

## **The Future's Bright .....**

You've guessed it the future is orange at Bells Hotel and The Forest of Dean Golf Club, or in words of Group Course Manager, Tom Humphreys, "the future is awesome!"

The continued investment in this complex, by North of England Estates Ltd, has seen the arrival of a brand new fleet of front line Ransomes Jacobsen cutting equipment, Gambetti sprayer and Cushman utility vehicle along with a Charterhouse aerator and a Sisis Z brush. The greenkeeping staff waved goodbye to the old machines as they followed the old buggies into "retirement" before the new, bright orange machines went out on the course, taking the first of many exciting steps towards the upgrading of this popular golf course.

The new machines were supplied by T H White, our local supplier and engineers, and Rickerby from the North East, however all machines will be serviced by a local engineer from TH White, so ensuring that the golf club continues to consider the local environment. In addition to this major investment of another £170,000 in the complex, all our greenkeepers will be undertaking further training at a local college in order to continuously improve and update their skills.

The winter will be busy for the green staff as they undertake substantial improvements to the entire course whilst keeping its character. With major plans for the whole complex, this is an exciting time for members, guests and staff to be part of the Forest of Dean Golf Club.

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