

NEWS

The Telford Course at Sutton Hill will vary from 5,550 yards for ladies to just over 7,000 yards for top tournament play. Estimated maximum capacity is put at 70,000 rounds a year with an average of about 28,000 in the early stages.

Seafeld Nurseries (Cullen) Ltd., of Cullen, Banffshire are the contractors.

The Head Greenkeeper for Telford's first new golf course in East Shropshire will be Derek Keen (27) of Baystone Hill, Shrewsbury.

Derek is at present head greenkeeper at Shrewsbury Golf Club, an appointment he gained when their new course at Conover was under construction.

He will have a similar role at Telford where the daily fee course is

under construction. It is the first of its type in any British new town and one of several courses planned to cater for Telford as it grows to a population of 225,000 people by 1991.

Derek takes over in March. The course is expected to be ready for play in the spring of 1975. He has been in golf course maintenance for the last 12 years—as an apprentice at Maidenhead, then as assistant greenkeeper at Chesham & Leyhill and Ellesborough in Buckinghamshire.

He is a member of the British Golf Greenkeepers' Association. His handicap is 12 and he is a member of Church Stretton Golf Club. A married man, he plans to move soon to live in Telford.

Flymo Limited at Watford has announced agreement for new production facilities in a 15,000 sq. ft. factory and research complex near Darlington, Co. Durham.



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The new facilities come into production this month (January).

The move marks the second major project announced in the past 12 months in expanding production facilities. In July last year plans for a 38,000 sq. ft. extension to the main factory at Aycliffe were approved by the Department of Trade and Industry. This extension will consist of additional manufacturing space, loading bays and Research and Development Laboratories.

The latest move is in line with a planned expansion programme for production facilities to match increasing demands from the United Kingdom market, as well as exports to more than 770 countries.

The Bishop Auckland plant will include assembly lines, testing facilities and metal-working shops.

Main control and supervision will continue from the Aycliffe centre which has been involved in a continuous expansion programme since the Flymo hover mower made its world debut 10 years ago,

Golf Date Fixed

Ransomes E.A.P.C.A. Match Play Tournament 1974 will take place on Tuesday and Wednesday October 1 and 2 at Warren Golf Club, Woodham Walter, near Maldon, Essex.

It is appropriate that the East Anglian professionals' tournament should be held at the club where the late father of Mr. John Durham, the present owner, did so much in the interests of professional golf in Essex,

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