



► Styled and finished in Ransomes' corporate livery, the line-up encompasses six compact tractor models with power outputs from 18hp to 45hp and a 16hp commercial mower with 48in (1.22m) mid-mounted rotary deck.

All of the compact tractors are equipped with four-wheel drive and power steering and come with either hydrostatic or mechanical transmission, depending on the model specified. The two largest tractors in the range have, as standard, shuttle and creep speed transmission systems, the latter being required for the operation of specialist aeration and drainage equipment.

Being featured at SalTex on the top-of-the-range 45hp CI445 tractor is the first of Ransomes' new ROPS 'Q' cabs which will be available as a standard fitting both on

this model and on the 38hp CI435 tractor. The remaining four Ransomes' tractor models have a folding ROPS frame as standard. Ransomes plan to offer cabs for all its tractors, including the CG161 commercial mower.

Designed to complement Ransomes' range of grass and turf care machinery, the new tractors will be embarking on an extensive demonstration programme after the show, responding to requests from greenkeepers, groundstaff, contractors and other grounds maintenance professionals made direct to Ransomes and through the company's nationwide dealer network.

Also launched was a commercial-duty zero turn radius rotary mower with brush grass collection system. Known as the ZT323, the 1.2m (4ft) mower is the first of its type to be developed and

manufactured at Ransomes' Ipswich headquarters. The all-new machine incorporates a number of features with close attention being directed at operator comfort, tractive ability, grass capacity and noise levels.

The ZT323 has a four-wheeled rigid chassis with the driving wheels at the rear. This layout provides positive traction and good climbing ability under all turf conditions. The use of hydraulic drive to the rear wheels also produces excellent underbelly clearance while eliminating the expensive mechanical drive systems used on a number of other zero turn radius rotary mowers.

For further information Tel: 01473 270000.

► **Miracle Professional** launched two 'Longlife' turf fertilisers with modified formulations to replace the existing

products on the range.

'Longlife' Cleanrun 2 is a mini-granular weed and feed fertiliser for use on outfields and fairways. The 9 7 7 analysis is complemented by a triple herbicide mixture of dicamba, dichlorprop and MCPA. The application rate is 50g per sq.m and the product has a recommended user price of £9-90 per 25kg bag.

'Longlife' Renovator is a mini-granular, triple action fertiliser for use in amenity turf situations with an 8 3 3 analysis. It also contains the herbicides dicamba, dichlorprop and MCPA and 6% Iron for the control of moss. The application rate is 50g per sq.m with a recommended user price of £16-99 per 25kg bag.

For free leaflets on these products call the Miracle Professional Technical Advice Centre on (0870) 603 9146.



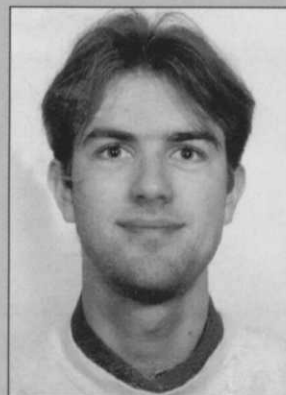
The Ransomes 45hp CT445, top and the Ransomes ZT323

ASSISTANT GREENKEEPER

Profile

Usually the spotlight falls on the Course Manager or Head Greenkeeper at a Club. Now it is the turn of those whose work often goes unheralded to star...

Name: **David Gillon**
Age: **19**
Club: **Tulliallan GC**
Position: **Assistant**



1. How long have you been a greenkeeper?

Three and a half years.

2. What education are you currently undertaking?

None at present but qualified to SVQ I, II and III.

3. Which one task do you most enjoy doing?

Cutting greens using a pedestrian mower.

4. Which one task do you most dislike doing?

Cleaning and lifting grass clipping piles in winter.

5. What job other than greenkeeping might you have ended up doing?

Sports Coaching

6. Who has been the biggest influence on your career?

My Head Greenkeeper, Elliott Small.

7. What would you do to improve the life of a greenkeeper?

All committee members should attend AGM and work a week on the golf course.

8. What are your hobbies?

Football, golf and music

9. What do you get out of BIGGA?

Magazine and outings.

10. What do you hope to be doing in 10 years time?

Golf Course Manager or golf course architect.