

Charterhouse extend range

Charterhouse Turf Machinery have continued their programme of UK expansion with the acquisition of Michael Richmond, one of the country's largest mail order suppliers of chainsaws and other forestry tools, clothing and equipment.

"This is an excellent acquisition for us which fits perfectly into our international growth plan. Two years ago we broadened our product range and moved into mail order with a range of environmental tools, clothing and equipment and now, a single stroke, we have acquired probably the largest and certainly one of the most respected companies in the business," said David Jenkins, Managing Director of the Haslemere-based company.

Michael and Shirley Richmond started their business in



Haslemere 28 years ago and seen it grow to become a major force in the forestry market.

"We are delighted with the deal. Charterhouse have the vision,

management skills and financial backing to take our business to new heights and we are confident that our future is in very capable hands," said Shirley Richmond.

Kubota OAP restored by Evesham College



A 23 year old Kubota B6000 tractor with front loader has been restored "as new" by staff and students from Evesham College in Worcestershire.

When it was acquired by Kubota last year the 12hp four-wheel drive model was the oldest known Kubota tractor in original condition still at work in the UK and once the decision was taken to restore it the College volunteered to carry out the work. The project involved a complete dismantling of the tractor followed by meticulous inspection, overhaul or renovation of all mechanical components and a total respray.

Pictured on the tractor is Adrian Rogers, the student responsible for the majority of the mechanical restoration work.

BIGGA invests in the Future

BIGGA Headquarters staff at Aldwark Manor have officially signed up to the Investors in People Programme.

After an initial series of meetings during which BIGGA was assessed for its suitability and desire to succeed, Investors in People Representative, Avril Jenkins, of North Yorkshire Tech, visited Aldwark Manor to present the staff with their Certificate of Commitment which formally begins the process of working towards the Award.



Swan designs first modern Croatian Course

Fresh from the success of the country's footballers and Goran Ivanisovic's excellent performance at Wimbledon this year Croatia's first modern golf course has been opened.

The Dolina Kardinala Golf and Country Club, just outside Zagreb is 6200 metres long and a par 71.

Designed by Howard Swan the course is laid out in open land as well as woodland with mature oaks and beech. The design features sweeping interlinking lakes and ponds throughout which the 8th and 17th greens lie within one large water feature.

"It has been a wonderful experience working in a new golfing country and the enthusiasm of the Croats for sport is immense," said Howard, who is currently the President of the British Institute of Golf Course Architects.

