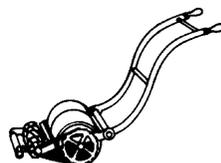


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EDITORIAL

Welcome to Grassbox 116. This issue carries a few reports of rallies over the second part of the summer, and it is great to see members are out and about again. With that in mind it seemed right to put one of these gatherings on the front cover, with a merry crew seen in Roger Wilkinson's photo of the Shuttleworth event. (see page 13) People being stuck at home for months has produced many new members, which is great news for the Club, one of those being a neighbour of mine in our small village who turned out to have had a father in the mower business many years ago, and who wrote a few reminiscences for us to enjoy below:

As a new member of the Club, I am introducing myself as a rather aged member. I just thought it might be of interest that in 1958 my Father's business in Lymington, Hampshire was appointed main dealer for Rotoscythe, Webb and Suffolk mowers. The business grew rapidly, so I joined the Company at an exciting time.

The Clarke business always tried to be customer friendly, so we said yes to most customers who needed help for their various "grass cutting machines".

Some of these were very trying, such as Atcos whose petrol tanks always leaked over the engine with various results! Then there was the Allen scythe, which when working well did a superb job, but you had to be a strong operator to keep in check. A year or two later, we were introduced to Rotary mulching mowers such as the Clinton, I think from America. They were blue and white push models. As a business we could not be sure whether mains electric mowers or petrol mowers would be the way forward. Webb electric mowers gave a superb finish to lawns for owners who had their lawns close to the house with a mains electric supply and did not wish to dirty their hands etc.

However, in the New Forest there were many properties that had quite a large area of grass that needed a mower that was able to keep grass in check. Our business had been built over the years on servicing mowers for Cricket and Football clubs in the New Forest, makers such as Ransomes, Dennis and Atco being widely used. That all seems a long time ago, but, today's mowers are still doing the same job nearly 60 years later. Happy mowing.

Roger Clarke.

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WATKINSON & CO AND THE BEDFORD LAWNMOWER

By Andrew Grout

The earliest mention of the Lawnmower manufacturer Watkinson and Co is a small advertisement in The Bedfordshire Times and Independent dated November 1918. In the advert Watkinson (as the company was originally known) state

“GRINDING AND SHARPENING of all descriptions. High class workmanship. One of the best equipped grinding plants in locality. SKATES accurately ground and returned on the same day from 9d a pair. SCISSORS from 3d a pair. GARDEN SHEARS from 9d. RAZORS from 4d. Worn table knives re-shaped 3d. All Woodworkers Tools, Tailors Shears etc; price on application. HAIRDRESSERS Appliances given special care. BUTCHERS CUTLERY of all classes returned same day if required. Speciality LAWN MOWER grinding Long experience at the works from 4'6. Trade Prices on appli-

cation WATKINSON 22 ALEXANDRA ROAD BEDFORD”.

Right from the outset, Watkinson were very good at seasonal advertising, always leading winter adverts with Skate sharpening.

The Founder of the Business Charles Gautier Watkinson was bold in his advertising claims considering that No 22 Alexandra Road Bedford is a Georgian

Below: Christopher Proudfoot's two Bedfords and one Minor. The Bedfords have no chain covers, the 14" in front having never had one. The middle one (12") has no name plate. The 14" also has a more conventional two piece roller and is presumably earlier. All three came together from an auction many years ago in the Bedford area.



town house, so it would suggest he was operating from the rear garden.

The business appears to have grown quickly, there being two moves of premises in 1919 with them ending the year in Priory Street, Bedford where they would remain for the next 40 odd years.

It is lovely to note that the same seasonal issues we have in the lawn mower industry have not changed in over 100 years. Watkinson politely requesting in Dec 1919

"To prevent congestion in the spring we kindly ask our customers to let us have their Mower now. They will not be delivered until the owner requests it".

We can only imagine the sheds full of Ransomes, Greens and Shanks hand mowers all sharpened and serviced awaiting return in the spring.

It was in the spring of 1920 that we are first aware of Watkinson branching into sales, advertising

"Several nearly new GREENS & RAN-SOMES MOWERS for sale"

It's not known exactly when Watkinsons and Co (Co since the beginning of 1921) went into manufacturing lawn-mowers, but we can assume around 1931. An advertising brochure for the Company's range of five different roller hand mowers states

"This machine has been slowly evolved since 1931" talking about the top of the range "Bedford Superspeed" Yours for £10-15-0 or 5% less for cash.

The "Superspeed," a Golf and Bowling Green Mower was a 16" cut 10 bladed mower offering 101 cuts to the yard. Watkinson Claim the "Superspeed" is



Above: Andy Grout's Bedford Minor, complete with wood sided grassbox.

Below: Andy Grout's 14" Bedford.

only recommended for the finest greens, as they are not suitable for long grass.

Based on the same 16" chassis is the Standard Model offering 75 cuts to the yard, the change in cut is achieved with



a simple single chain drive, rather than the compound chain drive used on the Superspeed.

At the other end of the range I'm fortunate to have The "Bedford Minor" the entry level 12" cut mower costing £3-2-6, and advertised as "A 12-in. Roller Mower that a child can work". I love the terminology used for this entry level mower, neither cheap or bargain but "The Lightest and Strongest of all Popular Priced Mowers".

Taking its name from the County town is the "The Bedford Mower" available in 12" and 14" cutting widths. The claim

"A valuable point – unlike any other mower the "Bedford" is running entirely on Ball-Bearings when pulled Backwards".

This will be acclaiming superiority over the Ransomes Ajax, Webb and Qualcast Mowers of the period which had the rear rollers mounted on bronze bushing and often plain bearings on the front rollers.

The last mower advertised is the Special Cricket Pitch Mower which in effect is a 14" "Bedford" with a shaver bottom blade fitted.

Watkinsons were still advertising their Mowers in 1937 with the lovely Advertisement right.

I've been unable to date to find a great deal about Watkinsons following the Second World war,

In 1946 they are advertising in the Situations Vacant column for a workshop lad.

In the next few weeks I' have a meeting with an ex Watkinson and Co employee who worked with the company until 1962, hopefully this will lead to a second article that will round of the story of this small County town manufacturer Thanks to Keith Wooton, Clive Gravett, Christopher Proudfoot and Andrew Hall of the Hall and Duck Trust for their support in compiling this article.

Below: Page from the 1937 catalogue, reproduced by permission of the Hall & Duck Trust.

The "BEDFORD"
(Guaranteed 3 years).
The Lawn Mower working with the smoothness of a Sewing Machine.

Outstanding features—
The welded steel back rollers are in 3 sections, each completely enclosed and contain no working parts. Dirt cannot possibly enter.
All 3 sections taking full drive when cutting.
The ratchet or Free-Wheeling device is fitted inside oil-bath transmission case and is on Ball-Bearings.

A valuable point—
Unlike every other mower, The "BEDFORD" is running entirely on Ball-Bearings when pulled backwards.
Small front roller being of steel is practically indestructible.

Renold Chains.
Cut Steel Wheels.
Skelko Ball Bearings.
Sheffield Steel Blades.

The finest "All Steel" adjustable cutting cylinder on any Mower.
Adjustable handles.
Detachable grass delivery plate.

12-inch size, £7 - 7 - 0, less 5% cash, £6 - 19 - 8.
The Ideal Tennis Court Machine—
14-inch size, £8 - 8 - 0, less 5% cash, £7 - 19 - 7.
(Including Grass box, Spanner and Grease Gun).

SPECIAL CRICKET PITCH MOWER
(14 inch cut).
This machine is fitted with our "Shaver" blade, cutting right down to the ground, and is freely acknowledged to be the best mower for this class of work.
Price £8 - 10 - 0, less 5% cash, £8 - 1 - 6.
(Including Grass Box, Spanner and Grease Gun).

"BEDFORD" Mowers are so strong and rigid that they retain their adjustment without altering for long periods.

WINSTON CHURCHILL'S ATCO STANDARDS

By Clive Gravett

The Museum of Gardening, Hassocks has recently acquired three Atco Standard mowers owned by the Churchill family and used on the lawns at Chartwell, Westerham, Kent, their home from 1922 until Winston's death in 1965.

The Churchills appeared to have favoured Atco lawn mowers with evidence suggesting they had 16in, 18in and 22in models. In addition a 30in Atco mower was demonstrated at Chartwell in 1937. The only other evidence of mowers is the demonstration of a Pattison/Albion long grass mower, also in 1937. The 18 inch Standard pictured has been modified in that the rear rollers have been welded together, also having

had holes drilled in them. See *image below*

In 1981 Victor Vincent head gardener at Chartwell from 1947 to 1979 was reunited with the mowers and is seen, centre, *below*, with the 16 inch & 18 inch models. He identified the modifications on the 18 inch which he said were



carried out to stop the mower slipping on wet grass!

With the help of the National Trust, Churchill Archives & broadcaster/writer Stefan Buczacki we have obtained copies of service receipts for 1936, 1937 & 1938 in respect of the 18 inch & 22 inch Standards, the work having been completed by S K Ford, Mitcham, Surrey, formerly having been an Atco service foreman for eight years. We have also discovered a photograph of Albert Edwin Hill, head gardener at Chartwell from 1927 to 1944 with one of the Atco's in use on the Chartwell lawns in 1929. (see image below)

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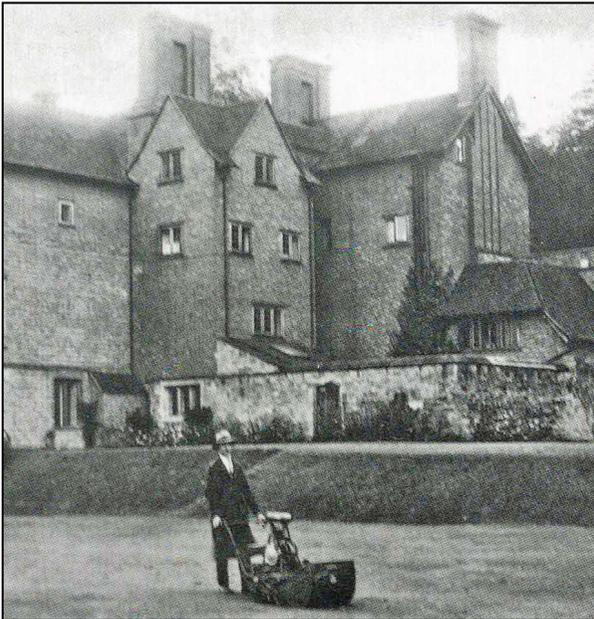
SPECIALIST IN MOWERS- MOTOR & HAND
EIGHT YEARS SERVICE FOREMAN for THE ATCO MOTOR MOWER CO
TRAMWAY PATH- MITCHAM- SURREY

April 21st 1938

Mrs. Winston Churchill,
Chartwell Manor,
Westerham,
Kent.

<p>EVERY MAKE AND TYPE OF MOTOR AND HAND LAWN MOWER SUPPLIED.</p>	<p>To, Regrinding cutting cylinder of 18" Atco motor mower..... 2. 18. 0. " 1 Bottom blade..... 8. 0. " 5 Cutter blades @ 4/11..... 1. 9. 6. " 1 Cutting cylinder sprocket..... 4. 0. " 2 L37 cutter bearings @ 8/-..... 16. 0. " 1 set of three chains..... 13. 2. " Mechanics time fitting and proportion of journey cost.... 10. 0.</p>	<p>£4. 18. 8.</p>
<p>REPAIRS AND OVERHAULS EXECUTED BY REALLY COMPETENT MECHANICS UNDER MY PERSONAL SUPERVISION</p>	<p>" Regrinding cutting cylinder of 22" Atco motor mower..... 1. 2. 0. " 1 Bottom blade..... 8. 8. " 4 Cutter blades @ 5/9..... 1. 8. 0. " 1 set of three chains..... 13. 2. " 2 L37 cutter bearings @ 8/-..... 16. 0. " Mechanics time fitting and proportion of journey cost.... 10. 0.</p>	<p>£4. 12. 10. £9. 11. 8.</p>

*Received cheque from
with compliments of S.K. Ford
25/4/38*



It is interesting to note that Winston Churchill's secretary from 1955 until his death in 1965 was Doreen Pugh, sadly she passed away in July this year at the age of 96. Doreen was in fact the granddaughter of Charles Henry Pugh who founded Atco Lawn Mowers in 1921 to produce the Standard. The 18 inch mower is currently included in the museum's popular Atco Centenary display alongside many other Atco mowers and turf implements.

GARDEN ORNAMENT SYNDROME

By Colin Stone



I recently bought this Ransomes Automaton Minor at a local auction having viewed in advance of bidding – always recommended, as far as possible. It is that comparatively rare thing – a genuine antique but sadly all too clearly it is also yet another example of a worthy machine suffering from G O S - Garden Ornament Syndrome. Superficially it didn't look too bad, more or less complete and original, apart from the obvious lack of wood, which is readily remedied, and the inevitable incorrect paint, which is less so. However on closer inspection it became clear that this wasn't going to be an easy renovation/conservation job. Just about every nut and bolt is seized, surfaces are heavily weathered and pitted and individual parts have become “welded”

together. I have been slowly and very carefully undoing what I can but inevitably a few bolts have already sheared. It has become increasingly apparent that this is very unlikely to become a working machine again. It might make an acceptable static display, alternatively it might provide a few spares.

It's not quite the worst case I've come across but it's always rather sad to find a worthwhile machine that has essentially been lost. Being forearmed I did not pay much money for it and don't regret buying it – the experience has a value.

Ironically as I write this I have almost the opposite dilemma. Very shortly there is a Ransomes Lion in a well known localish auction – a relatively recent restoration by the look of it. I already have one or two Lions but this one has the advantage of a throw-plate and grassbox; not so often seen. The problem is that it's not quite the correct colour and has the wrong transfer on the grassbox, and that's before I've been to view it. If I buy it is it going to end up irritating me or will it become more work to put it right? Time will tell.



JP K POWER MOWER SPEED

By Henry Ellis

Further to my article on the JP K Power 14" mower in Grassbox 73, I recently found lightly written in pencil in the margin of one of the original drawings, the following calculation:

Engine speed – 2400 rpm

Clutch Shaft - 12T : 26T = 1108 rpm

Intermediate sprocket – 11T : 30T = 406 rpm

Rear axle shaft – 11T : 30T = 149 rpm

Rear drum speed = 273 ft/min = 3.102 mph.

I had heard that the mower was considered underpowered and it was deleted from the catalogue in 1958 after only about a year and a half, but my use at a number of Rallies and at home since I wrote that article does not confirm this

as the mower works brilliantly with plenty of speed and power.

I reckon 3.1 mph is a brisk walk; the maximum speed of the Villiers 5G engine fitted to the mower is 3000 rpm so multiplying up: $5/4 \times 3.102 = 3.875$ mph which is, to me at least, a fast walk and the danger of losing control - so steady does it with the throttle lever!

As a matter of interest the cutter speed is not given although adverts at the time stated that it has a "High speed cutting ratio with six blade rotary cutter ensures efficient cut and fine finish". The 11-tooth sprocket on the clutch shaft also drives the 16-tooth sprocket on the cutter shaft, so $11T : 16T = 762$ rpm.

RALLIES AND EVENTS

Norton & Chiselborough Flower Show 20th August 2022 – South Somerset

Would any members be interested in showing mowers at our annual Flower Show?

This well established show has been running for over 100 years and is a key village event.

It is well supported and, in addition to excellent flowers and vegetables, also features many other interesting exhibits and stalls. For next year I've suggested that we have a new exhibit called Yesterday's Gardening which would include garden machinery and tools and wondered if anyone would be interested

in attending with their mowers, garden machines or implements?

I think that this will generate quite a bit of interest and at the same time help to promote our club. The show will take place on Saturday the 20th August 2022 in Norton Sub Hamdon. This is a pretty village in South Somerset approximately 9 miles from Yeovil. Post code TA14 6SF

Please let me know if this may be of interest to you so that I can provide additional information. I can be contacted on:

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Phone: 07884065989 and 01935 882620

ANNUAL RALLY & AGM REPORT

By Keith Wootton

When we decided to hold an Annual Rally and AGM at relatively short notice and at an unusual time of the year, we anticipated a number of factors might affect attendance. While ongoing concerns about Covid, potentially bad weather, and clashes with already-arranged commitments had a small impact on the numbers attending, none of us had foreseen the “fuel crisis” that emerged the weekend before (while some of us were at Malvern as it happens). In the end this was the thing that had the biggest impact with numerous members calling-off in the week leading up to the event for fear of being stranded in Milton Keynes (a natural enough concern at the best of times!).

Despite all of this many members of the club were able to attend although we inevitably missed a number of familiar faces. Over the weekend around fifty

members of the club were able to be there at one time or another. The weather was not ideal on the Saturday but it was warmer and less windy on the Sunday, when the majority of members were present.

The themes for this year were Atco and JP to celebrate the centenaries of these two famous companies. Members did not disappoint with many bringing examples of these two makes to display. We had arranged for this year’s souvenir giveaway, courtesy of the current Atco company, to be a special centenary mug and pin badge. Please let us know if you attended the event but did not receive these.

The Atco selection included an example of an original 1921 “Oval Frame” model, several other “Standards” (including one with the unusual curved-blade cutting cylinder described in the previous Grassbox) and many different models through to the 1970s. One of these





with serial number 203. This was made in 1921 and as far as anyone knows it is the oldest example known to exist. All three known examples of the short production run (1957/8) of K 14" Power mowers were on display. The display also included a pre-war 16" Super Power mower from 1929, two post-war power mowers, and some hand mowers.

Away from Atco and JP there was the usual excellent selection of mowers of all shape, size, and age. Among these was the Ransomes Little Gem displayed by Paul and Mike Harvey. This was the mower selected by members attending to win this year's Andrew Grout Plate although it faced stiff competition from a number of other exhibits.

included a model that had originated from Chartwell in Kent and was used there during the period leading up to the second world war when Churchill was spending much time there during his so-called "wilderness years". Members may recall that several years ago the late Tony Hopwood starred in the film "The Gathering Storm" by filming the opening sequence in the garden at Chartwell with one of his Dennis mowers.

The JP selection was equally interesting with Henry Ellis corralling the mowers to create a great display. Among the mowers on show were a 12" JP Super





Similarly with the auction. We had decided that the time taken to arrange the auction before and during the weekend would be better spent on other activities. As it happens, the chaos caused by the fuel shortage would have made the auction a real challenge with many lots not being present. And it was surprising how much more time we seemed to have on the Sunday without it. Nevertheless, I am sure everyone will look forward to its return next year.

The AGM on the Sunday morning included some lively discussions on a number of topics. The existing committee was re-elected. The accounts showed that the club had made a surplus of £2900 for the year to the end of April 2021. This was due largely to lack of expenses related to events such as the Annual Rally (not held in May 2020 or May 2021) and an increase in membership. In fact, at the moment our membership stands at just over 900 which is far higher than ever before and well above the long-term average of around 500-600.

We had decided, for practical reasons, not to present the Charlie Jones Award or the prize for the best Grassbox article this year. Nor did we arrange the spare parts competition for the same reason. But all of these will return for the AGM in 2022.

Also postponed until 2022 was the raffle to win the Atco Standard donated by Geoff Christopher. We agreed with Geoff's suggestion that postponement would give more members a chance to win the mower and ultimately raise more money for the good cause (the museum) we had selected for the proceeds.

Finally, since the e-news was sent out in early October we have confirmed the dates for the Annual Rally and AGM next year. These will be Saturday 20 and Sunday 21 May 2022. The AGM and Auction will be held on the Sunday.

MALVERN AUTUMN SHOW REPORT **By Keith Wootton**

A small contingent of club members and other enthusiasts attended the Malvern Autumn Show on the last weekend of September. The show was cancelled

last year and returned with an extended three-day event. Although this placed an additional time burden on us exhibitors the event was well attended by the public and the organisers have indicated that the new format will remain.

A few of our regular attendees were absent this year for a variety of understandable reasons so our display was a bit smaller than usual. However, those that were able to attend pulled out all the stops to ensure we put on a good show. Thanks to Alec Hillyar, Paul Channon, Dan Mortimer, Andrew Pyne, Laura Harper, Neil Burke, and Robin Maitland for all their efforts.

There was good interest from visitors, many of whom asked about joining the club and how to restore older machines of their own. A number of members and friends who were unable to exhibit also popped by to say hello. It was good to see everyone after such a long time.

SHUTTLEWORTH VINTAGE MACHINERY AND FLYING WEEKEND 2021 **By Roger Wilkinson**

I'm a volunteer at the Shuttleworth Collection, working as a machinist/fitter in the vehicle workshop two days each week. The vintage flying show at the start of September this year was expanded into a two day Saturday/ Sunday event with all sorts of vintage machinery invited to attend. The Vehicle Manager asked me a few months back if any of my fellow OLC members would like to attend and bring their mowers for display and mowing in action!

Seven of us took up this initial collection try-out event challenge; Clive Gravett, Alec Hillyar, Richard Jones (plus daughter Emily), Sean Maley, Daniel Mortimer, James Rudling, John Truluck (plus son David), myself and my wife Helen. The weather was good, we all had a whale of a time and want to do it again next year if it continues. Shuttleworth did us proud. We had our own 10m X 6m tent and it looked really good with OLC banners on display as you can see from the picture. We displayed 30 mowers, had a relaxed time both days, mowed an enormous OLC into the grass (hopefully there will be an aerial photo of this appearing somewhere soon) and watched some marvellous aeroplanes in the air for the Sunday afternoon airshow. We also thoroughly enjoyed each other's company and made the most of being allowed out with good friends after all the lockdowns.

On a personal note I drove my 1935 24" Dennis in the vehicle parade just before the airshow began. I've driven many of the collection's old vehicles and motorbikes in the airside parades over the last twelve years as a vehicle volunteer, but my Dennis was the first lawnmower to ever take part in a parade. Already, one day after the event, my Shuttleworth colleagues have forwarded pictures to me – fame at last!

Hopefully if the event goes ahead again next year and we are invited back, we will have more notice and can open up the invite list to more or all of the OLC members. Fingers crossed.

See front cover for image of this event.

CLUB SERVICES AND INFORMATION

CLUB SHOP

The Club Shop, run by Colin Stone, continues to be open as normal. As well as a new stock of clothing we have some new transfers on the way, and some earlier Souvenirs at bargain prices. All Club items for sale can be seen on the website in the Members section. Contact Colin Stone, ideally by email at stonethemows@btinternet.com, to check stock availability and postage costs etc. Please quote your membership number as this does save time and effort.

CLUB MEMBERSHIP & RENEWALS

All Membership renewal notifications were sent out during late August and early September. You only received a notification if you were due to renew this year. Our membership database is up to date, so if the address label that was used to send you this copy of Grassbox contains the words Until:2021 you still have to renew your membership. If it says anything other than Until: 2021 you do not need to renew this year.

If you need to renew, please use the links we sent in your email notification. We will send further reminders in a few weeks. If you have not renewed by the

end of December your membership will lapse and this will be the last copy of Grassbox that you receive.

Remember, we process all membership renewals at the same time each year because this is simpler for the club and the people who are doing the work.

CLUB WEBSITE

The generic password for the olcmember username remains as Dennis1931! (including the capital D and the !). This is only for people who use the olcmember username to log on to access restricted content. If you log on using your own username and password you do not need to make any changes.

We have postponed the proposed upgrade of the website, outlined in previous Grassboxes, until later. Please keep an eye on the website for updates and more information about the changes.

<p>Next Edition: Winter 2022 Edition 116 Edited by William Proudfoot</p>
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ADVERTISEMENTS

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- 14" Ransomes Ascot Mk1, 1970s, c/w box, offers
C: Geoffrey Edmundson T: 07742
603151 E:
geoffreyedmundson@btinternet.com
(Newcastle)

- 16" Atco Standard, 1928, c/w Villiers engine, c/w
box, FTGH C: Mike Kent T: 07836 376423
E: cowleyfour@tiscali.co.uk (Haslemere)
- 17" Suffolk Punch 2A, 50/60, c/w Suffolk engine,
c/w box, FTGH C: Kelly Chilver T: 07572
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- 12" Suffolk Punch, c1960s, c/w box, Donation to Severn Hospice C: Marilyn Rydstrom T: 07807 992829 E: marilynrydstrom@aol.com (Telford)#
- 24" Dennis No 135246, large cricket pitch lawn-mower, c1980, c/w box, £50 C: Greg Folwell T: 07747 867343 E: gsfolwell@btinternet.com (Eastbourne)#
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- Ransomes Lion, £5 C: Carol-Beth Cundy T: 02085 404137 E: bethcundy@hotmail.com (London)#
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