



Speedcut Arrive at Leatherhead

Speedcut Contractors are carrying out extensive work as part of a large renovation program at the prestigious Leatherhead Golf Club in Surrey.

The club, which celebrates its 109th anniversary this year, is a fine example of a mature parkland golf course with ancient oak trees lining the fairways.

Speedcut are creating new tees, ditches, streams and ponds, improving bunkers, pathways and drainage on the course, while working alongside the club's architect, James Edwards.

The three-year six-hole renovation program is part of a continuing improvement process.

"James has designed some cracking bunkers and features and they will help make this a good, but fair, test for golfers. Along with the drainage, tee and path works it will enhance the whole experience for members and visitors.

"Speedcut are also working on a number of other golf courses in the south, including Chislehurst Golf Club in Kent and Sundridge Park Golf Club, also in Kent.



'How to' Videos Online

Bayer have announced the launch of their first in a series of concise, free, instructional videos aimed at providing users with useful best practice information relating to the application of their turf related products.

"We're keen for people to get the best out of our products and as a result, we provide a lot of written guidelines relating to best practice as well as safety," explains Bayer's Turf Product Manager, Claire Matthewman.

The first of the videos can be viewed at www.escience.bayercropscience.co.uk

The other videos in the series include Bayer's turf fungicide Chipco Green and their herbicides, Pistol and Finale.

Versatility and Multi Tasking for Open Space Jobs

The Grass Group's MD, Tim Merrell, extended an invitation to the press to visit Trilo's manufacturing facility during their 'Dealer Week'. The first of the more competitively-priced products is the B7 blower.

The Leaf Blower range begins with the pedestrian model that has an Airflow rate of 108 m³/min for the smallest parks and garden leaf clearance, up to the largest trailed version with 385 m³/min suitable for large open spaces and road verges.

Boasting 2 models with either 400 or 600 mm centrifugal fan blades, the advanced design means they create less noise and low resistance. The manually operated collection tube is statically and dynamically balanced for easy operator functionality, and there are a total of 6 versions to suit various collection units.

Versatility comes to the fore with the Vacuum Sweeper units in that material can be drawn up and conveyed into a collection unit in one pass. Volumes of 2 m³ to 18 m³ can be accommodated over 11 models.





Keeping the greens in play

A drainage and sand banding combination keeps the greens in play at Robin Hood Golf course.

Three years after joining Robin Hood GC, Course Manager Andy Wood is delighted with significant improvements that have been made in that time.

When he first joined the team, he was concerned with the poor drainage on the course that kept it out of play.

With development funds at his disposal, Andy was able to make several improvements.

Previously, the greens staff had employed various aeration

techniques to improve the flow of moisture through the root zone, but none have been as effective as using the AFT 45 at installing drainage lines at 1.5metre centres, followed by diagonal adjoining lines with the Sandbander, to provide even greater opportunity for the water to flow into the main drainage system.

"The AFT 45 is an excellent, easy to operate trencher. Coupled with the Sandbander, it is a perfect combination of equipment to keep our course in play all year round," said Andy.



Shelton Super Trencher

It is just over a year since sportsturf drainage specialists Shelton SDS launched what has become a worldwide bestselling machine; the Shelton Supertrencher+ 760.

This trenching machine was built as a result of customer feedback. Drainage specifications in some countries called for deeper and wider trenches for the pipe work, so the team enlarged the design of the Supertrencher+ 675 by using a CAD program to create the Supertrencher+ 760.

According to Sheltons customers, the success of the Supertrencher+ 760 is largely down to its versatility. It is ideal for installing both primary and secondary drainage systems on any amenity grass. The machine has digging capabilities of up to 760mm deep and 155mm wide, so a chain trencher may not even be required for the primary system and it can also dig a trench as narrow as 50mm. For more information please visit: www.sheltonsdrainage.com

What's your number?

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

Van is the man, as this month What's your number goes Dutch



Name:
Peter van Mispelaar.

Company:
Vanmac/Trilo.

Position:
Owner/director of Vanmac (50% shares).

How long have you been in the industry?
23 years.

How did you get into it?
After practicing from school.

What other jobs have you done?
I worked with dairy, I was born on a dairy farm and I still like this industry.

What do you like about your current job?
Selling the equipment and managing people, so things go as they're supposed to go.

What changes have you seen during your time in the industry?
The market forces us to build cheaper machines because the budget is smaller. Also we don't see new machines, but existing machines that are fine-tuned and made in a wider range.

What do you like to do in your spare time?
I like to mountain bike in the forest.

Where do you see yourself in 10 years time?
I see myself as director of the company still, but at a different scale.

Who do you consider to be your best friends in the industry?
My best friend in the industry is Leo van Loen, my partner in the business.

What do you consider to be your lucky number?
I don't really have a lucky number but, 44 is a nice number.

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