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From the Sump

Headline news for all custodians of Rusty Iron must be that the Sodbury Sort Out at the Newbury Showground is CANCELLED. I understand from someone that had booked a stall space that various reasons were cited: the Police getting difficult about the pressure of traffic off the M4/A34, the effect of ever rising fuel prices and 4x4 vehicles having to pass through the new London Low Emissions zone. It doesn't sound very convincing to me, I must say and I wonder if any of these "reasons" reflects the true state of affairs. Having dealt in the past with the Newbury Showground in quite a different context, I am aware that they know a good thing when they see one & the number of vehicles in the car park in the last couple of years might have raised their eyebrows and the fee along with it! Just my supposition, you understand ;o)) Personally, I've been quite surprised that the local EHO has not had more to say about Health and Safety concerns within the sales area. Lots of stuff to trip over and sharp lumpy things to fall on!

<http://www.oldsodburysortout.co.uk>

On behalf of the club I've been in discussion with The Avon Valley Railway about the possibility of a crank up at Bitton Station. We have a good number of members in the Bristol area & have every expectation of a good turn out. The committee were supportive of the arrangements I'd made so far and gave a green light for the event to be added to our calendar of events this year. Various dates were examined & we thought we'd put our toe in the water for a few engines on Saturday 31st May 2008.

The AVR are having a little difficulty with the local householders at the moment as they have a building programme in place. They do not want to exacerbate the situation and the top car park that was to be the site (it would easily hold forty of us, engines, transport an' all) won't be used for our first visit. They have asked us to bring a few engines along to exhibit on the grass next to the station buildings on the first instance. I'm not sure just what this will mean but will be in a position to comment further after my next site visit, probably by the AGM.

Moving the Metal

For sale

Lister A. 1932/34. Petrol/paraffin, tank cooled (new tank). Runner, as found, Class 2. No trolley. £175.

Lister D. Two near complete engines & many spares - £100 ono. **Amanco** mag bracket & gear £60 ono. **Magnetos**, Lucas RS1, a/c, gwo £40 each ono. EIC, gwo £80 ono.

For all above ring Eric on 01225 754374

Lister D, Class 3/4. Chain drive mag, no date. Mostly complete & sound. As found & requires work. No trolley. £30 ONO. **Richmond** 01 horizontal mill with power feed and vertical head. **Alba** 1A shaper. Half a ton each & cheap - buy 1 get 1 free! Buyer to collect from Newton Abbot area. Both above phone Dave Ashwell on 01626 355019

Hymatic engine & compressor. Unusual & interesting little unit that can be carried in one (strong!) hand. Unrestored & complete, but some parts removed (all available) prior to restoration. Email me for photo and original 50 year old advert. £200 OVNO.

Bernard Marchal engine – one of the motorcycle looking lumps. In good, as found condition. Starts & runs easily, lightweight & easily moved about. On makeshift runners. Email me for photo £200 OVNO.

Douglas flat twin engine. 1930's. Believed ex Autotruck. Fair sized lump – 750cc ish – as found with carb but no mag or starter drive. Turns over OK. Email me for photo. £125 ONO

Iron Horse 12V 300W generator. Not license built but a genuine Johnson Corporation manufacture. In original WW2 green and absolutely complete & correct. Email me for photo. £80 OVNO

"**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

This column really works! Let's have your engine and similar stuff that you have for sale up here for a month before putting it in SEM - you might see it at rallies if sold locally!

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

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