

ADVERTISEMENTS FOR SALE

Atco Standard Oval Frame, slight damage to rear roller otherwise good, £90; 8" Greens Silens Messor complete with chain, £65; 12" Silens Messor, spares or repair, £20; 10" Ransomes Patent Chain Automaton, requires one weld, £40; Two Ransomes Conquests, £5 each; early 1930s Atco Lightweight, with starting handle, £25; 1930s Ransomes 42" ride-on mower, re-engined with Morris engine, c/w grass box, a big project not for the light hearted, £300; 1930s 24" Ransomes with Sturmev Archer engine, c/w spare engine, all in need of some TLC, £55; Drummond Willing Worker, no scraper plate, £15; 20" Ransomes Mk4b, running order, an easy restoration with box, £110; 11" Ransomes Leo sidewheel, spare or repair, £10. C: Andrew Grout. T: 01908 583350. (Aspley Guise).

Atco Standard "Oval Frame"; 12" JP Maxees MK4; 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 (SW 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)

12" Ransomes Anglia, c/w box; 14" Qualcast Panther Electric, c/w box (would take 12" Panther in part exchange for this one). C: Jeff Herridge. T: 01403 700599 (Billingshurst).

24" Dennis Paragon, c/w Villiers kick start engine; 14" Atco Standard, no box; 16" Atco Standard, c/w box. C: AJ Carter. T: 01992 551221 (Hertford).

10" Presto sidewheel. C: Rick Brown. T: 01763 272404 (Buntingford)#

Hayter ride on rotary for slopes and banks, c1950. Believed to be unusual, possibly prototype of model never produced; stationary engine; Snowbird Snowblower. C: Michael Eames. T: 0208 851 5180 (London).

Monrotiller. C: Duncan Petford. T: 01384 253741 (Dudley)#

Quantity of new Gutbrod motor mowers, c/w two stroke engines, leaf sucker/blowers, aerators and rotovators. C: Paul. T: 01327 353322 (Towcester)#

10" or 12" Ransomes Chain Automaton Minor, c/w box. C: Ray Williamson. T: 01932 820252. E: ray.williamson@btopenworld.com (Weybridge)#

18" Ransomes Marquis Mk2 motor mower, No CR2151, c/w box. C: Peter Harrison. T: 01204 853333. E: PeterNHarrison@aol.com (Bolton)#

Presto Rollmo Six-Eighteen hand mower, c/w box. C: Nick Chambers. T: 020 8333 7714. E: nicholas@chambers4572.fsnet.co.uk (Catford)#

24" Webb motor mower, c1960, c/w box. C: Brian Wilcox. T: 01635 248564. E: brian@bjwrookery.wanadoo.co.uk (Newbury)#

12" Suffolk Colt Dual Drive, c1965, c/w box, running; 12" Suffolk motor mower; 12" Qualcast Panther. C: Mike Spearman. T: 01622 729 887. E: mike.spearman@virgin.net (Maidstone)#

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

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)

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)

Qualcast Panther. C: John Alderton. T: 020 8248 6432. E: jalderton@ntlworld.com (Ealing)#

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

Shanks Eagle, no box. C: Tony Harper. T: 01223 742360. E: ach33@cam.ac.uk (Cambridge)#

Atco kick start, 1950s. C: Tom McKinnon. T: 01536 500265. E: gimpy2@ntlworld.com (Kettering)#

Selection of parts for Howard and Victa machines. C: Simon at Garden Machines, Northampton. T: 01604 713977. E: parts@gardenmachinesltd.co.uk (Northampton)#

Hayter bank mower. C: Michael Eames T: 07711 421544

18" Atco Standard, running, c/w box, c1928. C: Angus Robertson T: 01738 710477 (Perth)#

Webb Electric. C: Sheila Sive T: 0113 266 6346 (Leeds)#

Ransomes Ajax Mk3, c/w box. C: Mrs Whitfield T: 0117 962 3476

22"/24" Atco Standard, c/w box, £120. C: Brian Bignell T: 01296 681242 (Aylesbury)#

14" Atco kick start, 1950s, c/w box, original handbook and some spares. C: Chris Tolman. T: 01788 822643. M: 07970 795155. E: chris@tolmanmotorsport.co.uk (Rugby)#

24" Dennis motor mower, c1939. C: Joe Power. E: joe.power@ntlworld.com (Surrey)#

20" Atco motor mower, pre 1939, c/w box; 24" Allen Champion rotary. C: Jim Brown. T: 01594 826266. E: ames@brown9003.fsfile.co.uk (Gloucester)#

Grass box for 12" Qualcast Panther. C: Gordon Massey. T: 0151 4245928. E: treemassey@yahoo.co.uk (Widnes)#

WANTED

Drive belt cover for Qualcast Powered Panther. C: Gavin Wilson. T: 01259 730008 (Alloa).

Clinton or Villiers engine (or suitable replacement) for Ransomes Typhoon. C: Bill Galley. T: 01624 482706 (Isle of Man).

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 Greens 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 1940 lawn mowers. Anything considered except Atco including individual machines and whole collections. Write to Michael Duck, 1 Belmont Terrace, Shepton Beauchamp, Somerset TA19 0JX.

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).

Scraper plate for 12" Ransomes Ajax Mk5. C: John Clarke. M: 07976 288892. E: johnclarke22@hotmail.com (Preston)#

Webb Witch to use. C: Judith Adcock. E: frederick@fadcock.wanadoo.co.uk #

Important Note: C = Name; T = Telephone; M = Mobile; E = Email; F = Fax; # = Non-Member

When submitting adverts for Grassbox please use the following format: size and name of machine, supporting details inc presence of grass box, contact name, telephone number, email address, location. Thanks.

SOUVENIRS

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Polo Shirt or Pilot Shirt (available small, medium, large, extra large)	£14.00
Baseball Cap	£6.00
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Pin Badge	£2.00
Key Fob	£1.00
Car Sticker (round)	£1.00
Exhibit Log Sheet	£0.10
Loan of Banner (must be booked)	Free

PUBLICATIONS

Calendar 2006 (A4 or A3 - please state)	£3.50
Directory of Lawnmower Models	£6.00
& Manufacturers (can be supplied on 3.5in PC disk on request)	
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
Atco "Normal" (c133x34mm)	£4.00
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

Members can view colour versions of transfer on the Club website 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). Sorry, but we won't be able to supply items in time for Christmas if you order them after receiving this Grassbox.**

THE PERFECT BOTTOM BLADE

Last winter I was restoring a 12" Ransomes Patent Chain Automaton but all the time I was cleaning and repainting the metal bits I was aware of a hurdle that had to be overcome before I could finish the project: the bottom blade was rusted away. This was crucial for the restoration because my intention has always been to use the mower at events, perhaps in conjunction with my mower pusher (that's another story).

I've been aware of Garfitts in Sheffield for some time and had recommended them to other collectors on a number of occasions. For those who don't know, Garfitts supplies bottom blades and hundreds of other items for all sorts of new and older mower to businesses throughout the UK. Of course I could have called them to find out if they could help but knew they prefer to deal with "accounts" or "trade customers". But it struck me that other people in the club might need the sort of item they supplied and perhaps we should be organising some kind of service. By coincidence Richard Jones also had the same idea and suggested it to me at the Annual Rally in May. I told him about my bottom blade (with the basic measurements) and he managed to get a few other orders from members over the weekend. A few weeks later, we had set up an account and Richard had placed the first order. The items duly arrived, including the bottom blade, and I was able to finish off the mower. All I needed to do was drill holes in the blade in the right position, countersink them and insert the screws that Garfitts also sent. It was as simple as that. I'd already reground the cylinder so once the mower is reassembled (one of this winter's projects) I should have a fully operational 100 year old mower to show in 2006.

Garfitts supplied Richard and me with a CD containing a complete catalogue of their items. All you need to do is contact Richard (rather than me thanks) and he will be able to check whether the item is available, confirm the price and place the order on your behalf. Once the item has been delivered to the club we'll work out the final price including postage and send it to you. In addition to the parts in the catalogue they can supply almost any bottom blade to your own specification. As a guide, the 12" bottom blade for the Patent Chain Automaton cost around £15 including the screws and postage which I think represents tremendously good value. You can only order items through the club by speaking with Richard. For further information and to discuss what is available please contact him at:

02392 598601 or richard.jones@oldlawnmowerclub.co.uk

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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

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 this year and do not need to rejoin until 2006.

MOWER DIRECTORY UPDATES

Chris Thompson is working on an updated version of the club's Directory of Mower Models and Manufacturers and would like to include as much new information as possible. If you can supply details of any machine not currently listed, please let Chris know by email on ceejaythom@yahoo.co.uk or via Keith at the usual addresses. Chris is keen to stress that this is a resource for all club members (over 150 have been sold so it must be popular) and the more people that contribute the more useful it becomes. The updated version will be available in early 2006. Details in the next Grassbox.

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