

Leatherhead GC sign new Textron deal

Textron Golf and Turf has signed a three-year agreement with Leatherhead Golf Club in Surrey to supply a range of turf maintenance equipment from their Jacobsen and Ransomes brands.

Stewart McMillan, Leatherhead's General Manager, is in the process of upgrading and improving the facilities at the members club that includes replacing their older turf maintenance equipment and installing fairway drainage in the next five years.

The first batch of equipment arrives shortly and includes an LF-3800 light fairway mower, two Greens King IV greens triples and a Frontline 728 ride-on rotary for the semi rough. Inclusive to the agreement is a package of operational and technical greenkeeper training programmes to ensure that we get the maximum benefit from the equipment.

Completing the package are two petrol-driven E-Z-GO golf cars.

"I'm delighted with this agreement



between Textron and ourselves as it will ensure that we have the very best equipment to provide superior playing

conditions for our members as we approach our centenary in 2003," said Stewart.

Creating an instant park at the London Eye

Tillers Turf, took just one day to transform an area adjacent to the British Airway's London Eye into a green landscape park. To complete the job on schedule turf was supplied by the company in 20sq metre big rolls to cover 2,000sq metres of prepared ground located in the shadow of the landmark "big wheel" on London's South Bank.

The laying of the turf was sub-contracted by Tillers to Talbot Farm Landscapes and the main contractor for the job was Surrey firm, Waterers Landscapes.

As temperatures soared into the 80's Tillers Turf Managing Director, Tim Fell, was on hand to ensure that the turf was being well watered following laying.

"The park was to open to the public just three weeks later, so it was vital that the turf got off to the best possible start" he explained.



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Perryfields plans series of wild flower seminars

Due to the growing interest in native Wild Flowers meadows, DLF-Perryfields are planning to hold a series of Wild Flower seminars throughout the year. They will cover the production, selection and management of native meadows. The seminars will be targeted at Architects, Landscapers, Contractors and Advisors.

DLF-Perryfields, the UK's fastest growing Wild Flower seed specialist offer a superb range of Wild Flower Mixtures. Their catalogue is beautifully illustrated with colourful photography as well as a very comprehensive section on the management of Wild Flowers. "Each mixture carries both common and Latin names for the flowers, colour of flowers, flowering period and growing height," explains Derek Smith, Amenity Sales Manager.

The range of mixtures is suitable for amenity landscaping and habitat recreation.

Wild Flower seed is harvested from second generation plants which is derived from primary stock. This is collected from wild plant communities in the UK and this, together with new in-house production facilities, ensures improved seed quality of native origin.

Seed has been supplied for many of the UK's most prestigious landscape and recreational projects, whether it is Wild Flower for the Channel Tunnel Rail Link or Blue Water Shopping Centre. This has undoubtedly led the Pro Flora range to become 'the professional choice'.

For more information about the seminars or to receive a catalogue please call Derek Smith on 01386 793135.

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Open Championship comes back to Royal Troon for 2004

The 133rd Open Championship will be played at Royal Troon Golf Club in July 2004.

This will be the eighth time that Royal Troon has hosted the Open and will come just over 80 years since Coombe Hill professional Arthur Havers won the first Championship to be played over the Ayrshire Links in 1923.

He still remains the only European winner there. Justin Leonard was the last Royal Troon winner clinching the famous claret jug in 1997.

To E and not to B

Andrew Jeffery, who wrote the article "Under One Roof" in the April, works at Golf Club Eichenreid and not Bichenreid, as it appeared in the piece. Apologies for the error.