



ASKHAM BRYAN TEAM UP WITH RJ

Ipswich, Suffolk (May 1, 2012) Askham Bryan College, the centre of educational excellence for land-based careers, has signed a rolling 12-month preferred supplier agreement with Ransomes Jacobsen Ltd, the Ipswich-based turf maintenance equipment manufacturer.

Askham Bryan has been at the forefront of training in sports turf maintenance for over thirty years, offering various routes of learning from Level 2 and 3 Apprenticeships

through to Foundation Degree. From September 2012, this will be enhanced with a full time Level 2 course in sports turf maintenance.

Ransomes Jacobsen and their local dealer, Golf and Turf Machinery, have formally signed this agreement to enable the college's full time and work-based sports turf apprentices to have access to modern and innovative turf maintenance equipment.

The agreement will see Ransomes Jacobsen providing

demonstration equipment to the college, through Golf and Turf Machinery, coupled with regular lectures on a range of turf maintenance subjects. The college will also provide Ransomes Jacobsen with lecturers for road shows and demo days.

As part of the agreement the Level 2 and Level 3 Sports Turf Apprenticeship programs will be sponsored by Ransomes Jacobsen; with a trophy awarded to the best apprentice each year.



Costa Fleet

Lumine Golf Club, a Troon Golf-managed resort, has invested in a new fleet of 70 Club Car vehicles to help its members, customers and staff manoeuvre its expansive 45-hole complex that covers 170 acres.

Costa Dorada's newest golf course, which opened in Southern Catalonia in June 2008, undertook careful market analysis of the leading golf car providers before selecting Club Car as its chosen supplier.

Lumine Golf Club anticipates investing in the innovative Visage system later this year and adding further utility vehicles to its new Club Car fleet.

Mega Deal for Aixam Mega, France

Ransomes Jacobsen has also been appointed the sole UK importer for the Mega Professional range of road homologated eco-friendly compact utility vehicles.

The agreement, signed recently between Aixam Mega, based in southern France, and RJ, will see them marketing the new range, which includes the Mega e-Worker electric truck and Multitruck 600 low emission diesel truck.

Mega multi-purpose utility vehicles can be easily adapted for a multitude of applications including green spaces.

The Mega e-Worker is an electric vehicle with a tight turning circle and compact external dimensions, making it highly maneuverable. Robustly constructed with

excellent carrying capacity, an ability to tow and dynamic performance, it meets the needs of the most demanding users. Like all Mega vehicles, the e-Worker is available in several versions and with a large and varied range of equipment.

At the recent signing of the agreement, Rupert Price, sales director at RJ said, "We are delighted to be signing this agreement with Aixam Mega. We have taken on the existing Mega dealer network will be actively looking to establish more touch points across the UK."

Gilles Géry, signatory to the agreement for Aixam Mega added, "RJ has an excellent understanding of the light industrial vehicle sector and extensive knowledge of electric vehicles through



their E-Z-GO and Cushman brands, and latterly with their all-electric ride-on greens mower in the golf sector. I'm convinced they will be the perfect partners for promoting the brand in the UK. Aixam Mega looks forward to a long and mutually beneficial partnership as we increase the level of business, going forward."

Lee Sayers Picks a Terra Spike



Mid Kent GC has chosen a Wiedenmann Terra Spike for the third successive time to carry out all its aeration requirements at the Gravesend course. Course Manager, Lee Sayers, a BIGGA member, said he had no hesitation in choosing a Terra Spike; his only dilemma was which model to select for the club's free draining chalk-based turf.

The team at Mid Kent had to weigh up whether to opt for a slightly faster XD machine that went down to 275 mm or whether they needed the capacity to spike to 400 mm.

"Our Massey Ferguson 3615 tractor has particularly wide rear tyres and in fairness without those, there are some locations where it would be quite restrictive to work. I'm really happy with the Wiedenmann. The fact that we've bought our third machine says more than anything else. If we'd had any concerns or problems then you might have bought a second one but you wouldn't have bought a third one!"

LOWER COST ROTARY MOWER FOR LOWER HORSEPOWER TRACTORS



Manufacturer of precision, flail and rotary turf mowers, Trimax Mowing Systems, has launched a budget-priced rotary mower, suitable for use with compact tractors from 20hp to 60hp.

Fitted with full-width rollers front and rear for an attractive striped finish without scalping, the Trimax Striker rotary mower comes in cutting widths of 1.46m and 1.94m, known as Model 150 and Model 190 respectively.

The Trimax Striker is purpose-

designed for non-contract owner-operators such as schools and colleges, golf courses, smallholdings, estates and residential properties with larger areas of regularly cut grass to maintain by compact tractor. The use of multiple cutting spindles helps ensure a cleaner cut with even grass distribution across the machine's entire width, enhanced by the fitting as standard of Trimax's LazerBladez™ cutting blade system.

What's your number?

Our regular and random profile of an industry figure continues with this month's lucky number...

Name: Craig Nickless

Company: ERS Developments Ltd

Position: Business Development Manager

How long have you been in the industry?

I have been in the industry since 1997



How did you get into it?

Even as a youngster I have always had an interest in wildlife, so it was a natural progression for me to enter into this industry. The Japanese Knotweed treatments came to us through a friend, who is a chemist. He had developed a unique treatment to eradicate Japanese Knotweed, in one growing season, instead of the usual 4-7 year method, and was too good an opportunity to miss.

What other jobs have you done?

I have worked for other pest control and wildlife management companies and also spent a number of years in sales working for a company in Sweden.

What changes have you seen during your time in the industry?

I have seen a number of changes since I began in the industry, from various European directorates, taking away some of our best known products for safety issues or so we are told, to advances in technology which is a major bonus for us.

What do you like to do in your spare time?

I help run a youth cafe which takes a lot of my time up and something I have committed to for the next few years. It's essential we communicate with the youth in our areas - we live in a village in Buckinghamshire which has exactly the same issues as any town or city.

Who do you consider to be your best friends in the industry?

Firstly our clients, who quite rightly so demand the best service possible. Secondly, our suppliers - their technical backup make us one of the leading wildlife management and Japanese knotweed eradication companies in the UK.

What do you consider to be your lucky number?

I don't really believe in lucky numbers but since 2009 we have been blessed with some amazing work so I suppose it must be 2009-10-11-12-onwards

Pick a number

12!

Craig has picked Andrew Pickup of Stourton Forestry