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The Wessex Stationary Engine Club's Monthly Newsletter

From the Sump

Ah, the season of mists and mellow fruitfulness, when the nights draw in so you can't read in the late afternoon without turning on the light. When the leaves patter down onto the wet path and make a skating rink for the unwary. The nip of frost in the air that makes your hands ache when you pick up a spanner off the bench.

Time to dig out the workshop heater & check the plug & lead BEFORE plugging it in kicks out the RCD. Do you use a mains lead lamp? I have the one my dad used to use and it is likely to be pre 1930 as it is nickel plated. I check it regularly & being of high quality in the first place it is absolutely fine. Last year I was concerned to note the regulations banning incandescent bulbs – but pottering about in the cheap store the other day I found whole shelves of them still on sale! Service proves them to be electrically fragile as the filament will break if you drop the lamp, but otherwise they are fine. Certainly better than reluctantly binning something useful and nostalgic!

Do you store your engines near the house? Is you shed secure? As I do every year, I suggest that if your people access is different to the way you get your engines in and out, you could do a lot worse than levering your heaviest engine across the doorway and taking its wheels off! That goes for the rest of your collection too. They are heavy great lumps of things to try and steal without the wheels and that may be all you need to persuade the thief to look elsewhere.

You could wirerope them all together. Many have convenient spokes in their flywheels through which to pass a wire rope and a crimped on shackle at either end connected together with a girt padlock is a fine deterrent. The nice people at Bristol Rope and Twine will run you one up whilst you wait & in stainless wire if you have deep pockets. They are useful at rally sites too in order to attach your engine to its neighbour for the benefit of both.

Finally, before the frost comes looking for cast iron to split, don't forget to drain both engine and tanks. Best to do it with the engine warm, turn off the petrol & run the carb dry, drain the coolant and the hot cylinder will dry out the last of the water.

Moving the Metal

For sale

Fred Biggs is selling his chaff cutter exhibit.
Lister D on 4 wheel trolley. A free standing 2 pulley reduction gear. A "Dennings of Chard" 2 speed chaff cutter, mounted on wheels and driven by a 4 foot pulley! For sale as a going concern - £300 no offers please. Phone Fred on 01761 413020

Atco mower, Villiers type CYA two stroke engine. Was working when last used some years ago, dry stored since. All complete - fuel tank, carb, Villiers mag, kick start, etc. FREE to anyone who will collect it. Ring David on 01373 464808 (Frome).

3 Listers D's None are running, but the engines are complete with fuel tanks & mags 27/9/1939, N/o154745, Spec 23D2H, 2hp, 1000rpm. Supplied to Gascoigns, Reading. June '47, N/o 1/10545, Spec 28DH 1 ½ hp, 700rpm. 6/10/1938, N/o 146292 Spec 23 DH 1 ½ hp, 700rpm. Supplied to Alfa Laval, Brentford. Two have vacuum pumps, the first on a Lister base the second with Alfa Laval pump. These are in redlead only. The third has been painted. I want £60 for the Lister base, pump & engine & £40 each for the other two engines.
Phone William Bennett 01749 830052

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

Wood-effect 15" high glass lined barrels. Just the thing for a small cooling tank. £15 each
Both above, phone Kim Siddorn 0117 964 6818

WANTED

Open crank engine wanted. Anything considered
Phone Reg Swindon 07193850257

Set of four 6" or 8" iron wheels
Phone Richard Gill on 01934 517322

Electric motor 3 Phase fractional hp, lathe suds pump motor would be ideal. Phone Gerald Atherton, 01934 852670 or gerald.atherton34@btinternet.com

PLEASE NOTE

- **In future I'll run ads for TWO months. If you want to run it again, you'll have to phone me.**
- **If you have given me an ad for publication and it didn't appear, Phone me – don't just leave it!**

South Somerset SEC Sortout
Sunday 14th November
At Yeovil Football Ground, Huish Park, Lufton Way, Lufton, Yeovil, Somerset. BA22 8YF

Somerset NVTEC Sortout
Monday 27th December
Bristol Sales Centre, Easter Compton, BS35 5RE

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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