

play, have a chat about the weather and discuss the different courses and methods of presentation.

The other event was the annual match against the secretaries which was held at Douglas Park GC, a great day was had by all in attendance and the final result was a draw meaning the greenkeepers retain the trophy. Thanks to Drew and his staff for the course presentation and the club for allowing us the use of their facilities.

Movers & Shakers

Central - Lee Strutt has resigned from the Committee. Everyone would like to thank Lee for his contribution over the past few years and will gladly accept his offer to help out at events.

East - Congratulations to John Watson at Deer Park who has taken over as Course Manager with Stuart Cruickshank now taking the role of General Manager, the section wish you all the best.

New section members this month are Craig Darling (Renaissance) and Neil Hogg (Bruntsfield Links), welcome aboard guys.

Results

West - Outing at Buchanan Castle. Scratch prize; Gordon Sangster (Cathkins Braes) 70 First class winner; Stuart Taylor (Glasgow) 37pts; Second Chris Prior (Bearsden) 36; Third Douglas MacIntosh (Cathkin) 35; Second class winner; David McBride (Vale of Leven) 35 bh; Second Brian Logue (Vale of Leven) 35; Third Jack Steadward (Blairbeth) 33; Third class winner John Barr (Cardross) 37; Second Gareth Rodgers (Fairways) 30; Third John Steele (Buchanan Castle) 25; Visitor prize Robert Hart (Glasgow); Nearest pin 4th John Barr; Nearest pin 8th Chris Prior.

Thanks to Sponsors

East - Thanks to Mussleburgh Race Course for their recent hospitality afforded to our section at their last race meeting, unfortunately we had a low turnout on the night, but everyone had a good time and we look forward to a complimentary drink at Mortonhall thanks to Shaun Cunningham's substantial winnings!

Welcome New Scotland Members

Gregor Mackintosh, Greenkeeper, Turnberry Hotel & Golf Course
Scott Thomson, Greenkeeper, Strathmore Golf Centre
Antony Burnett, Greenkeeper, Balnagask Golf Club
Robert King, Assistant Greenkeeper, Mortonhall Golf Club
Kyle Cruickshank, Greenkeeper, The Gleneagles Hotel & Golf Courses
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Events Coming Up

North East - The summer stableford competition at Percy Wood is on 21 August NOT 17 August as previously mentioned. Booking forms will be sent out to all members.

Northern - The invitation day at Wetherby is on 12 August NOT 19 August as quoted in last month's notes. The Sheffield match-up is at Howley Hall on 31 July.

North Wales - Apologies to everyone who was looking forward to playing in the North Wales v North West match at Lymm GC but the fixture had to be cancelled, further information as to whether it will be rearranged has not made it to me as yet but keep watching our Facebook group or the main BIGGA website events area for updates. The North Wales v South Wales match is at Borth and Ynyslas GC on 26 July, I believe we do have a team but if you want to check or be on stand by please contact Rhys Butler - contact details on your fixture list.

News

North East - Baby boom recently at Close House GC with four new arrivals in just three days! James Parker's wife Sarah gave birth to India 23 April; Nathan Charlton's partner Laura gave birth to Tyler 24 April; Andrew Sweeney's wife Rachel gave birth to Milyssa also on 24 April and Simon Harding's wife Tanya gave birth to Theo on 25 April.

North East - Close House GC have had MJ Abbotts in again to do some alterations, constructing and altering two greens plus building new tees enlarging water hazards and have also added a lake in front of the 18th green on the new course.

Edinburgh Landscapes are currently laying all the turf, the majority of the heavy gear has now left the site and the course should be ready for play by July 1.

Movers & Shakers

North Wales - David Vaughan the professional at Vale of Llangollen retired on 30 June after 32 years of service to the club, we wish him all the best.

New Members

George McCoy, Greenkeeper, Vale Royal Abbey GC; Brian Griffiths, Greenkeeper, Baron Hill GC Ltd; Richard Malthouse, Greenkeeper, Malton & Norton GC; Kevin Irving, Greenkeeper, Carlisle GC; Scott Baxter, Groundsman, Roundwood GC; Adam Mayren, Ass Greenkeeper, Leyland GC; Guy Welding, Greenkeeper, Leyland GC; Charles Bevan, Greenkeeper, Leyland GC; Scott Newton, Course Manager, Astbury GC; Richard Breese, Affiliate Member, Shipley GC; Joshua Fowler, Ass Greenkeeper, Meltham GC; Chris Shally, Greenkeeper, Hessele GC; Phillip Robinson, Ass Greenkeeper, Close House GC; Graham Dawson, Greenkeeper, Close House GC; Peter Macniak, Ass Greenkeeper, Macclesfield GC

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Events Coming Up

BB&O - Summer Comp at Caversham Heath GC, near Reading, 1 August. Stableford with coffee and bacon rolls, free range balls and two course buffet dinner afterwards.

Smart casual attire required after golf. Event doubles as a qualifier for the BIGGA National Championship at Frilford Heath 7-8 October. See www.bbogreenkeepers.co.uk for further details.

Mid Anglia - Summer Golf Day at Brookmans Park GC on 6 August. Get your entries in asap to avoid missing out on this popular pairs event.

News

BB&O - Andy Ewence, Course and Grounds Manager at the Buckinghamshire GC, is looking for support staff for the Ladies European Masters held on 26-28 July live on Sky.

Last years event was a great success and hopefully as many of you as possible will volunteer again to experience the work and involvement of a Professional Tour event. Andy can be contacted on 07725277952 or Andy.Ewence@Buckinghamshiregc.co.uk

East Berkshire played host to the Players Tour. Held over 36 holes the tour offers club professionals the chance to play and win a place at the European Qualifying School. Conditions were ideal for scoring with warm sunny weather and a course in great condition. Scoring was tight with Lee James the eventual winner with -2.

Section team beat the Kent Section 4-1 in the final of the Toro/Lely Home Counties Football Final held at Upton Park. Congratulations to both teams for a great game and especially to Larry Pearman and Toro/Lely for sponsoring the event. A special mention must go to head groundsman Shane O'Brien on the quality of the pitch and surface presented for the event.

Mid Anglia - The Centurion Golf Club in St Albans/Hemel Hempstead is very close to opening and looks to be a very fine course and a real challenge of golf so looking forward to its late summer opening.

Movers & Shakers

Mid Anglia - Congratulations to Neil Carter for being appointed as Head Greenkeeper at Mentmore GC - all the best for your role.

Results

Mid Anglia - Results from Spring Golf Day and National Qualifier held at Bedford & County GC. 1 A Butler 36pts, 2 G Bruce 34, 3rd O Browning 33 with nearest Pin winners L Owen and A Butler. Our thanks go to Geoff Fenn and his team for providing us with the course in fantastic condition which was enjoyed by all who attended on a lovely day.

Thanks to Sponsors

Midland - Our long running supporters of our excellent calendar, now in its 6th year, this month is sponsored by North Staffs Irrigation Ltd. Please consider them for both your irrigation and drainage requirements. Email: NSIrrigation@aol.com Tel: 01785 812 706.

Mid Anglia - A massive thanks goes to Vassgro Amenity, Rigby Taylor, Avoncrop Amenity, ALS, Amtech and Headland Amenity for your continued support with funds towards the Mid Anglia Section.

Welcome New Midland Members

Alex Brougham, Assistant Greenkeeper, Trentham Golf Ltd
Jack Hawkes, Greenkeeper, Leamington & County Golf Club
Jeremy Saunders, Mechanic, Mentmore Golf & Country Club
Simon Colebrook, Head Greenkeeper, Pitcheroak Golf Club
Paul Foley, Assistant Greenkeeper, Whipsnade Park GC
Jareth Watkin, Greenkeeper, Greetham Valley Golf Club
Alex Porter, Greenkeeper, Greetham Valley Golf Club
Nico Geldenhuys, Greenkeeper, Grove Estate Golf Club (The)
Daniel Harris, Greenkeeper, Tytherington Club (The)
Christopher Horne, Affiliate Member, iQube Marketing
Ian Burnage, Greenkeeper, Bedford & County Golf Club

Photographs wanted



We would welcome any photographs to go into the new look Around the green section, so if you're feeling snap happy, contact your Section correspondent...

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Events Coming Up

Surrey - McMillan Tankard at Sunningdale GC on 12 August.
Course Walk at Sunningdale GC 16 July 2pm with a talk on
Heathland Management by Murray Long. Contact Scott Roberts - 07810
472067 - £10 includes lunch with numbers limited.

Our next open event will be held at Piltdown Golf Club on 1 August
with a 1pm start, with bacon rolls and a meal after with plenty of prizes
for just £15! Please contact Pete Smith if you want to enter or for more
information on 07748776761 or on pds1@btinternet.com

After a successful opening, Corinthians Golf Club (formerly Fawkham
Valley Golf Club) will be hosting a Foot Golf event in mid to late July.
Date to be confirmed but will be followed by barbecue and beverages at
Redlibbits Golf Club next door. Date will be sent out via e-mail and text
and will also to be found on website and Facebook page.

News

Surrey - Seminars over the winter period are in the planning process,
dates TBA, intention to have 5 or 6 educational events at Merrist Wood
College.

Sussex - A good turnout of 27 for the Sussex section's spring
competition and national championship qualifier at the Dyke Golf Club.
Although a challenging wind was blowing a good day was had by all
on a wonderfully presented and maintained course, congratulations
and sincere thanks go to Rob Hudson and his team. Also thanks to
Jim Croxton for taking time away from the BMW PGA at Wentworth to
come along and introduce himself to our section. His attendance was
appreciated and his company was far better than his golf! He will, from
now on, always be known as "Just Jim" (pause) "on days like this!"

Movers & Shakers

Surrey - Graeme Roberts has been appointed the new Deputy Head
Greenkeeper at Tandridge GC.

Results

Sussex - Spring comp and National Qualifier; Division 1 nearest the
pin, nobody! With notable praise to Pete Smith for showing the Division 1
boys how its done! Nearest the pin in Division 2; Jon Cole (JSM); Nearest
the pin in 2; Chris Wells (Seaford); Longest drive Jim Russell (Grass Roots)

Division 1 winner; Glynn Pollard (Beauport) Nett 72; 2 Dave
Allen 74 (Pyecombe); 3 Chris Wells 76 (Seaford). Glynn
and Dave also won a place at the National championships.
Division 2 winner; Pete Smith (Birch Grove) 38pts; 2 Rob
Hudson 36 (Dyke); 3 Matt Hutchinson 34 (Hassocks). Pete
Smith will also go on to represent the section at the National.

Thanks to Sponsors

Surrey - Winchester Garden Machinery for the Surrey
Bowl.

Sussex - Thanks to all our sponsors of the Spring comp
who allowed us to put on a fine day for just £10 a head.

New South East Members

Kevin Francis, Greenkeeper, Lamberhurst Golf Club
Jamie Harman, Assistant Greenkeeper, Hankley Common GC
Simon Holland, Greenkeeper, Hankley Common Golf Club
James Waitt, Greenkeeper, Lingfield Park Golf Club
Zach Halsey, Greenkeeper, Lingfield Park Golf Club
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A new look Around the green

Based on feedback from the recent GI
survey, we've refreshed and improved
this section of the magazine.

Please send your news and photos in
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Events Coming Up

South Coast - Forthcoming events Army GC 4 July. Match v S West at N Wilts GC on 26 September. Autumn Tournament at Meon Valley GC on 9 October and our Christmas Turkey trot is at Weybrook Park on 10 December. As always let Tony Gadd know if you are available to play in the match.

News from the committee, we are planning a separate venue and mini seminar for the AGM away from a golf event. This will be in early November, the venue and speakers to be confirmed.

South Wales – Patrons Cup 4 July Radyr GC 1pm tee off. 2.30pm course walk with Julian the Head GK. All to sit down for a meal afterwards jacket and tie required - all paid for as a goodwill gesture by our patrons. The first two will be entered into the BIGGA National Championship.

28 July match at Borth and Ynyslas GC teams to be picked by match captain and last year's winners.

South West - SW Section v Welsh at Chipping Sodbury Golf Club on 15 August. SW Section v South Coast Section at North Wilts GC on 26 September. Enquiries to Wayne Vincent. Paul Worster is organising an update session for excavator licencing, please see the BIGGA Bulletin Boards for further details.

News

Devon & Cornwall - Last event was at The Point at Polzeath, North Cornwall. Superb weather added to a great day. The course was in great condition, thanks to Tom Collings (Head Greenkeeper) and his team. Winning the Golf was one of the team, Mike Ellis who will go on to represent the Section at the National Championships. Thank you to all involved.

South Coast - The annual match against the secretaries was held at Ashley Wood GC where we were again triumphant with a 3 to 2 win. Thanks to Ashley Wood for hosting the day and a particular thanks to Mark Sharwood and his team for presenting the course in excellent condition. Results of the Summer tournament will be in the next issue.

We are again sponsoring a place to BTME, this is open for anyone to be nominated. Send your nominations along with merit and reasons to Alex McCombie at southcoastsecretary@gmail.com This can be anyone so put your thinking caps on! Finally, I had the pleasure of playing in the Basingstoke Bowl in early June, a truly great day, well done Colin and his team the course was at its best.

South Wales - Congratulations to Ian Kinley and his staff at Royal Porthcawl GC on hosting the fantastic Speedy Wales Seniors Open. The event was a huge success just a shame Ian Woosnam couldn't hold on for a home victory.

Following our Summer Tournament at Kingsdown Golf Club on 12 June in weather conditions that truly sorted the men from the boys our Section representatives for the National Tournament in October have been selected. Net winner was Lee Whyte from Bowood GC and gross winner was Paul Garland from Lansdowne GC, well done men and good luck at Frilford Heath. Mention must be made of second place net Darren Moxham and second place gross Tim Morgan.

Welcome to new section member James Carash who joins us from Cricklade Hotel Golf Club.

Movers and Shakers

Devon & Cornwall - At Polzeath, a presentation was made to Jane Jones (Regional Administrator) in recognition for all the work she has done for the Region and for the Section. Accommodation, a meal and golf at St Mellion has been arranged for Jane along with some gifts on the day. On behalf of the Section, I would just like to thank Jane for all the work she has done. She is most fondly thought of by the Section and will be greatly missed. Thanks Jane and best wishes for the future, we look forward to catching up with you.

Thanks to Sponsors

Devon & Cornwall – Thank you to Everris and Reel Grinidng South West for sponsoring the event at The Point; **South Coast** – Thanks to Course Care for their ongoing support of the annual match against the secretaries; **South Wales** – Many thanks to all our section's patrons: Countrywide, Farmura, Rigby Taylor, Sports Metals, Powercut, Ted Hopkins, Avoncrop, Inscapes, David Evans, Complete Weed Control, Divot Bag and Osprey; **South West** - Many thanks to all of our section patrons and HQ who contributed to a fantastic prize pool for the Summer Tournament's participants.

New South West & Wales Members

Mark Jarrett, Greenkeeper, Teignmouth Golf Club
Philip Jonas, Greenkeeper, Newport (Pembs) Golf Club
Kevin Wilkins, Greenkeeper, Hilton Puckrup Hall Golf Club
James Morgans, Greenkeeper, Southerndown Golf Club
Paul Errington, Affiliate Member, Groundscare Products
Daniel Hardy, Deputy Course Manager, Cams Hall Estate Golf Club
Dominic Gibbard, Greenkeeper, Trethorne Golf Club
Jack Hodge, Assistant Greenkeeper, Old Thorns Manor Hotel Golf & Country Estate; Lee Mitchell, Greenkeeper, Milton Abbey School
Oliver Tanton, Assistant Greenkeeper, Royal North Devon Golf Club
Stephen Thorne, Greenkeeper, Rushmore Golf Club
Dan Ritchie, Assistant Greenkeeper, Gosport & Stokes Bay Golf Club

New International Members

Kevin-John O'Riordan, Brian O'Tuama, Mark Holland, Paul Desmond Coen, Sean Kingston, Kevin Kelly, Conor Clancy, Darren Walsh, Michael O'Dwyer, Adam Phelan, Steven O'Leary, Francesco Sau, Colin Sheehan, Dwane Martin, Paul Collins, Shane Horgan, John Joe O'Connor, Alan Furness – all students at Colaiste Stiofain Naofa in the Republic of Ireland; Mark Fuller, International Member, The Connecticut Golf Club, USA; Ray Dufty, Affiliate Member, Tru-Turf Equipment, Australia



Greenkeeper Training



A guide to the range of training provided throughout the UK

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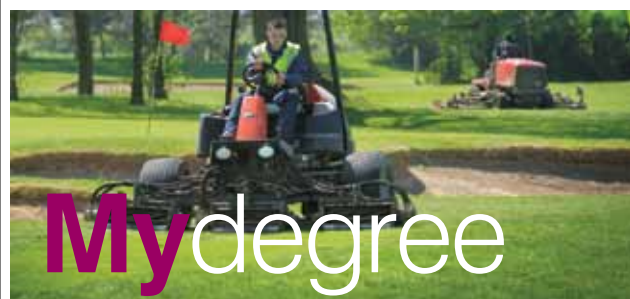
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Greenkeepers Training Committee

David Golding, GTC Education Director, with a monthly update



This month David looks at why and how British educated and trained greenkeepers are still very much in demand worldwide and how international students are still looking to attend British colleges. Plus, how the GTC is now helping golf developing countries

It gives me great pleasure when I receive an email from a familiar name reminding me that they were a British apprentice and are now working abroad as Course Manager or Director of Golf.

It is very rewarding to see how the British greenkeeping education and training system has been the foundation for many, to not only progress to be Course Managers throughout Britain, but ply their trade overseas and enjoy the experience.

There are also many of today's non-British Course Managers who have travelled from far and wide to gain knowledge from a British college and who have also enjoyed the experience of gaining skills from working on a British golf course.

The same can be said of young greenkeepers who have travelled abroad to gain new life experiences. I've lost count of how many greenkeepers have enjoyed the Ohio State University programme managed so expertly my 'old' friend Mr Mike O'Keefe, since the initiative started back in 1989! Mike only recently informed me that American Superintendents love the young British greenkeepers who have completed Level 2, as they are "so multi-skilled when they arrive in the States". A true testament to the British structure of greenkeeper training and one many people have worked on to develop and continue to maintain.

This is just one example of how sharing knowledge and experiences throughout the world of greenkeeping has benefited so many who choose greenkeeping as a career.

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become the future custodians of golf courses. Course Managers, Deputies and in fact all levels of greenkeepers have more access to knowledge and qualifications, as online learning becomes so much more accessible. A Degree in Sports Turf Surfaces is no longer just a dream for many greenkeepers, it a reality. The internet has obviously helped and communication across the world of greenkeeping appears to be going from strength to strength.

Having mentioned the formal qualifications, it must not be forgotten that the two key elements - knowledge and experience - are the very foundation which underpin any education structure.

Through my involvement in advising an increasing number of countries within my role as Standards Director to the European Greenkeeping Education Unit (or as it will soon become, Greenkeeper Training Europe), it is apparent that with very few exceptions, many countries as yet have no formal greenkeeper education system.

Some countries do not have a greenkeeping association, however, the Federation of European Golf Greenkeepers Association (FEGGA) supports those established Greenkeeping Associations in Europe and is also helping countries where golf is developing to start an association.

BIGGA, as a founder member of FEGGA, also plays an important role, with former BIGGA Chairman Paul Worster, now a FEGGA Director, offering to assist the younger Greenkeeping Associations.

It is apparent in many countries that Greenkeeping Associations have little or no support from their Golf Federation or Union to promote greenkeeper education. This is

something that the European Golf Association (EGA) are currently looking to address and Richard Heath, the General Secretary to the EGA and the EGA Board, is looking at how best they can support their affiliates.

Thankfully there is no such problem in Britain with The GTC established as the organisation where BIGGA and the British Home Unions meet to discuss all aspects of greenkeeper education, training

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and qualifications. It is a success story and one we are sharing as a blueprint with other countries.

Ultimately, it is the golf club employer who benefits most from having well trained staff and to have the major employer bodies around the table with the professional body for greenkeepers certainly has great benefits for British golf clubs and greenkeepers alike.

The Government still looks to employers to take the lead on establishing Occupational Standards for their particular sector.

What follows are funding incentives such as apprenticeship allowances which in Britain have benefited many employers and greenkeepers over the years.

In summary, British trained and educated greenkeepers are operating in many countries and the sharing of best practices amongst golf organisations, associations, education establishments and companies within the sector must bode well for the future standards of golf course maintenance and management.

For all the latest information on greenkeeper education, training courses visit the GTC's website www.the-gtc.co.uk

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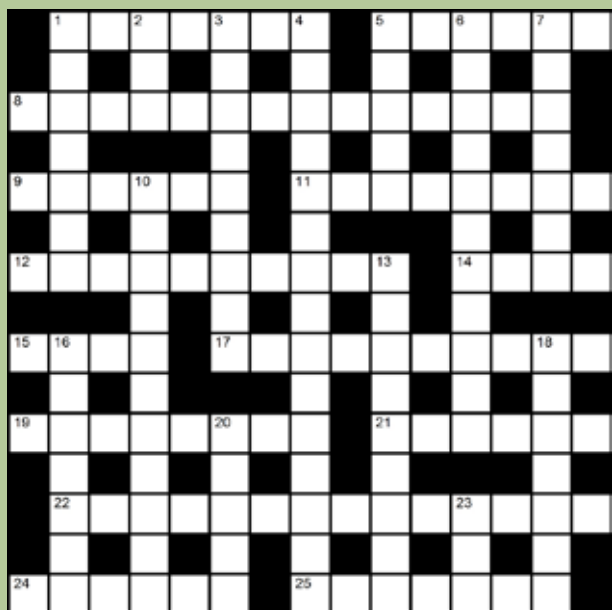
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Across

- 1 Unintentionally comic out-take from TV, film etc (7)
- 5 Drink, absorb (6)
- 8 British actor and director who co-founded United Artists (7,7)
- 9 Animal or plant in its earliest stage of development (6)
- 11 In turn; individually (3,2,3)
- 12 British pop band who reached No1 in 1983 with Too Shy (10)
- 14 America's Mormon State (4)
- 15 Pop group whose popularity re-emerged through films such as Muriel's Wedding (4)
- 17 1966 hit for The Who (10)
- 19 The world's longest-running current affairs TV programme (8)
- 21 Conspicuously indecent (6)
- 22 County in which Mallory Park racing circuit is situated (14)
- 24 Ancient Anglo-Saxon kingdom (6)
- 25 Trade name of the drug

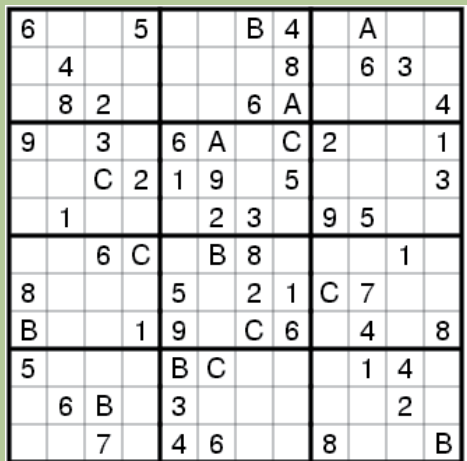
methylphenidate, a treatment for narcolepsy (7)

Down

- 1 Former kingdom of Czech Republic; name associated with unconventional lifestyle (7)
- 2 Rowing blade (3)
- 3 Toxic (9)
- 4 Racehorse whose part-owners included Sir Alex Ferguson (4,2,9)
- 5 Visual representation (5)
- 6 The 'Fat Owl of the Remove' (5,6)
- 7 Stroke of luck or source of wealth (7)
- 10 Political policies associated with America's 1981-89 president (11)
- 13 Consecutively (2,3,4)
- 16 Writing system for the visually impaired (7)
- 18 Iran's capital (7)
- 20 In French, of or between two (1,4)
- 23 --- 9000, Arthur C Clarke's Space Odyssey computer (3)

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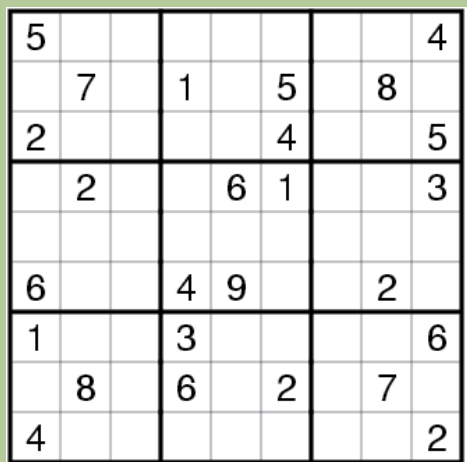
- 1) Name the 12 players who represented England in the 2005 Ashes.
- 2) Which League Two side play pre-season matches against the likes of Blackpool, Sheffield United and Huddersfield?
- 3) Which American tennis player was kicked out of Wimbledon in 1995 for verbally abusing an umpire?
- 4) Which Sheffield-based tennis player won last year's Men's Doubles at Wimbledon with partner Frederik Nielsen?
- 5) Which cricketer scored 766 runs in the last Ashes series?
- 6) Name the two tennis players involved in the record match at Wimbledon which ended 70-68 in the final set.
- 7) Who are the reigning County Cricket champions?
- 8) Name the five venues for this summer's Ashes.
- 9) Who is the current Australian cricket captain?



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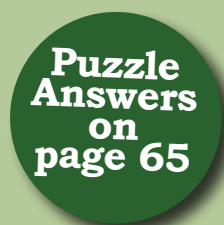
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