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From the Sump

Well, several people said nice things to me about the new look, so I shall persevere. Thank you!

Brian says he enjoyed being editor because he could say what he liked & this is a tradition I shall continue. I am a frequent participant on the UK stationary engine Internet newsgroup (NG) uk.rec.engines.stationary. I believe that there are around a hundred people who belong to this NG, by chance an all male crowd. It is intelligent, erudite, friendly and polite. We talk about all sorts of things that have an engineering theme and number in our midst a very wide cross section of engineering expertise. We hear from commercial airline pilots, chemists and steam men, automotive experts and bridge builders. We share a common interest in stationary engines of course and from time to time even talk about them too! As helpful a group of blokes as you are ever likely to meet, we often collect stuff for each other from different parts of the country & meet to exchange bits at various rallies and sales. If you have Internet access, I thoroughly recommend this Newsgroup to you.

In future, this newsletter will be available to download as a PDF from the Wessex SEC website. John Rogers is doing this for us – thanks John – and it will build into a readily accessible archive for current and prospective members to read. This will commence with the January edition at the end of the month & subsequent editions will be added in due course. If you are a Wessex member, you can have your **Cranking** delivered electronically each month. You will need MS Word 2000 or later to read it. Just send me your e-mail address and I'll add you to the list

I went to the Selwood Vintage Jumble on Sunday 11th Feb at Zeals airfield in Wiltshire. There were perhaps twenty vendors parked along a muddy track & around twice that number looking. Cars were already leaving as I arrived at 9.00am on the dot as specified.

Frankly, in my opinion it was uninspiring. I'm easy to please, but there really was a lot of old tat & one walk up & back was sufficient - I doubt if I was there ten minutes. A derelict ST P4 was already sold along with an unnamed genny. Someone

Moving the Metal

For sale

Large dynamo getting on for 3' across. Originally from a big commercial welding set. Appears in pretty good order, but I've not the means to test it. It would look great on a big Crossley or Ruston. Haggle around £80 or swap for something that interests me. **No sightseers please!** Kim Siddorn, 0117 964 6818

Lister D, Petter A 2 x, Villiers Diesel. All except one Petter are dismantled but complete. They were all "roundtoits" but now the owner finds himself without the incentive to finish them. He wishes to encourage young engine enthusiasts and they are free to suitable homes. **WARNING!** They will need collecting from Brighton! *Further details upon application to the Editor.*

Wanted

Triumph WW2 generating set. The one based on the Speed Twin engine. Kim Siddorn – 0117 964 6818.

Desperately Seeking....whereabouts of **Lister D11** S/No 81802 with a view to repurchase if possible please. Last seen mounted on mahogany coloured trolley in Somerset area. Eric Brain, 01761-452633

Three drawer metal filing cabinet. 18"wide x 25" deep x 40" high. Slightly tatty but serviceable & free to collector. Phone David Griffiths on 01373 464808

Information please

Norman SC gen set. A friend has an SC & would like to hear from the Wessex member that owns the complete unit I saw at a crank up last year. Please contact Mark Howard on 07739 380708 mark.howard10@ukonline.co.uk

had a new old stock Tiny Tim & wanted £80.00 for it. Ouch. A Petter 5hp M & a couple of pumps completed the "of interest" section. As I left a chap turned up with some new garden furniture & a Petter PU2 for which he wanted £150 - dear me.

As I walked back to the car, it started to rain & chucked it down as I drove out. I'd take some persuading to go again – Enstone it wuz not!

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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