

NEW PRODUCTS

NEW E-BOOK FROM PHILIP

Philip Sharples, the Senior Lecturer in Sports Turf at Reaseheath College has published a new lawn/turf care book, 'The Lawn e-Book'. Presented on CD-ROM. This is the first book (known as an 'e-Book') of its kind in the country and allows the reader a flexible approach to reading and absorbing the information contained within. The e-Book can be browsed easily on a computer, printed as individual pages and even printed as a complete hard copy.

The Lawn e-Book offers valuable advice and guidance for lawn and turf care, covering all technical aspects of the subject area. The Author has provided an in depth knowledge of procedures, materials, machinery, maintenance and after care management for turf and lawns. There are many high quality photographs and tables included within the text.

The e-Book can be purchased from www.pitchcare.com (click on shop, then books) or alternatively call 07887 853129

He is currently seeking help and/or sponsorship to allow the book to be produced purely in hardback form. Any interested parties should contact him on 07887 853129 or email phils@reaseheath.ac.uk

NEED A BUGGY?

People looking to buy or sell a golf buggy need look no further with the launch of www.buggymart.com, the worlds first online buggy auction.

Buggymart.com operates on a true auction basis – where interested buyers bid against each other for the winning price.

The site is 100% secure and matches potential buyers with sellers. The auction mechanic ensures that both the seller and the buyer get the best price for both parties on the marketplace.

There are buggies online to match all tastes, from a basic second hand model to a more 'souped' up version. Due to the global capacity of the site, the range of buggies will constantly be changing to ensure that there is something to suit all price ranges.

Buggymart.com aims to sell over 10,000 buggies within the first year of trading.

Buggies currently online start at auction from £295. In addition to buggies, technical parts will also be sold on the site.

NO MORE CRICKED NECKS

McConnel has launched a new Power Arm for Hedge and Verge maintenance which eliminates the need for the operator to look over his or her shoulder to view the cutting head at work.

The New Power Arm 55 is fitted with an additional 1.5m forward extension arm known as a Midcut Pack that is positioned between the reach arm and the dipper arm of the hedge and verge mower. This in turn moves the flailhead visibility from the tractor's seat eliminating previous neck cranking.

From the tractor's seat the operator will now be looking forward through his door of the tractor cab to contro land oversee the cutting rather than over his shoulder.

The Midcut Pack is also protected with its own breakaway ram that will break back under pressure to prevent any damage to the flailhead if any obstruction is encountered. The breakaway ram will then automatically return back into the work position once the obstruction has been passed. The breakaway ram can also be powered in, to position the flailhead behind the tractor for a compact transport position.

The PA55 Midcut base model is available with either a Semi Independent Hydraulic system (Single Pump) or a Totally Independent Hydraulic system (Twin Pumps) complete with a rotor rotation control



from the tractor cab. This machine is fitted with 65HP Cast Iron High Power pumps and motors for improved efficiency and greater power for working in the toughest of conditions, especially grass mowing.

For further information Tel: 01584 873131.

COST EFFECTIVE OPTION

Phytofibre can be used in a variety of applications including: embankments, golf courses, football pitches and land reclamation sites. Phytofibre provides contractors and developers with a high performance, cost effective solution to grassing large areas.

It provides grass seed with a constant water supply before, and during, germination, helping to promote its growth. By enveloping the seed completely in a protective mesh, Phytofibre's fibres also provide protection from bird attack and safeguard against the seed being washed away by rain, or blown away by wind.

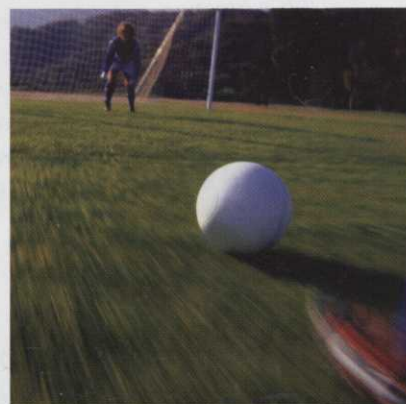
When mixed with seed, fertiliser, water and optional tackifier, Phytofibre forms a homogenous slurry that is easily

sprayed in a single application to create a smooth even covering, on any soil type.

Manufactured from 100% recycled newspaper, Phytofibre is non-toxic and non-irritant and is completely safe to handle without special protective clothing. Phytofibre biodegrades naturally, without the need for catalytic

additives and, as it decomposes, returns precious nutrients to the soil.

For further information Tel: 0161 877 5579.



KAWASAKI MULE GOES UNDERCOVER

Kawasaki's Mule utility vehicle range is widening its appeal yet again with the announcement of the availability of a cab option. Top quality, German made, Mauser cabs are now available and are being supplied ex-stock from

Kawasaki Motors' European distribution centre in Holland. Two versions, a fully enclosed glazed cab and a standard cab, will be offered as part of a major drive to extend the accessories available to the leading utility vehicle range in the UK market.

"There is a strong demand for cabs and accessories for the Mule and we are pleased to be able to supply our franchised dealers direct. As applications for the Mule utility vehicle increase so do the enquiries for both full and partial protection cabs," explained Kawasaki District Manager Richard Harris.

"Our ability to supply direct from the spares warehouse means a better service for our customers and it increases dealers competitiveness, so everybody should benefit," he added.



"Mauser cabs will be offered as a genuine accessory option and the dealer will be able to assemble and fit the unit prior to delivery of the chosen vehicle should the customer wish."

Along with cabs, the Japanese manufacturer is increasing the versatility of its Mule accessory range with the introduction of winches, bed lift kits, durable bed-liners and mesh sides in the coming months.

Kawasaki has also introduced two new hedgetrimmers for the UK market.

According to the Japanese manufacturer, they're on to a winner with the upgraded models within their power products range for the professional groundscape and landscape market and serious domestic users.

The new models, the KHD600-B double-sided and KHS750-B single-sided trimmer, replace the existing tools in the manufacturer's range and offer users reduced noise and vibration along with improved durability.

Among the new developments is a CDI magneto system with engine RPM limiter which controls the high idle at 10,000 rpm reducing noise and vibration.

A high efficiency felt element has also been introduced to the air filter in another new development to prevent dust ingress to the carburettor to improve efficiency. The starting mechanism has also been improved with Kawasaki's own advanced recoil system.

For further information Visit www.kawasaki.co.uk



NEW BRUSHLESS SYSTEM

Briggs & Stratton Commercial Power has announced the launch of its Etek Brushless Motor System. These fully integrated electric motor systems feature the industry's first pancake-style axial gap design with a programmable electronic motor system. This offers increased flexibility for a broad range of application requirements, and is capable of producing an output of up to 20 HP (8 HP continuous).

The brushless system minimises maintenance and increases overall reliability and productivity, greatly reducing operating costs. It is available in eight inch and 10 inch versions.

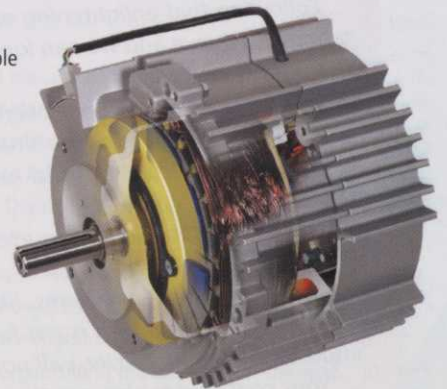
The motor utilises high-strength Neodymium Iron Boron magnets in a disc rotor arrangement to give higher torque at lower speeds in one, smaller and compact package. The programmable electronic motor controller performs the function of brushes in traditional brush motors for high performance and maximum productivity.

To accommodate differing application requirements, the Etek Brushless is also available without the programmable electronic controller, which reinforces the versatility of the motor.

Briggs & Stratton Commercial Power is a leading provider of commercial power solutions.

All Briggs & Stratton Commercial Power engines are backed by the industry's largest dealer support network, with appointed distributors in all key European territories.

For further information Tel: 00 41 26 460 79 32 or visit the website on www.commercialpower.com



NEW CONTACTOR FRONT & REAR MOUNTING

Rytec has introduced an extension to the Contractor 'S' model heavy duty rear mounted flail mower which is the 'SR' or 'Reversible'.

This machine features the same double skin construction and 200mm (8") diameter rotor in common with the rest of the Contactor 'S' range but is fitted with a double linkage and Gearbox with PTO shafts both front and rear. This allows the machine to be used front mounted for ease of use and lack of wheelings on cut ground, but also allows the machine to be used conventionally as a rear mounted machine if a tractor with front linkage and PTO is not available. This allows for maximum flexibility, and to add to the SR's flexibility it can be matched to front PTO's with either clockwise or anticlockwise rotation and still operate with a conventional rear PTO rotation thanks to a gearbox option which allows for opposite input directions from the front and rear shafts but the same flail direction.

For more information Tel: 01944 768232.

