



CRANKING

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From the Sump

The hazel catkins are out and the birch are not far behind. The year is stirring after the coldest winter in a generation. It has been weeks since I felt I wanted to venture into the workshop other than to deposit a new treasure on my very overcrowded bench, but my sap is rising too & I find myself looking speculatively at the Honda XBR 500 I ride for fun. It needs a back tyre and some fork seals & probably a battery too. In the workshop, a new ABC acquisition awaits my hands and spanners, so two fun things to look forward to. I hope your cast iron remains unfrosted and that your Oily Toys need little attention before bursting into happy life again. Here comes another spring that we've seen – ain't life grand!

A bumper six page edition this month - and if things go according to plan, another six pager next month! Just to whet your appetite, Rob Armstrong has written a quite excellent "First Engine" piece and I cannot bring myself to carve it about to make it fit into two editions.

In my search last month for Other Voices in this newsletter, I referred to cheap-and-cheerful American engines. A friend who took me to task over the phrase "cheap" collared me at the Cranmore sale. "But they were" I protested "- undercut the British manufacturers by miles". "Well, they are not cheap any more, mine cost me £1,400!" – at which I found my flabber was well & truly gashed. Where one speaks up, there may be many that agree & say nowt – sorry if I gave offence with my contemporaneous comment.

Editing Eric Gay's "Trouble with Petters" for last month, I mistook his phrasing and what caught fire was not Old Misery Guts but Maureen's microwave! As he is a long-experienced electrician, I don't know if that's worse or better! Eric writes a lot of stuff for "Cranking" and it would be a lot thinner without him – keep it up Eric!

Engines required !

Aug 14/15th. Beach Party in Trowbridge Park. Wanted engines, driven machinery etc.

Sat 4th (only) Carnival Country Fair in Trowbridge Park
Contact Eric on 01225 754374

Moving the Metal

For sale

Fairbanks Morse 2" rotary pump, flatbelt drive. good unrestored condition,. Rotates freely. No Trolley £175 ONO. (*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

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

Petter 8hp. 1919, M type. Class One prize winner, totally rebuilt, reluctant sale. Best offer near £1.100.

Phone Eric Gay - 01225 754374

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

Tiny Tim. Three engines, Base tank engines as used in Sherman Tanks. Two in Class 3 condition, one only for parts. **£75 the three** before I go to to Enstone!

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

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

"On Four Wheels". Complete in 11 official binders.

"On Two Wheels", 8 binders. All in good order.

REDUCED! £30 a set. [Phone P. Riley 0117 932 4345](tel:01179324345)

WANTED

Set of four 6" or 8" iron wheels

Phone Richard Gill on 01934 517322

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

Wheels, 5-6" OD anything considered.

Phone Ralph 01275 892944

Open crank Hit and Miss engine. What have you?

Keith Shephard: [Phone 07803 210021](tel:07803210021) or email keith@modeng.co.uk.

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 Eric's A7 in the States 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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