



# CRANKING

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## From the Sump

Well, that worked! Peter Harris tells me that he has sold everything he listed in last month's advert. He will be delivering his engines etc at Cranmore on 15<sup>th</sup> October. He has a few other things to sell, but as his trailer is full, he will have to do another run in the spring. As a number of other quite important engines also sold after appearing in this newsletter last month, it is always worth considering advertising here.

Several Wessex members attended Robert's Open Day last October. There were Stationary Engines, Tractors, Cart Horse Working & classic bikes. If you'd like to go this year on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> October, 11.00am to 4.00pm, Manor Farm, Sevenhampton, Cheltenham, GL54 5SW. **Please phone to say you'd like to attend.** 01242 820408.

Tony & Diana Davis are arranging the Skittle Match & Social Evening this year. It will be held at South Parade Club, Frome on the 8<sup>th</sup> Oct, 7 for 7.30. There will be the customary fish & chip supper, but you must book it in advance. Please ring Diana and place your order. 01373 464982.

The club is looking for a 20' Container. It need not be in roadworthy condition, it would need to be dry inside and not so distorted that the doors won't shut properly. We are starting to get some decent stuff together now for the Midsummer Gathering and need to improve upon the slowly decaying trailer body that we currently use. No panic, just keep your eyes out for one & let me know if anything comes up – phone number below.

This year's D-Day Crank up, held on the nearest Wednesday to the 6<sup>th</sup> June, was not well attended, a repeat of last year. There has been considerable discussion about whether or not the Cranmore Yard venue was rather far for our more northerly members and perhaps a change of location might revitalise the event. The thing is WHERE! The requirements are not onerous and a pub with a big car park – or a field would be even better – somewhere between an imaginary line drawn through Cheddar, Holcombe, Trowbridge, Corsham in the south and Bristol in the north might have the required effect. This is where you come in – the committee cannot be everywhere and we are asking for your help in making a suggestion as to where this pleasant little evening gathering could be held in 2012. Thinking caps on please!

## Moving the Metal

### For sale

**Ruston Hornsby** 6 hp AP model. £1,500

Phone Neill on 07843694211, 01225 360079

**Lucas SR1** magneto. Good sparking condition. £55 ono

Phone Steve on 01749 670379

**Allen Sythe** Almost new cutter £90

Phone Frank on 01373 832678

**Watermota.** 6hp twin two stroke. Running order on trolley. Lots of brass & copper! £400 ONO

**Stuart Turner P3H** 3hp. Marine engine, complete, turns over. £100. *These are the last of John Brooks' engines*

All the above Phil Marshall 01761 471461

**Nissan "Cargo" vanette.** 1996, 2.3 Deisel. 203k, Recent tyres, service, cambelt. MOT March. £800 ono.

I have various mags – give me a ring.

All the above - Eric Gay 01225 754374

**International**, M type, LT, 3HP, 1920, £450. Tel John: 01225 340432 or email [wjohnfire@virginmedia.com](mailto:wjohnfire@virginmedia.com).

**Slate switching board** by Nevill, 38" by 28". 6" brass cased instruments. In totally unmolested and unrestored condition. Photos available by e-mail. £400 ONO.

**WW2 Lauson engine** driving small compressor. Unusual little unit with underslung petrol tank and diaphragm pump. Restored. On steel frame ready to rally.

Both above. phone Kim Siddorn 0117 964 6818

### WANTED

Stuart Turner R2Ycylinder side plate with "STUART" cast into it. Phone R. Champion 01275 892944

**Vincent** industrial engine powered compressor.

**Pultra lathe or parts.** 1510 Or 1710 considered.

**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 **Electro-Dynamic Corporation** dynamo. PLEASE look under your bench for one!

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## Obituary

It is with regret that I write to say that Bob Hall passed away on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September. Although he was not a Wessex SEC member, he was a staunch supporter of Wessex rallies, attending each year with his wife Jan in their lorry and Land Rover. Both of them always required extra rally forms to distribute on our behalf at other events. On behalf of the Wessex Rally committee and all Wessex members that knew him, we offer our sincere condolences to his wife and family.

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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