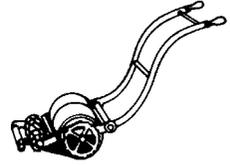


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## DIFFICULT TIMES

Nobody reading this will need telling how the terrible events of this year have affected so many lives. Many of you will know family members, friends and colleagues who have suffered from this dreadful illness or faced financial pressures. Too many people – including members of our club - have died as a result. Our thoughts are with their friends and families.

Put against so much suffering, the impact on the club is insignificant. This May we should have been celebrating the 30th anniversary of our first annual rally in 1990. Instead, most of us were wondering when and if we would be going to our next event. Of course, it is a shame we had to cancel the rally and that many other events we look forward to will not be taking place this year. But these will mostly bounce back once they are able and the situation allows.

As a minor replacement we added special sections on the website. These allowed members to display some of their mowers in a “Virtual Annual Rally” and discuss some of the finer details of this year’s rally themes. You can read about this in our special report elsewhere in this Grassbox.

There are no positives of the pandemic. But the lockdown and spending more time at home has given some members an opportunity to undertake long-awaited preservation projects. I know this because of the extra emails I have seen. The club’s website has also been busier than ever since the beginning of March. After 30 years it still surprises me that our members manage to find so many different mowers.

We have also had an unprecedented number of new members joining the club during the same period. I can only assume this is down to people having more time to look on the Internet for sites like ours.

Elsewhere, I know that various members of the committee have been working behind the scenes to keep the club running. Thank you to all of them.

**Keith Wootton**

## WILLIAM BAKER

It is with great personal sadness that I bring you the news of the death of William Baker aged only 40. Those of us attending the Annual Rally at Milton Keynes in 2018 will recall him winning a bottle of champagne for his early and very original 16” Atco Standard. Also in

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*William Baker (left) with Bill Outram in 2018*

his mower collection were several post war Atcos, plus Ransomes and Greens machines and a Royal Enfield, his most recent acquisition. He also had various JP and Ransomes hand mowers.

Will was a Special Needs teacher and a reserve fire fighter, which tied in with his four old fire appliances which he restored with his father, ranging from 1938 to the 1980s.

Will and I first met when we discovered we both collected old mowers as well as vehicles, and formed a close bond. He was always in demand for summer fetes and rallies as he would bring an old fire engine as well as mowers.

A 6'5 he was the epitome of a gentle giant, always extraordinarily polite and

attentive to the needs of others. He gave generously of his time to the 20/49 motor club as both archivist and secretary, and always contributed to the monthly newsletter. To say that he will be greatly missed does neither him nor the language justice. I'm sure all those who knew him will want to convey their condolences to his parents, Joy and Nicholas and sister Kirsty over their terrible loss.

### **Nicholas Longford**

### **DAVE STANFORD**

It is with great sadness that I report the death of Dave Stanford, one of our longest-standing and most active club members. Dave became ill with the Covid virus, went into hospital and died all within a few days early in April. It was a great shock to his wife Brenda and I am sure everyone in the club will want to join me in passing our condolences and best wishes to her.

Dave joined the club in the early 1990s as one of our first members. Since then he had been a regular at the Annual Rally as well as other events such as Malvern. In fact, he and Brenda attended all kinds of vintage events around the country. Dave was by profession a gardener and he could always be relied on to give honest and straightforward advice on all matters horticultural. He was fun to be with and one of those guys who got along with everyone, having a smile and a laugh along the way. Dave and Brenda also enjoyed gardening at their home in Walsall. In addition to being a mower enthusiast he owned a number of classic motorcycles. Work permitting, Dave and Brenda enjoyed travelling and took cruises to some of the more exotic parts of the world during the winter.



*Dave Stanford at Malvern in 2015.*

Many members will know that Brenda has been responsible for processing all new club membership applications for

the past decade or so. Everyone who has joined the club during that time will have received their membership pack from her. Despite the terrible shock of losing Dave, Brenda has decided to carry on with this important role for the club. We are very grateful for this after what has been a terrible time.

Sadly, William Baker and Dave Stanford have not been the only members to have passed away recently. We have also learned that Martin Faulkner from Shefford has died. Martin was an active member for many years, particularly attending the Bedford Rally, until ill-health prevented

him. Our thoughts are with all their friends and families.

**Keith Wootton**

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## LIVING WITH A QUALCAST 16

By Andrew Pyne

In the early 1970s my uncle gave me a lawn mower and not knowing what to do with it kept it in storage until a few years ago. It is a 1930s Qualcast 16 with a Villiers 2 stroke engine. As I needed a motor mower to cut a large lawn I decided to restore and use it. I bought some other Qualcast mowers of the same age/model as donors to provide any necessary spare parts to replace those that were either worn, broken or missing and to make up a second identical mower.

I have found the club and its members very helpful with advice, spare parts



and encouragement. During the winter months I have completely stripped down two of these mowers and rebuilt them to full working order so I can use them. There have been times when various problems such as air leaks, slipping clutch and faulty electrics etc have put them out of action. But after head scratching and help from club members I've been able to sort them out and in the meantime use the second mower as a back up. With the experience of rebuilding these particular mowers and trouble shooting it has given me confidence in their use.

Having used the Qualcast 16 for the past 4 years to cut my lawn, with the mower running continuously for an hour

at a time, I would say the following: I recommend it as a very simple mower to restore and maintain and has the character and appearance of an old piece of machinery yet practical to use. I find the main drawback is the roller which is not split so making it harder to turn corners and to turn around. If the clutch cable were to fail the mower would continue to run but a kill switch could be fitted to the handle for use in an emergency. Another drawback is the steel chain cover. When in place this is not a close fit at the bottom and cut grass can enter and foul the chain and cutter bearing and sprocket. To improve on this I have attached an extra piece of steel to the cover to overlap the cast iron side plate reducing this to a minimum. (The later Qualcast 16 mowers had a cast aluminium chain cover which would not have given this problem).

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In restoring one of these machines some bearings, electrics and piston rings can be adapted from new parts. I have deliberately not repainted them as I didn't want to loose the patina and as working machines the paint would undoubtedly get marked and damaged in use. Good grass boxes have been hard to find but in any case I prefer not to use them.

If anyone would like further information and/or help I can be contacted by email or telephone details of which are given in the club directory.

# VIRTUAL ANNUAL RALLY

By Keith Wootton

Our Virtual Annual Rally was devised as a replacement for our annual get-together. The aim was to allow members to display some of the machines they might otherwise have taken to the real event. We retained the categories that we had planned for the original event: Mowers with a Sporting Connection; Ransomes Automaton; Lawn Edgers; Line Markers; General Exhibits. Members took to the idea enthusiastically. Ultimately there was a total of 124 exhibits displayed by more than 30 different members. Members uploaded up to four photos of their exhibit and provided some text to explain more about it.

**Mowers with a Sporting Connection (27 exhibits):** we chose this theme because of the major sporting events that were originally scheduled for this year, including the Tokyo Olympics and Euro 2020. Mowers played a significant part in the development of many sports during the 19th century because they allowed grass surfaces to be cut quickly, economically and consistently for the first time. The mowers displayed included examples that had been used at well-known sports grounds, specialist machines for golf courses and tennis courts, and even a racing lawn mower.

**Ransomes Automaton (18):** the intention when including this theme was to allow members to bring various examples to Milton Keynes so they could be compared side-by-side. This wasn't possible at the virtual rally but nonetheless the examples presented did allow site visitors to compare and contrast the

various models with the "Automaton" name made from the 1870s onwards.

**Line Markers (15):** line markers were also important in the development of sports played on grass. Manufacturers were often ingenious with their designs, coming up with all manner of ways to transfer the white paint from the marker's tank to the grass. Some models were made by familiar mower manufacturers while others by companies better known for their sporting products. The exhibits showed that the practice of "catalogue" manufacturing was also used for markers with identical machines having different names.



*Andy Grout displayed this unidentified line marker, which shows several similarities to the Caxton.*

**Lawn Edgers (14):** many mower manufacturers produced lawn edgers and trimmers as part of their range. Some of these were modified mowers while others were unique designs in themselves. Some manufacturers also produced edger attachments for use with their - or other manufacturers' - mowers. The machines on display gave a very good illustration of the different designs in use.

**General Exhibits (59):** the general category allowed members whose mowers did not fall into one of the themes to display their machines as well. It is perhaps not surprising that this category – as it is at Milton Keynes – was the most popular. As always it showed that our members' interests span all types of mower from the earliest hand mowers to the recent motor mowers.

You can see all of the exhibits in the Virtual Annual Rally on the website at the special link: <https://www.OLDLAWNMOWERCLUB.CO.UK/club/events/annual-rally-2020>

In addition to the Virtual Annual Rally we created a special section on the website Forum so that members could discuss the themes and exhibits on show. This provoked some interesting and lively debate, all of which can be read on the website.

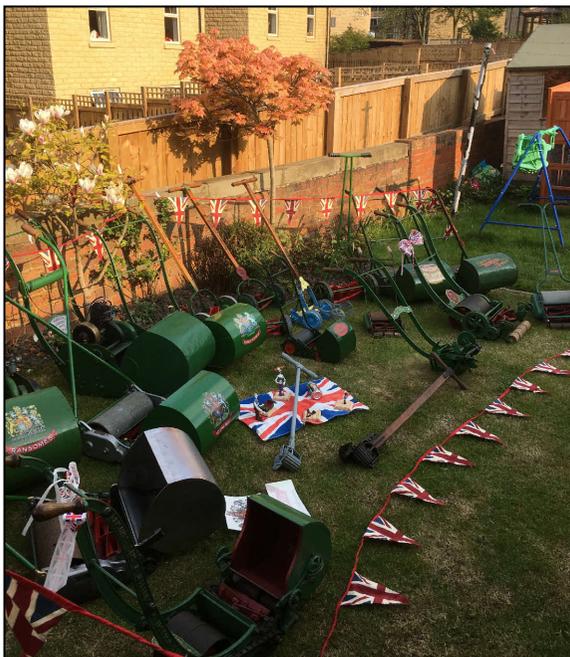
### Parts Competition

One of the most popular aspects of Annual Rally Weekend is the "Spot the Parts" competition, organised as always by

Richard Jones with help from Colin Stone. This year we recreated the challenge with an online quiz. This was open to anyone visiting the site and more than 60 visitors have had a go. Surprisingly few got all of the parts correct. Because of the way the website works we could only recognise the names of entrants who completed the tests while they were logged on. From this we could see that the only two members to successfully complete the quiz were Peter Hampton and Andrew Grout.

You can have a go yourself on the website at: <https://www.OLDLAWNMOWERCLUB.CO.UK/club/events/rally-2020/partsquiz>

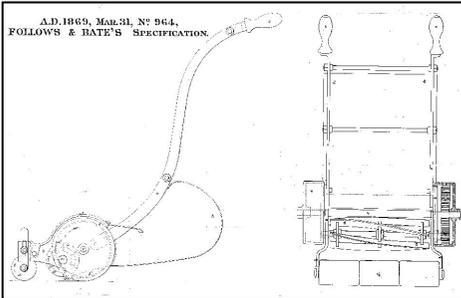
*Below: Dan Mortimer put on a proper display for the virtual Rally!*



# CLIMAX OR AN ANTI-CLIMAX?

By Clive Gravett

For many years it has been stated that the Follows & Bate's Climax was the worlds first side-wheel lawn mower, the patent having been granted on 31st

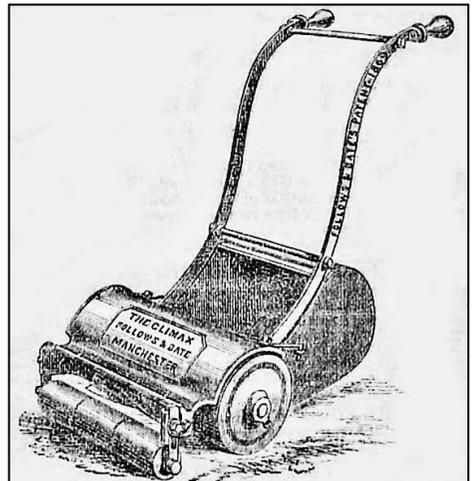
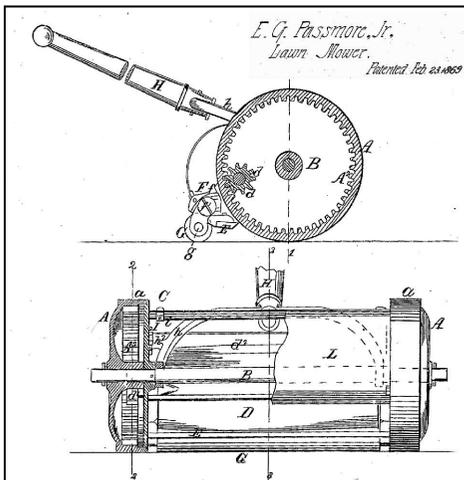


March 1869 (see above), however, Everett G Passmore of Philadelphia U.S.A. obtained a patent for his side-wheel mower the Philadelphia on 23rd February 1869! (see below) Whilst I did give this fact a mention in my book published in 2018, I have now had the opportunity to take a closer look at both patents, together with some early ad-

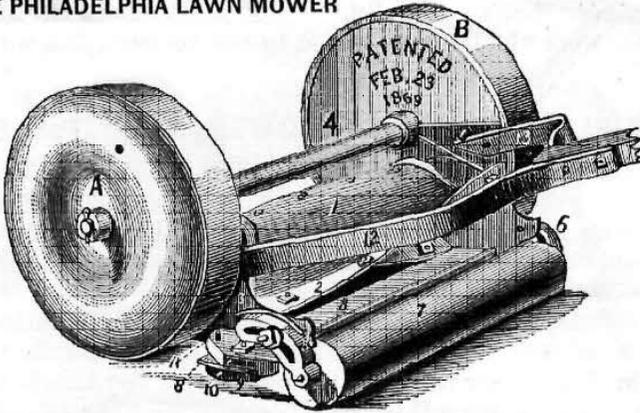
vertisements revealing some interesting information.

Since Budding's invention of the lawn mower in 1830 the drive/motion to operate the cutting cylinder came from a heavy rear roller; both of the above patents describe replacing this with much lighter travelling or support wheels incorporating an internal gear which meshed with a pinion on the end of the cutting cylinder shaft.

Follows & Bate's patent describes a machine with a small roller in front of the cutting cylinder with brackets for height adjustment as seen on roller mowers, this design was shown in their initial 1869 advertisements; (image below, right) cutting widths of 6, 8, 10, 12 & 14in were available. By the end of 1869 a review in 'The Ironmonger' showed an image of the Climax with the small roller at the rear of the machine, this being the design we are now familiar with.



## THE PHILADELPHIA LAWN MOWER



lection, seen with our Climax for comparison. (Below) Follows & Bates were quick to introduce a similar designed side-wheel mower to Passmore's with their 1871 introduction of the Anglo-American. Jim Ricci's book includes a few advertisement slogans used to promote

Could it be the front roller version was never actually produced, or only for a few months?

Advertisements I have seen from 1871 to 1881 only feature the rear roller machine in cutting widths of 6, 7, 8 & 10in. Passmore's patent certainly describes a machine in the style of the side-wheel mower made by many manufacturers over the last 100 years or so, with wooden 'T' handle, bow irons etc.

(image above) One feature that Passmore did include was a cutting cylinder with a cast iron body and thin steel blades bolted to it, as they wore down adjustments could be made or an easy replacement if damaged, this can be clearly seen on the photograph of the Philadelphia mower in my col-

lection, seen with our Climax for comparison. (Below) Follows & Bates were quick to introduce a similar designed side-wheel mower to Passmore's with their 1871 introduction of the Anglo-American. Jim Ricci's book includes a few advertisement slogans used to promote

the Philadelphia mower one of which is "We Lead -Others Follow", I think this sums up the story very well, how appropriate! I intend to continue the Climax story in a future issue of Grassbox to discuss and compare the known examples, I believe there are only around a dozen worldwide, but please contact me if you know of any we can add to the list.



Front cover image: Three 6" Climaxes, belonging to L -R: Clive Gravett, Colin Stone and Christopher Proudfoot.

# CUTTINGS

## NEW EASY RESTORATION

I'm a 73 year old retired golf course superintendent in Australia for 45 years. I have collected greenkeeping and turf-grass ephemera for over 40 years including anything on mowing equipment. My mower collection now is only early push cylinder mowers from the late 1800s to 1940s.

I had about 30 old petrol ones including an Overgreen but time is not on my side to restore them so I sold them and now I'm concentrating on my push ones. I'm including pictures of my latest restoration, a 1884 New Easy Mower, first patented in 1879 as you can see on the side drive pictures.

This is my oldest mower and I was very careful in my restoration. The colours are the original ones copied from both original illustrations as well as the col-



ours still visible on the insides of the drive side covers. I know there is sometimes debate on how far to restore a mower, but I believe in this case it was necessary to bring it back to original condition.

**Loch Ledford**

## IVOR'S SWISS RESTORATION PROJECT

**Ivor Gregory** wrote in to tell us about a restoration project his company "The Old Lawnmower Company" had completed for Alex Bell, a customer in Switzerland. Alex was so pleased with the work that Ivor and his team did that he's written about it extensively on his blog. There's too much information to include in this Grassbox but the full articles can be read on Alex's website at: [https://gliddofglood.typepad.com/the\\_glidd\\_of\\_glood\\_blog/2018/10/resurrecting-the-ransomes.html](https://gliddofglood.typepad.com/the_glidd_of_glood_blog/2018/10/resurrecting-the-ransomes.html)

## LOCKDOWN PROJECTS

You will have seen from my recent for sale advert in the last Grassbox of ap-



proximately 12 mowers that we had restored in spare time at the Company I ran, Green Machines. This sale has been very successful in creating space and I can now get on with my next Lawn Mower project.

Many of you know I am the Chairman of The Sussex and Kent Weald Stationary Engine Group so I vary my time between the two closely related hobbies. For the first eighty days of Lockdown Lynne and I have been restoring mechanically and cosmetically much of the machinery in our collection of stationary engines. This is now more or less done and gives us the chance to set about an Atco I was offered and given whilst showing my engine at the Lions Fayre in East Grinstead high street. This was Mayday 2019 so now with time left on my hands we are about to set to this task, so we will now be able to show this in May 2021 if the world reverts to some sort of normality by then.

Who knows I may well bring it to the next Milton Keynes event in pristine condition, As they say "watch this space"

**A. C. Cullen**

## **RANSOMES CYLINDER CASSETTE?**



An idea normally associated with JP, It seems that Ransomes flirted with the

concept in the mid 1930s. Having recently moved house to somewhere with a large area of grass, I took on a few of my father's bigger motor mowers, including a 20" Ransomes Mk7. This is a horseshoe tank effort with a Sturmeys Archer engine, and like all of the last generation of horseshoe tank models it is completely wrongly balanced, so it falls over backwards when you take the grassbox off. Never the less, it has the best engine of any in our collection, and I felt it worth a go in spite of its unwieldiness.

The cylinder bearings needed attention, so I had to remove the cylinder, when I discovered that unlike the earlier Blackburne machines, this has the cylinder, sole plate and front roller brackets mounted on a separate cast iron sub frame that bolts to the inside of the steel main frame. The whole unit drops out so you can work on the cutting assemble on the bench rather than in the mower. You still have to remove the chain cover and chain, then undo eight bolts (two of them having a different head size, just to make things more awkward), but it is so much easier to work on than when installed in a very heaving mower whose centre of gravity is in completely the wrong place.

I've not seen any literature for these machines, probably dating from about 1933-35, so don't know if Ransomes advertised this feature or not, but later catalogues do mention the bigger R type as having a removable cylinder assembly.

## **PETROL FOR OLD MACHINERY**

**Henry Ellis** spotted a piece in the Saturday motoring pages of the Daily Telegraph recently suggesting that modern petrol contains either 5 or 10 percent

ethanol, which not only blocks jets in old engines but can cause corrosion to older components that are not designed to handle it, especially steel fuel tanks and alloy carburettors. Ethanol free petrol is available and some expensive, and the Telegraph recommend a company based in Sussex called [www.powerpetroleum.co.uk/](http://www.powerpetroleum.co.uk/) who can supply ethanol free fuel. I assume that

there are other similar organisations elsewhere in the UK. As a basic starting point, it seems to be recommended to drain fuel out of engines over winter to prevent the blocking up problem. It is also likely that most of us don't run our old engines often enough for it to be much of a problem, but I thought it might be helpful to flag up this issue here, so members are aware of it.

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## CLUB SERVICES AND INFORMATION

### CLUB SHOP

The Club Shop, run by Colin Stone, continues to be open as normal and there doesn't seem to be too much of a problem with delivery times. New stock of clothing recently arrived. All Club items for sale can be found on the website at [www.oldlawnmowerclub.co.uk/member/s/souvenirs](http://www.oldlawnmowerclub.co.uk/member/s/souvenirs) and [www.oldlawnmowerclub.co.uk/member/s/transfers-decals](http://www.oldlawnmowerclub.co.uk/member/s/transfers-decals) (both in the Members – Only section). Ideally members should contact Colin Stone by email at [stonethemows@btinternet.com](mailto:stonethemows@btinternet.com) to check stock availability and postage costs etc.

### SPARES

The Garfitt's spares service continues to be run by Richard Jones. He can be contacted on 01243 575937 or by email at [lawnmower.jones@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:lawnmower.jones@hotmail.co.uk) to order bottom blades, cutting cylinders and fixing screws from Garfitt's of Sheffield. Items ordered through Richard are subject to special terms and you only need to pay the club after the order is received. Richard will also be able to offer general advice on removal and replacement of the blades.

### WEBSITE UPDATES

The lockdown presented the time and opportunity to do some much-needed work on the website. In particular, we have added some – hopefully – useful new features and cleaned up some of the underlying processes to ensure continued smooth operation of the site. Highlights include:

**Search:** you have always been able to search the whole site using the box on the top left-hand side of most pages. We have now added search facilities to a number of the site's sections: Forum; Grassbox; Operating Manuals; Mower Directory.

**Navigation:** there's a new menu section called "My Club & Content". This gives easier access to your existing content in case you want to edit it. It also enables quicker access to add new content to the forums or classified ads, for example. You can also edit your own profile (username, password, image etc) from the same menu.

**Transfers:** you can now click on a link alongside any transfer to see which mowers it might be used on. This is a work in progress because it requires each mower listed on our site to be updated with the right information. But

we think in the long run it will be useful. **Manufacturer Timelines:** these are designed to show models from a particular manufacturer in the date order they were made. The aim is to make it simpler to identify and date a particular machine. The first one to be completed, with substantial help from Henry Ellis and Tony Brooke, was JP. We have also made reasonable progress with similar timelines for Atco (up to 1939 so far), Suffolk (up to c1970) and Webb (also up to c1970). There is probably missing information and “fuzzy” dates for some of the models listed. If you spot anything, let me know and I will update wherever possible.

**Operating Manuals:** A number of new operating manuals have been added to the list. If you have manuals that are not listed on the site please let me know and we can work together to scan and add them.

**Directory of Manufacturers and Models:** we always intended this to be a quick reference guide to list as many manufacturers and their models as possible. Over the past few months we have added a number of new references but I am sure there are lots of omissions. If you spot anything, let me know and I can add them.

Our website runs on an application called Drupal, which is an open source content management system. The text and images you see on the site are held in a database and the appearance and various functions are controlled by software modules. During lockdown I have been through the site and removed modules that we no longer use and tidied up the database to simplify some of the behind-the-scenes processes.

We currently use Drupal 7 but in the next few months we will start planning a move to Drupal 8. This is more powerful and quicker (and will be supported further into the future) so it’s a good idea to upgrade fairly soon. There may be short periods when the site is offline to allow some of this planning to take place.

### **NEW WEBSITE PASSWORD**

It’s that time of the year when we change the “generic” password to the website. That’s the one you use if you don’t have your own username and password. So, if you log on using the olcmember username then the old password will lapse a week or so after this edition of Grassbox is sent out. The new password will be Maxees77! Including the capital M and the ! We’ll put a reminder on the website when it’s about to change. Remember, if you have your own username and password you don’t need to change them and you can log on as usual.

### **MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS**

We will send out all Membership Renewal Reminders soon after this Grassbox has been published. You will only receive a notification if the address label on the envelope containing this edition says “Until: 2020”. If it says anything else, you won’t need to renew this year.

We will write to everyone by email. If we don’t have a working email address for you, we will send a letter by post. As in previous years you should rejoin online using the links we send in the email or letter.

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# ADVERTISEMENTS

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- JP Super Simplex, 1948, good working order, nice and untouched, c/w grassbox FTGH on condition is is not broken up for parts in family from new. C: Adam Corkery E: adamcorkery@hotmail.com T:07866 589220 (Wiltshire or Bedfordshire)#
- 20" Ransomes Marquis Lawn Mower c/w grass-box. Was certainly in working order but has lain unused, but carefully stored for a number of years. Open to offers. C: Joanna Lumsden. T: 01323-870215 E: joannalumsden37@btinternet.com (East Sussex)
- 16" Ransomes Certes Mk8 mower, c/w box. C: David Cummings E: dnac1985@outlook.com (Unknown)#
- 12" JP Maxees x 2, 1960, c/w box, FTGH C: Mike Floody T: 07948 467995 E: mffloody@hotmail.co.uk (Halesowen)
- 14" Ransomes and Atco, 1950s, c/w box, FTGH C: Stephen Bradford T: 01935 425179 E: spjbradford@gmail.com (Yeovil)
- 17" Suffolk Super Punch, c1960, c/w Suffolk engine, c/w box, FTGH C: David Cosgrove T: 07990 535669 E: dtcosgrove@btinternet.com (Ingatestone)
- 24" Atco, c/w Honda G200 engine, c/w box, Offers C: Stephen Thomas Mckenning T: 07957 202903 E: Stevemckenning@talktalk.net (Fareham)
- 12" Greens Zephyr, for spares or repair. C: Lee Smallwood T: 07930 287567 E: leesmallwood42@gmail.com (Bristol)
- 15" Flymo Early "Blue" Flymo, 1971/2, c/w electric engine, FTGH C: Trevor Brown T: 07876 307279 E: trevorcharlesbrown@gmail.com (Lincoln)#
- 15" Atco x2, c1950s, c/w 98cc Villiers engine, £30 each C: Martin Main T: 07812 963882 E: ralphies\_8@hotmail.com (Rochdale)#
- 14" Qualcast Commodore, 1966, c/w Model 15A Type 75G14 engine, c/w box, FTGH C: Steve Tan T: 07802 253238 E: steve.tan290@gmail.com (Chester)#
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Webb Motor Mower, Model 25005, 1985, c/w box, £500 C: Stephen Foster E: lordstephenfoster@hotmail.com (Unknown)#

Ransomes Ajax Mk3, offers C: Sam Bunney T: 07841 821915 E: swbunney@gmail.com (East London)#

British Anzani Lawnrider; Atco B14 motor mowers x2, offers C: Colin Hobbs T: 07850 597466 E: c.hobbs59@icloud.com (Unknown)#

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