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From the Sump

Last time, I commented that there was little for sale or wanted & I must have jogged a few minds into gear as a number of people submitted ads. Long may it continue – dig out that stuff!

This is a crowded edition with an excellent article by Rob Armstrong and other good things. I've had to condense the font in places to get everything in, but it will return to normal next month.

Five current members of the Executive Committee are retiring this year, most of whom have served the club for many years in this capacity. Therefore, we are looking for new blood and seek nominations to the committee from the membership. We have to print the Postal Voting slips & distribute them with this edition in order to get enough lead time before the AGM. The result of this is that prospective committee members will not now appear on the slip, but may be co-opted from the floor of the meeting in the usual way. We need you, please don't be afraid to come forward and volunteer!

With Christmas coming, the kith & kin of those with oily toys exasperatedly cast about them for a present that would be genuinely appreciated. Might I recommend "**The Knife & Fork Man**", by William Fairney. A biography of Charles Benjamin Redrup, the engineer and inventor, who was born in Newport, South Wales in 1878. He was a very early designer of axial engines, first designing and manufacturing the "Barry" motor cycle with an unusual rotary supercharged engine and went on to design a range of engines, including a wobble-plate motorcycle engine. In about 1898 he went to work briefly for Richard Stephens in Clevedon, where he acted as after-sale engineer and chauffeur for Stephens' motor car business. The Second Edition has 40 more pages, 33 colour plates, over 200 black and white pictures and an Index. Three more Redrup engines have surfaced recently and there is now an exhibition of several of his engines in the Aerospace Section of the Manchester Museum of Science and Industry. The book is available by cheque for £18.95 plus £2.80 p&p UK, (£6 Europe, £9 Rest of the world) from Diesel Publishing, 2, The Tithe Barn, Hawkesbury Upton, Badminton, GL9 1AY England Tel. 44 (0) 1454 238 553.

Moving the Metal

For sale

Bamford EG3, 1946. Good runner. **Saw bench** for logging, fast & loose pulleys, good condition. **Petter A1**, rough. **Lister DK**, non-runner. **Lister D x 2** (1936?). One runs. (*Bindon Abbey, Dorset*)

All above, phone Frank on 01929 406212

Douglas 540cc 1949/50 engine on steerable trolley. Not run for 3 years & dry stored. Buyer collects. £130.

"Ferm" wood turning lathe, type FHB940. On tradesman built timber stand. 5 turning speeds, 36" between centres. As new, buyer collects. £130.

Turning tools. 11 assorted+large & small callipers £50
All above, phone Tony Davis 01373 464982

Lister D. 18DH. Sold to Lewis & Son, Kettering on 9/9/37. Very well presented on a four wheel oak trolley. Phone Phil on 01933 354072 (Higham Ferrers)

Lister D 1942. On nice two wheeled trolley. Runs well, very tidy. Plus near complete spare engine. £85. Phone Robin Gardener on 01373 465797 (Wilts)

Drummond Lathe. 1917, Has an interesting history. Needs to be seen and no reasonable offer will be refused. Phone William Bennett – 01749 – 830052

Petter 8hp. 1919, M type. Class One prize winner, totally rebuilt, reluctant sale. Best offer near £1.100. Phone Eric Gay - 01225 754374

JAP Model 55. The unusual vertical twin! & apparently unused. Easy starter. Very sexy finned manifold. Apparently in good order. Might swap for something small & interesting. £140.00.

Phone Kim Siddorn 0117 964 6818

Stationary Engine Magazines. July '95 (257) to Dec '06 (393) in six official binders. £50.

"On Four Wheels". '75-'76. Complete set in 8 official binders. £40. All in good order.

Phone P. Riley 0117 932 4345

WANTED

Dorman 10 HP 4 cyl petrol engine, mid 1930's. Phone Martina Chant – 01761 417636

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

Triumph twin WW2 genny or parts.

All above, Phone Kim Siddorn 0117 964 6818

**This column works -
an engine sold here last month!**

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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