

Tandridge improvements



Members of Tandridge in Oxted, Surrey, have approved a budget for autumn and winter refurbishment work.

Work on the Harry Colt-designed course, under the auspices of golf course architect Tim Lobb, will see the removal and refurbishment of bunkers.

Run-off surrounds around the first green will also be improved, including the installation of irrigation.

The meeting to approve the works also saw the approval of the club's 'Course Design Policy' document that will form a blueprint for all future work on the course.

Irrigation refit at Ganton

Ganton in North Yorkshire has upgraded its irrigation system with Toro Lynx central control and Infinity speakers on the greens and aprons.

The sandy course in the Vale of Pickering is counted among the top 80 golf courses in the world. Over the years, the original characteristics of the heathland and links course have changed and undulations have been lost due to woodland and heathland growth. As a result, the greenkeeping team has been restoring the more traditional aspects of the course. Some of the aprons have been made larger to widen the areas of play.

Deputy Head Greenkeeper Mathew Wormald explained this was what instigated the decision to replace the irrigation system: "The previous system was over 20 years old, so we were coming

up to the time to replace it, simply to take advantage of the technological improvements a new central control system, such as Toro Lynx, would offer. The upgrade was made urgent after the work to update the course. The old sprinklers didn't have the capabilities to throw water as far as we

needed with the changes we made to cover the bigger area of play on the green."

Mathew had a diverse CV before joining Ganton, with stints in Belgium and Hong Kong, all of which brought experience to one of the few clubs to have staged the Curtis Cup, Walker Cup and Ryder Cup.



Ganton's Mathew Wormald alongside Reesink's Peter Newton

On the podcast this month:

Episode 21: Ian Jelley of the Warwickshire Wildlife Trust discusses how your course can become a 'living landscape'.

Episode 22: Meet Toro Student Greenkeeper of the Year winners Jason Norwood of Rudding Park and Tom Bromfield of Trentham

Jobs saved



Thirty jobs have been saved at a hotel and golf course in Lincolnshire after a pre-pack administration sale was agreed.

Giri Golf has taken over Toft Country House Hotel and Golf Course in Bourne.

As well as retaining the entire workforce, Giri Golf has acquired the par 71 golf course, which has a club membership in excess of 300.

Begbie Traynor's Marco Piacquadio, who led the deal, said: "We are delighted to have achieved this sale."

SALTEX 2019:
What's happening?

Taking place at the NEC in Birmingham on 30 to 31 October, SALTEX 2019 will feature over 300 exhibitors, including some of the leading names in grounds care.

The two-day event will offer visitors the opportunity to experience the latest industry trends and innovations, enhance their education and learn from industry experts.

The exhibition is the longest-standing event of its kind in the world, having been held almost every year since 1938. Show features taking place this year include an Eco Village, where there will be live demonstrations dedicated to environmentally-friendly products. The SALTEX Innovation Award will

celebrate the best in new grounds care technology, while there will also be a job clinic, 'Ask the Expert' turf care advice and a number of other exhibition features.

Learning LIVE is SALTEX's free-to-attend education programme and takes place in four dedicated seminar theatres spread across the show floor. The education programme will kickstart with 'Creating Champions' and a line-up of speakers including Neil Stubble of the All England Lawn Tennis Club and Karl McDermott of Lord's Cricket Club.

Registration is accessible through the SALTEX website and pre-booking is available.

Visit www.iogsaltex.com for more information.



Product launches will include:

STIHL will be showcasing an array of new products.

Taking centre stage will be a preview of STIHL's RMA 765 V PRO, a cordless mower with a 63cm twin blade cutting deck. Also on show will be the MSA 220 C-B, STIHL's most powerful cordless chainsaw.



ECHO's latest and most powerful backpack blower, the PB-8010, will be launched at the show.

The ergonomically-designed 79.9cc two-stroke engine will deliver the highest blower power available, with a top air speed of 94.5m/sec.



King Feeders UK is launching a compact mobile screener.

The Ecogreen screener can be legally towed behind a 4x4 pick-up or similar vehicle, with a 3.5tonne capacity.

The machine can be driven by the PTO of a small tractor.



Agronomics



Agronomic Services will be highlighting its disease prevention packages, enabling turf managers to reduce fungicide applications and focus on turf health.

David Snowden of Agronomic Services said: "This is a win-win situation for the environment and for the customer's budgets, particularly with the restrictions on fungicides.

"We have been prescribing plant nutrition and preventative turf health for more than 20 years."

Price Turfcare



Price Turfcare, the UK and Ireland distributor of the Ventrac compact tractor and Ryan turf maintenance equipment, will be returning to SALTEX with a larger stand and more products on display.

The company was founded in 2017 by Rupert Price, who said: "We've had a fantastic journey in a short space of time. It's been very hectic with demonstrations, roadshows and exhibitions to get the products in front of people and it has certainly produced excellent sales."