

ADVERTISEMENTS FOR SALE

Ransomes Antelope, running when last used; Ransomes Certes rebuilt and running; 20" JP Super MkIV, rebuilt; Hayter Rotary Model 15, rebuilt/running; 27" Ransomes Multimower, running; 20" Ransomes Minor, running; Some Atco machines also available. Good homes required for all as house move imminent. Any offers accepted. C: Richard Durrant. T: 01920 467968 (Ware).

18" JP Simplex, c/w box, c1950, runs well, good condition, £50;

Ransomes 14, c1965, runs well, very usable, many spares including new engine, cutter and other bits, £50; 14" Ransomes Minor, c/w box, c1950, runs well, £25; 14" Atco kick start, c/w box, c1950, runs well, needs repaint, £15. C: Nigel Paterson. T: 01453 884951. E: nigel@paterson35.freeserve.co.uk (Dursley)

Atco Standard. C: Fred Rossiter. T: 01223 891383. E: fbrossiter@tiscali.co.uk (Cambridge)

Atco Standard "Oval Frame"; two Atco Standards; collection of old Atco 2S and 4S cylinder mowers c/w grass box. All in working order. C: Bill Outram. T: 0207 738 1984. E: info@oideas.co.uk (London)

Atco Four Stroke, 1962/63; Atco Two Stroke, 1957/58; Qualcast Powered Panther, 1956. All c/w box. Sell as small collection or individually. C: Stewart Baillie. T: 01506 443694. E: stewart.baillie@ukgateway.net (Edinburgh)

17" Atco Deluxe B17, 1982/3 60 Year Anniversary Model, dry stored for last 10 years. C: Roger Wilkinson. T: 01525 221137. E: Rog.Wilkinson@btinternet.com (Dunstable)

20" JP Super motor mower. C: Terry Cooper. T: 01908 582073. E: terry.cooper@btinternet.com (Aspley Guise)

Qualcast 16, c/w box and instructions; 12" Webb motor mower, no box. C: Mike Tomkins. T: 0121 353 6618. E: petomkins@hotmail.com (West Midlands)

12" Ransomes Lioness, c/w box and thrower plate. C: Andrew Field. T: 01962 735227 (Alresford)#

JP hand mower, c/w box, 1937. C: Mrs I Moller. T: 01243 781486 (Chichester)#

12" Ransomes Ajax. C: David Porter. T: 01329 832048 (Hampshire)#

24" and 30" Dennis cricket club mowers, c1950, recently retired, free to collector. C: Dave. T: 01582 872101 (Luton)#

Ransomes Ajax Mk3, c/w box. C: Judy Graves. T: 01732 864051. E: judy@recruitmentpartnership.co.uk (Edenbridge)#

Shanks Britisher. C: Albert Haywood. T: 01543 572345. E: polly@pahaywood.wanadoo.co.uk (Cannock)#

Greens Silens Messor. C: Di Hubbard. T: 07956 41547. E: di.hubbard@tiscali.co.uk #

Suffolk Swift, c/w box, 1950s/60s. C: Rachel Bullimore. T: 01474 813836. E: r.bullimore@btopenworld.com (Gravesend)#

JP Maxees. C: Gordon Scott. T: 01463 239655. M: 07831 821663. E: gordon@f-l-f.co.uk (Inverness)#

14" Atco, pre 1939; Qualcast 16, c/w box. C: Anthony Titmarsh. T: 01438 813557 (Knebworth)#

16" Ransomes motor mower, c/w box, c1960. C: D Evette. T: 01223 881367 (Fulbourn)#

25" Hayter rotary, c/w Villiers 4S. C: Stephen Macdiarmid. T: 079895 87447 (Dorking)#

Ransomes Ajax Mk2; Qualcast hand mower; Webb hand mower (two out of three with boxes). C: Mr Timms. T: 01923 827553 (Harefield)# (Check previous)

Sidewheel mower, unknown make. C: Colin Glendinning. T: 01582 705597 (Dunstable)#

12" Brill 'Cutwell', no box, c1930s, £40; 10" Suffolk Viceroy, c/w box, 1960s, £16; 12" Ransomes Atlas, c/w box, c1940s, £40; 12" Ransomes Atlas, early model with wooden box, £40; 14" Ransomes Leo, no box, £40; 14" Ransomes Leo, no box or name plate, £35; 12" Ransomes Ajax Mk 4, c/w box, £40; 12" Ransomes Cellic electric mower, c/w box, £15; 7" Ransomes Lion, no box, £40; 2x12" Greens Junior, with wooden box, £35 each; Greens Prince, c/w box, 1920s, £55; Greens Monitor, c/w box, 1960s, £15; Greens Zephyr, £55; 12" JP Maxees, c/w box, no 2CC G74, £35; 12" Atco, no box, c1940s/50s, £20; 14" Atco, c/w box, 1960s, £20; 13" Shanks New Britisher, no box, £80; 2xWebb Whippet, c/w box, £15 each; 10" Webb Wasp, c/w box, £15; Follows and Bate A40, £15; Andrews Edger, c/w JAP engine, £10; spare parts including two coils and points sets for 98 cc Villiers, 9" and 11" Atco fuel tanks, two Atco Air filters - one small, one wide screw thread mesh type £3.00 each, three brass taps for tanks sold singly or as lot - £3.50 each or £9.00 for all three, five Villiers carbs. C: Ian Gibbs. T: 01423 863969. E: ian.gibbs8@ntlworld.com (Knaresborough)#

Royal Enfield motor mower, gear drive model. C: Jody Howells. E: mail@sabbath41.freeserve.co.uk (Leominster)#

Atco motor mower, c/w JAP 4S, 1930s/40s, no mag. C: JD Horne. T: 0252 713902 (Farnham)#

17" Super Suffolk Punch Dual Drive. C: Frank Talbot. T: 01656 862879. E: FrankTTalbot@aol.com (Bridgend)#

16" Ransomes motor mower, no box. C: Fred Gill. T: 01234 741156. E: fredk.gill@btinternet.com (Bedford)#

30" Ransomes cylinder mower, c/w Kohler 4S. No name. T: 01782 393232 (Stoke-on-Trent)#

Atco Standard. C: Beverley Curtins. T: 01992 711486 (Essex)#

Webb Whippet. C: Mr Parker. T: 01327 811446 (Towcester)#

Qualcast Super Panther, c/w box. C: Lydia Nightingale. T: 0161 445 6459 (Manchester)#

Atco kick start, 1950s, no box. C: JD Wills. T: 01392 677581 (Exeter)#
Ransomes Ajax Mk3, c/w box. C: Mrs Whitfield. T: 0117 962 3476 (Bristol)#

16" JP Super motor mower. C: Mr Taylor. T: 01280 840697 (Brackley)#
Morrison motor mower, c/w box, c1970. C: P Lovell. T: 07860 307881 (Silverstone)#

Spares for small air cooled engines, inc Villiers, JPA, BSA etc. C: Marcus Allarton. T: 0121 550 3160. E: villiersman@hotmail.co.uk (Birmingham)#

Allen Scythe. C: David Palmer. T: 01865 711993 (Oxford)#

12" Drummond Willing Worker. C: Giles. T: 01269 824954 (Swansea)#

14" Greens motor mower, c/w Villiers engine, c1950s, pay by donation to charity. C: Marcus Worthington. T: 01995 640690 (Day)(Preston)#

24" Victa cylinder mower, no box. C: Ray Bird. T: 01228 670290 (Hexham)#

19 Suffolk Squire/Corporation, 1950s. C: Mike Bradley. T: 01638 741928 (Cambridge)#

Webb Witch, 1960s. C: John Marshall. T: 01482 505002 (Hull)#

Ransomes Twenty Four Mk1, No DM1336, c/w box and roller seat. C: Peter Gibson. T: 01280 703603 (Brackley)#

14" JP Maxees, c/w box and manual, Previously owned by George Hole, Wimbledon Umpire. C: Robert McSweeney. T: 0208 949 2365. (Motspur Park)#

Webb Witch. C: S Rata. T: 0208 907 4846. E: mail@rata.fslife.co.uk (Harrow)#

26" Atco Standard, c/w Villiers 2S and box; 17" Suffolk Punch, c1970. C: R Parkinson. T: 01763 243274 (Royston)#

16" Ransomes motor mower, c/w Blackburn 4S, c1928 plus similar for spares; Two Royal Enfield motor mowers, c/w Villiers 2S. C: A Gibson. T: 07855 381347 (Ludlow)#

10" JP Minimow, 1960s, c/w box. C: Basil Cronin. T: 01282 698357 (Burnley)#

Villiers engine with round cast aluminium bottom, rotary, . blue, pull start. Free to good home. C: John. T: 01454 228442. (Bristol)#

14" Shay Four In Hand, c/w box. C: Peter Sloggett. T: 01707 870717 (Day). (Potters Bar)#

JP Maxees. C: Mrs Meg Thompson. T: 01622 884448 (Maidstone)#

Webb Wizard; Webb 230 Electric. C: Mr Gulfoyle. T: 01933 224167 (Wellingborough)#

Two Dennis, both 1950s, one with seat. C: John Edwards. T: 01536 742482. M: 0780 3261347 (Kettering)#

1950s Atco 20", c/w box. C: Tony Bashford. T: 01908 551637 (Milton Keynes)#

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Ransomes 14" Light Motor Mower K806. C: Jim Grantham. T: 01623 882180 (Newark)#

Ransomes Lioness, Mk1, c/w box, free. C: Michael Ryan. T: 020 86846714 (Thornton Heath)#

Webb Witch, c1970, c/w grass box and tools. C: Mrs Walton. T: 0121 308 4681 (Birmingham)#

18" Atco Standard, c/w box, spare engine and cutting cylinder, c1928. Was given to proprietors of KLG plugs in 1929 in return for supply of plugs to Atco, £75. C: Brian Plumpton. T: 01297 678333 (Axminster)#

12" Ransomes Ajax, c/w box; 12" Greens Monitor, c/w box. C: Mr Coles. T: 01296 624493 (Wendover)#

17" Atco battery mower, c/w box but no charger lead, 1964. C: Robert Priestley. T: 07861 211008. E: abrahamson@tiscali.co.uk #

24" Dennis, no 194Z58, c/w box. C: Patrick Bogue. T: 01258 450746 (Stourpaine)#

JP Super MkIV motor mower; Motor hoe with Atco/Villiers engine. C: R Lane. T: 01707 650236 (Potters Bar)#

Qualcast Panther, c1970, free. C: Harry Fenton. T: 0208 421 1627 (Harrow)#

21" Atco kick start, 1950s. C: Alan Mair. T: 07751947381. E: alan@amair4.wanadoo.co.uk (Aberdeen)#

Qualcast Super Panther Electric, c/w box. C: Andy Shaw. T: 07977 074261. E: andrewf_shaw@hotmail.com (Litchfield)#

Atco motor mower, 1930s, c/w "straight-through" kick start, no box; 12" Ransomes Patent Gear Automaton, c/w box. C: Angus Stewart. T: 01986 892128. E: angus.stewart@ntlworld.com (Bungay)#

Two Qualcast Panthers, 1950s. C: Mike Roberts. T: 01293 400656. E: anmike@gotadsl.co.uk (Crawley)#

Allen Scythe, £50ono. C: Alistair Baird. 01436 676043. E: bairda@supanet.com (Paisley)#

Ransomes Antelope, c/w BSA engine. C: Richard Saffell. T: 01332 812013. E: dick@campbellsci.co.uk (Castle Donington)#

14" Atco motor mower, c/w box, 1952, £40. C: Brian Tansley. T: 01462 811645. E: brianandsylvia@btopenworld.com (Bedford)#

JP Super, c/w box, 1940s. C: Geoff Wells. T: 01275 46 2627. E: geoff.wells@hft.org.uk (Bristol)#

Atco kick start, 1950s. C: Geoff Thompson. T: 01325 382486. E: G.H.Scruffy@btopenworld.com (Darlington)#

Pennsylvania sidewheel hand mower. C: Gorden Abercrombie. E: jgnm.abercrombie@virgin.net (Hampshire)#

Ransomes Ajax Mk5, c/w box. C: Harry Walton. T: 01925 837350. E: Hawal@aol.com (Warrington)#

24" Atco kick start, c/w box, 1950s. C: Helen Jefferson. T: 01480 353224. E: helen.jefferson1@ntlworld.com (Huntingdon)#

14" Ransomes Lightweight Mk4 motor mower, c/w box. C: Geoff Williams. T: 01491-838651. E: GWilli9114@aol.com (Wallingford)#

Atcoscythe, free. C: Ian Richards. T: 01394383406. E: ecopt@btopenworld.com (Suffolk)#

Ransomes Mk1 motor mower, c/w box, unknown size, no AJ2631, c/w Sturmey Archer engine no 7441. C: James Harris. T: 01543 256968. E: james_harris@fsmail.net (Cannock)#

Dille McGuire hand mower, possibly dated 1906. C: Jennifer Brown. T: 001 231 845 5315. E: vigiljen@yahoo.com (USA)#

Webb Wasp, c/w box and information sheet, c1955. C: Jim Winter. T: 0115 9211989 (Nottingham)#

JP Super MkIV, c/w booklet; Villiers-powered mower, c/w booklet. C: Julia Hodson. T: 01572 747411. E: hodsonjulia@hotmail.com (Oakham)#

Allen Scythe, c1960. C: John Lutkin. T: 07773 661334 (Brighton)#

Presto sidewheel, c/w box; Ransomes Ajax Mk5, c/w box. Both free in return for contribution to Oxfam. C: Malcolm Carmichael. E: malcolm.carmichael@ntlworld.com (Stafford)#

24" Dennis, c/w box and trailer seat, c1939. C: Martin Madelin. T: 01932 562065. E: MartinM@rbk.kingston.gov.uk (Chertsey)#

12" Valor Ironcrete. C: Mr Parker. 01746 764164 (Bridgnorth)#

Allen Scythe, c/w cutter, snow plough and 4S engine, £100. C: Mick Walmsley. T: 07799 474473 (Bradford)#

Qualcast 16, c/w box. C: David Chappell. T: 01769 560492 (Devon)#

Atco kick start, 1950s, free. C: Nigel Mathewson. T: 01934 513620. E: mathewson.worle@virgin.net (Weston-Super-Mare)#

14" Ransomes motor mower, c1966, c/w box, £50ovno. C: Paul Spreadbury. T: 01628 673373. E: paulspreadbury@btinternet.com (Maidenhead)#

12" Atco kick start, c/w box, 1948. C: Pete Bate. T: 01889 881574. E: ep.bate@speed-mail.co.uk (Stafford)#

Unusual rotary mower, c/w Briggs & Stratton engine, wire wheels. C: Peter O'Connell. E: little_ocky@yahoo.co.uk (Midhurst)#

BSA lawn mower engine, rope-pull start. C: Phillip Lacey. T: 0034 609 42 75 70. E: philllacey@hotmail.com (Spain - Engine in Ely, UK)#

Greens Zephyr, c/w box. C: Ray Watson. T: 0151 644 8519. E: raymondo1953@hotmail.com (Liverpool)#

17" Atco kick start, c/w box, 1951. C: Richard Price. T: 07900 251856. E: rwhp100@hermes.cam.ac.uk (Cambridge)#

14" Ransomes Sprite, c/w box and operating manuals. C: Richard Woolley. E: richard.woolley1966@btinternet.com (Stratford-on-Avon)#

Selection of spares for Suffolk Colt/Punch inc engines, cylinders, bottom blades etc, ideally sell as job lot, £75. C: Samantha Rowe. T: 01782 511505. M: 07779 182079. E: sam.rowe4@ntlworld.com (Stoke-on-Trent)#

Qualcast Commodore, c/w operating manual, c1965. C: Chris Sullivan. T: 01895 622445. E: c.sullivan@virgin.net (Uxbridge)#

Webb hand mower, free. C: Tim Kent. 01233 635447. E: timkerlyn@wanadoo.fr (Ashford)#

30" Dennis. C: Tony Tyson-Banks. T: 01823 421 477. E: tonyytson_banks@yahoo.co.uk (Taunton)#

Wide range of surplus spares. C: Tony Wilkinson. T: 01304 611000. E: wilki1@wilki1.freeserve.co.uk (Sandwich)#

Important Note: To cut down text even more, non-members are now designated by the # symbol.

C: = Name; T: = Telephone; M: = Mobile; E: = Email; F: = Fax; # = Non-Member (new designation)

WANTED

Ransomes Certes hand push. mowers, any models. C: David Bolland. T: 0161 427 5669 (Manchester).

Side handles and grass box (or one to borrow to copy) for 16" Ransomes Certes Mk3. C: Richard Dent. T: 01525 385374 (Leighton Buzzard).

Wanted grass box and chain case for green monitor. Carb . and fittings for Dennis premier mk1. C: Darryl Snow. T: 01538 756921 (Leek).

Boxes for 16" JP Super, 12" JP Super, 12" Ransomes Ajax Mk 5, 12" Ransomes Anglia, 12" Drummond Willing Worker (nameplate also required), 14" Greens Silens Messor, 16" Shanks Firefly, 16" Ransomes Mk 4b. Will pay going rate plus postage to Ireland. C: Tony Lennon. T: 00 353 56 7767735. E: tonylennon9@eircom.net (Ireland).

Pre-1930 Greens, Shanks motor or push mowers. Can part exchange several duplicates in our collections such as 1924 square tank Dennis, and several others. Distance no object. C: Dusty Miller. T: 023 92632620. E: dusty@pmiller7.fsnet.co.uk (Hampshire).

Allen scythe accessories, manuals, tools etc, especially spraying attachment. Will take complete machine if necessary; grass box for 14" Atco Standard in good condition. Will take complete machine if good, original example. C: Mark Baigent. T: 01425 475452. E: m_baigent@hotmail.com E: mark.baigent@nhs.net (Ringwood).

Magneto for Ransomes Mk4. C: Kevin Phillips. T: 07949 260982 (MK).

Sprocket for Atco Standard drive shaft, cutting cylinder end. C: Stuart Webb. T: 01962 879347 (Winchester)(NM).

Grass box for 18" Ransomes Marquis. C: Dave Gerrett. T: 01332 781141. E: gerrett@keperralodge.wanadoo.co.uk (Derby)#

Allen Scythe. C: John Macken. E: johnmacken@btconnect.com #

Sprockets (or complete mower for spares) for 17" Suffolk Super Punch, must be cheap. C: Jamie Hartridge. T: 01329 833206. E: Jamie.Hartridge@waitrose.com (Hampshire)#

Grass box for Webb Wasp. C: Paul Baxter. E: baxtersat6@btdigitaltv.com (Dartford)#

Front rollers and associated brackets for Qualcast Panther. C: Tony Bradshaw. E: tony_bradshaw@btconnect.com #

Grassbox for Webb Wasp. C: Kevin Reeves. E: kevin.reeves@blueyonder.co.uk (Solihull)#

Stator plate or complete Villiers engine for 14" JP Sunbeam. C: Jeff Lockhart. T: 07795 332690. E: Thebarrelboy@aol.com (Rotherham)#

ADVERT FORMATS

As the number of adverts continues to grow could I ask everyone (especially anyone that send details by email) to send information in the same format as the standard layout. I have been using the same format for over ten years now so you should know what they look like and it will save me considerable time when compiling the listings. Thanks.

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MAINLY MOWERS: DENNIS SPARES

Geoffrey Brooks has asked us to pass on the news that he is no longer trading as Mainly Mowers. His stock of spares for Z type machines has been acquired by fellow OLC member, Christopher Saunders-Davis (01794 512459/ csd@testvalleytrout.co.uk) while spares for Premier models have been passed to Dennis in Derby (01332 824777). Geoffrey is still able to offer what he calls "Dennis Master Classes" if anyone needs technical advice. He can be contacted on 01732 838770.

SOUVENIRS

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Car Sticker (round)	£1.00
Exhibit Log Sheet	£0.10
Loan of Banner (must be booked)	Free

PUBLICATIONS

Calendar 2005	£2.50
Directory of Lawnmower Models & Manufacturers (can be supplied on 3.5in PC disk on request)	£6.00
Set of seven old black and white photographs	£10.00

TRANSFERS

Atco Standard Transfers (set of 4)	£10.00
Atco Standard Transfers (set of 6)	£15.00
Atco Standard Transfers (individual)	£3.00
<i>(these are 1920s Atco Standards, set of four for mowers without grass box, set of six for mowers with grass box)</i>	
Atco "Cutter Release"	£2.00
<i>(76x23mm, for use on some Atco Standard rear roller chain sprockets)</i>	
Atco "Normal" (c162x41mm)	£4.00
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Atco "Normal" (c75x19mm)	£4.00
<i>(The later ATCO transfers on mowers from the late 1920s onwards)</i>	
Atco "George VI Crest" (111x170mm)*	£10.00
Automower (149x97mm, gold, black, red)	£6.00
Folbate*	£3.00
<i>(163x27mm, red lettering, black edges, gold background)</i>	
JP "Super Lawnmowers"	£3.00
<i>(75x123mm, oval with wording around edge)</i>	
JP "Normal"	£3.00
<i>(52x103mm, oval, green, gold, black, no surrounding lettering)</i>	
JP "Minimower V1"	£3.00
<i>(73x44mm, oval for some Minimowers, straight lettering)</i>	
JP "Minimower V2"	£3.00
<i>(80x45mm, oval for some Minimowers, italic lettering)</i>	
JP "Maxees Oval V1"*	£3.00
<i>(115x55mm, oval, Maxees larger than JP)</i>	
JP "Maxees Oval V2"*	£3.00
<i>(110x63mm, oval, JP larger than Maxees)</i>	
JP "Maxees Scraper"* (122x41mm)	£3.00
JP "Maxees Sideplate"* (123x60mm)	£3.00
Pull Fast-Return Slow	£1.50
<i>(49x19mm, red/yellow for 1960s models)</i>	
Qualcast: Panther Chain Cover (254x126mm)	£7.00
Qualcast: Panther "Panther On Logo"	£5.00
<i>(129x108mm, for Panther/Super Panther)</i>	
Ransomes "Scroll" (130mm)	£2.00
Ransomes "Scroll" (200mm)	£3.00
Ransomes "Grey Crest"	£4.00
<i>(70x90mm, rectangular for some later models)</i>	
Ransomes "Oil Levels"* (Assorted ovals, gold/black)	£3.00
Royal Enfield (190x126mm, rectangular for boxes)	£8.00
Suffolk Super Punch 17" Dual Drive	£10.00
<i>(202x190mm, for grass box)</i>	
Suffolk Punch Dual Drive Mk7	£10.00
<i>(228x223mm, for grass box)</i>	
Suffolk "14 Super Punch Mod"*	£6.00
<i>(35x170mm, red/gold/yellow/black modern design)</i>	
Suffolk "Super Colt Modern"*	£6.00
<i>(135x170mm, red/gold/yellow/black modern design)</i>	
Suffolk "Punch Modern"	£3.00
<i>(86x95mm, gold with black edge to lettering)</i>	
Webb "Wizard"* (197x62mm)	£3.00

Designs marked * are new. Members can view colour versions at: www.oldlawnmowerclub.co.uk/transfers/transfer.htm

If you have original transfers that the Club could borrow to copy for the benefit of other members contact Keith at usual address.

ORDERING ITEMS

Send orders for all souvenirs to Keith Wootton, Old Lawnmower Club, 7 Church Lane, Cold Higham, Towcester, Northamptonshire NN12 8LS. Allow 28 days for delivery. **Cheques payable to: 'The Old Lawnmower Club'. PayPal and Nochex accepted (send email for details).**

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The Hall & Duck Trust can provide information on almost any make and model of lawn mower. For just £6 per machine they will search their extensive information archive and provide copies of documents found, dates of manufacture and more. Special rates for multiple queries. Please make cheques payable to "The Hall & Duck Trust". Send queries with cheques to: Andrew Hall, Archivist, The Hall & Duck Trust, 16 Malcolm Road, Wimbledon, London SW19 4AS
T: 0208 946 8036/E: archivist@hdtrust.co.uk/W: www.hdtrust.co.uk

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Robbie sent out the membership renewals during June. If you received a notice and did not rejoin this will be the last Grassbox you receive. Membership runs from 1 June to 31 May each year and lapses for those who do not rejoin by the end of July. Members who joined between 1 January and 31 May did not receive a renewal notice and do not need to rejoin until 2006.

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

The new Annual Directory of Members is sent out with this Grassbox. It's our biggest ever and - judging by the results of our survey - many of you find it very useful when contacting other enthusiasts.

As always we have only included details of members who agreed to participate by ticking the appropriate box on their membership/renewal form. We do it this way to ensure that you have to make a positive indication to be included. There's less chance of us upsetting someone. However, I suspect that some of the 100 or more people who have not been included this year either missed the box or misunderstood the nature of the directory and would like to be included in updates and future editions. If so, let me (that's Keith if you hadn't realised) or Robbie know and we will update the database. Similarly, with 450 people included I am sure there are a few mistakes or corrections required. Let me know and we will put them right.

I've mentioned elsewhere that we had a lot of members joining this year and for the first time ever we ran out of Membership Directories (and the other booklets for that matter) before the new version was ready. This presented a few logistical problems but by sending this booklet out to everyone we should be back on track. I have also looked at ways of ensuring we don't run out of stocks in the future. Basically the solution is a combination of electronic versions, for members who join via the website, and printed copies. The Membership Directory will be printed for everyone each year for the foreseeable future I believe.

COLOUR SECTION NEXT TIME

I had intended to include the annual "colour supplement" with this edition but it soon became apparent when I started work that the advert sheet was going to be much bigger than normal. I therefore decided to increase the size to four pages so that there was enough room to include all of the adverts, the usual club souvenirs section, a few additional bits and the report on the questionnaire results. This means that this edition of Grassbox is in some ways the "biggest" ever. It's also the first time that the "For Sale" section has spread over more than one page, even with cutting the margins to the barest minimum. As for the colour section, don't worry, I will be working on this in time for the next edition which I fully intend will be out in time for Christmas.

ADVERTISEMENTS

I receive a lot of feedback about the advertisements, from members of the club and happy sellers who have used us to find a good home for their machines. Lots of people simply want to give their mowers away. Others are clearly using the club to sell machines for a profit. I have always been reluctant to include prices in the adverts for a number of reasons. I am not an expert on values and sooner rather than later I would probably annoy a club member by giving a misleading (which from a buyer's perspective means higher) valuation. I am often asked by "sellers" to suggest a suitable asking price but I am reluctant to do this because I don't see why I should - the market (ie you) dictates the price. Also, if I give even a hint of my estimate this quickly gets turned into "Keith said it was worth..." or "The OLC told me...". This is why adverts don't generally have prices. It's up to you to agree a price with the seller. I'm not responsible for their actions, or yours. All I can do is include everything that comes in here and try and be as accurate as possible with details. But there are exceptions. If people know what they want to ask I will normally include the price they had in mind (there's quite a few examples this time round). And I will always include prices for a member's advert if they want to include them, no questions asked.

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Autumn 2005 – October 2005 **MY, WHAT AN INTERESTING GROUP WE ARE!**

Dick Hardwick reports on the findings of the questionnaire sent out with the membership renewals this summer.

Everybody who had a subscription renewal reminder earlier in the year (450 of the current 500 'ish members) also got a questionnaire on their mower activities and their likes and dislikes with Club 'services'. Exactly 50% were returned and I have been analysing them to help assess ideas for future Club activities. Here is his initial report. There is more work to do, with details to follow in a future Grassbox.

Unless otherwise stated all percentages are referenced to the number of replies (225). It isn't valid to conclude that similar results apply across the whole membership; doing so would probably give significant over estimates.

The first question looked at events and our involvement. 36% of respondents said they took at least one mower to at least one event in the past 12 months. Assuming that they were displayed and not just left in the car boot, that is quite a visible public presence, even if our AGM is (probably) one of the events many of us included. Some members were super-active taking mower(s) to more than 20 events!

About the same number of people (37%) remembered attending at least one event, at sometime or other, where there was recognisable Club involvement (not necessarily in the last 12 months). Of these, 38% were part of that activity. This might also be at the AGM of course.

However, these results suggest opportunity for members to show their mowers as part of a Club 'thing', rather than in isolation. Maybe more members will make arrangements as a local/regional initiative, with a supply of leaflets, banners, memorabilia etc. from 'central stores' as already happens at a number of events.

The next question, about Club service preferences, was a bit long winded IF you did it completely. Some people decided that they liked all ten choices best (I don't think anybody said they didn't like anything though!). Many sensibly gave up after deciding their top 3 or 4.

Not surprisingly Grassbox was the first choice benefit for 68% of us. What was encouraging though was that most of the other services the Club provides figured significantly in the first three choices – with the notable exception of souvenirs (badges, stickers, etc) and Club clothing. I wonder who bought the £1657 of stock sold over the last nine years! Having said that, 25% claim to have bought clothing in the final section of the survey.

The Smartgroup email discussion group isn't popular (yet?), compared with the Club website which 54% of responding members have visited recently. Remember you can get Internet access at libraries (and via friends & family) - you are not barred from looking just because you don't own a computer.

Responses about a supply of spare parts for popular mowers were not very forthcoming although 25% showed some interest, with some useful suggestions that will be studied further.

All in all some interesting and useful results. BUT we must remember a version of the old saying "*there's lies, damn lies, statistics and Old Lawnmower Club questionnaire results*".

Now, how do we get to know what the 50% of members who haven't replied, do, like and want?

If your questionnaire is still in your 'to do' pile it's not too late to complete & return it, this week please, preferably to Robbie Robinson (see address in main Grassbox). We can then add the results from your form to the overall findings.

Keith adds: I'd like to thank everyone who took the time to fill in the forms. The results are a great help in confirming some of our suspicions and also in suggesting where improvements are perhaps needed. I'd also like to thank Dick for offering to go through the forms and for writing this assessment of the findings. There's obviously lots to think about. As Dick mentioned, even when we have extended this second section to four pages from the normal two there is still barely enough space to include all of the information so we may have further analysis of the results in a future edition.

OLD LAWNMOWER CLUB QUESTIONNAIRE 2005 – DATA

All figures and percentages are based on 225 respondents. In certain tables the 0+ column indicates number of respondents who attended an event where the club was present but who did not exhibit their own mowers. For example, in first table 38 members attended an event - but did not show any mowers of their own - where the club was present.

ATTENDANCE AT EVENTS

No of events attended	0	0+	1-4	5-7	8-10	11+	Totals	Total
Attended events with own mowers in last 12 months	105	38	49	16	11	6	82	36%
Attended one or more events where OLC was exhibiting.	0	38	29	10	3	4	84	37%
If so, did you exhibit your own mowers at an event where club was exhibiting	0	0	18	7	2	5	32	38%

RANKING OF PREFERENCES FOR CLUB FACILITIES

Service	Preference	1st	2nd	3rd
Membership directory		14 (7%)	42 (21%)	41 (21%)
Directory of Mowers		13 (6%)	42 (21%)	36 (19%)
Grassbox		137 (68%)	30 (15%)	17 (8%)
Info books		6 (3%)	13 (6%)	24 (13%)
Smartgroup e-mail		2 (1%)	2 (1%)	4 (2%)
Souvenir clothing		0 (0%)	0 (0%)	3 (2%)
Badges, stickers		0 (0%)	2 (1%)	3 (2%)
Advice		19 (9%)	32 (16%)	30 (16%)
Transfers		5 (2%)	19 (9%)	13 (7%)
Website		6 (3%)	21 (10%)	19 (10%)
Insurance (not on form but mentioned by several respondents)		1 (1%)	0 (0%)	1 (0%)
Total		203	203	191

For simplicity the table only includes the numbers of first, second and third preferences. The first number in each column is the total number of respondents indicating the specific preference while the number in () brackets is the percentage of respondents indicating the preference out of 225.

WHICH ITEMS HAVE YOU BOUGHT FROM THE CLUB?

Action	Number	%
Bought Transfers	72	32%
Bought Clothing	56	25%
Visited Club Website	122	54%
Used Members Directory To Contact Members	135	60%
Interested in at least one type of spares on list	57	25%