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From the Sump

Short of space this month ! As I sit to write my editorial, the rally was only yesterday and although I'll not tread on the reports that will no doubt flood in next month, I'd like to say what a success it was. There were 102 engines on Saturday and several more arrived on Sunday morning. Over forty tractors, a serious number of agricultural machines that were difficult to count as they would insist on moving about all the time. A long line of very pretty cars and a compound of motorcycles that filled this aging biker with nostalgia. Then there were the commercials including a logging lorry with the biggest winch I ever saw. And just to make Eric's day, there was a full size traction engine hissing and clanking away as it prowled about the showground. Trader's Row was a double sided street and I came away with a silver plated brass tray, an ancient Philips tape recorder and a steel tipper lorry for Jack the Grandson.

We had about twice as many through the gate this year as last, a real tribute to those who slogged around the car parks and shops with flyers and posters.

I'twere a Grand Day Out and a real credit to everyone involved who have slaved so tirelessly to make it go well.

Oh, and a Spitfire flew over on Saturday!

Robin has written us a really good long piece and to get it all in I've had to decrease the font from Ariel to Ariel Narrow and only used one of the three photos he sent me. Finally, this morning (Tuesday now!) Tony Davis sent me a report and as I'm short of space, it has made the front page!

Southwick and North Bradley Scouts Fete, 19th June

By Tony Davis

First off, I must thank all those club members that turned up at our little annual rally. They were mostly the ones that I asked to come when I saw them at the Collet Park Rally the previous weekend. After a very poor turn out last year, I was ready to make this the last one I would set up. This year, however, we had ten engines and three static displays – I was well chuffed at having to extend the roped off area twice! There was a good line up of vehicles this time too, Such was the attendance that there was a shortage of plaques, so if you were there & missed out, let me know as there are more on order.

With the weather improving all day, it was just right for the ring events – a most enjoyable day out.

Thanks to everyone who turned up – and can we do it again next year please?!

Moving the Metal

For sale

Fairbanks Morse 2" rotary pump, flatbelt drive. good unrestored condition. Rotates freely. No Trolley £175 ONO. *(Ashcott.)* Phone 01458 210929

"Ferm" wood turning lathe, type FHB940. On tradesman built timber stand. 5 turning speeds, 36" between centres. As new, buyer collects. £110.

All above, phone Tony Davis 01373 464982

Bentall Pioneer. 1919, hardwood trolley. All correct, impulse Magneto. Needs painting. £1,200

Petter 8hp. 1919, M type. Class One prize winner, totally rebuilt, reluctant sale. Best offer near £1.100.

Phone Eric Gay - 01225 754374

Lister D. 18DH. Sold to Lewis & Son, Kettering on 9/9/37.On a four wheel oak trolley. £90 ONO

Phone Phil on 01933 386800

JAP Model 55. The unusual vertical twin! & apparently unused. Easy starter. Very sexy finned manifold. Apparently in good order. Might swap for something small & interesting. £140.00.

Both above, phone Kim Siddorn 0117 964 6818

Stationary Engine Magazines. July '95 (257) to Dec '06 (393) in six official binders. £50.

"**On Four Wheels**". Complete in 11 official binders. "**On Two Wheels**", 8 binders. All in good order. **REDUCED!** £30 a set. Phone P. Riley 0117 932 4345

WANTED

Set of four 6" or 8" iron wheels

Phone Richard Gill on 01934 517322

Lister L type. Fuel & oil pipes to & from the pump & crankcase vent, (the square holed one).

Phone Graham on 07843 583855

JAP model "O" or similar. WHY? Anything considered

Wheels, 5-6" OD anything considered.

Phone Ralph 01275 892944

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

Triumph twin WW2 genny or parts.

All above, Phone Kim Siddorn 0117 964 6818

Engines required !

July 17th (only) Frome Lions & Rotary club's "Grand Gala Fete". Open 11.30-5.00. The fete usually attracts around 5-6,000 people so is a reasonable sized affair. The venue is the Old Show Field. Rodden Rd, Frome, a large open field near the centre of town between the new hospital and the cricket club. Contact Tony House 01373 461314

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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