

# ADVERTISEMENTS FOR SALE

- Pennsylvania hand mower (selling for friend). C: Keith Wootton T: 01327 830675 E: keith@oldlawnmowerclub.co.uk (Towcester)
- 14" Ransomes Certes Mk3, good condition but no box; 12" Ransomes Patent Chain, chain rusted, no box; 12" Ransomes Marquis, needs restoring, no box. Available for swapping, either singly or together. C: Richard Jones T: 0239 2598601 M: 07840 552456 (Clanfield)
- 30" Atco standard, 1926, c/w 500cc JAP s/v engine, complete in working order with original Senspray carb, £150; 30" Atco Standard, 1928, dismantled, missing one or two items inc carb and grass box, exhaust bad, could be good restoration project, £45. C: Jon Jackson T: 01524 753007 E: lawnmowerman1@tiscali.co.uk (Preston)
- Warehouse clearance of NEW, shop-soiled Villiers, JAP and BSA engines available including the following models: Villiers Mk7/1, 10, 12, 12/1, C12, 15, 20, C25, C30, C45, F15, Villiers 2S Mk2 MID, 4G, 25C, 25A, 7F; JAP 2A, 2S, 3, 5, 6, 55, 600 SV; JAP 2S 34cc, 80cc; BSA 50cc, Mod 90 Std, Mod 90 reduction gear type, 120cc side-valve Amal, 120cc side-valve Zenith, 420cc; quantity of 50cc engines with missing camshaft, end cover, etc. Prices negotiable. Viewings by appointment please. Will ship anywhere, please ask for quote. Large stock of spares also available. C: Gordon B. Davenport T: 01743 462950 E: enquiries@davenport.gb.com (Shrewsbury)
- Hayter Osprey, 1976, working but redundant, space needed, so FTGH. C: MR Stephenson T: 01933 624979 (Wellingborough)
- 14" Atco pull start, 1950s; 12" Atco kick start, 1950s; three 14" Atco kick starts, may be 1930s, one with box; 14" Ransomes, c/w BSA 4S engine, 1960s, c/w box; Ransomes motor mower, no SD3619, c/w Sturmey Archer 4S engine, c/w partial box; 12" Hayter Super Electric; 14" Atco kick start, 1930s; 12" Atco crank start; 16" Qualcast motor mower, probably Qualcast 16, vgc; 14" Ransomes Mk3, vgc; 12" motor mower, c/w JAP engine, c1950s; Unknown motor mower, possibly 1930s, c/w Wico square mag; approx 15 Atco Standards, various sizes and conditions, some with boxes, at least one is Oval Frame; Atco transporter trolley; 9" Suffolk Viceroy. Note: these mowers belonged to Tom Catnach who recently died and are being offered by his family. C: J Catnach T: 01733 350547 (Peterborough)
- 20" Hayter Ambassador; 24" Webb, c/w box; 17" JP Super MkIV, c/w box. C: Alan Carter T: 01992 551221 M: 07885 647178 (Hertfordshire)
- 17" JP Super Mk5, c/w box, Villiers F12 sloper engine; 14" Greens Flyweight, c/w box, JAP 2S engine. C: N Dixon T: 01636 812533 (Southwell)
- Hand operated chaff cutter, complete and working, barn stored for over 40 years, made by Smith and Grace of Thrapston, £130.00. C: Toby Sears T: 0118 9421946 M: 07790 533619 E: themings@yahoo.co.uk (Reading)
- Ransomes Marquis 51, s/n QW000560, complete and pristine, £1500 C: Alan King, 395 Chartridge Lane, Chesham, Bucks HP5 2SL (No Phone)#
- Atco motor mower, unknown age. C: Mark Hacking T: 01636 813626 JP Super, c/w box. C: John Ratcliffe T: 01708 470447 M: 07886 120176 (Essex)#
- 24" Dennis, 1927, c/w seat and box, good running order. C: Robert Redman T: 01825 712788 East Sussex)#
- Ransomes gazelle; Ransomes Lion; Ransomes Ajax. C: Terry McGing T: 01582 462709 (Luton)#
- Atco Standard, 1920s; Atco Motor Mower, 1930s. C: CM Follett T: 01983 289819 (Isle of Wight)#
- Atco Standard, c/w box. C: Doug Onyett T: 01992 463246 (Broxbourne)#
- 17" Atco, c1954; 16" Ransomes Certes Mk12. C: MA Butterfield T: 01992 462679 (Waltham Abbey)#
- Ransomes Minor motor mower, 1950s, c/w box. C: David Thompson T: 07860 751161 (Unknown)#
- Dennis, c/w seat and box. C: Kellie Baker T: 07866 908872 (Exeter)#
- 20" Atco?, c/w Villiers engine, probably post 1945. C: Derek Lester T: 07790 528589 (Preston)#
- Atco kick start, 1950s, and other mowers, 1950s. C: D West T: 01453 873515 (Stroud)#
- Ransomes Ajax, c/w box and original leaflet. C: Andrew Keir T: 01432 880701 E: andrew.keir@pershore.ac.uk (Hereford)#
- Ransomes Ajax, c/w box, FTGH. C: Alan Crittenden T: 01495 785304 (Pontypool)#
- 18" Atco, 1960s, c/w box. C: Judy Niven T: 01367 253649 (Lechlade)#
- 14" Ransomes, 1947, c/w box. C: McKenzie T: 01387 262670 (Dumfries)#
- 24" British Anzani, no box. C: SA Behari T: 01746 716620 (Bridgnorth)#
- Lawn spiker. C: R Everton T: 01562 710745 (Halesowen)#
- Atco motor mower, 1950s, £100. C: Patrick Green T: 01473 255675 (Ipswich)#
- 24" Atco Standard, c/w box. C: Paul Newsome T: 01788 817419 (Rugby)#
- 16" Atco, 1935, c/w box; Atco kick start, 1950s, no box. C: Linney T: 01283 840894 (Rugeley)#
- Allen Scythe. C: Mr Ayres T: 01451 831470 (Stow on the Wold)#
- 17" Atco kick start, 1950s, c/w box and high wheel kit. C: W Lewis T: 01295 253634 (Banbury)#
- 14" Atco, model 1464. C: Maria Huff T: 01869 347179 (Dunston)#
- 14" Royal Enfield, pre 1939, no box C: Mike Hobbs T: 01926 813301 (Leamington Spa)#
- 14" Greens motor mower, c1936, no box. C: DM Wood T: 0121 745 5245 (Solihull)#
- 18" Lloyds Pennsylvania, fine turf model, late 1950s. C: Andy Bowen T: 01792 391117 (Swansea)#
- 12" Atco rope start, 1950s/60s. C: NR Staddon T: 01747 870206 (Salisbury)#
- 18" motor mower, unknown make, 1940s, no box, FTGH. C: Dave Hearnden T: 07961 922153 (London)#
- 20" Atco, model 2045, c/w box. C: David Anson T: 01255 673519 (Clacton)#
- Ransomes Lion Badge. C: J Everson T: 01633 614415 (Risca)#
- Villiers 2S engine for mower. C: G Henderson T: 01947 810598 (Yorkshire)#
- 18" Ransomes hand roller mower, unknown model, c/w box. C: DH Luff T: 01305 860155 (Portland)#
- Allen Scythe. C: T Mears T: 01929 462926 (Bovington)#
- 36" Atco motor mower; Qualcast B1. C: Ken Keast T: 01579 342838 (Liskeard)#
- JP, size and model unknown. C: Derek Hazzard T: 02380 561251 (Southampton)#
- Ransomes Ajax. C: David Hewett T: 0208 651 3571 E: david.hewett@btinternet.com (Croydon)#
- Allen Scythe. C: Tom Price T: 07886 465171 E: tompriceuk@yahoo.com (Dry Sandford)#
- Atco Middleweight, c1935, FTGH. C: Derek Hogarth T: 01388 730295 (Bishop Auckland)#
- Husqvarna. C: Andy Post T: 07841 490740 (Suffolk)#
- Tool box for Atco Standard. C: A Cuff T: 01437 741280 (Haverfordwest)#
- Atco kick start, FTGH. C: Chris Ballard T: 01594 836280 (Coleford)#
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- Webb battery electric, c/w box; Ransomes motor mower, 1960s, c/w box. C: Karen Jourdan-Brown T: 0118 933 2317 E: karenjourdan@hotmail.com (Reading)#
- Ransomes Certes Mk6, c/w box. C: Greg Tunesi T: 07703 191719 E: gregtunesi@btinternet.com (Harrogate)#
- 16" JP Simplees B motor mower, complete. C: Alan Davis T: 020 8467 2032 E: alandshe@tiscali.co.uk (Chislehurst)#
- 12" Webb; Drummond Willing Worker; Ransomes Atlas Mk1. C: John Goodman. T: 020 8989 9996 E: johngoodman@ntlworld.com (Wanstead)#
- Large Greens motor mower, 1950s. C: David Hughes. T: 01981 590509 M: 07836 594860 E: Dave.Hughes@nationaltrust.org.uk (National Trust, Swainshill)#
- Greens motor mower, 1950s, no box. C: Ian Thompson T: 0121 378 4100 E: adjit@madasafish.com (Sutton Coldfield)#
- JP Super Mk5 motor mower, complete, c/w replacement Honda engine, FTGH. C: Peter Wheldon T: 0116 2392921 M: 0784 3671657 E: peterwheldon@dsl.pipex.com (Leicester)#
- 17" Suffolk Super Punch, c/w handbook. C: Tom Leggett T: 01428 608171 E: leggett@leggett.plus.com (Grayshott)#
- Greens Master Lightweight motor mower. C: Paul Reynolds T: 07845098912 E: paul.reynolds107@ntlworld.com (Leeds)#
- Atco Bostrum Baltic, 1970s. C: Claire Farrar T: 01767 692096 E: claire.farrar@rspb.org.uk (Sandy)#
- Allen rotary. C: Malcolm Callaghan T: 01446 773154
- 14" Atco, model 1459/60, c/w box; 14" Ransomes, c1950, c/w box and seven blade cylinder. C: Peter Browning T: 01767 640095 (Bedford)#
- 36" Atcoscythe, c1940, open to offers. C: Pete Papworth T: 07889 743110 (Waterbeach)#
- 30" Dennis, 1928, c/w box. C: Mr Butler T: 01638 720381 (Newmarket)#
- 12" Suffolk Punch, c1957, one owner from new. C: Gordon Preston T: 01531 890245 (Gloucestershire)#

14" Atco Lightweight, 1951, plus spare engine & parts. C: Kevin Sainty  
T: 01480 475583 E: kevin.sainty@talktalk.net (St Neots)#

25" Hayter, c/w seat & box. C: Mr Macdiarmid T: 01306 885616  
(Surrey)#

JP mower, unknown model. C: Andrew Egerton T: 0208 882 1583 E:  
andrew@aegerton4.wanadoo.co.uk (London)#

JP Super. C: Bill Reid T: 01224 494293 E:  
shakeybill@laser132.freemove.co.uk (Aberdeen)#

Atco kick start, dismantles but complete. C: Chris Pope T: 01652  
658478 (North Lincs)#

30" Dennis Premier Mk1, s/n 104976ES, c/w box and seat. C: David  
Rolfe T: 01372 463380 E: davidrolfe@hotmail.com (Esher)#

14" Atco kick start, model 1451. C: Dennis Marshall T: 01208 812828  
E: dennis.marshall@tiscali.co.uk (London)#

17" Suffolk Super Punch, c/w box; Shanks Golf Lynx; Qualcast  
Panther, FTGH. C: Dick Tindall T: 01782 634324 E:  
rtindall@ntlworld.com (Newcastle-under-Lyme)#

20" Ransomes Marquis Mk41, complete. C: Eric Sheehy T: 01564 77  
6868 E: ericsheehy@btinternet.com (Solihull)#

Royal Enfield, probably pre-1939, c/w box and spare Wico mag. C: Dr  
G Brown T: 0121 429 2466 E: drgtb@onetel.net (Birmingham)#

14" Atco mower, model 1449. C: Edward Harvey T: 01923 775083  
(Rickmansworth)#

Atco Standard, complete. C: Geoff Hollom T: 01981 240464 E:  
gehol@macunlimited.net (Hereford)#

14" Webb battery electric, s/n 275-1557, c/w transporter; 12" Qualcast  
Superlight Panther battery electric, model BSL, s/n 033045C. C:  
David Greenaway T: 01384 277198 E: david.greenaway@gp-  
m81083.nhs.uk (Dudley)#

30" Dennis, c/w box and seat. C: Jeff Pritchett T: 01664 561513 E:  
jeffpritchett@hotmail.com (Leicestershire)#

14" Atco kick start, 1955. C: Keith Eyles T: 01453 872729 E:  
keith\_eyes@hotmail.com (Gloucester)#

Suffolk Swift, c/w box; Suffolk Super Colt, c/w box. C: John Cathrew T:  
0118 9842845 (Reading)#

Greens Centenary, good condition, no box. C: Malcolm Walker. T:  
01904 707785 E: walker1malc@yahoo.co.uk (York)#

12" Qualcast Panther Super Panther electric, complete. C: Martin  
Jelbart T: 020 8464 2286 E: martin@jelbart.demon.co.uk  
(Bromley)#

20" Ransomes "orchard mower", twin wheels, 1950s. C: Michael Powell  
T: 01453 836881 E: mike@lamorna1234.fsnet.co.uk (Nailsworth)#

Webb hand mower. C: Neil Partridge T: 07801 952305 E:  
neil.partridge@gmail.com (Ferndown)#

Greens Centenary, c/w box; Rotogardener. Offers in excess of £50. C:  
Phil Crabbe T: 01494 677389 E: pcrabbe@toucansurf.com  
(Beaconsfield)#

24" Dennis Z Type, c1950, no 185Z4. C: Ross Buchanan T: 01225  
832623 M: 07932 958777 E: Ross@buchanan777.fsnet.co.uk

Suffolk Viceroy Mk2, c/w box. C: Sarah Smith T: 07841 496 112 E:  
Sarah.Smith@tns-global.com (Surrey)#

12" Suffolk Punch, FTGH. C: Terry Sharman E: SharmTr7@aol.com  
(Unknown)#

Atco kick start, model 1454. C: Tim Huff T: 0771 769 8214 E:  
mthuff@clara.co.uk (Oxford)#

Rotoscythe. C: Tim Sykes T: 0114 266 3751 M: 07790 495 636 E:  
timsykes@eavestaff.freemove.co.uk (Sheffield)#

Ransomes Minor Mk6, c/w box and manual, good condition. C: Tony  
Verrill T: 07968 932 144 E: tonyverrill@classicfm.net (Gravesend)#

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Christopher Saunders-Davies  
Old Lawnmower Club Member

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T: 0208 946 8036/E: archivist@hdtrust.co.uk/W: www.hdtrust.co.uk

## WANTED

Grass box for 18" Ransomes Auto Certes Mk8, c1971; Ransomes Certes hand push mowers, any models. C: David Bolland T: 0161 427 5669 (Manchester)

Allen Scythe. C: John Meadley T: 01453 791867 E:  
ryeford@bigfoot.com (Gloucester)

Atco kick start. C: Rob English T: 07740 172998 E:  
rob.english@tiscali.co.uk (Stamford)

Manual, literature or information on Blackburn and Orwell engines from 1920s mowers, photocopies welcome. C: Gavin Wilson T: 01259 730008 (Kincardine)

24" Atco, c/w 5hp Briggs & Stratton engine; Ransomes Sixteen; Howard Bantam or Bullfinch Rotovator. C: Alan Carter T: 01992 551221 M: 07885 647178 (Hertfordshire)

To add to my collection: Drummond Willing Worker motor mower; Shanks Jehu; 1920s Greens motor mower; John Shaw Governor water cooled motor mower. Can exchange for 1920s square tank Dennis and others. C: Dusty Miller T: 023 92632620 E:  
dusty@pmiller7.fsnet.co.uk (Portsmouth)

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.

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)

17" Atco kick start, 1950s. C: Nigel Bond T: 01803 866636 E:  
fatherbond@btopenworld.com (Dartington)#

18" or 20" Ransomes Marquis C: Davie Williams T: 02476 313632 (Coventry)#

Early Greens motor or push mowers. C: Andrew Clarkson T: 0113 2784659 (Leeds)#

Operating Manual for Atco Commodore B14. C: Chris St Leger T: 029 2046 0194 E: chris@stleger.freemove.co.uk (Cardiff)#

Rear roller for Ransomes Matador Mk1. C: Brian James. T: 01789 842999 M: 07725 019144 E: admin@series2.co.uk (Wellesbourne)#

Suffolk Colt mower to use. C: Gillian Clark E: gacclark@btinternet.com (Edinburgh)#

Grass box for British Anzani. C: Mr Martin T: 01208 831624 (Bodmin)#

Grass box for Webb Whippet. C: John Chester T: 0116 2530383 (Leicester)#

Hand roller mower to use. C: Suzy Ansett E: suzyansett@ntlworld.com (Hemel Hempstead)#

Hand mower to use. C: Adrian Rendle T: 01372 454308 E:  
moriniss@yahoo.co.uk (Leatherhead)

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

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## MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Membership renewal reminders were sent out recently to every member who didn't rejoin following the earlier mailing in June this year. If you haven't rejoined this will be the last Grassbox you receive. If this means you, the address label on the envelope that contained this Grassbox will have a "6" in the bottom right hand corner. If it doesn't you don't need to worry as your membership will continue until next June at the earliest.

**To reiterate, membership runs from 1 June to 31 May each year and lapses for those who do not rejoin by the end of July. Please do not send renewal payments until we ask you.**

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## SOUVENIRS

### CLOTHING & INSIGNIA

Fleece	£20.00
Sweat Shirt	£15.00
Polo Shirt or Pilot Shirt (available small, medium, large, extra large)	£14.00
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Key Fob	£1.00
Car Sticker (round)	£1.00
2005 Tool Rolls	£5.00
2006 Tape Measures	£5.00
Exhibit Log Sheet	£0.10
Loan of Banner (must be booked)	Free

### PUBLICATIONS

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" <i>(76x23mm, for use on some Atco Standard rear roller chain sprockets)</i>	£2.00
Atco "Normal" (c162x41mm)	£4.00
Atco "Normal" (c133x34mm)	£4.00
Atco "Normal" (c75x19mm) <i>(The later ATCO transfers on mowers from the late 1920s onwards)</i>	£4.00
Atco "George VI Crest" (111x170mm)	£10.00
Automower (149x97mm, gold, black, red)	£6.00
Folbate <i>(163x27mm, red lettering, black edges, gold background)</i>	£3.00
JP "Super Lawnmowers" <i>(75x123mm, oval with wording around edge)</i>	£3.00
JP "Normal" <i>(52x103mm, oval, green, gold, black, no surrounding lettering)</i>	£3.00
JP "Minimower V1" <i>(73x44mm, oval for some Minimowers, straight lettering)</i>	£3.00
JP "Minimower V2" <i>(80x45mm, oval for some Minimowers, italic lettering)</i>	£3.00
JP "Maxees Oval V1" <i>(115x55mm, oval, Maxees larger than JP)</i>	£3.00
JP "Maxees Oval V2" <i>(110x63mm, oval, JP larger than Maxees)</i>	£3.00
JP "Maxees Scraper" (122x41mm)	£3.00
JP "Maxees Sideplate" (123x60mm)	£3.00
Pull Fast-Return Slow <i>(49x19mm, red/yellow for 1960s models)</i>	£1.50
Qualcast: Panther Chain Cover (254x126mm)	£7.00
Qualcast: Panther "Panther On Logo" <i>(129x108mm, for Panther/Super Panther)</i>	£5.00
Ransomes "Scroll" (130mm)	£2.00
Ransomes "Scroll" (200mm)	£3.00
Ransomes "Grey Crest" <i>(70x90mm, rectangular for some later models)</i>	£4.00
Ransomes "Oil Levels" (Assorted ovals, gold/black)	£3.00
Royal Enfield (190x126mm, rectangular for boxes)	£8.00
Suffolk Super Punch 17" Dual Drive <i>(202x190mm, for grass box)</i>	£10.00
Suffolk Punch Dual Drive Mk7 <i>(228x223mm, for grass box)</i>	£10.00
Suffolk "14 Super Punch Mod" <i>(35x170mm, red/gold/yellow/black modern design)</i>	£6.00
Suffolk "Super Colt Modern" <i>(135x170mm, red/gold/yellow/black modern design)</i>	£6.00
Suffolk "Punch Modern" <i>(86x95mm, gold with black edge to lettering)</i>	£3.00
Webb "Wizard" (197x62mm)	£3.00

Members can view colour versions of transfer on the Club website at: [www.oldlawnmowerclub.co.uk/transfers/transfer.htm](http://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.

## MESSAGE FROM ONE MEMBER TO ANOTHER

Club Member Bob Oakley asked us to pass on the message that he's been ill recently and consequently lost touch with a couple of people he had contacted about the correct colours and transfers for British Anzani Lawnriders and Atco Scythes. Bob would be very pleased to hear from the members concerned on 01743 718576.

## ORDERING ITEMS FOR XMAS

Send orders to Keith Wootton, Old Lawnmower Club, 7 Church Lane, Cold Higham, Towcester, Northamptonshire NN12 8LS. **Cheques payable to: 'The Old Lawnmower Club'. PayPal and Nochex accepted (send email for details).** Please be sure to place any orders for souvenirs before 1 December at the latest to give us time to send them out. We really won't be able to help if you contact us after that date as there simply won't be enough time.

## GOODBYE SMARTGROUP, HELLO YAHOO!

Our existing Smartgroup hasn't been working properly for some time so we've recently switched to a similar service running on Yahoo. I sent an email to everyone for whom I had a current address about this and we already have nearly 50 people joined up. But anyone in the club can join, and over half our 500+ members are on email, so there's plenty of room for a few more yet. To join, simply send an email to me ([keith.wootton@oldlawnmowerclub.co.uk](mailto:keith.wootton@oldlawnmowerclub.co.uk)) and I will sort it out for you. This is a great opportunity to relaunch this online service which I believe could be really useful to a lot of members. I encourage everyone to join.

## CLUB EMAIL ADDRESSES

You can have a special, free Old Lawnmower Club email address in a standard format of `firstname.lastname@oldlawnmowerclub.co.uk`. Every message sent to that address will come direct to your own email program. This works using by simple "email forwarding" that is part of our website and email systems. All you need to do is provide your current email address and we will set the rest up for you. Emails sent to your club address are sent automatically to your own address. No one in the club apart from you will see your messages so it's completely private. And it doesn't affect your existing emails either.

There are three main advantages of using a club email address. First, if you can use it with club members, collectors, buyers, sellers and friends to promote the fact that you collect mowers. Second, if you change your main email address you don't need to worry about telling everyone. All you need to do is tell the club your new address and we will make sure your club emails get sent to the new one. Last, and best of all, we can offer this for FREE. To find out more contact Keith at [keith.wootton@oldlawnmowerclub.co.uk](mailto:keith.wootton@oldlawnmowerclub.co.uk)

## CLUB CHANGES

In the main Grassbox I explained that Robbie will be standing down as the Club Secretary next May after 14 years. Robbie didn't take this decision lightly and chose next year so that I can (hopefully) step down the following year, avoiding us both leaving at the same time.

This presents a bit of a challenge because replacing people with dedication and commitment like Robbie is never easy. Nevertheless we have to do it and it should be obvious that the club cannot function without an effective membership administrator.

Robbie and I have discussed how we might manage the transition and believe that dividing some existing tasks into more manageable "chunks" is the way to go, perhaps allowing two or three people to undertake different jobs.

The main role of the secretary (in our club at least) is to enrol members and manage the annual renewals. A lot of this is now done on computer and email which makes it a lot easier but obviously a bit of time is required each month to make sure new members are registered properly and receive their packs, badges, membership cards etc. The biggest single job is the renewal mailshot in June. Another role is taking minutes at the AGM and occasional committee meetings.

As far as I can see there's no reason why different people couldn't share these tasks, for example one doing new members, another the annual renewals and another taking minutes and so on.

All of which means we are now looking for some people to step forward and get involved. I know that people are reluctant to put themselves forward but I really would like to hear from anyone who might be interested, at least to have an informal chat. Robbie and I can provide "training" and even a basic computer if that's an issue. I am confident that someone "out there" is capable and willing to help. Please don't disappoint me. Keith.

## CORRUGATED GREENS GRASSBOXES

Andrew Hall tells me that The Hall & Duck Trust has recently acquired a limited stock of corrugated tin that is suitable for rebuilding old wooden sided grass boxes for mowers made by Greens and others. Anyone with a Greens mower and dilapidated box will know that it's almost impossible to find this stuff so don't miss out on this rare chance. Anyone interested should contact Andrew Hall, The Hall & Duck Trust, 16 Malcolm Road, Wimbledon, London SW19 4AS  
T: 0208 946 8036/E: [archivist@hdtrust.co.uk](mailto:archivist@hdtrust.co.uk)/W: [www.hdtrust.co.uk](http://www.hdtrust.co.uk)

## ANNUAL DIRECTORY OF MEMBERS

The new Annual Directory of Members is sent out with Grassbox. It's the biggest ever edition (we have more members) so it should be even more use than normal. We have spent a lot of time recently checking the information and encouraging more members to be included. We only include members who have positively agreed to participate. This means that if you did not tick the correct box on your original application form (paper or website) or didn't respond to one of our recent mailings you won't be in.

The aim of the booklet is to encourage members to contact each other to swap news, views and items. So don't be afraid of using the directory to make a new friend, perhaps just round the corner or maybe even on the other side of the world!

**Please read the notes inside the front cover of the booklet for more information.**

## ATCO MOWERS FOR DISPOSAL

Roger Tombs of Atco-Qualcast has contacted the club to ask us for help in finding homes for some mowers acquired by the company over the years. The company has sold part of its Stowmarket factory for development and no longer has space for these machines. Some of the machines are very unusual and all of them represent a unique opportunity to acquire a mower with a direct connection to this famous company. The mowers are listed below and need to be moved **very quickly**. If you are interested in any of them please contact Roger direct on 01449 742031 (Roger.Tombs@uk.bosch.com). Please quote the reference number to help Roger.

- 2: Atco 14" battery c.1965 painted in a mid/dark green - tidy
- 3: Atco 14" battery c.1965 - ripe for restoration
- 4: Qualcast 16 motor mower with crank handle start - good but rusty
- 5: Atco 14" Middleweight, late 1930s/late 1940s - restored to display 20 yrs ago, needs buffing up
- 6: Atco 17" "Kick Start" motor mower, 1954, Model 1754 - as it was, good for "aged" display
- 7: Atco 12" motor mower, rope recoil start - to restore
- 8: Atco 17" "Kick Start" motor mower - restored to display 20 yrs ago, needs buffing up
- 9: Atco 17" "Kick Start" motor mower, 1955, Model 1755 - good but rusty
- 10: Atco 14" "Kick Start" motor mower, precise date and model not identified - rusting heavily
- 11: Qualcast Electric Super Panther (round tubular motor cover) c.1970 - good but rusty
- 12: Suffolk Punch 14" c1960 - unused
- 14: Webb 14" battery mower c.1975 - new, un-used but gently rusting
- 15: Webb 10" (or 12") Whippet hand mower c.1960 - good but rusty
- 16: Webb 12" Wizard hand mower c.1950 - rusty
- 17: Qualcast Concorde RE 35S c.1980 - new and un-used
- 19: Qualcast Commodore 14", Model DR29175K, c1950s - good but rusty
- 20: Suffolk Colt 12", late 60s/early 70s - good but rusty, display/restore?
- 21: Suffolk Super Colt 12" late 60s/early 70s - rusting heavily
- 22: Atco 17" Middleweight, c1930s, up/down kick-start - restored and painted up to display
- 23: Qualcast 16/Royal Blade late series model, fairly tidy but rusting
- 25: Qualcast Super Panther (SP with cast iron side plates), 1960s - good but rusty
- 26: Qualcast Super Panther (SP with cast iron side plates), 1960s - similar to above
- 27: Qualcast Super Panther (SLP with cast alloy side plates), 1970s - good but rusty
- 28: Qualcast Super Lite Panther (SLP with cast alloy side plates), 1970s - similar to above
- 29: Atco Clipper 14" side-wheel mower, 1980s - was un-used but it was displayed outdoors and has much surface rusting
- 30: Webb Whippet, c1960 - good but rusty
- 31: Atco 17" "Kick Start" motor mower, 1950s, precise date and model not identified, restored and painted up to display,
- 32: Atco 17" motor mower, 1960, Model 1760, restored and painted up to display
- 34: Atco 24" "Atco Standard", c1922-29, with JAP engine
- 35: Qualcast Cyclone hover collect mower - a modern classic, as new
- 39: Atco 16" Model HY, c1922-29, fully restored and painted accurately for display, currently in our reception
- 41: Qualcast Model E1, c1960, repainted, tidy with slightly twisted wooden handle
- 50: Qualcast 16, c/w box
- 51: Suffolk Pony, slightly rusty
- 52: Qualcast Concord Electric, pale blue
- 53: Qualcast Model E1, 1951, no handles

**Note: Most of the mowers listed are complete with grass boxes.**

## DOWN TO DORSET WITH THE OLC

Although we have attended rallies for over 15 years, 2006 was the first time The Old Lawnmower Club had been invited to "the big one". In accepting the invitation we had three objectives. First, emphasise the activities of the club rather than focus on specific machines or individuals. Second, promote lawn mowers as interesting and collectable. Third, provide information about mowers and their history.

We decided it would be simplest if the exhibitors were drawn from our committee. This avoided the need to select members - and no doubt disappoint some who might want to attend - but in any case the committee are the people best-placed to represent the club. Our team comprised John Barnard, Tim Durant, Andrew Grout, Alec Hillyar, Robbie Robinson and me. Robbie's better half Wilma was also there to give much needed support and she was an invaluable team member.

Space was limited but a few experiments earlier this year showed what we could fit into the allotted area, two caravan awnings wide. The aim was to exhibit a mower representing each decade from the 1850s (as far as we can go back) to the 1960s. Drawing on the collections of six committee members it was easy to put together a good selection.

Nor did we want to just focus on the rarest or most valuable machines. In any collecting field it is important to promote accessibility to newcomers and there is no point in coming across as elitist. It was important to us to have examples of some common mowers alongside more unusual items. Incidentally, commonest does not necessarily mean newest because some of the older machines are the most widely collected. No display covering the history of the mower would be complete without machines such as The Atco Motor Mower (aka The Atco Standard), Greens Silens Messor, Ransomes Automaton (in various guises), Qualcast Model E, or Ransomes Ajax. These were all present and many more besides.

In the end our display comprised thirty mowers. The oldest machine on display was an 1850s Ferrabee's "Improved" while the newest was a 1960s Qualcast Royal Blade. The largest was a 1930s Ransomes ride-on motor mower weighing almost a ton and the smallest a Follows & Bate Climax with less than six inch cutting width. We had a good variety of manufacturers, motor and hand machines and ages. Something else we wanted to get across was that mowers in original condition are just as interesting as machines that have been fully "restored" and the display reflected this. It was a real team effort so it's not appropriate to specify who provided each machines.

We were keen to provide information for visitors to take away, something that few other clubs or exhibitors seem willing or able to do. To this end we produced two special leaflets for the event, one covering the history of the lawn mower and the other providing details of the machines on display (a few comments about these have prompted me to prepare some articles for a future Grassbox). We also prepared some colourful posters to create a suitable backdrop but the wind over the week prevented us using them. Each mower was carefully labelled and numbered so that visitors could read about it directly or match the machine to the description in the booklet.

Not surprisingly we found that some of the commonest mowers were the most popular with the visitors. Many people recognised the 1950s Atco "kick start" and Ransomes Ajax as machines they had used in their younger days.

We were extremely pleased that a number of members called in to see us during the week. Some were exhibiting elsewhere with horticultural machinery, vintage vehicles or tractors. Others are regular visitors to Dorset who made a point of calling in. And one or two even made a special trip, or so they said! And of course we managed to recruit new members too. Our special competition for members visiting the stand was won by Robert Hanson from Nottingham and Ian Warham from Ipswich who received a special club sweatshirt or year's membership according to their choice. There will be some images of the display in forthcoming Grassboxes.

## GARFITS SPARES

If you need a bottom blade for a mower why not order it through the Club? We have a special trade account with Garfitt's of Sheffield which means we can buy spare parts, especially bottom blades, from their extensive catalogue at very reasonable prices. Garfitt's claim to be able to supply bottom blades to fit almost any mower and so far we haven't caught them out! Club members have already bought blades for 9" Ransomes Lion, 10" and 12" Ransomes Patent Chain Automaton, 8" Greens Silens Messor, 12" Shanks Ivanhoe, and 28" Shanks Pony Mower. Prices are extremely reasonable, broadly £1 to £1.50 an inch for a blank blade which you would need to drill and fit yourself. The company can also supply ready-to-fit bottom blades and cutting cylinders for more recent machines from main manufacturers. We can also supply screws in a variety of sizes. To take advantage of these special terms you must order items through the Club. To find out more contact Richard Jones by telephone on 023 92598601 on email at richard.jones@oldlawnmowerclub.co.uk or. Richard will also be able to offer general advice on removal and replacement of the blades.