

Inter Seeds has appointed main distributors across the UK for its Pro-Range of grass seed mixtures and Pro-Flora range of wild flower seeds. They are: north England - Trident, Poplar Site, Knutsford Road, Lymm, Cheshire WA13 0TD - tel: 0925 75 6071 - under the control of Richard Lawrence; Scotland - McNab Sports Supplies, 32 McBain Place, Kinross, Fife KY13 7QZ - tel: 0577 64198 - under Duncan McNab, and Northern Ireland - Samuel Stewart (Belfast), Glengormley Park, Newtonabbey, Co Antrim BT36 7SH - tel: 02313 41311 - under William Smyth.

The Pro range of grass seeds includes mixtures for sport, landscaping and reclamation. Varieties used include the highly rated Lisabelle, Lisuna and Lilotta perennial ryegrasses, Lifalla and Lirouge chewing's fescues and NFG Theodor Roemer creeping red fescue. Special mixtures can be formulated.

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Inter Seeds can be contacted at Southern Avenue Industrial Estate, Leominster, Herefordshire HR6 0QF. Tel: 0568 6363.

ICI hosted a seminar with Supaturf and Farmura this month at its plant protection headquarters at Fernhurst, Surrey. The seminar, entitled *Taking Over The Controls*, featured talks on disease control, soil wetting agents, organic nutrition and The Food and Environmental Protection Act as it affects the turfgrass industry.

RiteFeed, manufacturer of organic fertilisers, recently concluded a marketing arrangement with Maxwell M. Hart to promote the RiteFeed range throughout the south of England. John Walker, RiteFeed's managing director, said: "National supplies had become a necessity due to ever-increasing demand."

The full list of RiteFeed's distributors, from which free samples are available, reads: Joseph Bentley, Barrow on Humber, South Humberside tel: 0469 30501; E.T. Breakwell, 814 Stratford Rd, Shirley, Solihull - 021 7444477; Peter Hampton, 221 Chantry Gardens, Southwick, Trowbridge, Wilts - 02214 5864; Maxwell M. Hart, Winnersh, Wokingham, Berks - 0734 785655 and 17 Adlington Court, Birchwood, Warrington - 0925 825501; Joseph Metcalf, Brookside Lane, Oswaldtwistle, Lancs - 0254 393321; Sports Turf Services, Newbridge Industrial Estate, Newbridge, Midlothian - 031 3332345; Supaturf Products, Unit 2 Ripley Close, Normanton Industrial Estate, Normanton, West Yorks - 0733 68384; Tartleton Composts, Sunnyhurst Nurseries, Blackgate Lane, Hesketh Bank, Nr. Preston - 077473 4333; Town & Country Horticultural Supplies, 1 Allandale Drive, Copland, Colchester, Essex - 0206 210287 and Trident Turf Services, Poplar Site, Lymm, Cheshire - 092575 6071.

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In common with the standard model, the alternative fully-floating version has seven-bladed cutting reels within 'twinroll' floating mowing heads. Electric remote controls are provided for the independent raising and lowering of the mower's two outer wing units and selection of forward, neutral or reverse reel rotation from the driver's seat. These functions are all power-activated using the mower's self-contained hydraulic system, which is driven by the tractor's pto. Price of the Huxley TR138 hydraulic reel mower, complete with floating top link and castor wheel, is £6,825, excluding VAT.

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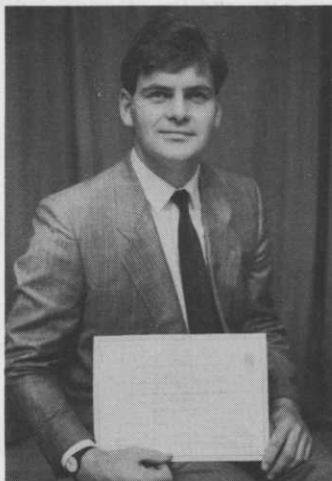


Students on Elmwood's head greenkeepers supervisory management course. And David Childs, from Hawthorn Hill GC, Maidenhead, Berkshire, shows his certificate as top student on the course.

For short, specialist courses, it was the norm for students to travel south of the border, but Elmwood College's horticultural department has reversed this trend over the last few years, particularly with its supervisory management courses for greenkeepers.

Elmwood, at Cupar in Fife, also pioneered a distance learning course for greenkeepers two years ago which, on both occasions when offered, attracted a third of its members from outside Scotland.

Demand for the more specialist one week head greenkeepers' supervisory management course is equally strong with trainees coming from Germany, Northern Ireland and Eire, England, as well as, of course, Scotland.



A wide range of other programmes of study in greenkeeping (block-release) and amenity horticulture (full time and block-release) are also available at Elmwood.

## Vital Vitax Information

Vitax of Burscough, near Ormskirk, Lancashire is to build a new £250,000 multi-purpose headquarters at Southport on Merseyside.

The 20,000 sq ft complex will contain a new manufacturing and production facility, packing plant, warehouse, laboratories and trials unit, offices and showrooms. It will also be adjacent to its own transport and distribution network. Work is scheduled to be completed by the spring of 1988.

Vitax has introduced two new extended-release fertilisers. Key N is a nitrogenous fertiliser (20%N) for use where reserves of phosphate and potash are high, or where these two nutrients are made either annually or bi-annually. The nitrogen is included in three forms to provide quick, medium and slow-release and to ensure the continuous supply of plant food needed by the turf. Key N also contains magnesium (2.7%MgO) to promote lush green turf.

SR2 is a 10:7:20 compound for application in the autumn or earlier part of the year when soil temperatures are 10°C or below, holding the nitrogen content until growth commences in the spring. The formulation is such that when used in conjunction with Key N, the major plant nutrients are supplied in the same ratio as found in the grass cuttings removed.

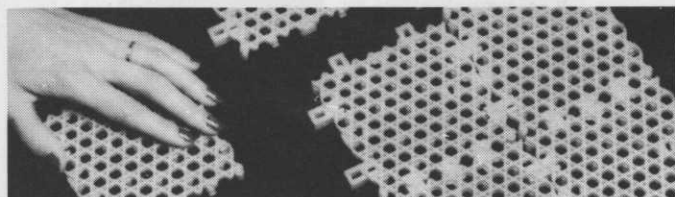
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## Show Time!

The IOG's sports and leisure trade exhibition at Victoria Park next month will be only the second such event in the north-west and it is sure to be of interest to greenkeepers and club officials.

The institute is committed to education and training and a section of the exhibition - manned by the institute's education committee - will present information on weekend training courses throughout the UK.

This sector will be supported by a number of leading colleges, including the Cheshire College of Agriculture, Evesham College of Further Education, Hampshire College of Agriculture, Hertfordshire College of Agriculture and Horticulture, Welsh College of Horticulture and Merrist Wood Agricultural College, as well as the Sports Turf Research Institute, Bingley.

The exhibition will be open from 10am till 5pm on Tuesday May 12 and Wednesday May 13 and admission is by catalogue

(£1.50). Extensive car parking will be available at £1, although pre-booked coaches will be accommodated free.

## A22 Takes BSH Down A New Road

In its 1987 catalogue, British Seed Houses announces the launch of a new low-maintenance grass seed mixture called A22, which contains Logro slender creeping red fescue and Lorina perennial ryegrass.

In the early 1970s, BSH started a research and development programme to try and obtain some short-growing, high-quality grasses and as a result of this work, the company is able to offer two

of the shortest growing grass varieties within its respective species.

A revised leaflet has also been issued by BSH giving details of its ten wild flora conservation mixtures. The leaflet details cultivation and management information, vital when sowing wild flora.

Full details from the company at Bewsey Industrial Estate, Pitt Street, Warrington WA5 5LE, Cheshire. Tel: 0925 54411.

## All Talk!


A recent national series of seminars on the maintenance of grass areas was sponsored by ICI Professional Products in conjunction with spray contractors.

Four contractors - Selectokil, Foster Associates, S.H. Goss and Weedfree - joined ICI to discuss the introduction of ICI's new grass growth retardant, Holdfast D. In addition, the agenda included a talk on the implications for amenity managers of recent legislation covering pesticides and DLO.

Keith Cleverly, ICI Professional Products manager, said: "With the ever-increasing need to conserve expenditure and to make the most effective use of available manpower, chemical grass growth retardants are now valuable management tools when used as part of an annual grass maintenance programme."

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# How one Bournemouth business blossomed

WHEN John Charles Roffey settled in Throop, Bournemouth on an eight-acre holding in 1919, his market-garden enterprise steadily expanded and was the mainstay of the business until the outbreak of World War Two.

His two sons, Jack and Harry, joined him after leaving school and, when the founder of the company retired, they took over the business. It continued, initially, in much the same way until the mid-fifties.

It became evident, however, that the business had to find alternative outlets to remain viable. Eventually, among other things, there was a move into horticultural compost production and in the first year's trading the output was 90 tons.

Today, this total is often exceeded in a matter of hours at the modern manufacturing plant in Throop Road.

Over the years, the business gradually expanded and diversified, making topdressings for golf courses, bowling greens and cricket wickets. The company is well-known to greenkeepers in the south and is the distributor for several manufacturers of horticultural and sportsground fertilisers and chemical products. A contractor division offers specialised services to sportsgrounds.

In February 1984, Jack and Harry Roffey retired. The company was taken over by another two enterprising brothers, Michael and Graham Patrick, who have since applied their business skills to the project by enlarging the compost manufacturing plant - the covered production area covers 55,000 sq feet - and expanding the product range.

Although the business has changed hands, it still maintains a 'family tradition.' David Roffey, a third generation of the founder, is a company director and responsible for technical research.

He was instrumental for the introduction of Xylorganic topdressing in 1986. Popular with many greenkeepers, this material contains no peat and is, therefore, of great value where thatch accumulation has to be carefully controlled. It contains soil conditioners, is rich in trace elements and, because it has ion exchange properties, is invaluable on light sandy soils where leaching may be a problem. Xylorganic is a new concept in organic dressings, which will not seal or cap the surface to make it impermeable.

The latest enterprise concerns Notts Sports and Safety Systems, with which the company has developed Notts Compound,

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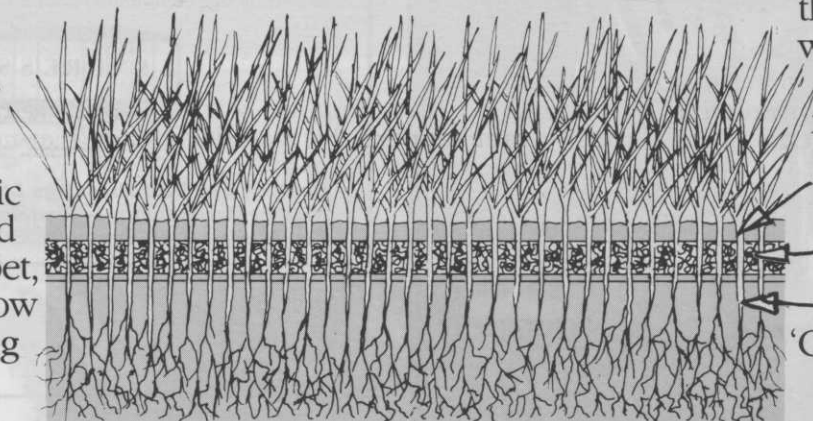
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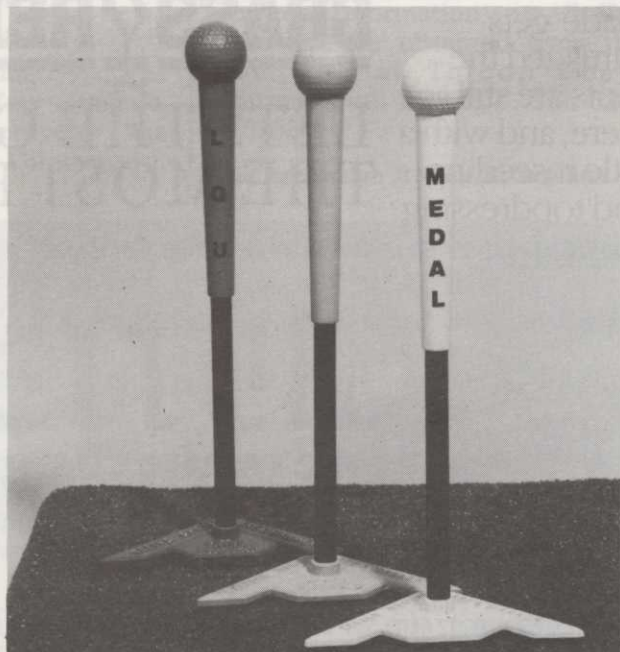
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