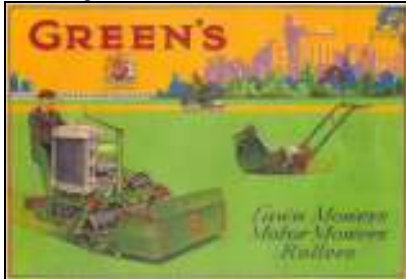


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COLOUR SUPPLEMENT: SPRING 2007

Our annual colour supplement which highlights the colourful side of mower collecting.



Greens advertisement, c1910, showing one of their early motor mowers and a Silens Messor in front of Windsor Castle.



A selection of Automowers seen at Tilmow in 2006. The one in the centre is a 1920s model, the other two from the 1930s.



Geoff Christopher demonstrates one of the Automowers above at Tilmow in 2006. The restoration of this machine is now complete and it may be at the Annual Rally in May.



Some of the team at Bedfordshire Steam Rally in 2006. In fact it's four Hardwicks and three committee members.



The Hall & Duck Trust's Chadborn and Coldwell hand mower won the Andrew Grout Plate at last year's Annual Rally.



Another winner at the Annual Rally 2006 was Mark Chapman with his 1920s Godiva which won William Outram's prize for best working mower on the Saturday.



A close up shot of the Budding type mower at Milton Keynes Museum showing the gear assembly.



Atco Royale advertising photograph from the 1980s. Not too different from some of their shots from decades before in fact.



Crawford Stirling has recently completed the restoration of this Dennis mower, obviously up to his usual very high standards.



What's this? Have the Hall & Duck Trust found a canine powered mower? No, it's Mike's dog Bo who often goes to events with him. The mower is an early Ransomes, by the way, but we're not sure if it has a dog clutch or not!



This water cooled JP is Dusty Miller's latest restoration project.



Rod Hart sent in this shot of Andrew Grout at a steam rally some years ago. Andrew was one of the club's founder members in 1989 and this photo dates from around then. The wheels are from the mower carrier rather than Andrew's pram (he wasn't that young).



You won't see a Keynsham mower very often, let alone two together. It's one of the less common 1920s machines.



Henry Ellis (right) discusses his passion for JP mowers with John Hammond at Milton Keynes in 2006.



Regular contributor Tony Hopwood has recently taken a liking to the British Anzani Lawnrider (he's traditionally a Dennis user) and often uses and rallies this machine.



Another Lawnrider, this one has recently been restored by Peter Restall-Hill.



This Qualcast advert from the late 60s or early 70s shows some of the mowers from their "blue plastic" period.



This is a Worthington Overgreen tractor unit from the USA. The design was made under licence in the UK by Ransomes and its Overgreen models were used for many years of golf courses.



Arundel Coulthard of Preston made a number of machines using the "Presto" name. The roller mower is relatively common but the sidewheel is a little bit harder to find.



Simon Woollen's 1930s Atco after a hard day's work at the American Museum in Bath (in the background). This is the setting for an excellent rally during the summer.



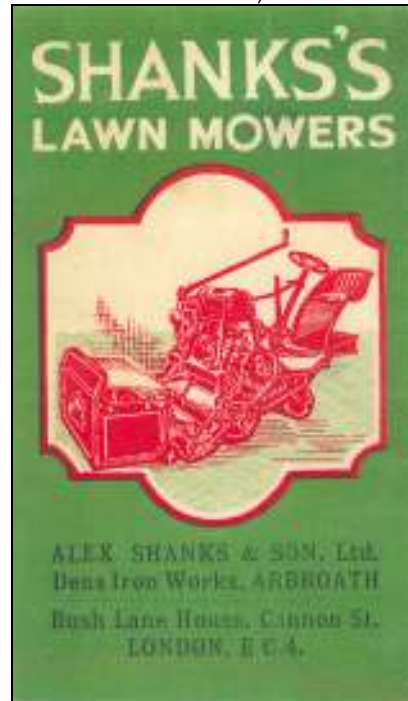
Christopher Proudfoot put together this display of mowers from 5" to 22" cut, one for each size. Anyone care to try and name them all?



A number of members have spotted this image going around on the Internet. Some have speculated that it might be a certain club member but we're not convinced as he hasn't gone grey...yet.



These Ransomes advertising signs were recently bought by Tony Houghton. On the left hand design the small text says that the first mower made by Ransomes in 1832 is now at the Science Museum (and it still is as far as we know).



Front page from a Shanks catalogue from the early part of the last century when motor mowers were very big.