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Ransomes have recently introduced a new Motor 5/3 mower.

Priced at £3,900 with five units, the new machine represents a significant advance in grass cutting machinery.

Filling the gap between the Motor Triple and the Hydraulic 5/7 Power Gang in the range, the Motor 5/3 is available with either five or three cutting units. The advantage of hydraulic drive to the cutting units is further extended by the use of separate hydraulic drive to the wheels. This gives great manoeuvrability and flexibility.

Ergonomics received great attention throughout the design stages of the machine, to minimise operator fatigue. No gear changing is necessary, and the machine goes from forward to reverse in one pedal operation.

The machine is powered by the four cylinder water cooled Ford Escort engine, making it very quiet in operation. Maximum cutting speed is about seven m.p.h. with a transport speed of twice that, to save time between cutting sites.

With five units, it cuts a full 138 in. The cutting units are pivot mounted to follow ground contours, and are hydraulically lifted and lowered into work in seconds.

Another new introduction is the Mark 2 version of the Hydraulic 5/7 Power Gang. This incorporates the new cutting units used on the Motor 5/3.

*Ransomes Sims & Jefferies Ltd.,
Nacton Works,
Ipswich IP3 9GG.*

Leaf and Litter Collector

At Motspur Park, Kent Engineering & Foundry recently announced the 1973

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Also available is the proven 425 and Motoblo Knapsack Sprayers ideal for weed and insect control as well as many special applications.

*Kent Engineering & Foundry Ltd.,
Tovil, Maidstone,
Kent.*

Toro Groundmaster 72 grass cutter

The Toro Groundmaster 72 ride-on rotary is being introduced to the U.K. for the 1974 grasscutting season. The 20 h.p., in-line water-cooled engine on rubber mountings provides the power unit. Drive to the three heat-treated 25 in. steel blades, providing a cutting width of 72 in., is through a transmission shaft with universal joints and an enclosed bevel gearbox. Shock overload through the three cutters are absorbed by two drive belts. Adjustment to the height of cut is by hydraulically raising the cutter housing. The range of cut is between 1½ and 6 in. Operation of the Groundmaster 72 is by single-foot pedal control of the hydrostatic drive for forward and reverse, with variable speed control from 0-10 m.p.h. The machine's zero-turning radius helps negotiate obstacles and has a facility for easy mounting of curbs by raising hydraulically the cutter unit.

The cutter unit is mounted independently from the main power unit on double ball joints. Because of the special arrangements of cutters within the housing it is possible to cut within ½ in. of an upright obstacle at the right-hand side.

The machine weighs 1,600 lb. complete with cutter housing unit and is 50 in. high, 75 in. wide and 111 in. long and has a 48 in. wheelbase.

*Flymo Ltd.,
Greycaine Road,
Watford WD2 4 PT.*



Head Greenkeeper

(Salary Range: £1794 – £2388 – under review)

The Corporation has promoted the development, to high standards, of a new 18-hole Golf Course which will, after completion, be leased to a commercial operator. Work on the course has already started.

In order that the future operator of the course can inherit the services of a Head Greenkeeper with full knowledge of the course, its construction, materials and drainage, the Corporation seeks to make an appointment to the above position. The successful candidate will initially liaise with the Golf Course Architect and the Contractors, involve himself in all aspects of the construction and fully acquaint himself with the physical characteristics of the course. Upon completion of the course the successful applicant will become fully responsible for its day-to-day maintenance. In order to ensure continuity of employment a condition of the disposal of the course will be that the successful applicant will transfer to the employ of the eventual operator at an equivalent salary.

Application Forms, which should be returned by Friday, 23 November, 1973, can be obtained from:—

The Secretary,
Warrington New Town Development Corporation,
P.O. Box 49,
80 Sankey Street,
WARRINGTON,
WA1 1SR.

Please quote reference: HG/BGG.

Situations Vacant

BINGLEY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

PARKS DEPARTMENT APPOINTMENT OF

HEAD GREENKEEPER

Applications are invited from qualified Greenkeepers for the above post at the St. Ives Golf Course, Bingley, Yorkshire.

Candidates must have received a sound training in the maintenance of an 18 hole Golf Course and preference will be given to persons working in a similar capacity at the present time.

The successful applicant will control a groundstaff of three men and will be responsible directly to the Parks Superintendent. Salary £27.90 per 40 hour week plus bonus.

Housing accommodation will be considered.

Applications in writing stating age, qualifications and experience, together with the names and addresses of two referees to the Parks Superintendent, Town Hall, Bingley, Yorkshire.

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HEAD GREENKEEPER

required, applicants must have a comprehensive knowledge of latest mechanical equipment and be capable of maintaining the course to its present high standard.

Salary to be negotiated in line with recommended scales. House available, rent free, plus non-contributory pension scheme.

Apply in writing to:
**The Secretary,
Whittington Barracks Golf Club,
Tamworth Road, Lichfield, Staffs.**

HEAD GREENKEEPER

required for a course near Birmingham. Good salary. Housing accommodation might be available.

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**Hon. Secretary, Co. Armagh Golf Club, 10 Charlemont Gdns.,
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Required for 18-hole Parkland Course.

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**The Secretary,
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**The Secretary,
The Sports Turf Research Institute,
Bingley,
Yorkshire BD16 1AU.**

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available for demonstration. The Multimower 2000 was introduced, the Rotacutter version able to cut down growth of up to 24 in. high, and the reelcutter up to 7 in.

Perhaps the highlight of the day was: No! not the excellent lunch supplied by Messrs. Andrews, or the free bar, both thoroughly appreciated by all visitors, but the helicopter ride to view Eton College, Old Windsor and the Castle with the Great Park from a new angle. This was certainly a new and much appreciated experience for which everyone would like to thank Andrews. I do not know who maintains the small golf course in the grounds of Windsor Castle, but from the air it looked to be in splendid condition - my compliments to the Greenkeeper!
J. Dawes



Special Occasions

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| Nov. | 1 | Sheffield Section Lecture |
| | 7 | North West Section Annual Trip |
| | 7 | Southern Section Lecture |
| | 19 | North West Section Lecture |
| Dec. | 3 | Midland Section Lecture |
| | 6 | Sheffield Section Lecture |
| | 10 | North West Section Lecture |
| Jan. | 3 | Sheffield Section Lecture |
| | 13 | North West Section Lecture |
| | 15 | Midland Section Lecture |

Midland Section

December Lecture

The first of our winter lectures will take place at the Handsworth Golf Club on Monday afternoon, December 3rd, at 2 p.m., with a film show and talk by Ransomes.

January Lecture

This will take place at the Kidderminster Golf Club on Tuesday, January 15th, at 2 p.m., with a film and talk on Toro Equipment by Flymo Institute Division.

February Lecture

Will be held at Blackwell Golf Club on Wednesday, February 20th, at 2 p.m. Details of lecture will appear in next month's issue.

Members and Officials of your club are most welcome to come along to these functions.

Greenkeepers v. Secretaries

The Annual Match against the Midland Secretaries took place at Blackwell Golf Club on Tuesday, August 28th.

RESULT

Secretaries		
S. Allen & R. Parsons		0
P. Meacock & F. B. Lock		1-6/5
G. Green & A. Ashworth		0
A. Webster & G. Greetham		1-1 up
N. Russell & G. Dring		0
P. Hope & A. Crooke		2 1/2

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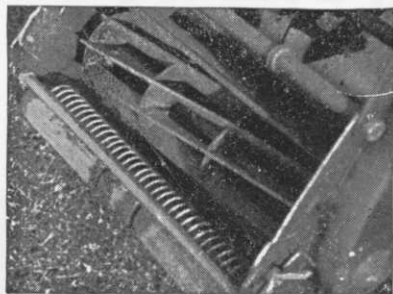
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Greenkeepers	
G. Woodward & A. Kite	1-1 up
V. Smith & A. Cutler	0
R. Goodwin & D. Haynes	1-4/3
R. Pullen & G. Hart	0
A. Boraston & G. Bunting	1-4/3
A. Jamieson & G. Smith	3½

The course was in ideal condition and with perfect weather a most enjoyable game was had by all.

I would also like to thank the Secretaries for providing the Greenkeepers with a splendid meal and a most enjoyable evening.

Autumn Tournament

The Autumn Tournament was held at Gay Hill Golf Club on Thursday, September 13th, over 27 holes.

Nett		
1st D. Haynes	101	Clayton Cup & Electric Kettle
2nd H. Drewitt	108½	Coffee Set
3rd D. Brazier	109	Casserole Set
4th T. Cutler	109	Table Mats
5th A. Jamieson	110	Table Lighter
6th E. Benbow	110	Bottle of Scotch
7th R. Chandler	111	Shaver
8th R. Pullen	112½	Cut Glass
9th G. Bunting	112	Table Lighter
10th R. Pugh	113	Bottle of Scotch
11th T. Morris	116	Stainless Steel
12th B. Lowe	118	Silver Pencil
13th V. Smith	119	½ Bottle Scotch
14th J. Hughes	119	Glasses
15th B. F. Ashley	121	Wine
16th J. Bevan	121	½ Bottle Scotch
17th G. Woodward	122	½ Bottle Scotch
18th A. Boraston	122	Socks
19th T. Jones	123	Wine

Gross Prize—R. Goodwin—121—Casserole Set
Veterans—G. Hart—81-8-73—Scotch
Best aggregate for year—A. Cutler—283—Chair

The prizes were presented by Mr. W. Larkin, Chairman of the House Committee and Captain elect, who extended a warm welcome to greenkeepers and paid tribute to Derek Green, Head Greenkeeper, for the excellent condition of the course throughout the years.

On behalf of greenkeepers, George Hart thanked Mr. Larkin and the members of Gay Hill for the courtesies extended to the competitors throughout the day.

The Chairman also thanked Derek Green for all the hard work he and the green staff had put in for this tournament.

He also thanked the prize donors and Bill Payne, Peter Wyatt, Roger Daniel and Frank Cashmore for officiating over the tournament.

Our thanks to the following donors of prizes: Thomas Clayton & Sons Ltd., Cannock Agricultural Ltd., Patissons Ltd., May & Baker Ltd., Rigby Taylor Ltd., Atco Ltd., Flymo Ltd., Parker & Ballinger Ltd., E. T. Breakwell Ltd., Mr. J. W. R. Robinson, Mr. J. Martin, Mr. T. White, Mr. W. Trevor, Mr. L. Hatton, and Mr. J. Monk.

New Members

We welcome the following new members:

T. Rawbone, Assistant Greenkeeper at Gay Hill G.C.

J. N. Jones, Assistant at Portmadoc Golf Club, North Wales.

Cut grass and capital outlay.

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Sheffield Section

Annual Tournament

The Section Annual Tournament was played at Hillsborough Golf Club on July 18th and we thank the Captain and Committee for giving us this opportunity. The weather was perfect and the course in its usual good condition; the Steward and Stewardess looked after the calories more than well.

Thirty-one members took part and were joined in the afternoon by eight vice-presidents and visitors and we were very pleased indeed that our President, Mr. S. K. Arnold, found the time to get away from his Mayoral duties and enjoy a round of golf.

The prizes were presented to the winners by Mr. B. H. Webster, who was deputising for the Club Captain, who had visited us earlier in the day to offer his apologies for not being able to attend in the evening.

The leading scorers were:

	Gross	Nett
1 J. Clarke (Hallamshire)	112	103
2 C. Colton (Lindrick)	120	107
3 L. Allsebrook (Renishaw)	139	107½
4 B. Lunn (Silkstone)	120	109½
5 A. Spencer (Lindrick)	122	110
6 T. Baxby (Knaresborough)	142	112
7 B. Heansy (Wortley)	126	112½
8 G. Herrington (Lindrick)	152	114½

Winter Lectures

The first of the winter lecture series will be held at Abbeydale Golf Club on Thursday, November 1st, at 3.30 p.m.

The lecture syllabus is not yet complete, these will be distributed as soon as possible.

All lectures will be at Abbeydale on the first Thursday in each month at 3.30 p.m.

Welsh Section

Autumn Tournament

Our Autumn Tournament was held at Ashburnham Golf Club on Wednesday, September 12th; the weather

conditions were perfect, making it a most enjoyable day. Mr. J. Martin, our Chairman, thanked the Captain and Committee for the courtesy of the course and clubhouse. Thanks were also given to the green staff and indoor staff.

The Captain, Mr. Noel Rees, presented the prizes.

Best Gross – J. Rees. Score 126 for 27 holes – Stainless Steel Dish.

1st Division

1st E. J. Thomson, nett 113. Teaset, given by Ashburnham Golf Club.

2nd J. Rees, nett 115½. Water Set.

3rd J. Martin, nett 120. Pewter, given by Welsh Mowers.

4th A. Price, nett 125½. Table Lighter, given by Flymo.

2nd Division

1st H. Stead, nett 122½. Stainless Steel Dish.

2nd D. Oliver, nett 212. Lighter, given by Pattisson.

Release your capital for other uses.

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1st Year

A prize of three golf balls each was given by R. S. Bird to the first year players, which was won by D. Williams and B. Hughes.

The Sid Tucker Memorial Cup, which is given for the best nett aggregate of the season, was won by J. Rees, 198, Table Lighter given by Cannock Fertilizers.

Our many thanks to the Trades for donating the prizes.

Annual Subscription

Would members please note that the subscriptions for the year are well overdue, and could you please send them on to the Treasurer, Mr. M. Geddes. Thank you.

Northern Section

New Members

We welcome to the section the following new members:

G. Bennington, 8 Oaktree Grove, Hartburn, Stockton, Teesside TS18 5NG.

J. Goddard, 78 Armley Ridge Road, Leeds 12.

B. Collett, 18 Stanks Cross, Leeds 14.

P. E. Taylor, The Cottages, Ferriby Road, Hessle, E. Yorks.

Southern Section

AUTUMN TOURNAMENT AT LANGLEY PARK

My sincere thanks to everyone who contributed towards making the above such a memorable occasion. The course was in splendid condition, thanks to Derek, the food first class and again we were surrounded by our willing band of helpers in the Trade.

I would also like to add my congratulations to everyone who completed the 36 holes on a very unusually hot September afternoon,

especially some of the older members; in particular Stan Morton. Stan, retired from active greenkeeping but so obviously not from playing the game of golf, is the oldest serving member of the B.G.G.A. and has been a member for 59 years. Well done Stan, we were all delighted to see you looking so well and to have you with us. It was also a great pleasure to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Dix on the occasion of our Autumn Tournament. Mrs. Dix came along as a guest of the Southern Section.

Mr. Leslie Needham, Vice-Captain of Langley Park G.C., presented the prizes and the results were as follows:

BEST A.M.	Pts
I. Smith & J. Adair (Beaconsfield)	48
BEST P.M.	
A. Winter & S. Peters (Harefield)	38
36 AGGREGATE	
W. F. Machin & J. Davis (Addington Ct)	87
R. Tempest & A. Lloyd (Darenth Valley)	85
A. E. Watson & J. MacLune (Tyrrils Wood)	82
R. Howlett & J. Pearce (Northbourne)	78
C. W. Maston & A. G. Fathers (Lullingstone)	77
T. Foster & P. Kingston (Maidenhead)	75
C. Mitchell & S. Morris (Maidenhead)	75

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Our thanks to Robert H. Andrews and Tom Warren for their contribution towards the prize list. Tom Warren also holed out in one at the 18th in the morning and to make it an extra unique occasion Mr. Wright, also a guest, did the same in the afternoon. These two gentlemen made it drinks all round after being presented with a Hole-in-One Tie each from the Southern Section. Special thanks to John, Derek and his wife for running the Benevolent Fund Raffle, proceeds of which were £35.00.

New Members

A warm welcome to the following new members whose names are listed below: J. Corbishley (Boyce Hill), L. Bunting (Ashridge), D. Handy (East Herts), J. C. Farrington (Frilford Heath) and J. P. Jackson (Hainault Forest).

October Lecture

This was to have been given by Douglas Gooding from Synchemicals but owing to it clashing with the England v. Poland match, support was poor and it was decided to postpone his visit. It will now take place at 6.30 p.m. at The George on Wednesday December 5th.

November Lecture

This will take place at The George at 6.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 7th November. Mr. J. D. Joss from the Sports Turf Research Institute will be talking to the Section on the subject of drainage.

North West Section

Lectures

Dates for this winter's series of talks and films are as follows:

November 19th – Mr. Lees, of S.A.I. Horticulture.

December 10th – J. Cogan Esq., Flymo Ltd.

January 13th – K. Vertigan Esq., SISIS Ltd.

February 18th – P. Wyatt Esq., H. Patisson Esq.

Venue as last year due to the kindness of the Captain and Council of the Swinton Park Golf Club. Time 7.30 p.m.

Annual Trip

The Annual Trip will be to SISIS Ltd., of Macclesfield, on Wednesday, November 7th. Members who intend to go on this outing must let me know as soon as possible to enable me to complete arrangements.

New Members

We welcome to the Section the following new members and hope their association with the section will be a happy one:

P. Boardman, Old Links G.C., Montserrat, Bolton.

S. Curly, Crompton and Royton G.C., Royton, Lancs.

East Midland Section

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting was held at the Three Nuns Hotel, Loughborough on 25th July 1973; there was a good attendance.

The following were elected:

President: R. Bailey

Chairman: G. Darby

Vice-Chairman: W. Wood

Treasurer: A. Thornton

Secretary: S. Fretter

Section Rep.: P. McCarron

Committee: D. Whitehead, B. Mott, G. Arnold, W. Coles, I. Toone, R. Williams.