

RANSOMES AT CHELSEA FLOWER SHOW

The best way to ensure conservation of the countryside, say Ransomes, is to keep grass in trim. They should know, they have been making Grass Machinery since 1832.

European Conservation Year inspired the theme behind their exhibit at Chelsea, only they think in terms of world conservation. Well kept grass helps to ensure conservation of the country side not only this year but every year.

Down the ages Ransomes mowers have helped to conserve the grass surrounding some of the well known stately homes of Britain and famous city parks throughout Europe including Berlin, Rotterdam, Vienna and Zurich and dozens of other European cities. Sportsfields, stadiums, and golf courses, from Moscow to Mexico as well as the famous "Old Course" at St Andrews, use Ransomes mowers.

Ransomes invite you to help conserve your piece of "Old England" for yourself, with a Ransoms mower.

See them all on Ransomes exhibit at Chelsea from the Ajax, Fourteen, Sixteen, Marquis and Twenty-Four to the Junior Triple and Motor Triple.

Let Ransomes, the manufacturers of the largest range of Grass Machinery in Europe help to ensure your heritage.

Motor Triple Mowers

Two Motor Triple models are now available to cater more economically for medium and large grass areas.

The Junior Motor Triple, with its 73 inch cut and exceptional manoeuvrability, is most suitable for golf tees and approaches, narrow grass verges, school and larger private lawns and all medium grass areas. It has a work output of up to $1\frac{1}{4}$ acres an hour compared with its bigger brother, the Standard Motor Triple, with an output of up to three acres an hour.

Bigger areas of grass such as parks, sportsgrounds and roadside verges are best cut with the 86 inch Standard Motor Triple Mark 1V. The Standard cuts 26

cuts to the yard and the Junior 60 to the yard.

Both these mowers provide power where it is needed — at the cutting cylinder.

Junior Motor Triple

The powerful Norton Villiers 4-stroke engine develops $8\frac{1}{2}$ b.h.p. and has an electric start as an optional extra. Speed of travel is up to 6 m.p.h. in the transport position, with 4 m.p.h. as recommended cutting speed. Minimum cutting speed is 2 m.p.h.

One 30 inch cutting unit cuts in front of the wheels, followed by two 24 inch outrider units. Drive to the cutting units is by "V" belt and roller chain. The spring loaded units follow all the undulations of the ground.

The Junior has car-type steering via the rear wheels, car-type clutch and car-type footbrake with parking ratchet. Rapid change to forward and reverse gears, with its compact build, give increased manoeuvrability in confined areas.

Cutting units can be raised or lowered independently or all together. The universal drive coupling allows the units to be lowered into work without manual recoupling. Drive automatically cuts out as the units are raised.

The front 30 inch unit can be used alone, making the mower a single unit outfit for cutting narrow strips of grass. The overall width in transport is 49 inches and the mower has sufficient fuel for a full day's work.

Standard Motor Triple

The Mark 1V has several recent improvements:

- (a) New final drive to the front units, new axle assembly and larger dimension balloon Trelleborg tyres, combine to increase ground clearance, and the balloon tyres reduce compaction.
- (b) New disc brakes give increased braking power and efficiency.
- (c) Improved parking brake system.

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bers. The evening was very informative and some very interesting questions were asked. I would like to thank all members who have attended lectures during the winter series. The numbers have been very encouraging both to the lecturers, who travel many miles to be with us, and to those responsible for the organisation of the programme. It makes it all worth the effort. If you have any suggestions for next winter please let me know and I will gladly try to make the necessary arrangements.

Tournaments

The dates of the tournaments are as follows:—

19th May—President's Trophy—Hallowes Golf Club.

15th June—Sheffield Union Match—Phoenix Golf Club.

8th July—Section Annual Tournament—Lincoln Golf Club.

17th, 18th, 19th August—Association Annual Tournament—Filey Golf Club.

29th September—Northern Section Match—Rotherham Golf Club.

Entry forms for these will be sent out nearer the dates.

Ransomes Visit

The visit to Ransomes will have taken place by the time you read this and a report will be in next month's issue.

NORTH-WEST

By H. M. Walsh

Chairman:
T. BRENNAN.

Hon. Secretary:
Horrobin Cottage,
Old Links Golf Club,
Montserat, Bolton, Lancs.

Subscriptions

Will all members please note that subscriptions are now due for 1970, please forward them to our Treasurer, Mr Macavoy and NOT to me. Will you also forward your old pass book when a new one will be issued.

In Memoriam

It is with regret that I have to inform members of the passing of Mr J. R. Borthwick, Head Greenkeeper at the Northenden Golf Club and who was associated with Northenden for over 30 years, and on behalf of the members of the Section to extend to his wife and family our deepest sympathy in their bereavement.

New Member

We welcome to the Section on his rejoining, E. Walsh, Childwell Golf Club, Naylans Road, Liverpool, and hope his association with the Section will be a happy one.

WELSH

By S. A. Tucker

Chairman:
M. GEDDES,
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36 Clase Road, Morriston,
Swansea, Glamorgan.

Annual General Meeting

The Section Annual General Meeting will be held at Southerdown Golf Club on Tuesday, 30th June. This meeting is in conjunction with the Secretaries. I must have your entry by 18th June so that I can let Mr Leonard know how many will be coming and so enable him to make the necessary arrangements for lunch and dinner. PLEASE let me have your entry as soon as you know that you can come.

Subscriptions

These are now due and I ask you to please bring them with you as it will save Mr Geddes a lot of time and expense in chasing late subs. It will also enable him to clear that section of the accounts. Thank you.

Congratulations

On behalf of the members of the Section I would like to congratulate Jack Martin of Pennard Golf Club on completing 20 years with the club. As a token of respect for his good work the club has made him an Honorary Member. Good Luck Jack and we hope you will continue for many more years.

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Mastiff—improved balance

All Mastiff 30 and 36 inch mowers now have improved poise. These exceptionally popular mowers are fitted with a new balance bar and solid handle bar as standard to ensure perfect balance when mowing. When mowing without the grass box, poise can be restored by moving the balance bar.

Electric Start

This is now fitted to the 36 inch Mastiff and the ride-on Twenty-Four and works from a self righting key switch. Among its more obvious advantages is its ease of starting, especially in confined spaces.

General

On exhibition on Ransomes display will be a wide range of domestic and professional mowers with a choice of mowers to suit most purposes.