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## From the Sump

Enstone today! A bright and sunny morning to whip up to the old Wellington airbase in rural Oxfordshire. Like most sales. If you ain't there early, you might as well stop in bed and today was no exception. I was on the road before seven & despite making quite Reasonable Progress on the empty roads from the M5's J11A through Stow on the Wold & Chipping Norton, when I arrived just after eight, the whole thing was in busy life. It was a fine, dry day in a succession of fine, dry days, so the world & his brother had turned out to sell, buy and be seen. Indeed, by 9.30, they had to stop sellers coming in as there was nowhere left to park up.

I zig-zagged my way from trailer to table and although I came across a few interesting things, nothing gave me that hackle-rising moment where the one thing you've long wanted is found lying upon the floor in the dirt. I was rather taken by an up together 1920's JAP sv engine, mounted on a trolley with an old car dynamo, running & fan cooled & the asking price was only £140. A couple of years ago it would have followed me home, but my interests are narrowing now! It had a watercooled buddy in a similar going state.

There were a couple of big two stroke-powered milking machines of Swedish manufacture but he wanted (gulp!) £450 or thereabouts for each. I suspect he took them home again. Prices were high in general and a mica insulated spark plug was quoted to me at a tenner which I thought was just silly – and said so.

In the end I only bought a pushme-pullyou log saw and a cast iron bodied ammeter for £3. I spent more on me bacon & sausage bap and a cup of tea. Glad I went though, if only to have been at Enstone in my shirtsleeves for once. It is usually such a stark & soggy place.

## Obituary – Graham Dawes

I'm sad to record the passing of Graham, struck down by a stroke at the age of 79. I knew him a little & he was a kind and thoughtful fellow, a great fan of the Petter M series and a trolley maker of note. He was for many years a country Policeman of the old fashioned – and well loved – kind. Latterly a Verger at St Margerets in Queen Charlton. Our thoughts are with his family at this sad time.

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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## Moving the Metal

### For sale

**Wheels**, cast iron, spoked. 17"x3, 12" x2 £25 the lot – will separate.

**Triumph "T21"** 1959. MOT'd – phone for details. (Ashcott.) [Phone 01458 210929](tel:01458210929)

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

All above, phone [Tony Davis 01373 464982](tel:01373464982)

**Bentall Pioneer.** 1919, hardwood trolley. All correct, impulse Magneto. Needs painting. £1,200

**Lister D.** 18DH. Sold to Lewis & Son, Kettering on 9/9/37. On a four wheel oak trolley. £90 ONO  
[Phone Phil on 01933 386800](tel:01933386800)

**Iron Horse** generator. (People call 'em BSA's!) Minus fan cover but otherwise all there. £30.00

**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.

Both above, phone [Kim Siddorn 0117 964 6818](tel:01179646818)

### WANTED

**Set of four 6" or 8" iron wheels**

[Phone Richard Gill on 01934 517322](tel:01934517322)

**Lister L type.** Fuel & oil pipes to & from the pump, original 3 way water tap (3/4 bsp) & crankcase vent, (the square holed one). [Phone Graham on 07843 583855](tel:07843583855)

**Wheels, 5-6" OD** anything considered.

[Phone Ralph 01275 892944](tel:01275892944)

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

**Triumph twin WW2 genny** or parts.

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**This column works, Sold loads of stuff last month!**

## Engines required !

July 17<sup>th</sup>. **Burrington House Garden Fete** in Burrington Village from 1.00pm onwards. Please phone [Brian Reed](tel:01179646818) if you can attend & he'll let you have the details.