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## From the Sump

I have been looking into a new policy that would insure our members against loss by theft of their equipment. It was originally written for BBC camera & sound operatives in order to protect their stuff whilst in transit and at events, so is pretty much suited to our needs. It is expected that whilst at home, your engine stuff will be protected by your domestic Contents Insurance & theft from your home will be excluded. The committee discussed it & decided that it would be best to ask the membership what they thought. Basically, it needs 25 of us to buy into the scheme, well under 10% of our membership. We will ask the September meeting. If you can't be there & wish to support it, please respond to me direct – contact details below.

### Here's what it will cover

- Engines & equipment carried in trailers. So long as they are secured by straps or ropes or permanently bolted to the trailer your equipment will be covered.
  - Non-commercial road trailers. If you use a trailer solely for domestic purposes and transporting your engines & driven equipment and have taken reasonable steps to secure it by clamping a wheel or fitting an anti-theft device to the tow hitch, it is covered.
  - Theft from your vehicle overnight, Conditions – Insured items out of sight, alarms where fitted must be switched on & the vehicle must be locked & immobilised.
  - Theft from your vehicle in transit. As long as the conditions have been met as above, you stuff will be covered in places like service stations etc..
  - Theft whilst loading or unloading. From reports, this seems to be the time of greatest risk & there are no special conditions if you are actively involved in moving your stuff from the vehicle or trailer to (say) an exhibit site.
  - Theft whilst exhibiting. As long as you are taking reasonable care of your stuff, it's covered. The felonious but unseen hand that unscrews your glass oiler whilst your attention is elsewhere would be covered. However, if you are negligent – like leaving loose stuff close to the rope & going to lunch - I'm afraid you are on your own!
  - Damage resulting in a total loss or simple loss. Most engine stuff is pretty sturdy, but occasionally a mounting lug gets broken or a small but valuable item lost in transit.
- The plan is that the Wessex SEC will pay the premium & its members will be encouraged to buy into the scheme. **£10 will cover you up to £5,000 worth of cover, £20 will get you £10,000 etc.** The cover will be written to "Wessex SEC Ltd and its members", thus offering insurance to the club as a body as well as its members. All claims will carry a 15% excess.

## Moving the Metal

### For sale

**Petter 8hp.** 1919, M type. Class One prize winner, totally rebuilt reluctant sale. Best offer near £1.200.

Phone Eric Gay - 01225 754374

**Enfield "Sloper" Diesel.** Apparently in good order, free with compression. I'll never get around to it! Might swap for something small & interesting. £140.00.

Phone Kim Siddorn 0117 964 6818

### WANTED

**Magneto drive gear** for Lister A. 15 teeth. Phone Tony Eggleton. 01373 864270 & 07828 814060

**Braked trailer** (750 kilo) to carry a 4hp Amanco.

WHY?? Phone Richard on 01722 501017

**Starting handle** for Bamford 9hp. Crank 2 5/8".

Phone Ron on 01749 870756

**ABC engine.** Particularly 1915 250cc Firefly but anything considered. Good price paid for the right engine!

**Triumph twin WW2 genny** or parts.

**"Stationary Engine"** Magazine. Now only need number 27! Surely there is a spare one out there somewhere?

All above, Phone Kim Siddorn 0117 964 6818

### Special notices

**"Get well soon"** to Eileen as Mike Jennings tells us that she is in the RUH in Bath. Best wishes from us all to both of you.

**July 29<sup>th</sup>.** Last Wednesday in July from 6.30pm onwards, nosh, noggin & natter at "The George", Longbridge Deverill. Please do come along & chat to friends old & new.

### Engines Wanted

For the **Holcombe Gala**, July 4<sup>th</sup>. (Sat only) at the playing fields (p/code BA3 5??). Phone Marie Williams on 01761 323110.

For the **Evercrech Flower Show**, Sept 5<sup>th</sup>. Phone Keith Nash on 01749 831229

### Wessex Vintage Gathering – stop press!

It went really well & although we could afford only the most sketchy of advertising, we had enough public through the gate to more than cover our costs. Most importantly, almost everyone who said they would come did and there were 96 engines on show, a long double line of tractors, vintage commercials, cars & motorcycles. Separately, there was a display of vintage wood working machinery & a working hay elevator.

It was what the member's had asked for - a "proper" rally and to their credit they turned out in numbers to support it.

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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