

People, Places, Products



John Edmunds, John Van der Vord and Michael Bush of Victa (UK).

The appointment of two new directors at Victa (UK) has been announced by John Edmunds, the company's managing director. Michael Bush has been promoted to marketing director with responsibility for market planning, new product development and promotion. He joined Victa as marketing manager from Wilkinson Sword four years ago. John Van der Vord, who has now been appointed sales director, was formerly a national accounts sales manager with the Wilkinson Sword Group.

Vitax has launched a new range of grass seed mixtures - three without ryegrass.

The first is a blend of 80 per

cent chewings fescue and 20 per cent browntop; the second, a mix of creeping red and chewings fescues and browntop, is for tennis courts and cricket squares; the third is an economy mixture of creeping red fescue and browntop for fairways and lawns, with *Poa pratensis* added to improve its hard-wearing qualities.

The ryegrass mixes are a blend of two leading sports-type perennials (50 per cent) with creeping red fescue, browntop and *Poa pratensis*; a blend of three purpose-bred perennials and a genuine economy mix for roadside verges and other amenity areas, which contains perennial ryegrasses and creeping red fescue.

Further details from Vitax, Liverpool Road North, Burscough, Ormskirk, Lancashire L40 0SB.

Grass maintenance in Taiwan is hampered by a warm and humid climate, which encourages particularly vigorous rates of growth.

The Chiang Kai-Shek International Airport in Taipei has overcome the problem by utilising a fleet of Bomford flail mowers, consisting of six Bandits, three mid-mounted models not currently available in the UK and one 7.2m reach B728.

The airport authority intends to purchase a further 12 Bomford mowers over the next five years. Contact Clive Fowkes, Home Sales Manager, Bomford and Evershed, Salford Priors, Evesham, Worcs WR11 5SW. Tel: 0789 773383.

A 'brace' of Bromfords lined up outside the Chiang Kai-Shek Airport in Taiwan.



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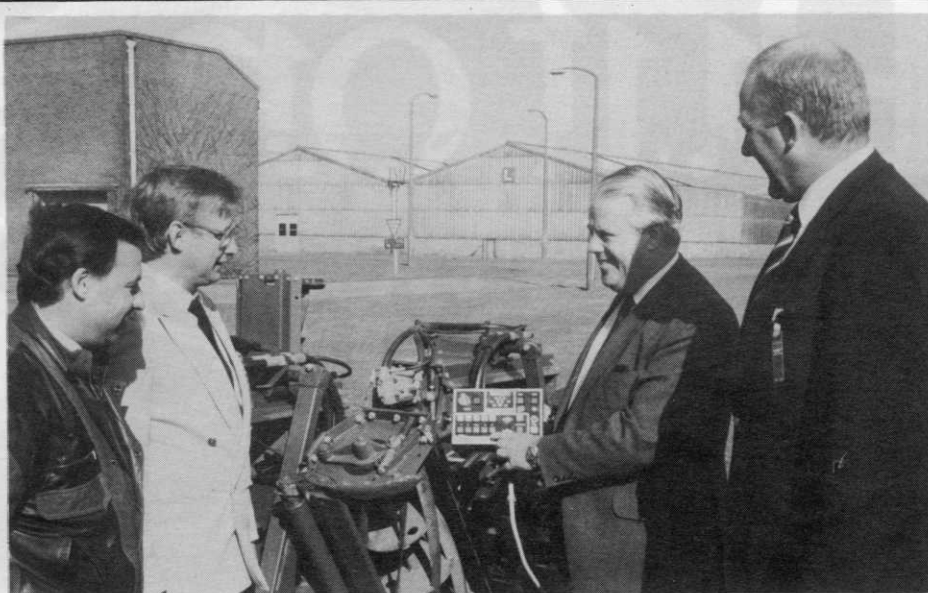
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Appointed two years ago, Ransomes distributor in Sweden, Park and Grasvards of Stockholm, has made what UK general sales manager John Wilson described as excellent headway. Eight dealer personnel, accompanied by Kurt Revestam, owner of Park and Grasvards, visited the parent company at Ipswich recently. Park and Grasvards had placed orders worth £600,000 with Ransomes by the early part of 1986.

The *Grandstand Product Catalogue* from Maxwell Hart has become something of an early-season highlight! This year's full-colour, 40-page publication offers a good read, as well as detailing the latest developments in chemical treatments, grass seeds, fertilisers, turf dressings, golf, cricket and bowls equipment, line markers, litter bins, 'extras' such as pacers to slow traffic and armbands to identify club officials, and so much more.

There's a colour spread on Hart's new northern sales and distribution centre at Warrington, Cheshire and the company's



John Wilson (second right), Ransomes general sales manager, escorted the Swedish party around the company's Nacton Works.

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- LAND RECLAMATION — Work in progress on NCB sites
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New Hydraulic Reelmowers Extend The Cut Behind Compact Tractors

Huxleys have added two hydraulically-powered reel-mowers to its line-up of equipment for use with compact tractors. The TR84 and TR138 join the TR66 and TR108. Huxleys also manufactures a mid/rear-mounted unit, known as the TR84M, for compact tractors.

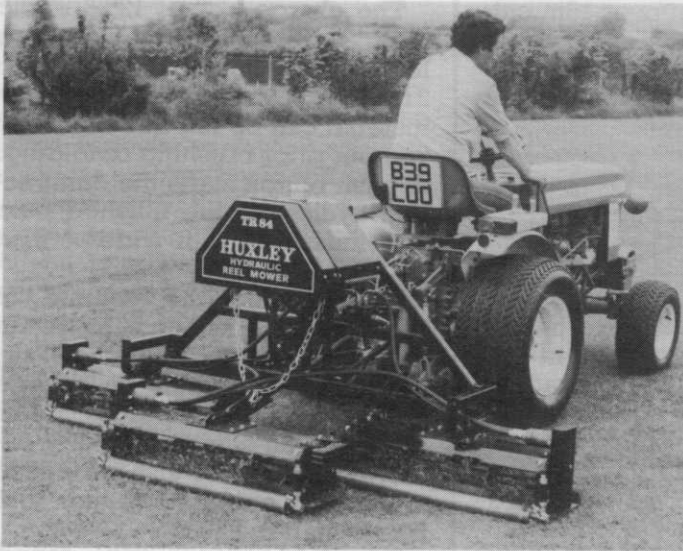
The major difference between

Huxleys' existing rear-mounted mowers and the TR84 and TR138 models is the cutting reel width. Both new machines have 762mm (30in) wide units, which is 152mm (6in) wider than those used on the TR66 and TR108 machines. In common with their stablemates, all reels are hydraulically-driven and pivot-mounted.

Overall mowing width of the TR84, which has three cutting reels, is 2.13m (84in). The five reels on the TR138 give a maximum cut of 3.5m (11ft 6in) wide.

The TR84 and TR138 rear-mounted reel-mowers are priced at £3,600 and £5,900 respectively, excluding VAT.

Full details from Huxleys Grass Machinery, The Dean, New Alresford, Hampshire SO24 9BL. Tel: 092673 3222.



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Contractor Range With New Undercarriage Transporter

Flymo has introduced a two-wheeled undercarriage transporter designed primarily for Contractor mowers.



Top: the GT4-S. Above: Flymo's GT2.

There are three petrol-powered models in the Contractor range of air-cushion mowers and the new undercarriage fits them all. The range comprises the GT4-S, CL4 and GT2, offering a choice of 47cm (19in), 52cm (21in) and 50.5cm (20in) cutting widths respectively.

The new undercarriage is also available for all Flymo petrol air cushion mowers of over 15in cutting width. Full details from Flymo, Hurworth Road, Aycliffe Industrial Estate, Newton Aycliffe, Co Durham.

For over 50 years, the Pierce Corporation has been a leader in the design and development of systems for agricultural irrigation. Pierce now offers a complete line of epoxy-coated steel fittings, specially designed for use in golf course irrigation as standard items, ranging from 2in to 12in IPS sizes. Metric sizes are available.

Unique to the company is its compression gasket, which helps prevent leaks from PVC deflection during installation. Hydraulic design also ensures efficiency in operation. All fittings are built with a 3 to 1 margin of strength to withstand pressure surges. The preparation and application of specially developed epoxy resins provides a finish tightly bonded to the steel.

For further information, contact Cliff Fithian, Pierce Corporation, PO Box 528, Eugene, Oregon 97440.

Whack It Away!

Waste Whacker has added an air-powered baler to its existing range of waste handling equipment. The baler can be connected into an existing air supply, or the company will supply the baler with a silent running compressor, which can be used for other tasks, such as pressure washing, spray painting, stapling and tyre inflation.

The charge box of 12.85 cubic feet, together with its large loading aperture of 23in wide x 21in high, means that bulky material can be fed into the baler without prior crushing or folding. A push button starts the compaction cycle and the finished bale size measures 22in wide x 21in deep x 24in high.

By reducing the volume of waste material, which can contain up to 85 per cent by volume of air, considerable savings on storage space, transport and disposal costs can be achieved.

Waste Whacker also produces a manually operated version and prices start at £560.

For further details, contact Waste Whacker, Holbrook, Ipswich, Suffolk IP9 2PT. Tel: 0473 328272.

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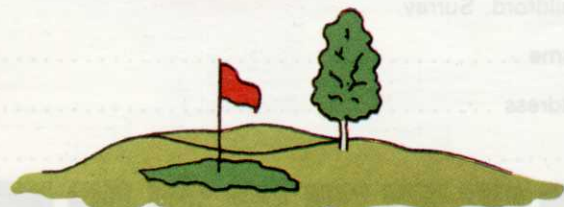
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