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From the Sump

The Welland Rally is held annually at its own permanent 100 acre site in Welland, Worcs. It has a forty six year pedigree and there is always a lot of interesting stuff to see for both engine man, steam enthusiast and vintage vehicle enthusiast. The date is always towards the end of July and this year was on 24/25th. Next year's date is already announced & you might like to scribble Friday 29th to Sunday 31st in the back of your diary. The site can be a bit soggy if it rains, but this year the weather was good although it did chuck it down early Monday morning.

As it is easily accessible from the M5, the event always attracts a wide range of big engines & for my money, if you like things like the big four cylinder Ruston and the huge twin cylinder Lister-Petter "VP", you will want to go next year. Whilst not quite as many big engines as you might see at the 1000 engine Rally at Astle Park, it is not so far for us in the south west. If you would attend vicariously & would like to see a good selection of photos on the Internet, you can find them here

<http://picasaweb.google.co.uk/Rustyironengine/Welland02?authkey=Gv1sRgCLrDuPet5eu94QE#>

and there is even a ten minute video shot at the rally on YouTube.....

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-ERFykRbsA>

It is a good indication of the state of the economy that so many ordinary people can both support and attend rallies like this. I've only been to one event this year where attendance from the public was not as expected & this was largely due to there being other similar events taking place within a catchment area. There is little help for this as every event has to be somewhere!

You might like to attend the End of Season rally at Internal Fire on 10th October or the "Turn the Clocks Back" event on the 30th 31st of October at the Anson Museum. Both museums will have as many engines running as they can and even Hazel likes the bigger beasts – especially the Sulzer at Internal Fire!

Moving the Metal

For sale

Wood-effect glass lined barrels about a foot high. Just the thing for a small cooling tank. £15 each
Phone Kim Siddorn 0117 964 6818

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

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. £130.00.

Both above, phone Kim Siddorn 0117 964 6818

WANTED

Lister CS spares or complete engine – anything considered. Phone John Ivens 01934 742144

Lister L type. Fuel & oil pipes to & from the pump & crankcase vent, (the square holed one).
Phone Graham on 07843 583855

Set of four 6" or 8" iron wheels
Phone Richard Gill on 01934 517322

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

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Very quiet here at the moment. You've all got your engines running & are not fed up with them yet, but surely the Engine In The Shed you are going to work on in the winter needs parts? Advertise here & buy locally!

Robert's Engine Open Day

Manor Farm, Sevenhampton, Cheltenham, GL54 5SW
Phone, 01242 820408.

Sunday 17th October 2010. 11.00am to
4.00pm

Stationary Engines, Tractors, Museum and
Displays. Cart Horse Working. Motor cycles.

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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