machines we insist that this is done.

There is a limit on the distance we travel; all our charges are inclusive of collection and delivery within 30 miles of Staines or Alresford and we do go up to 50 miles at an extra charge. All our equipment is maintained in tip-top condition (we always start with new machines) and machines are serviced in our workshops after every hire. In this way breakdowns are reduced to a minimum. Generally we hire by the week although some machines are available for a minimum of two days. Medium and long term hires can be negotiated in advance at special rates. We have tried to make our terms and conditions as simple as possible . . . e.g. on the subject of liability we say only “the hirer’s liability includes responsibility for loss or damage caused by fire, theft, neglect or misuse, but the hirer is not responsible for normal wear and tear”.

Our hire section is now in its fourth year and in that time we have learned a lot. We have made mistakes, of course, but hiring is now an established part of the business and it has, I think, made my firm quite well-known in the South East of England. I think I can claim without boasting that we are providing a valuable service to the customer.

NEW PRODUCTS

SISIS Equipment (Macclesfield) Limited, announce the introduction of a new tine.

This tine is for the treatment of golf fairways, and similar areas where treatment is required, either to relieve extreme compaction or to introduce suitable dressings. Penetration to a depth of 4” is possible.

These tines are in the form of an open sided rectangular section, narrower at the base than at the end fitted to the machine, so that clean ejection of the soil extracted is positive at all times.

The tines have been tested under varying conditions and good results have been obtained.

The tines can be fitted to existing and new SISIS machines of the general purpose type, whether these are the tractor mounted. Aeromain or towed models. They will also fit the SISIS Auto-Outfield Spiker.

A further feature is that the soil removed is generally not in a hard core, as with other types of hollow coring tines, but is loose and readily broken down by dragmat, flat harrow or brush to disperse it about the ground which has been treated.

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