

# THE N.A.G. HURLINGHAM EXHIBITION

## 1963 Show Success

## 90] Exhibitors

**W**E visited the N.A.G. Hurlingham Exhibition on the afternoon of the first day. By that time a car could only go in when another came out and the catalogues for the second day were already being sold. Inside there were more visitors and exhibition tents than ever—the grandest pavilion by far being that of the N.A.G. itself with a considerable staff in proportion to the importance of the occasion.

Indeed every stand appeared as well staffed as it was stocked. Messrs. Relf & Kendall, happily in their usual shaded corner, had at least six representatives

in white coats to conduct the visitor through the mysteries of mower repairs, and to show how far we have come in a generation, one corner of their large stand showed a Triumph horse-drawn mower. Two of these machines side by side could cut 18 fairways in five days and this particular machine was in service up to 1927. One wonders where.

Beyond this stand lies the "Bowling Green" area of the exhibition in its early days. Here were Fisons fertilisers, all Patisson's pleasant and practical equipment, with Greens' mowers next door but one. Sandwiched between, Mr. George of Messrs. Frank Keep Ltd. showed us lovingly the finest sample of Dried Blood he could remember and sniffed approvingly at a dish of Fish Meal. The Dried Blood, by the way, come from Aberdeen, but not the Fish Meal. One wonders why.

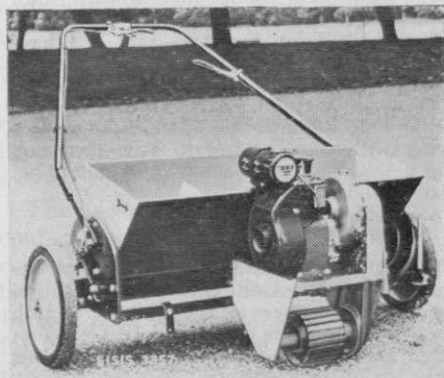
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# "SISIS" REGD

## 36 inch SUPER COULTAS Many Purpose SPREADER

The SUPER COULTAS received the Merit Award, as the "Outstanding Production of the Year", at the N.A.G. 1962 Exhibition.

A precision Spreader, designed on the proved COULTAS principle and including features of the TRUSPRED. Incorporates Jointless Ribbed Rubber Conveyor Belt, Rotary Brush and Pivoted Hopper. Reduction gears ensure extreme accuracy at the lowest rates required by the most demanding Groundsmen.



As illustrated (above) for Hand use, pushed or pulled, or for coupling to "SISIS" Suspension Control for Towing.

Alternatively (left) may be power-operated by B.S.A. 1.5 HP engine, ensuring constant speed, greater coverage and accuracy, with less fatigue.

**"SISIS Patent EQUIPMENT  
W. HARGREAVES & Co. Ltd.  
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On the Cricket Ground, Messrs. T. Parker & Sons (Turf Management) Stand 3 occupied most of one side of the double ring. Even so, the wide range of this firm's exhibits could only just be crowded in. The resulting display was an exhibition in itself.

On the "Sisis" stand, Mr. G. H. Taylor showed us the power-driven Super Coultas and a giant size Trulute, which had been developed for running tracks, but which could also have strong-arm applications in preparing seed beds.

The new Auto Turfman with B.S.A. engine operates on three tines width only, but this ensures a four-square performance with the tines at 4 in. intervals and a full 4 in. penetration.

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Continuing the outer circle, we came to the Ransomes display and Mr. P. A. Marshall, well known to many greenkeepers, took us through the intricacies of the new powered quintuples. The cylinders are P.T.O. driven and this eliminates gears on the machines themselves. Back rollers are also absent and the height of cut from  $\frac{3}{8}$  in. to  $2\frac{3}{4}$  in. is adjusted by the angle of two small trailing rubber-tyred wheels. We like especially the layout of the machine with two units cutting just in front of the tractor wheels, thus avoiding tracks.

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Messrs. Gibbs were in the same area. Their display concentrated on Ransomes mowers, hand tools and tractors.

Messrs. R. C. Craig's tent was obviously a greenkeeper's rest centre and a strong contingent of the Southern Section was discussing affairs of state under the chairmanship of Ernest Folkes.

At a distance safe enough to permit their sprinklers to operate, Messrs. BOIL were demonstrating "pop-ups", spray lines and the several devices which ease the greenkeeper's worries in dry weather.

Messrs. Carters were showing grass seeds and fertilisers amongst their sports ground requisites and the boxes of seeds mixtures in growth were enviably velvety.

Charles H. Pugh Limited showed the full range of Atco mowers and their new leaf sweeper is an attractive buy.

Lastly to the S.T.R.I. tent, where there was much to learn either from the display itself or from the staff present, which included Mr. Bernard Clayton, the Senior Advisory Officer and Mr. Noel Jackson, the Chemist. Mr. Escritt, the Assistant Director, also looked in on the way between Palma and Paris via Bingley and Tandridge.

There was much more to the exhibition than we have been able to describe. Soil sterilisers, baby tractors, P.J.M. Sprayers. The best advice, if you missed it this year, is to take a day or two off in October, 1964 and make a full inspection in person. There is a great deal to learn there in these days of rising standards and smaller ground staffs.

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#### SUTTON'S GRASS ADVISORY SERVICE

##### Mr. Owen P. F. Sutton takes over

It has been announced by Sutton & Sons Ltd., Reading, that the valuable work in regard to the production and upkeep of turf for sport, so ably carried on for many years by the late Martin Sutton is to continue under the direction of his cousin, Owen P. F. Sutton. Owen Sutton is fifth in line of descent from the founder of the house of Sutton and has qualifications which admirably fit him to carry on this work. He has been a keen games player from his early days and has first class practical experience of most ball games played on grass—cricket, soccer, hockey, golf and tennis. He is also a well-known figure at the first class football grounds of this country. His keen participation in games has given him a very practical understanding of the problem of the Groundsman, Greenkeeper, and Parks Superintendent—whose job it is to prepare turf to give satisfaction to the players using it.

Mr. Owen Sutton has been a Director of Sutton & Sons Ltd., for 27 years. An Old Harrovian, he spent some years studying estate management before he entered the firm. In taking over the inspired work of his late cousin, he brings to his task both enthusiasm and experience. There is no doubt that under his guidance and with the assistance of the keen and well-trained staff, Sutton's Grass Advisory Service will continue to make steady progress in the interests of "Turf for Sport" and those connected with it.