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From the Sump

Andrea Feeney wrote to me to say that a number of people had asked her about Martin. She tells me that he left to join his Regiment in mid June and is currently training in Germany. He will be deployed to Afghanistan on 1st November where he will be a mentor using his trade skills. This will then help when the Afghan army take over from late next year. He sends his regards to all and hopes to see you in May next year! I'm sure we all wish him a good deployment and that he returns safe & sound.

Last month's Obituary for Bob Hall was written by Brian Verrall and I apologise that his name was omitted from the byline. On screen it is present, but my printer had other ideas and it was lost in the printing.

The Internal Fire Museum had an excellent closing weekend with a really good attendance and raffle of an engine. Amongst many others, they ran the big Ruston 6VE which was most impressive even if number 3 injector was over fuelling. The equally large Allen triple started and ran with surprising ease. There is a good video link here showing many engines running.

http://www.internalfire.com/index.php?loadf=1

Writing this in the week before club night (31st), I notice that the closing weekend event at The Anson Museum (October 29/30th) will include a visit by the chap with a Napier Lion engine on a trailer. A between-the-wars aero engine, it is a "W" shaped broad arrow vee twelve averagely turning out 500bhp although racing engines turned out twice that! It is a spectacular engine to see and hear running and there are various links you can find on the Internet.

Our sale at the Cranmore Station Yard on Saturday 15th was very well attended by both buyers and sellers and the warm autumn weather must have winkled out a few! Peter Harris must get the award for furthest travelled trader, having brought a trailer load of engines from Brittany – yes, in France. He has other stuff to sell from his museum closing down sale & will be with us again in March.

Just a reminder that it is the Enstone Sale (OX7 4NP) on 12th Nov. The last twice it has overflowed into the next field there was so many people selling things! A worthy successor to the Sodbury Sortouts at the Newbury show ground

Moving the Metal

For sale

Flat bed braked trailer with headboard. Low load bed 4ft 6ins wide by 8ft long. With ramps, winch & rear steadies. Nearly new 165x13 8 ply tyres & spare. Sufficient for Lister L type on a proper trolley! £200.
More details, phone Graham. 07843 583855. Trowbridge.

Lucas SR1 magneto. Good sparking condition. £55 ono
Phone Steve on 01749 670379

Allen Sythe Almost new cutter £90
Phone Frank on 01373 832678

Nissan "Cargo" vanette. 1996, 2.3 Deisel. 203k, Recent tyres, service, cambelt. MOT March. £800 ono. I have various mags – give me a ring.
All the above - Eric Gay 01225 754374

International, M type, LT, 3HP, 1920, £450. Tel John: 01225 340432 or email wjohnfire@virginmedia.com.

Slate switching board by Nevill, 38" by 28". 6" brass cased instruments. In totally unmolested and unrestored condition. Photos available by e-mail. £400 ONO.

WW2 Lauson engine driving small compressor. Unusual little unit with underslung petrol tank and diaphram pump. Restored. On steel frame ready to rally.
Both above. phone Kim Siddorn 0117 964 6818

WANTED

No. 52 Steel Detachable Chain as used on conveyors. Looking for 10 yards, but any quantity will do.
Phone Gerald Atherton - 01934 852670

Stuart Turner R2Ycylinder side plate with "STUART" cast into it.
Phone R. Champion 01275 892944

Vincent industrial engine powered compressor.

Pultra lathe or parts. 1510 0r 1710 considered.

ABC engine. Particularly 1915 250cc Firefly but anything considered. Good price paid for right engine!

Stuart Turner flat twin generator complete. Alternatively, I just need the (apparently!) special **Electro-Dynamic Corporation** dynamo. PLEASE look under your bench for one!
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PLEASE NOTE

- **In future I'll run ads for TWO months. If you want to run it again, you'll have to phone me.**
- **I'm prepared to print a SMALL photo of your engine etc in this column IF I have space.**
- **The picture must be clear and contrasty .**
- **If you have given me an ad for publication and it didn't appear, Phone me – don't just leave it!**

Articles, cartoons, photos etc are always very welcome – this is not a one-man band, but an expression of all our thoughts and experience. Submissions should be preferably typed or word-processed or even handwritten, (**if brief**), - it is the content we're after, not the grammar or spelling, so please don't feel your efforts will be ignored. The editor reserves the right to change, edit, augment or lessen your Deathless Prose and asks all to note that opinions expressed in this newsletter may or may not represent club policy

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