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From the Sump

Couldn't think of much to say this month, but what better use can I find for the space than to donate it to Eric Gay in pursuit of our annual gathering – ed.

Well, its that time of year again when we all start to get things ready for the rally season, so I thought it was time to bring you all up to date with what's happening with this year's Midsummer Vintage Gathering. This is to be staged near the village of Semington over the weekend of June 18th & 19th so don't forget. We want to see YOU at our main event and most of all we all want you to have a good time.

This year's event will have many different attractions with bygone displays, wood working area with a rack saw as well as the pole and wheel lathes of the last two years. Lackham College will be rebuilding the Ferguson tractor again this year.

For all you animal lovers, we have a treat - how about some Alpaca's - you know, them big woolly sheep and with luck a heard of Donkeys.

We have a good number of model steam engines coming along and one is the only 6" scale model ever to do a road run from Fairford in Gloucestershire to the Great Dorset Steam fair.

The Shepton Mallet Drifters model boat club will also be on site over the weekend. We need some help over the week before the rally as we have to build a lake on site with straw bales so if you can spare a little time to give us a bit of help please come along. It's not all work, we do have some fun and you might even get a free drink or two.

As you may know, we now have a much larger team working for YOU to give every one a good weekend, and this has been a great help as Barry has got us our own marquee. This being 30ft x 10ft and this all for a club donation of £20 to the Children's Hospice South West and a trip in a certain Nissan to Luton to collect it. We also have new fold away tables and new fire extinguishers. so things are looking up.

Regia Anglorum will be putting on the usual Viking & Saxon battle, arranged of course by Kim.

We will once again be running the sales area, so if you got some fabulous goodies for sale, bring them along & we will do our best to sell them for you.

Our rope making demo will be with us as last year and Joe, Pauline and Gary will be again making walking sticks and we are working hard to attract other crafts as well. For instance, do you know

Moving the Metal

For sale

Lister D, running, not on trolley - £80 ONO. **Lister generator** 50/75 Volt 17 Amp, nice bit of kit. £250. RS1 Magneto £60. ML CK type1 magneto – good spark £60. ML CK 1 requires overhaul £15. I have other mags for sale – give me a ring. [Eric Gay 01225 754374](mailto:Eric.Gay@virginmedia.com)

Steerable wooden trolley, heavy duty, 4'8" long, 1'10" wide. Matching 6 spoke 14" wheels. Needs a little TLC. £65ono. [Phone Ed Carp on 01458 210929](mailto:Ed.Carp@virginmedia.com)

Length of steel shafting, 2½" diameter, 9ft long with 2 plumber blocks. A bit rusty but a lot of useful steel for only £5. Buyer collects. Tel. [Tom Randall 01761 418926](mailto:Tom.Randall@virginmedia.com)

Detroit 2.5 HP vertical, circa 1913. £750. **International Titan** 1HP horizontal £1,050. **International**, M type, LT, 3HP, 1920, £450. [Tel John: 0122 5340432](mailto:John@virginmedia.com) or email wjohnfire@virginmedia.com.

WANTED

8" or 10" iron wheels – can you help? [Eric Gay 01225 754374](mailto:Eric.Gay@virginmedia.com)

Four to five inch **flat belt pulley**. Petter A1 starting handle. [Phone R. Champion 01275 892944](mailto:R.Champion@virginmedia.com)

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

Stuart Turner flat twin generator complete. Alternatively, I just need the (apparently!) special dynamo. PLEASE look under your bench for one! (photo 2)

[Both above, phone Kim Siddorn 0117 964 6818](mailto:Kim.Siddorn@virginmedia.com)

(Cont) a Blacksmith, Thatcher dry stone waller or any other craftsman that may like to attend? Do please let me know and I will contact them.

This year there will be a programme on sale (proper posh we be) so we hope you will all buy one (yes, I'm after your money again) but remember this is your rally but we also do this to help the life limited children of the Children's Hospice South West.

Well, that will do for now. I very much hope I will see YOU there. I hope you have a happy and safe rally.

Engines wanted

Westonzoyland Steam Pumping Station Sat/Sun 4th/5th June
Engines and vehicles required. Overnight camping available.
For entry form, ring [Alan Davies 01823 282760](mailto:Alan.Davies@virginmedia.com) or [Jason Keswick 07976 834689](mailto:Jason.Keswick@virginmedia.com)

The Carnival Country Fair, Trowbridge Park, St Stephen's Place, Trowbridge, Wiltshire, BA14 8AH, 3rd September.
[Ring Eric Gay 01225 754374](mailto:Eric.Gay@virginmedia.com)

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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