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From the Sump

It is notoriously difficult to get members of any club or society to actually tell the "management" what they are thinking or what they want. The committee is very keen to find out what YOU think about an annual event for club members. You'll notice that I've avoided using the word "rally" because it may not be what you want. We need you to tell us. Pete Gear is a member of our committee and has prepared the simple questionnaire that you will find enclosed with this newsletter, along with a stamped addressed envelope. It should take you no more than five minutes to complete it in its simplest form, but please feel free to extend your remarks onto the back or indeed, on separate sheets of paper. Please do respond. Any comments at all will be useful, even a "not interested" scrawled across the back is better than throwing it in the bin – we **will** act upon the views you express, so make sure your voice is heard and that your opinion is taken into account. Results of the questionnaire will be published in the October Newsletter

The season is running down now, but there are a few things left to go to. In particular, the Wessex Heavy Horse Society are looking for engines for their one day annual show on Sunday 28th September at The Gillingham and Shaftesbury (Turnpike) Showground. Contact Mike Horlor on 01761 470694.

I've had precious little time to get my hands oily this summer, but the other day I ventured forth unto the Workshop to commune with my Rusty Iron. I'd been meaning to investigate the Villiers model 15 cluttering up the way through the garage and upon being supplied with fuel it burst into irregular life, barking away like a pit bull at a Policeman. They don't have much in the way of a silencer – a simple pot with some holes drilled in the lid. I removed it and filled the space with one of those stainless steel put scrubber you can still get from old fashioned hardware shops – and in this case from a pack of six from B&Q, That's better! It seems to make no difference to the output and it is now quite civilised. However, it doesn't seem a very happy beast & I suspect that the carburettor has a blocked jetway.

Moving the Metal For sale

Petter "M" type, 5 hp. Dismantled but complete – good restoration project.

Phone Eric Gay on 01225 754374

Lister B 1935. Unrestored, not seized. No mag. £80

Amanco 2 1/4hp. 1916-1922 (gooseneck striker) model. Unrestored, not seized, complete with LT mag. On original(?) skids and later wheels. No fuel tank. Throttled governed (not hit and miss). £450

Wheels and axles, 2 sets suitable for very heavy engine.

All above, phone Steve Teuber in Poole. 01202 700689 or 07974 798111.

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BSA Winged Wheel, Circa 1052. Fitted to ladios dropped tube frame. Barn fresh, 90% complete, magneto reworked. Needs TLC – offers invited.

Phone Peter Stacey on 01373 47328

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WANTED Oil filler/drainer for **Ruston PB 1.5hp**.

Phone Richard Gill 01934 517322

WANTED Triumph twin WW2 genny or parts.

"**Old Glory**". Stack a foot high 80's & 90's – tenner.

WANTED "Stationary Engine " Magazine. Now only need 16, 17, 18, 24-34, 36. Have early copies to swap!

All above, phone Kim Siddorn 0117 964 6818

The rally at Braemore House a few weeks ago raised £210 for the South West Childrens Hospice – thanks to all that contributed. I understand that the event is likely to be repeated next year.

Club Coach Trip to the Black Country Museum

Sept 14th. Pick up at 7.30am at Nunney Catch and at 8.15 Asda car park Longwell Green. These are the actual departure times so please don't be late! We expect to get there by about 10.30, traffic willing.

There are now less than twenty places left, so book right now this minute!

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. 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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