

to the cutting cylinders.

Twin main driving wheels with large low pressure tyres and low centre of gravity enable the machine to operate on soft ground and to mow steep slopes. Rear wheel steering aids manoeuvrability in awkward areas, where the variable cutting width is advantageous.

At the TORO companies annual distributor convention held in Minneapolis recently, Lely (UK) was honoured for the best overall performance in the area of international after sales service for both the domestic and professional product ranges and participation in all of TORO's service programmes in service dealer coverage.

TORO also has manufacturing plants in California and Canada, together with joint production facilities in Venezuela, New Zealand and Bury St Edmunds in Suffolk.

Lely (UK) was formed by John Hawkins in 1968 as the UK marketing operation of Lely Industries, a manufacturer of agricultural equipment in Holland. Lely is also the distributor for Iseki tractors from Japan and Beaver attachments produced in Sussex. The company has been the UK distributor of TORO for two years.

Some £25,000 is to be spent on The Belfry's Derby Course to bring it into line with the Brabazon. A programme of landscaping, tree planting, deep-spiking, topsoil and peat application and additional drainage, including bunkers, is underway. The 6,077-yard Derby was designed for those seeking a less-demanding test than the Brabazon.

Golf Landscapes is building and irrigating a new 18-hole public golf course on Canvey Island, Essex. The work is valued at £220,000.

The course utilises PM Greens, the technique based on the Prunty Mulqueen patented system, containing an intensively drained formation with a sand/peat rootzone. A similar construction will probably be us-



St Mellion's head greenkeeper drives in the new acquisition. St Mellion director Hermon Bond is also pictured.

ed on the tees.

A fully automatic TORO irrigation system will be provided to the greens and tees and is to be of a single head control type, similar to that recently installed by Golf Landscapes at the Berkshire. Golf Landscapes will maintain the new golf course under a contract agreement until later in the year when it will be handed over to the local council.

constructing a new 18-hole golf course at Milgate Park, near Maidstone in Kent, as well as reconstructing seven greens and 12 tees at Weymouth GC as part of a £250,000 project.

The company recently completed major earthmoving and shaping of clubhouse surrounds and a new practice area for Broadstone and is currently reconstructing tees at Marlborough and working at Royal Lytham and St Annes.

Brian D. Pierson (Contractors) is



Ram Kumar, managing director of Toro International, Bob Orthey, marketing director, and John Hawkins, managing director of Lely Import.