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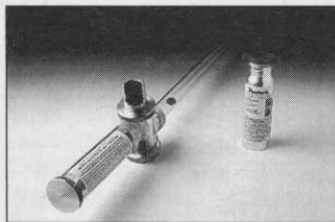
A new method of anchoring divots to aid rapid root recovery was shown at BTME for the first time.

Turf Tie Divot Anchors were designed primarily for fairways but can also be used on tees to promote recovery of mature turf.

One of the discussion points raised at Harrogate was that golfers could anchor the turf themselves after taking a substantial divot after loading up from a container of Divot Anchors in the locker room.

Their use during the winter/spring period will help to reduce reseeding.

The results of STRI tests using this technique will be released later.



Damaged caused by moles and rabbits can be reduced thanks to **Rentokil's** applicator which can apply Phostoxin tablets quicker and more safely.

The applicator is lightweight and made of clear plastic so the tablets can be seen being dispensed with a push button action.

After placing the tablet in the hole the tablet will react with atmospheric moisture to produce the lethal gas that will spread through the runs and burrows.

For further information contact John Dickson, Rentokil Industrial Products, Rentokil Ltd, Fencourt,

East Grinstead, West Sussex Tel: 01342 833022.

Tildenet Ltd has produced a portable green which can be assembled in an hour, relocated in half an hour and doesn't need mowing.

The Epic is a six metre by 10 metre structure covered in a green netting simulating a green. With bunkers, contours and a flag it has all the features of a green and is ideal for practice.

It doesn't cause damage to the grass as its net covering allows air and light to penetrate.



Force Limagrain has introduced Fortiva, a new seed coating which it claims will cut the time needed to renovate greens and tees by at least two to three weeks.

In independent tests by the STRI Fortiva improved new grass cover by an average of 30% after six weeks.

In a second, on-going, test it kept turf seedling disease down to a minimum. Fortiva contains three fungicides each having a different way of attacking seedling disease. It also contains a biostimulant to help improve natural early season grass growth.



John Deere celebrated the 10th anniversary of its grounds care equipment business in the UK and Ireland with the launch of a new Roberine mower.

Aimed at the golf course and local authority user the self-propelled 1510 wide-area mower has a 2.85m cutting width and a mowing capacity of around 3ha/hr.

The five rear-discharge rotary cutting discs are split across a front-mounted three disc deck and a twin-disc unit offset to the right of the machine.

This allows the mower to reach difficult sites more easily, for example under bushes, alongside ditches and streams.

The 1510 features a 41hp Peugeot diesel engine, power steering and hydraulic mower drive. Options include a comfort cab and four-wheel drive.

Basic price of a new 1510 mower is £28,151.

Fen Turf Dressings Ltd has introduced a new soil-less top dressing – Fendress Greentop on to the market. It is a new top dressing for fine turf which offers greenkeepers the benefits of "state of the art" green technology. The humus content is neither peat nor soil but a specially selected composted greenwaste thoroughly cleaned and screened by a screening system

for which a patent is pending. This is then blended with a selected Leighton Buzzard sand and lignite.

Anyone seeking further information should contact Fen Turf Dressings Ltd, Market Harborough Tel: 01858 464346.



Rigby Taylor has launched a new generation herbicide developed specifically for the Amenity and Sports Turf market.

Greenor joins Bastion T, the first of the new generation of turf-grass herbicides developed by DowElanco. Both are based on micro-emulsion technology which increases chemical activity, simplifies application and improves spray performance.

Sold exclusively by Rigby Taylor as part of its Advanced Technology Products range the sister products both give first rate control of a wide range of broad leaved weeds by inhibiting plant growth. The herbicides are translocated deep into the wet root system giving excellent kill without creating burnt, discoloured patches in the turf.

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Both offer high levels of control of a wide range of problem weeds including clover but Bastion T shows particular strength on Slender Speedwell and Plantains while Greenor is outstanding on Daisy and Buttercup.

"Product trials show that both herbicides are highly selective and have excellent grass safety," said Clive Williams of Rigby Taylor. "With recommendations for use on new grass as early as two months after sowing, either product can be used over the entire area of turf even on worn patches that have recently been renovated."

Rigby Taylor has also launched Mascot Breaker, an advanced wetting agent for use on sports and amenity turfgrass situations.

It has been formulated using the latest generation of surfactant technology and has been designed to provide a rapid and long lasting effect on Dry Patch, drought stressed turf and water repellent soils. Independent trials have proved significant increases in both the speed and depth of infiltration of water through thatch and compacted soils giving excellent re-wetting of the treated turf.

It is available in liquid, granular and tablet forms.



Catalytic converts have been introduced on **Jonsered's** GR36, GR32D and GR32L professional brushcutters.

The emission of environmentally hazardous fumes is significantly reduced: hydrocarbons by up to 60%, carbon monoxide by up to 40% and nitric oxide by 60-70%. Exhaust smells are also eliminated and unnecessary health risks are avoided.

Literature on these products are available from Partner Jonsered Power Products UK, Old-ends Lane, Industrial Estate, Stonedale Road, Stonehouse,

Gloucester, GL10 3SY. Tel: 01453 820305.



Echo has introduced The Arc for the '96 season. A 51 inch shaft gives extra reach and together with the 90 degree articulated gearbox reduces the need for standing on ladders.

The 20 inch double reciprocating blades can be set through 15 different angles from 0-90 degrees to allow the tops of hedges to be cut from ground level.

It is powered by a 23.6cc dual piston ring Echo engine with a commercial air filtration system, electronic ignition and diaphragm carburettor.

Cost is £595 plus VAT.



Amenity Technology Products Ltd has launched a special offer in relation to its Drencher Gun which will run for all of 1996.

Every Drencher Gun purchased will be accompanied by a case of six Drencher pellets – either NEW 123 Turf Nutrient Formulation and Wetting Agent or the Standard WA, Wetting Agent – for only £1, a saving of up to £60.50.

For further information see this month's reader reply card or contact Amenity Technology Tel: 01734 510033.

A grass seed catalogue for the amenity and sports sectors has been launched by Mommersteeg containing full details of all **Mommersteeg** varieties and mixtures and with colour coded sections to aid selection.

Mommersteeg has extended its product range for '96 and the catalogue includes details of four

new varieties – Amadeus, Gerona, Dancer and Mocassin as well as a new general landscaping and low maintenance mixture MM21 and five re-formulated mixtures.

Copies of the catalogue are available free from Mommersteeg International, The Anderson Centre, Spitfire Close, Ermine Business Park, Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire PE18 6XY Tel: 01480 459500.



Gannon has introduced the AE-40 Aera-Vator as an addition to the Aera-Vator range for the smaller compact tractor of 13-20hp.

The principal of operation is as

the rotors roll the pto powers the tines to vibrate rapidly in a burrowing motion to penetrate and fracture harder soils with less weight.

It costs £2,550 plus optional rear roller £256 plus VAT.

The **Huxley** Grainskeeper brush is now available for use with suitable compact tractors and turf vehicles as well as a wide range of ride-on greensmowers.

Designed for quick and efficient integration of top-dressings on greens and for effective brushing and grooming of most sports turf areas the Grainskeeper is also an excellent tool for maintaining artificial playing surfaces in top condition.

The Grainskeeper is hydraulically driven and can be mounted on the front on Huxley, Toro, Jacobsen and John Deere greensmowers as well as on the rear or suitable compact tractors, Cushman Trucksters, Toro Workman trucks and Huxtrux Turf Vehicles.

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