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From the Sump

It has been put to me that the content of this Newsletter has changed & in some respects not for the better. I am by training an engineer & the stuff I write is of a technical nature – for this is, after all, the monthly journal of a club orientated towards engines! However, I agree that the social content has dropped dramatically this last three months & this is entirely because I have received little of that nature except from the redoubtable Brian Baker & what I've had has all been published. I can only print what I'm sent, so if you'd like to see more about the social life of the club, someone has to write it – just like it says at the bottom of this page!

Safety

It has occurred to me that perhaps we (within the hobby, not just the club) ought to think more about Health and Safety at shows. The use of the Capitals is intentional, as I suspect the Health and Safety at Work Act applies to us too, even though we are pursuing our hobby. We are deliberately taking them to a public place with the stated intention of exhibiting them to the public. It is true that our dangerously exposed exhibits are always separated from the public by a fence of some kind, but all too frequently it is a single rope above small child head height and - with no experience at all of moving machinery - they are the very ones we need to consider if the fencing is less than adequate. All those whirring wheels, steaming hoppers and chuffing exhaust pipes – what a temptation....

Anyway, my principal thought here is the safety of other enthusiasts that are on our side of the fence. We all have Third Party Liability cover (TPL), usually through our clubs, but I'd be curious to know just what the small print says about people who are legitimately on our side of the wire. There is a case to be made that, by being an exhibitor, one has taken a greater share of responsibility upon oneself, but that does not absolve the rest of the exhibitors from making every effort to make sure their machinery is safe.

The engines and the machines they drive are difficult to secure safely as they were made in a different age when there was a higher expectation

Moving the Metal

For sale

Amanco 3hp.1917. £750 or near offer
Fairbanks Morse 3hp Z type. 1918. Low tension Plugoscillator igniter/magneto. £700 ONO
Fairbanks Morse 6hp Z type, 1917. Low tension mag. Older restoration £650 ONO
All Class One & good runners on steerable trolleys but have not been rallied for many years. Contact Phill Marshall, Timsbury. 01761 471461

Allan scythe/mower. Circa 1950. Spare engine.
Generator, needs attention. £30.00.
Lister L. 1923, 5HP. On a trolley & ready to rally. £250 ONO. Free delivery within 20 miles of T/ Cloud.
Trailer. Flat bed 5' x 3'. Pin hitch. £30.00
All above - Parsons, 01761 452565

Elddis Whirlwind two berth caravan with awning. £600.
Nick Bryne 01749 860514

Small old fashioned box trailer. Needs some TLC. Has spare wheel, lights fitted to tailboard & 50mm hitch. Tow away for £25.0 – no offers. Kim Siddorn 0117 964 6818

Lister D, Petter A. The D is dismantled but complete. They were "roundtoits" but now the owner finds himself without the incentive to finish them. Wishing to encourage young engine enthusiasts, they are both free to suitable homes. Currently in Brighton but it may be possible to transport to a rally or crank up **Further details upon application to the Editor.**

Wanted

"Stationary Engine " Magazine. Pre number 49 to complete my collection. 0117 964 6818.

of personal responsibility and – God save us – the exercise of a little native wit! There may be mechanical advantages in having long, waving flat belts, but a broken belt attached to the pulley of a large, over speeding engine would be an experience to witness from the safe distance of it not being yours....

Need we go to the lengths of a secondary enclosure for each display inside the fence and only the exhibitor is allowed inside that area?

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 can be handwritten, (if brief), typed or word-processed - it is the content we're after, not the grammar or spelling, so please don't feel your efforts will be ignored. Opinions expressed in this newsletter may or may not represent club policy

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