacity in getting the message across, his way was the right way of doing renovation maintenance and that was that!

"In the intervening years, I have listened to, discussed with and learnt from him on a whole range of subjects to do with growing good grass. It was not unusual to receive a call from him late in the evening as he returned from a job and would want to bounce an idea off you. That was the kind of guy he was and you just loved him for it: inquisitorial, inventive and resourceful.

"Knowing Keith, you inevitably got to know the his family and the extended clan that is R&K Kensett.

"My heartfelt sympathies and condolences go out to Jane and the boys during this time and the team at the family business.

"It is an overused epithet at a time like this but he shall be sadly missed in the industry; rest in peace old fella."