

Letter to the Editor

Dear Sir,

Ransomes Do It!

Yes, gentlemen, its here with a bang, Ransomes-Hahn Triplex from the other side of 'Lake Atlantica'. For better or worse, who knows, only time will tell. Well, everybody knows that! But how did it come to this poor old Greenkeeper? This I wish to tell you.

Did it arrive at yours truly's shed in the middle of the course, or somewhere in a deserted corner of the back car park at posh clubhouse? Well, in our case, it came with surprise – and a big one too – not experienced in my 20 years of greenkeeping. Local Ransomes agents, Burrows Ltd., of Manchester, can be congratulated to last word!

Date was fixed in person (not left over message in secretary's office), greens-committee Chairman informed by phone.

Delivery time was 1½ minutes late. Next came Ransomes engineer with two Burrows Sales Reps and a van full of precious tools (even these did not fit all nuts and screws), and the fun started which lasted 1½ days. At last there she was, the beauty, like a pretty girl in a wedding gown. Everything was checked, tested, set and tried. Information was fed in, to you *mate*, in full and practical experience shared with the Ransomes engineer. Parting was brief, no celebrations of any kind, just a last word – 'any problems let us know'.

Well, halleluja, myself and my No. 1 felt we knew everything about this pretty girl – wedding is over, dear, to work you go. Between us we did very successfully.

But Ransomes have not finished with us yet. Out of the blue Burrows Reps appeared and asked us, very polite, to attend Ransomes-Hahn operators' course at Harrogate. What a course it was! It made you feel that you are not anymore a so-and-so sod digger, groundsman, man on course etc. After coffee and biscuits, came technical lecture, so expertly performed by Ransomes Technical Adviser. He did it better than most university lecturers do; he also had that fatherly touch to feed it to you. What a eye opener! Expertly shown on slides, as well.

Afterwards, an excellent lunch where beer flowed freely. Then outside for more information and advice on Triplex mowers and practical demonstration on maintenance.

Home we went, like a dog with its tail between its legs. So mate, you thought you knew everything – what about this then!

Congratulations to Ransomes with my full respect: you have done it at last. Poor greenkeeper has seen what ticks under bonnet.

My only worry is, will good old 'Auto-Certeets' sell well across 'The Lake Atlantica', to recover your expenses for our lovely day at Harrogate.

Yours faithfully,

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Wing Commander W. E. McCrea, Secretary/Manager of Walton Heath Golf Club (seated on mower) with, left to right, John Shaw, Ransomes Representative; Mr. Osgood, Asst. Head Greenkeeper and Mr. Dulake, Head Greenkeeper view one of two Ransomes Hahn Tournament Triplex Greens Management Systems of which their club has taken delivery.