Pattisson Has A New Place

H. Pattisson & Co has completed a major reorganisation of its business, including a move out of London to new premises near the M1 in Luton. The new works are more functional and have enabled streamlining of production.

Pattisson has taken the opportunity to upgrade a number of its products, with much of the outdoor equipment now being plastic-coated for longer life.

The company has produced two new catalogues. The first, already in circulation, details its comprehensive range of golf-course furniture and accessories. The second illustrates the company’s range of aeration and grass-cutting machinery.

Pattisson continues to sell on a nationwide basis through its sales force of David Craig and Peter Marshall and agents Browns of Bristol, E.T. Breakwell in the Midlands and, most recently, Richard Aitken in Scotland.

Peter Hampton, based in

Howarth Heads Amenity Seed Specialists

Jeremy Howarth has been appointed amenity seeds manager for Inter Seeds, based in Leominster, Herefordshire, where he will develop a specialist amenity seeds division for the company, offering a wide range of grasses, wild flora and fertilisers for the professional market throughout the UK. He was formerly a consultant agronomist with the STRI and, more recently, technical advisor with British Seed Houses.

Inter Seeds is a wholesale seed trading company jointly owned by 11 of the UK’s leading agricultural co-operatives, namely: Berks, Bucks and Oxon Farmers, Central Farmers, Eastern Counties Farmers, Farmers Seeds Federal, Farmway, Farmore, Midland Shires Farmers, Preston Farmers, Southern Counties Agricultural Trading Society (SCATS) and the West Midlands Farmers Association.

Inter Seeds has secured the major D.S.V. Breeders agency in the UK, enabling the company to offer varieties such as Lisabelle and Lisura perennial ryegrasses, Lifalla and Lirouge Chewings Fescues and NFG Theodor Roemer Strong Creeping Red Fescue, respected in German, Dutch and British (STRI) trials.

There are a number of existing new varieties in the pipeline, which will undergo evaluation before launch in this country.

Full technical literature on mixtures is available from Inter Seeds, Southern Avenue, Industrial Estate, Leominster, Herefordshire HR6 0QF. Tel: 0688 6363.

More New Courses

Golf Landscapes is to construct the Gosfield Lake Golf Club, a 27-hole complex north of Braintree in Essex.

Designed in association with Henry Cotton, it will have a 6,640-yard, 18-hole course, together with a nine-hole, par-three course.

The works, including creating four new lakes and installing an automatic TORO irrigation system, commence this month and seeding is programmed for completion next summer.

The greens will be built to the company’s PM green technique, which combines a free-draining sandy rootzone with an underlying intensively slit and drained topsoil formation. This construction was used earlier this year at a new public course on Canvey Island, Essex.

And the company is to build a new John Jacobs Golf Centre at Town Farm, High Wycombe, Bucks. An 18-hole public course, 18-hole par-three course and a driving range, with associated earth and drainage works to a clubhouse and car park, give a value of over £1 million.

Seeding is scheduled for next August and there will be a fully automatic watering system to the greens, tees and approaches.
ICI has relaunched Daconil on to the sports and amenity turf grass market. The fungicide contains chlorothalonil, a chemical with the widest spectrum of turf disease control recommendations cleared under the UK Pesticide Registration Scheme.

In addition to controlling all common turf diseases, such as Dollar Spot, Red Thread, Fusarium Patch/Snow Mould and Grey Snow Mould, recommendations are also available for Anthracnose, Take-All Patch, Melting-Out and Damping Off.

Daconil turf can be used at any time of the year and its rain-fast formulation will resist wash-off and provide a longer lasting level of control. After 15 years of documented use worldwide, the fungicide has defied attempts by diseases to build up resistant strains against it.

Earthworms, too, have not developed resistant species and new Tornado, a liquid formulation of carbaryl, provides an effective and economical answer to the control of casting worms.

Tornado is quick acting and provides long lasting residual control, remaining effective for up to six months, and is virtually odour free. Once the spray has dried, play can continue without restriction.

Daconil is available in a two litre plastic pack and Tornado in two and ten litre packs. Contact ICI Professional Products, Woolmead House East, Woolmead Walk, Farnham, Surrey GU9 7UB. Tel: 0252 723670.

New Green Aerator

Claimed to be over 50 per cent faster than leading competitive products, the new Toro Greens Aerator uses hollow tines to punch aerifying holes into greens, tees and collars. Soil cores pulled out by the tines are deposited directly back on to the ground or, by the use of an optional Windrower, moved to compact rows for subsequent pick-up. Toro says the machine can aerify up to 13,000 sq ft of turf per hour.

Powered by a Kohler 4-cycle, 16hp motor, the tricycle-design Toro Greens Aerator features electric start, two forward and one reverse speeds, a disc-type brake and welded steel construction. There's a hand-operated throttle, choke, brake and coring unit hydraulic lift lever.

The coring mechanism consists of four individual crankshafts that drive four arms, each holding three coring tines. The crankshafts are mounted in precision ball bearings, with the entire coring unit powered by a banded V-belt.

Tines are made of case-hardened tubing - sizes available for specific golf course needs include $\frac{1}{4}$in, $\frac{1}{8}$in, $\frac{1}{16}$in and a $\frac{1}{8}$in carbide-tipped tine. The entire coring mechanism is also designed to be easily detached and placed on an optional coring head stand for servicing.

The coring width of the greens aerator is 27in, while the 12 individual tines are mounted 2\frac{1}{2}in apart from hole centre to hole centre. The coring depth can be set up to 3in and discharge chutes direct the resultant cores towards the rear of the unit, away from the interior mechanism.

New Trencher Unveiled

The new GL Sportsturf Trencher has been added to Golf Landscapes fleet of specialist machinery.

Designed and built exclusively for the company, the trencher, weighing 4 tonnes, is based around a 112hp power unit and mounted on tracks. It features a soil-collection system, whereby spoil is taken directly to awaiting trailers for removal.

Digging width can be varied from 4in to 12in and to a maximum depth of 4ft. Laser control ensures even and correct grading and allows the company's turfgrass drainage team to instal piped and slit systems to grass areas, without damage to turf, efficiently and economically.
People, Places, Products

Farmura Liquid Organic Fertiliser has a record of success built up over 14 years. It is used by many leading venues, including Open Championship courses and the Belfry, Wembley Stadium, Royal Ascot and Smith's Lawn.

Farmura broke into land reclamation following use on different sportsturf sites. It got grass to grow on a green at St Augustine's golf course in Kent, built from rubble and where grass had refused to germinate, and Royal Belfast, where some tees are built on rock.

The Farmura N Service provides for the addition of extra major or minor nutrients. Where a specification or programme calls for a low input of major nutrients, these can be supplied ready mixed with Farmura to produce a semi-organic liquid fertiliser.

Available to specific requirements by quotation, typical additions have been 5-6-6 fertiliser and 6 units of nitrogen per acre (14.8 units per hectare).

Rates of application are usually between five to 15 gallons per acre (56 litres - 169 litres per hectare). Uses include low input land reclamation.

Lots More From M&B

For the control of leatherjackets and frit fly, May & Baker has launched a new insecticide. Crossfire contains chlorpyrifos to control grass grubs and pests when applied in either autumn or spring.

Crossfire is supplied in one litre bottles, sufficient to treat almost a full acre. May & Baker is also now offering Seritox Turf, a new broad spectrum selective weedkiller for amenity turf use.

An aqueous formulation, containing dichlorprop and MCPA, Seritox Turf provides control of a wide range of turf weeds, including buttercup, daisy, clover, dandelion, plantain, chickweed, thistle, sorrel and other common broad-leaved species. Weeds should be treated between April and September.

Seritox Turf's non-volatile formulation makes it environmentally acceptable. Applied at 7L/ha, Seritox Turf is supplied in five litre packs and 25 litre drums.

To ensure accuracy, economy and efficiency of spray operations - whether by powered or knapsack sprayers - Environmental Products has introduced Dyon, a non-toxic, water soluble dye for use with pesticides and fertilisers.

Added to the spray solution, Dyon provides a dark-green tint to vegetation, enabling the operator to see where he has sprayed without costly overlap or missed areas.

Ideal for spot treatment or hand spraying, Dyon's colour lasts overnight to enable operators to continue spraying where they left off. In fact, Dyon will show for up to three days, disappearing with rain, heavy dew, watering or exposure to sunlight.

Dyon shows up uneven spray patterns, leaks and blocked jets, while encouraging equipment to be kept clean before and after use. It can also be used to enhance the appearance of turf for special occasions.

Environmental Products has also introduced a range of spray nozzles in conjunction with Lurmark.

The Lurmark range has been colour coded to May & Baker's range of herbicides, fungicides, insecticides and growth regulators to enable users to easily recognise the correct spray jet for a particular chemical application.

And a knapsack sprayer is being marketed by May & Baker in conjunction with Norwegian world supplier PTP.

Moulded from UV stabilised polypropylene, selected for its low weight and robust, chemical properties, the 16 litre PTP sprayer features a contoured back, shoulder pads and fully adjustable carrying straps for comfort. It costs £46.50 (plus VAT).

Finally, the Hortichem Granule Applicator incorporates a five litre hopper and applies its contents to a three or five metre spread - ideal for chemical spot treatments or applying seed, slug pellets or salt.

The Hortichem Granule Applicator has low-friction nylon gears with adjustable flow rate settings to apply up to 8kg of product and has a recommended retail price of £17.74.