

GREENS UPDATE

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After the departure of Jim Tudor to Wollaton, we have been down to 4 staff and was coping quite well until the heavy rain started on Friday 10th June. Once again the weather has taken a major part in the maintenance of our course. After a heavy week of rain the staff could be seen squeegeeing fairways in an attempt to keep the course open. This week after the rains on Sunday evening/night and heavy rain for most of Monday morning the mowing of fairways and other areas has been particularly difficult due to the machinery clogging with grass. Add to this a member of staff taken ill for the first 3 days of the week, the pressure on the remaining staff has been quite extreme.

On a brighter note the greens are continuing to improve. Work is ongoing refining the surface and increasing speeds (quite difficult with the amount of water on them).

We have taken on a casual for a week to clean out the dykes. Originally we were sourcing chemicals with which to kill off the cress, but by the time the manufacturers and S.T.R.I Technicians had given us the okay to use the chemicals in the dykes the rains had started. However we still have the chemicals to use at a future date.

Captain's week we have a member of Steve Adcock's team joining us to assist in cutting the rough. This I am sure will be of great benefit during this time.

The new Head Greenkeeper, Dan Wheatley, will be joining us on Monday 4th July.

Andrew Down (Green's Chairman)