

SECTIONAL News

SOUTH COAST

*Hon. Sec: J. R. Dennis,
Hampshire College of Agriculture,
Sparsholt, Winchester,
Hampshire SO21 2NF.
Telephone: (096) 272441 Ext. 288.*

Our Winter Lecture Programme continued in February with a visit by Mr. Paul Watson of Ransomes.

Mr. Watson gave an illustrated talk on the firm's history, and brought us up to date with Ransomes new equipment aimed at the golf course market. This included Ransomes TMV 20, a three-wheeled dual truck maintenance power unit, and their new diesel GT Triple Greens Machine, first seen last year at the Windsor Show.

For information, full details on these machines were given in the Windsor Show review in the October Journal.

A full list of Section Tournaments for 1987 are listed below:-

Spring Tournament:

Stoneham Golf Club,
Thursday, May 28th, 1987

Vitax Greenkeepers Tournament:

Ferndown Golf Club
Wednesday, May 20th, 1987

Summer Tournament:

Lee-on-Solent Golf Club
Thursday, July 16th, 1987

Annual Match:

South-West - High Post Golf Club
Thursday, September 3rd, 1987

Autumn Invitation Meeting:

Cowdray Park Golf Club
Thursday, September 24th, 1987

Turkey Trot:

Royal Winchester Golf Club
Wednesday, December 9th, 1987

The position of Tournament Organiser, now vacant, should be resolved at the Section's A.G.M. in March. The name of our new organiser will be given in the April notes of the Section, and all applications to play in our tournaments should be directed to the new organiser.

At a recent Committee Meeting, it was agreed that a handicap limit of 22 be placed on all members when playing in our Section Tournaments. Some of us, including your scribe, are still trying to maintain a handicap in excess of this figure!

MID ANGLIA

*Hon. Sec: L. Wakerell,
26 Loxley Road, Berkhamsted,
Herts. HP4 3PS*

The January Lecture at St. Neots Golf Club was well attended when some 50 members came along to hear Jon Albutt, Technical Manager of Synchemicals Limited, give a lengthy talk on the up to date legislation for the use and storage of chemicals on golf courses.

Some clubs give low priority to the safety aspects as required by law, while most give no priority at all.

This could well change in the future as new legislation will require a Certificate of Competence from the user as from 1st January, 1989.

Who will be responsible for issuing these Certificates? Greenkeepers should expect the new administration of B.I.G.G.A. to offer positive guide lines in the future as the new laws are complex and extensive.

1987 FIXTURES

The Spring Meeting will be held at Bedford and County Golf Club on Tuesday, 12th May over 27 holes. Please let Ken Bunting have your Entry, Handicap and £12.00 Fee by 1st May.

Other dates for the diary are:-

A.G.M. and 18 holes:

Arkley G.C.
17th June.

Mid Anglia v. Midlands

Berkhamsted G.C.
Thursday 9th July

Summer Tournament over 36 holes:

Welwyn Garden City G.C.
Monday 13th July

B.I.G.G.A. Annual Tournament:

Verulam Golf Club
Monday 17th, Tuesday 18th,
Wednesday 19th August

Autumn Meeting over 27 holes:

Woodlands Golf Club
Wednesday 23rd September

Christmas Invitation:

South Bedfordshire Golf Club
Thursday 10th December

MIDLANDS

*Hon. Sec: Steve Wood
37 Holford Avenue,
Bescot, Walsall*

Telephone: (0922) 611380

Minutes of Regional Board Meeting held on Monday, 23rd February, 1987, at Lutterworth.

Present: P. McCarron (Chairman), A. Kite, S. Wood, W. Cole, R. W. Willars (Secretary).

Being the first meeting of the newly formed B I G G A, it has been called to discuss any points that the Regional Board felt should be brought up at the next Board of Management Meeting on 2nd March by its representative P. McCarron.

1. Communication. It was felt that Minutes of Board of Management meetings should be sent to all Area Administrators as soon as possible after such meetings.
2. It was reported that E I G G A, East of England section had been contacted and a list of members sent to the Chairman. The Midland section said they had no E I G G A members.
3. It was suggested that Regional Board meeting expenses be paid from Headquarters.
4. Concern was expressed about the 1988 Annual Golf Tournament which was to be held in the Midland section. If this is correct, could a date be determined to enable a venue to be arranged, if this is possible at this later date.
5. Annual Golf Tournament to be arranged by Board of Management.
6. Category of non trade members to be determined.
7. Membership cards, with courtesy of Course, to be given to all members as in the past.

Next Meeting to be arranged by the Chairman

NORTHERN

*Hon. Sec: D. C. Hannam,
12 Moorfield Avenue, Menston,
W. Yorks.
Telephone: (0943) 72008*

Winter is still with us but it seems a kind winter. Kind because in this neck of the woods construction is continuing outside virtually unabated, resulting in some good work being accomplished. Drainage work, which as a rule ends up with you being stuck up to the eyeballs in mud has progressed on a relatively clean level with heavy materials moving about without fuss.

A retrospective view of golf green construction was taken on January 22 when "8th green: Baildon - take two" was successfully screened. Apart from the nostalgia the compelling question was "How the hell did we do it?" All in a winter's work, of course!

On the early morning of St. Valentine's Day, 1987 60-plus people, some still drying tears of mirth from their eyes departed from Oakdale Golf Club after our Annual Dinner. Joining us for the evening were our honoured guests, Mr. W. Coates, President of Oakdale G.C. and his wife. Mr. George Malcolm, current Chairman of the now amalgamated BGGG, and his wife. The man responsible for the merriment was our guest speaker, Mr. Brian Bolus the former Yorks / Notts / Derby and England cricketer who succeeded in having most people in stitches throughout his spot. All in all an excellent evening.

FORTHCOMING FIXTURES:

*Spring Tournament, Keighley G.C.
June 3rd*

*President's Day, Horsforth G.C.
June 16th*

*Roses Match, Saddleworth G.C.
July 22nd*

It is with sadness that we report the death, during January of Mr. A. R. Millar of Skegness.

Mr. Millar was a Northern Section Life Member. Our deepest sympathies to his family.

In order to prevent a break in continuity if you feel like sending your subscription through it will be banked and held safe. Although it is not confirmed, it seems fairly certain that the sub-rate will be £15 for ALL classes. Whatever line is adopted by our new Board of Management, it will take some time for the organisation to function. Please be patient and **do not** become disillusioned. The provincial scene will remain relatively unchanged.

FOR SALE

Second Hand
Diesel Driven Irrigation Pump
Suitable for Sprinkler System

Second Hand
40ft x 10ft Portacabin
Ideal for all sorts of uses

Telephone:
FOR PRICE DETAILS
077473 2433

Appointments

HEAD GREENKEEPER

Required by
KNARESBOROUGH GOLF CLUB

Applications are invited for the above post from persons of proven ability and experience in Golf Course maintenance

Salary Negotiable

No Accommodation available

Apply in writing, stating age and experience to:-

The Secretary,
KNARESBOROUGH GOLF CLUB,
Butterhills,
Boroughbridge Road,
Knaresborough,
North Yorkshire HG5 0QQ



**SEATON
CAREW
GOLF CLUB**

GREENKEEPER

to join our team of Greenstaff.

Preference will be given to greenkeeper with leaning/interest in mechanical maintenance as well as knowledge and ability in greenkeeping to the high standard of a Championship Course

Particulars to:-
Chairman Green Committee,
Seaton Carew Golf Club,
Tees Road, Seaton Carew,
Hartlepool, Cleveland

THE RUSHCLIFFE GOLF CLUB

Require
**HEAD
GREENKEEPER**

Must be conversant with all aspects of Course Maintenance

Salary Negotiable

No Accommodation

Applications in writing giving age, experience and date of availability to:-

The Captain,
THE RUSHCLIFFE GOLF CLUB,
Stocking Lane,
East Leake,
Nr. Loughborough LE12 5RL

ALWOODLEY GOLF CLUB

Leeds, Yorkshire

Due to the impending retirement of Mr. Hugh Marshall after 20 years service at this prestigious Championship Heathland Course north of Leeds

Applications are invited for the position of

HEAD GREENKEEPER

commencing 1st March 1988

Applicants should have extensive experience in the Theory and Practice of Golf Course Management, be conversant with the use and maintenance of all modern golf course machinery, and be able, with initiative, to direct and lead by example, the excellent supporting staff

There is no accommodation but the salary which is negotiable will be commensurate with a Club of this standing

For further details and application form apply to:-

The Chairman,
The Greens Committee,
Alwoodley Golf Club,
Wigton Lane, Leeds,
West Yorkshire LS17 8SA

Appointments



HEAD GREENKEEPER

Required for 9-Hole course on one of the Balearic Islands in Spain

Applicants must be experienced in course management, machinery maintenance and have the ability to lead and motivate Spanish staff

This is an outstanding career opportunity to work in an invigorating environment on a British-owned and managed sports complex, to assist in the development of the existing course and the construction of nine new holes

The employment package includes a high salary, accommodation and transport. It is anticipated that the successful applicant will commence as soon as possible

ROEVIN LIMITED

1 Roebuck Lane, Sale, Manchester M33 1SY

— For the attention of Hugh Brown —

BRITISH ASSOCIATION OF GOLF COURSE ARCHITECTS

MEMBERS (Full)

J. Hamilton Stutt
Hamilton Stutt & Co.,
12 Bingham Avenue, Poole,
Dorset BH14 8NE
Telephone: 0202-708406

Donald Harradine
CH 6987, Caslano, Switzerland
Telephone: 091-711561

Fred Hawtree, Martin Hawtree
Hawtree & Son,
5 Oxford Street, Woodstock,
Oxford OX7 1TQ
Telephone: 0993-811976

Donald Steel
Cotton Pennink Steel & Partners
Miller House, Corporation Street,
Rugby, Warwick CV21 2DW
Telephone: 0788-77191

Tom McAuley
38 Moira Drive, Bangor, Co. Down,
N. Ireland BT20 4RW
Telephone: 0247-465953

Peter Harradine,
P.O. Box 1165, Sharjah,
United Arab Emirates
Telephone: 009716-356446

PROVISIONAL
Alistair Rae,
26 Tannoch Road, Uplawmoor Road,
Glasgow G78 4AD
Telephone: 050-585-371

Cameron Sinclair
Cotton, Pennink, Steel & Partners,
Miller House, Corporation Street,
Rugby, Warwick CV21 2DW
Telephone: 0788-77191

Simon Gidman
Hawtree & Son
5 Oxford Street, Woodstock,
Oxford OX7 1TQ
Telephone: 0993-811976

OVERSEAS (Full)

Eddie Hackett
28 Ailesbury Drive, Dublin 4, Eire
Telephone: Dublin 691592

Joan Dudok Van Heel
Benkenlaan 4, 1640 St. Genesius,
Rode, Nr. Brussels, Belgium
Telephone: 358-5518

Pier Mancinelli
21 Via Achille Papa 00195, Rome, Italy
Telephone: 06-36036-35

Jan Sederholm,
S. 252 34 Helsingborg, K. Kristoffersg 3A,
Sweden
Telephone: 042-371-84

OVERSEAS (Provisional)

Kurt Roßknecht,
Dennermoos 5a, 8990 Lindau-Bad,
Schachen, Germany
Telephone: 08382-230-05

R. Berthet
57-59 Rue Lhomond, 75005, Paris, France
Telephone: (1) 336-77-50

SENIOR MEMBER

Fraser Middleton
15 Kilmarnon Crescent, Cupar, Fife KY15 4DS,
Scotland
Telephone: 0334-54904

Parkers of Worcester Park
Leading Suppliers of all turf care products
are seeking a

SALES REPRESENTATIVE

living in the Hampshire area

Applicants should have a sound knowledge of all aspects of Turf Management and experience in selling would be an advantage though not a necessity.

A company car and various other benefits are provided.

Salary negotiable depending upon age and experience.

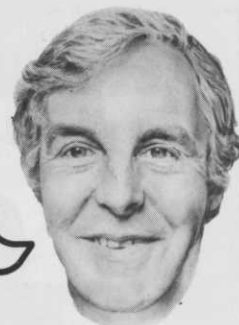
Write (with full personal details)
in complete confidence to:

The Managing Director,
T. PARKER & SONS (Turf Management) LTD.
Worcester Park, Surrey KT4 7NF

Want a first
class
GREENKEEPER?

A recent 1/4 page
attracted
52 applicants

Tel. 0937 63181
to place your
JOB ADVERT.



SHRIGLEY HALL GOLF CLUB GREENKEEPER REQUIRED FOR PROPOSED CHAMPIONSHIP GOLF COURSE

Must be fully knowledgeable on turf management and machinery maintenance. It is our intention to take on the successful applicant immediately to assist in the development of this prestigious scheme, in a beautiful part of Cheshire.

Please apply
in writing to:—

The Director,
SHRIGLEY HALL GOLF CLUB,
Shrigley Park Estate, Pott Shrigley, Macclesfield, Cheshire.

NORTH WEST

Hon. Sec: David F. Golding,
38 The Grove, Flixton,
Manchester M31 3JH
Telephone: 061-748-8592

As we look forward to a new season, already our golf committee have several confirmed dates for your diaries:

Thursday April 30th
Moor Allerton Golf Club - Northern Region
Rufford Top Dress' Invitation Day
Thursday May 21st
Bury Golf Club - Spring Tournament
Wednesday July 22 - Saddleworth Golf Club
Battle of the Roses
Date to be confirmed - Heswall Golf Club
Autumn Tournament
To be arranged - Match v. North West
Stewards Association

Seminar 1987 - Sell out!

At the time of writing we are just over a week away from our third one day Seminar at Mere and I must

apologise to those whose applications had to be returned due to the demand for tickets.

The 180 tickets were sold out by mid-February which makes all the hard work put in by our seminar sub-committee well worthwhile.

I trust that the new idea of the brochures went down well and that they will be useful when ordering time comes round.

We are already considering holding another one day seminar possibly in the Autumn.

It is seen as a good indicator that members prefer one day seminars as opposed to the winter series of evening lectures held previously. Therefore we trust that all members will soon be supporting these days as I think everybody who attends agrees that they really are value for money.

Committee 1987-88

We will shortly confirm a date and venue for an Annual General Meeting when the officers will be nominated and elected by the members.

Already confirmed is the unity between the two past committees of B.G.G.A. and E.I.G.G.A. With a blend of youth and experience the future of the North-West B.I.G.G.A. committee looks set for years to come.

Mr. Bill, awson (Heswall G.C.) will continue to represent the section on the National Board of Management. I am sure members will be wanting to know about subscription rates, wage scales, ties, etc. but unfortunately we are not yet aware of decisions and a period of patience is required.

The appointment of the Administrator is imminent and we can then expect confirmation on many points.

We will endeavour to keep you informed with developments.

FORTHCOMING GOLF TOURNAMENTS

APRIL	16	St. Mellion G.C. (Welsh)	JULY	1	Ladbrook Park G.C. (Mid)
	30	Moor Allerton G.C. (Rufford Top Dress Invitation)		9	Berkhampstead G.C. (Mid Anglia versus Midlands)
MAY	14	Robin Hood G.C. (Mid).		13	Welwyn Garden City G.C. (Mid Anglia)
	20	Vitax Tournament Ferndown G.C.		16	Lee on Solent G.C. (S.C.)
	21	Bury G.C. (N.W.)		22	Saddleworth G.C. (Roses Match)
	28	Stoneham G.C. (S.C.)	AUGUST		NATIONAL TOURNAMENT
JUNE	3	Keighley G.C. (Northern)	17-18-19		Verulam Golf Club
	16	Horsforth G.C. (Northern)	SEPT.	3	High Post G.C. (S.C.)
	17	Arkley G.C. (Mid Anglia)		21	Brocton G.C. (Mid)
	18	Southerndown G.C. (Welsh)		23	Woodlands G.C. (Mid Anglia)
				24	Cowdray Park G.C. (S.C.)

Contact Sectional Secretaries for entry forms

NEW FOR 87

THE Irrigation Controller

From Arden Lea Irrigation the most advanced & easy to use programmable watering system ever devised.

The ultimate achievement in water management technology is the new, fully computerised 'Irrigation Controller' with the built-in 'Nightwatchman'. Now you don't need to check your system, it does it for you.

Every metre of your underground system - electrics & hydraulics - comes under the all-seeing eye of 'The Controller', it assesses all watering applications in mm., by taking into account, area covered and an integral logging system for long term assessment.

- Same cost as any ordinary standard controller.
- Compatible with any existing system - enhances performance.
- Easily updated by new computer technology to promise low-cost, lifelong performance.
- 'The Controller' is designed and built in England for British golf courses, British weather and British greenkeepers!

SPECIAL FEATURE

Computer-intelligent rain sensor will automatically adjust watering to allow for unforeseen rainfall.

TELEPHONE FOR DETAILS TODAY

077 473 2433

or write to Arden Lea Irrigation Ltd.
160 Moss Lane, Hesketh Bank,
Preston PR4 6AE.



Arden Lea - Installing, supplying and maintaining all makes of irrigation equipment with 15 years experience.

NEW

- Increase in slow release nitrogen content
- Plus two new formulations



MASCOT MICROFINE

The first choice for a champion playing surface

A slow release fertilizer produced after exhaustive trials and discussions with course managers, greenkeepers and groundsmen. As part of our policy of continual improvement to the quality and dependability of the Microfine range, our latest tests have led us to improve the product in two distinctive ways.

The I.B.D.U. slow release nitrogen source has been substantially increased across the range, plus the addition of two new formulations.

The range is now as follows:- 14:4:7 -
12:0:6+2% Iron - 8:0:0+2% Iron - 8:0:0+4% Iron -
18:0:0+6% Iron - 4:10:10-4:0:8+2% Iron.

Rigby Taylor wish you success with the new product

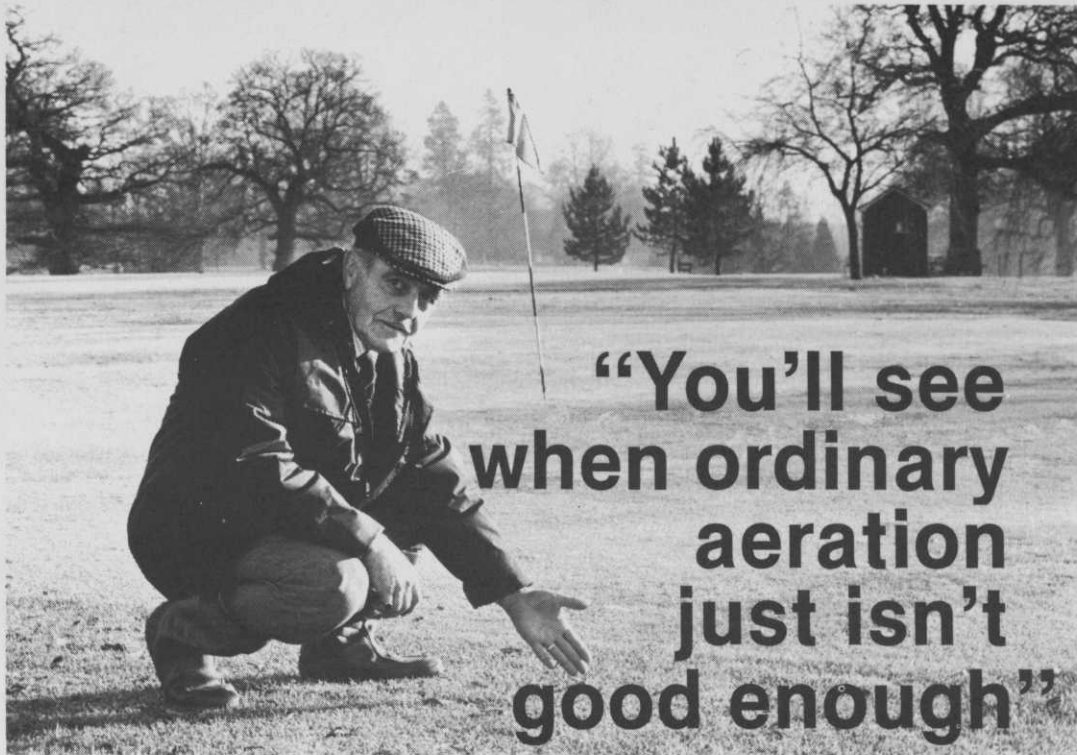
Rigby Taylor Ltd.
Rigby Taylor House,
Garside Street,
BOLTON BL1 4AE
Tel: (0204) 394888

Rigby Taylor (Midlands) Ltd.
Unit 9A,
Warwick Industrial Estate,
Budbrooke Road,
WARWICK CV34 5XH
Tel: (0926) 401444

**Rigby
Taylor**

Rigby Taylor (South) Ltd.
Unit 7,
The Riverway Estate,
Peasmarsh,
GUILDFORD,
Surrey GU3 1LZ
Tel: (0483) 35657

Suter of Stirling
(Sportsturf) Ltd.
Cunningham Road,
Springkerse,
STIRLING
FK7 7SL
Tel: (0786) 72141



**“You’ll see
when ordinary
aeration
just isn’t
good enough”**

“You’ll see alright. It may be surface water is still a problem. The turf could be looking thin and tired. Weeds could be on the increase.

“What you can’t see so easily is the cause. Compaction. Or a build up of thatch. Probably both. Either way, the result’s the same. Water doesn’t soak in properly. The soil is starved of oxygen. Rooting gets shallow. Weeds and disease get a hold. You’ve got a problem and just spiking holes in the ground isn’t going to solve it.

“Hollow tine aeration is the answer. What the Ryan people call Core Cultivation.

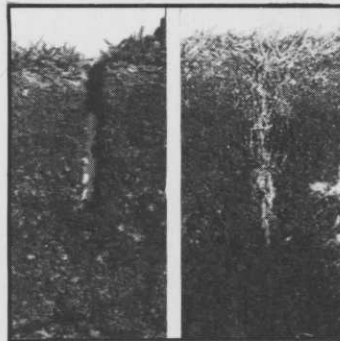
“In fact, I reckon that for most heavily used sports areas, Core Cultivation should be a routine part of any turf maintenance programme. Not just a problem solver. Obviously, how often you use hollow tining varies according to different soil conditions. I find once in the Spring and Autumn is about right.

Cores of soil and thatch



“So what’s this core cultivation all about?”

“First, hollow tining actually removes cores of soil—and thatch of course. That obviously relieves soil compaction far better than a spike or slitter. As a result, it opens up the soil giving better movement of air, water and fertilisers. If the soil is good, breaking up the cores, either by a scarifier or a Ryan core processor, separates the thatch, which can then be removed easily.

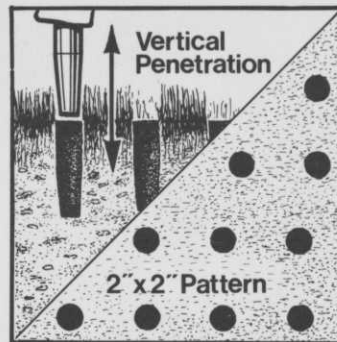


New vigorous growth after hollow tining

“Why do I think Ryan hollow tine aerators are the best?”

“Well, they’ve got some very special design features.

“Look at the Greensaire for instance. There’s the core pattern created by the tines. A close 2 inch by 2 inch up to 3 inches deep with a 24 inch swath. On a green of say 6000 square feet that’s 3 cubic yards of core material. And you can do that in well under an hour.



Ryan’s unique design features

“Then there’s the way the tines actually penetrate the soil. Ryan have a really clever design which makes each tine go in and out absolutely vertically. Unlike other makes, where the tines sort of rock to and fro which can damage the surface.

“It’s that sort of thing that makes Ryan aerators the best. In fact, you should have a look at the whole range of Ryan turf maintenance equipment. It’s the best you can buy”.

RYAN
Turf Care Equipment

Distributed in the UK by
Victa (UK) Limited



Rutherford Road
Daneshill West
Basingstoke
Hants RG24 0QY
Tel: (0256) 50301
Telex: 858282

The Ryan Range

Aerators

Greensaire 16in
Greensaire 24in with optional
Core Processor
Ride-Aire 19in ride-on
Lawnaire 19in
Lawnaire 3ft tractor towed
Tracaire 6ft tractor towed
Renovaire 6ft contouring
tractor towed

Scarifiers

Ren-O-Thin 5hp 18in
Ren-O-Thin 7hp 18in
Mataway 10hp 19in self propelled

Turf Cutters

J.R. 12in width.
Heavy duty 12 and 16in widths
with automatic chop off and
turf rolling

Purchase, hire or contract schemes available

Contact your nearest official
Ryan dealer for further
information

Scotland

Autogarden (Glasgow) 0505 24341

**Northumberland, Tyne & Wear,
Durham, Cleveland, N. Yorks. (NW)**
J M Raine 0388 604847

**Cumbria, Lancs, G. Manchester,
Merseyside, Cheshire, Derbyshire, N.
Yorks (W), W. Yorks (W)**
Fletcher-Stewart (Stockport)
061-483 5542

**S. Yorks, Humberside (N), N. Yorks
(Cen. & E), W. Yorks (E)**
Sewards Agricultural Machinery
0904 704121

Clwyd, Gwynedd, Shropshire, Powys
Walker Engineering 069-186 2447

**Staffs, W. Midlands, Warwicks,
Hereford, Worcs.**
E T Breakwell 021-7444477

Lincs., Notts., Leics., S. Humberside
Lawnmower Services (Lincoln)
0522 810562

Northants., Cambs., Beds.
Rogers Engineers 0234 870201

Norfolk, Suffolk (NE)
Ben Burgess Garden Equipment
0603 628251

Essex, Suffolk (SW), London (E)
R Johnson (T.E.S.S) 0708 28811

**Oxon, Berks, Bucks, Herts, London
(NW)**
Risborough Turf Suppliers
08444 3023

Glos., Avon, Wilts. (N)
Bristol Garden Machinery
0272 719361

Dyfed, Glamorgan, Gwent
Celtic Mowers 0792 41517

Somerset, Devon
L F Jewells 0278 424088

**W. Sussex, Hants, Dorset, I.O.W.,
Wilts (S)**
Marshall Rolfe 0794 513185

Kent, E. Sussex, Surrey, London (S)
Shanks Mowers (Croydon)
01-771 4811

N. Ireland
Cyril Johnston & Co. 0232 813121

Eire
Brophy’s Lawn & Turf Machines
0001 974081