

## Lee Sayers Picks a Terra Spike



Mid Kent GC has chosen a Wiedenmann Terra Spike for the third successive time to carry out all its aeration requirements at the Gravesend course. Course Manager, Lee Sayers, a BIGGA member, said he had no hesitation in choosing a Terra Spike; his only dilemma was which model to select for the club's free draining chalk-based turf.

The team at Mid Kent had to weigh up whether to opt for a slightly faster XD machine that went down to 275 mm or whether they needed the capacity to spike to 400 mm.

"Our Massey Ferguson 3615 tractor has particularly wide rear tyres and in fairness without those, there are some locations where it would be quite restrictive to work. I'm really happy with the Wiedenmann. The fact that we've bought our third machine says more than anything else. If we'd had any concerns or problems then you might have bought a second one but you wouldn't have bought a third one!"

## LOWER COST ROTARY MOWER FOR LOWER HORSEPOWER TRACTORS



Manufacturer of precision, flail and rotary turf mowers, Trimax Mowing Systems, has launched a budget-priced rotary mower, suitable for use with compact tractors from 20hp to 60hp.

Fitted with full-width rollers front and rear for an attractive striped finish without scalping, the Trimax Striker rotary mower comes in cutting widths of 1.46m and 1.94m, known as Model 150 and Model 190 respectively.

The Trimax Striker is purpose-

designed for non-contract owner-operators such as schools and colleges, golf courses, smallholdings, estates and residential properties with larger areas of regularly cut grass to maintain by compact tractor. The use of multiple cutting spindles helps ensure a cleaner cut with even grass distribution across the machine's entire width, enhanced by the fitting as standard of Trimax's LazerBladez™ cutting blade system.

## What's your number?

*Our regular and random profile of an industry figure continues with this month's lucky number...*

**Name:** Craig Nickless

**Company:** ERS Developments Ltd

**Position:** Business Development Manager

**How long have you been in the industry?**

I have been in the industry since 1997



**How did you get into it?**

Even as a youngster I have always had an interest in wildlife, so it was a natural progression for me to enter into this industry. The Japanese Knotweed treatments came to us through a friend, who is a chemist. He had developed a unique treatment to eradicate Japanese Knotweed, in one growing season, instead of the usual 4-7 year method, and was too good an opportunity to miss.

**What other jobs have you done?**

I have worked for other pest control and wildlife management companies and also spent a number of years in sales working for a company in Sweden.

**What changes have you seen during your time in the industry?**

I have seen a number of changes since I began in the industry, from various European directorates, taking away some of our best known products for safety issues or so we are told, to advances in technology which is a major bonus for us.

**What do you like to do in your spare time?**

I help run a youth cafe which takes a lot of my time up and something I have committed to for the next few years. It's essential we communicate with the youth in our areas - we live in a village in Buckinghamshire which has exactly the same issues as any town or city.

**Who do you consider to be your best friends in the industry?**

Firstly our clients, who quite rightly so demand the best service possible. Secondly, our suppliers - their technical backup make us one of the leading wildlife management and Japanese knotweed eradication companies in the UK.

**What do you consider to be your lucky number?**

I don't really believe in lucky numbers but since 2009 we have been blessed with some amazing work so I suppose it must be 2009-10-11-12-onwards

**Pick a number**

12!

*Craig has picked Andrew Pickup of Stourton Forestry*