



■ Avoncrop Amenity Products have been appointed distributors in their trading area for the Barenbrug amenity grass seed range and the new Terralift range of complete organic fertilisers. These will complement their own new range of liquid feeds sold under the Turfgrow label, including their 18-0-0- fertiliser formulated for use on all types of soil and sand based constructions which have adequate reserves of phosphate and potash. Other mixes are readily available. Tel: 0934 820868.

■ Sports Ground Irrigation Ltd have been appointed distributors for the Hunter range of sprinklers including the new Golf range, these complementing the user-friendly CIC 1 and CIC 4 controllers. SGI Ltd are also offering dealerships in some areas, together with full technical back-up and a design service. Tel: 0858 463153.

■ Fairfield Turf have two new 'synthetic organic' fertilisers, claimed to be the only true demand feeds available in the UK. 'Lawn Builder' (22:3:3 + 1.6% Fe) is manufactured by a process called trionisation and utilises an expanded particle, impregnated both inside and out. With granules that are lightweight and small, incorporation into the sward is complete and is said to release all nutrients in a steady pattern over a growth period, thus avoiding surge. Made by the same process, 'Lawn Repair and Starter' is formulated to encourage regrowth of damaged turf and as a pre-turfing or seeding fertiliser. Tel: 06794 731.

■ ICI Professional Products announce the addition of Kings Horticulture, Colchester, Essex to their network of specialist distributors. Commenting on this, ICI Professional Products National Sales Manager, David Siddon, said: "the appointment of Kings Horticulture will provide our customers in eastern England with an increased availability of products and a major improvement in customer contact and service." Tel: 0708 223300.

■ The first ever HUXTRUK turf maintenance vehicle, designed and manufactured by Huxleys Grass Machinery of Alresford, Hants, has been purchased by Andover GC. This strong, modern vehicle, specifically designed with the British greenkeeper in mind, has a Perkins 23.5 hp water-cooled diesel engine, power steering and fully automatic hydraulic transmission. It takes the full range of Huxley turf care implements for aerating, spraying, brushing and load carrying. Tel: 0962 733222.

The Westurf Turfcare trade exhibition, organised by the South West and South Wales region of BIGGA, is looming up fast. The date for your diary is 29th April and the venue is Long Ashton Golf Club, Bristol. Gordon Child is the man to contact for more information - and to book your stand space. There's still some space available, but you'd better be quick. Give Gordon a call on 0803 844056.



All aboard the Huxtruk: from left, Eddie Fox, Chris Sturgess, Kevin Whatley, Mike Read, Alastair Fairweather and Tony Broad.

■ Recognising the problems faced by coastal bodies, Grasslands Turf Farm have developed a turf specially designed to be tolerant of salty conditions. A Blend of creeping red and hard fescues, bent and smoothed stalk meadow grass, it is a fairly fine turf with reasonable wear characteristics. Each cultivar used has been selected for its ability to persist in situations where salt from sea spray would scorch and perhaps kill the grasses more usually found in fine turf. The turf has survived two years of salt tolerance testing at the Sea Front Hotel and Golf Course, Hythe, Kent, a place known for gale driven soaking sea spray. Tel: 0679 67130.