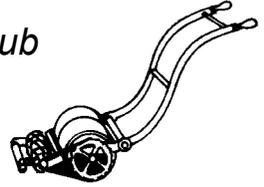


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*This image of a large Silens Messor in use shows an 18 or 20 inch machine. It came from the Ember-ton Historical Society, and was taken in the garden of the Rectory in Ember-ton, in North Buckingham-shire.*

*The mower is obviously fairly new in this photo, and distinctive features of the paintwork show up clearly, such as the gold lettering and bolt heads, and the gold on the bot-tom of the front roller brackets. Also the lighter coloured (probably pale green) grassbox handles show up clearly. The shape of the pulling han-dle on the end of the draw rope is also visible - a rare feature of this photo.*

*Front Cover: An Allen Scythe catalogue cover from the 1960s.*

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## EDITORIAL

Welcome to Grassbox 90. Despite the unseasonably mild weather this year, the leaves are falling and there is a feeling of the end of the mowing season as I write this. Certainly the grass struggles to dry out enough for much cutting to be done!

As is customary for this issue there are several reports on the summer rally season, the main club events being well supported as ever it would seem. It is however a shame that while rallies go well reported in these pages, members restoration projects are rarely covered. We have had relatively few articles on this subject recently, yet I don't for a moment suspect that the garden sheds of OLC members are lying silent and neglected.

So here is a call for the next issue, lets here what you have been restoring and how you went about it. Over to you...

The photo below taken during the First World War shows soldiers of the 71st Royal Field Artillery doing a spot of gardening with a Greens New Century. The 71st division was formed in late 1916 with dual role of carrying out training of men for overseas drafts, plus providing forces for home defence. Initially established in Hampshire and Surrey. Division HQ was set up at Gostrey House at Farnham but soon moved to nearby Elmer House. The entire Division moved in the first week of March 1917 to Suffolk and Essex, concentrating in the Colchester area. The Division came under command of Southern Army, Home Forces, and was responsible for East Coast defences from Mersey Island to Walton on the Naze. On 21 December 1917 orders were received that the Division should be broken up. The final elements disappeared on 8 April 1918.

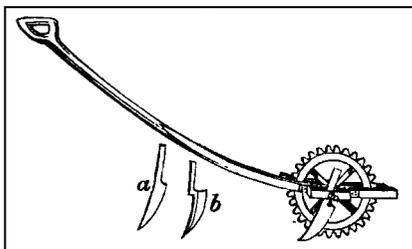
**Clive Gravett**



# LAWN EDGERS

By Clive Gravett

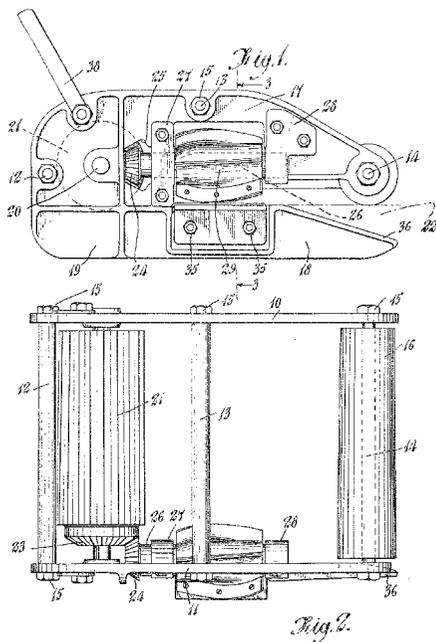
There is a record of a mechanical edging iron pre-dating the lawn mower, invented by Charles MacIntosh, gardener to Sir Thomas Baring and described in The Gardeners magazine of 1826. (See image below)



the war years and wonder if the edger was dropped from production when the war ended?, this may explain why the edger appears unique, although I would be pleased to hear from anyone who knows of any others.

Thanks to Andrew Grout and Christopher Proudfoot for helping with the identification.

Whilst one of these didn't turn up at this year's AGM, members did bring along a vast array of very interesting and unusual lawn edging equipment. I have recently discovered a rather unusual edger that I had not come across before. (see picture right) Whilst it had no name or numbers on the casting it did have a more recent replacement wooden 'T' handle the original I assume may have stated the makers name. On contacting some of my OLMC colleagues the machine was identified as a Suffolk edge cutter manufactured by Suffolk Iron Foundry (1920) Ltd and I was provided with a copy of the 1939 catalogue where it was listed (see below). The advertisement states 'patent pending' and further research has revealed that the patent was applied for in June 1938 with the application being granted on 21st August 1939 (only 2 weeks before war was declared on Germany), the drawings being reproduced right. I am aware that Suffolk Iron Foundry switched to making armaments during



# RALLY REPORTS

## BANBURY STEAM RALLY

We had a good turn out for this year's Banbury Steam Rally on the last weekend of June. A dozen or so members of the club presented a variety of machines and there was also a selection of mowers belonging to non-members. These ranged from a number of small Victorian hand mowers, including examples of Greens Multum in Parvos and Shanks Caledonias which allowed some up-close comparisons, through some interesting 1920s and '30s motor mowers (including an Atco Standard "Oval Frame" and a Shanks Wizard) to a smattering of post 1950s mowers such as a Qualcast Powered Panther. A particularly interesting exhibit was a Ransomes Ace "Bank Mower" for mowing slopes and banks dating from the 1930s. This has an extended handled without a T which attaches to the frame above the wooden roller rather than on

the side frames as is normal on a conventional sidewheel. Other unusual exhibits included a very large Automower (see *below*) from the early 1930s and an Allen Scythe displayed with an authentic saw-bench accessory. Both were exhibited by non-members but definitely added to the display.

As usual Robbie had arranged for a marquee which allowed us to display the machines under cover. This was especially welcome this year as the forecast for the weekend had been for rain but in the end it amounted to little more than a shower or two.

There was a steady stream of visitors to the display throughout the weekend and we had lots of interesting conversations. Over the years we have all become much better at presenting our mowers with information for visitors to read. I am sure we can all do much more in the area and some of the dis-

ussions we had over the weekend were about the best type of label to use, what information to include and how big it should be. There is probably a balance to be found between the size of any label and the potential intrusion or obscuring of the machine in question. Personally I have been going to Banbury since 1979 although Robbie and Ted Sutton have been involved for much





## MALVERN SHOW

Club members took advantage of the glorious September weather when attending a number of events including the Malvern Autumn Show on the last weekend of the month. With Tony Hopwood's excellent (as always) planning and liaison with the organisers we were again given a generous plot including

*A neatly restored Shanks Britisher (yes, those colours are correct, though some are all red and some have blue as on this example) accompanies a 6" Shanks Improved from the 1890s, at Banbury in June. Note original paint, especially the pale green on the gears, the use of pale shades of green on working parts being a feature of shanks mowers right through to the 1930s.*

longer in their capacity as members of the Banbury Steam Society. We have presented a mower display since, I recall, 1991. At an event like Banbury the mower display is a small part of the overall event but it's interesting to reflect that our exhibits are always among the oldest machines on the rally field.

Members present included: Alec Hillyar, Andy Grout, Barrie Sowerby, Daniel Mortimer, Dick Hardwick, John Bloxham, Keith Wootton, Richard Jones, Robbie Robinson, Rod & Linda Child, Ted Sutton, Tim Durant

### Keith Wootton

ing a marquee in a great location. Paul Harvey was displaying his restored Unihorse and as always was willing to run the machine through-

out the weekend with support from mum and dad. There was another tractor mower on show although this one was even more unusual, being a unique "home-made" example put together using parts from variety of vehicles and machines (a certain Johnny Cash song springs to mind) and now known as a "Teal Special" by everyone including current owner Bruce Bentley.

Elsewhere, mowers from Andrew Grout, Alec Hillyar, Tony Hopwood, Peter Barlow, Dave & Brenda Stanford, Tony Hopwood, the Hall & Duck Trust, and Keith Wootton all added to the number and variety on show. These were enhanced by the separate display



*Tony Hopwood gets to grips with a French mower, a Tondix, at Malvern.*

of Rotoscythes and similar machines from Janet & Ray Williams and friends. Between us we seemed to cover the years from the 1850s to the 1970s.

As usual we were able to demonstrate a number of mowers working in the display area. The ability to run mowers on a relatively smooth piece of grass sets this event apart from many others and really does help us put on a good show. It's simply not possible at other events – especially those held in farming fields – but long may it continue at Malvern.

The mower display at Malvern is part of a much larger event which has seen the vintage section (including a display by our friends from the Vintage Horticultural and Garden Machinery Club, tractors, stationary engines, agricultural machinery, cars and motor cycles) grow significantly in recent years. It was also pleasing that club members and other friends who were visiting the show made the time to pop onto the stand to say hello.

**Keith Wootton**

## **WESES SHOW**

Fred petit and I attended the WESES show in Cornwall on the 15th, 16th and 17th of august.

There was considerable interest on all three days, though it got very wet on the Sunday. Ransomes, Greens, and Shanks mowers were on display, as well as a Lloyds Autosickle, a 24" JP which was running and, with a local link, a Teagle Hedge trimmer also attracted interest, altogether a good enjoyable weekend.

**Seb Austin**

*Below: The Weses show display*

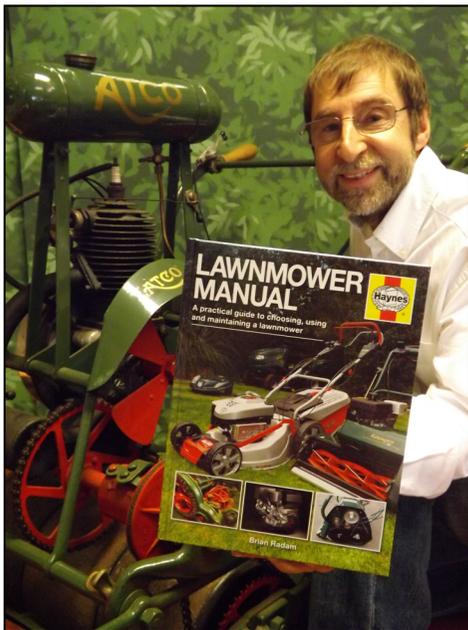


# CUTTINGS

There seemed to be several short pieces of news, comment and information to put in this issue, so I have gathered them all together here.

## BRITISH LAWNMOWER MUSEUM

Brian Radam has been in touch and reports that his latest book, The new Haynes Lawnmower Manual is now available. Now for the first time it includes history from the beginning to robot mowers to racing mowers. 700 pictures over 190 pages. An ideal gift for any lawnmowerist! Signed copies are available from Brian tel. 01704 501336 or [info@lawnmowerworld.com](mailto:info@lawnmowerworld.com), remembering to say you are an OLC member. It's a snip at £20 'It's all u need to mow!' and even includes a free family ticket to the museum. Or available on Amazon.



Brian also reminds us that all OLC members can get into his museum in Southport for free. Brian leaves us with this story about one of his visitors.

On entering the Lawnmower Museum a man said "I don't know anything about mowers but in 1970 I applied for a job at Qualcast. During the interview I was asked what mower I used. I replied a Flymo, I suspected the interviewer was not impressed and I didn't get the job." After going round the museum, on the way out he said, "That was interesting, I now know why I didn't get the job,- my surname is Ransome!!"

## FROM OVER THE POND

Jim Ricci reports that he has managed, with some help, to get the engine on his Milbrabt mower (as illustrated in the last issue of Grassbox) running, and has posted a short video on youtube. You can find it by entering "Jim Ricci Milbradt Reel Mower" in the youtube search box.

## DULL AND DULLER

Several national newspapers recorded the appearance of the calendar of the Dull Mens Club, and there, nesslering amongst such bedfellows as a man who photographs roundabouts was a picture of the Club's very own Stan Hardwick, with one of his mowers at his Filey home. Stan is Mr. October, in case you were wondering. Presumably the Dull Men's Club has seen a significant boost in support since all the publicity!

## FLYMO WORKSHOP MANUALS

Nottinghamshire based member John Webster has recently acquired a

number of workshop manuals for Flymos, and has been in touch in case any other members is in need of the information in them. If you are after details for maintaining a flymo, John can be contacted on 01909 487063 or 07828 019345.

### COLT RESTORED

Angus Shapland writes: "I enjoyed Ian Wallis's little piece about the Suffolk Colt in the last Grassbox; particularly as I have nearly finished a "rustoration"! I



call it that as I have not set out to achieve one hundred percent accuracy and a better than new finish; just a mechanical sort out and a commercial finish to a machine that was very sad and almost devoid of any paint. The "red" is actually commercially available Westwood orange, the green is John Deere green from the same

source, the engine is painted with Hammerite smooth Sage Grey, and the new front rollers from two beech wood rolling pins from a cookware shop. Unfortunately the OLC transfer/decal store doesn't feature one for a basic Colt."

### FIRST HORSE BOOTS?

Jim Ricci has a question - he is wondering if any member has any evidence of horse boots for use when pulling a lawn mower being advertised before 1864? Jim's first record of them is in a Greens advert from that date, but horse drawn mowers were available for many years before then. Jim can be contacted at: [jricci@reellawnmower.com](mailto:jricci@reellawnmower.com)

### MOWER HANDLE ART?

This ordinary looking sidewheel mower handle was offered on ebay a few months ago in America. Nothing unusual in that except that it was being sold with the tag words of decor and art! The



price was \$50 (about £31) which seems a bit steep when the complete mower would probably fetch no more than that. Perhaps there is a market for mower parts as decor, though I'm not sure a wooden 'T' handle would add that much to the ambiance of a room!

# PICTON CASTLE

By Jim Ricci



On the Monday following this year's OLC AGM my wife Margaret arrived and we began our May vacation chasing lawn mowers in England and Scotland. After many stops to meet interesting people and see their lawn mower collections we headed to the South West corner of Wales for a visit to Picton Castell a Gerddi.

David Lumsden (1930-2008) was an OLC member who will be remembered by many. We first saw David's collection several years back when David and his wife Joanna invited us to their home in Berwick, East Sussex, for lunch.

The tie in between Picton and the lawn mower collection is through David's son Nick who married into the Philipps family. Yes the castle is picturesque and yes the gardens are lovely but the star of the visit is the newly opened Lumsden lawn mower collection.

The collection is installed in the old dairy complete with its original tiled walls and floor. The mowers are held on oak shelves and brackets. What a very civilized way to display old lawn mowers.

*Above: Jim poses with a large early Ransomes motor mower*

# THE SUFFOLK PUNCH

By Ian Wallis

Having looked at the Suffolk Colt in the last issue, this article covers its larger brother, the Punch.

Like the Colt, the Punch started life in 1954 and was similar in most respects except for the larger 14" size and the dual drive, though this was not a feature until 1956. These early Suffolk mowers are now fairly rare machines, despite their popularity. The engine had a unique split pin type dipstick, and the engine cowl did not cover the cylinder head. By the mid 1960s, the cowl did come over the cylinder head and the dipstick was housed inside the plastic filler cap.

There were several variations of the Punch down the years. The Suffolk Super Punch was a 17" model introduced in 1956 with a more powerful (98cc) engine designated the 98G. The super Punch professional was a fine turf machine with ten blades in the cylinder. The Super Punch also offered a hand adjustment mechanism for the cutting height. Around 1959, Suffolk became Suffolk Lawnmowers.

The Suffolk Punches of the 1980s were aluminium engined machines with Zenith carburettas and points ignition, by about 1985 changing to an Italian made carburetta and electronic ignition. En-

gine wise, there was very little to go wrong with these machines, although the rear rollers were susceptible to rusting. Suffolk Punch is still a model today although I doubt that these Kawasaki engined mowers will last the 50 odd years of their predecessors.

[Ian is on the look out for an early rope start Colt, if anyone has one available. He can be contacted on 0114 2439172]

*Left: The standard Suffolk Punch in a 1968 catalogue.*



# CLUB SERVICES AND INFORMATION

## SPARES

Contact Richard Jones on 01243 575937 or by email at [lawnmower.jones@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:lawnmower.jones@hotmail.co.uk) to order bottom blades, cutting cylinders and fixing screws from Garfitt's of Sheffield. Items ordered through Richard are subject to special terms and you only need to pay the club after the order is received. Richard will also be able to offer general advice on removal and replacement of the blades.

## WEBSITE PASSWORD

The generic password used for basic access to the website was changed shortly after edition 88 of Grassbox was issued. The new details are:

Username: olcmember  
Password: Climax1869!

Members with their own username and password are not affected by this change.

## WEBSITE

We will be making some major changes to the website between now and Christmas for a variety of fairly technical reasons. First, we will be moving the database that holds all of the website information (content, pages, links, user details etc) to a new server with more capacity because we have outgrown the current system. Second, we will be upgrading the content management system we use to run the site to the latest version. Both changes will require the site to be off-line for a limited time. Moving the data is relatively easy but the upgrade is more complex and will take longer. Once the changes

have been completed the site will run more quickly and we will be able to add some new features that are currently unavailable. Once the site upgrade is completed we will launch the online version of the Directory of Manufacturers and Mowers, as mentioned in the previous Grassbox. Keep an eye on the website for news about the schedule off-line periods.

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

All renewal notices were sent out in July and we have recently issued some reminders. Around 330 of the 430 or so members who needed to rejoin have done so and all renewals have been processed. If you're one of the hundred or so who still need to rejoin the label on your envelope containing this edition of Grassbox will say "Until: 2014". If you do not rejoin this will be the last Grassbox you receive.

## ANNUAL RALLY 2015

The club's Annual Rally will be held at Milton Keynes Museum on the weekend of 16/17 May 2015 (as always this is the **third full weekend** of May). This will be the 25th anniversary of the very first annual rally held in 1990 (bearing in mind the club was founded in 1989 but the first rally was the year after). To mark this special anniversary the committee recently decided to award all rally attendees a unique souvenir. As always we'll only reveal details on the day of the AGM (the Sunday).

There will be a number of themes for the rally. First, "overseas" mowers which we hope will give members some scope to display a simple "Foreign

Made" catalogue mower or something more obscure. Second, we are hoping to display a timeline of Greens Silens Messor mowers with as many variants as possible present. We want as many members as possible will bring examples so that we can have a full display and perhaps even spot a few oddities. Finally, to mark the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary we want to see mowers with a connection to 25. This could be a mower with a 25 in the name, a 25 inch cut machine, anything with a "jubilee" or "silver" connection, and (dare we say) something made in 1990. Thinking caps on everyone!

The committee also discussed the auction held on the Sunday morning. Although this has become an established part of the weekend the committee felt that too many low-grade lots are now

entered. The original objective was to have a relatively small number of desirable lots and provide as many members as possible with the opportunity to bid for them. The current format simply takes up too much time before and on the day to sell many items for a couple of pounds. We have therefore decided that the auction will be limited to 30 lots or fewer (depending on the quality of entries). However, we will also encourage members who previously entered low value lots to sell them on a bring-and-buy stand instead. There will be more about this in the next editions of Grassbox.

Incidentally, the club committee recently decided that members will be able to rejoin at the AGM again next year using the envelopes provided on the day.

## ADVERTISEMENTS

### FOR SALE

- 24" Ransomes motor mower, Blackburn engine 1930s. Needs restoration, can arrange delivery if required. No reasonable offer refused, or would swap for another machine. C: Ian Wallis. T: 0114 2439172 (Sheffield)
- 12" Ransomes Ajax Mk 5 (1968) with Grassbox, Oil Gun, and Instruction Leaflet. Offers... C: Brian Barendt. T: 02380 813237. E: brimarbar@hotmail.com (Southampton)
- 10" Ransomes Deluxe, 1932. Original paintwork - Union Jack on grassbox and mower, new front rollers, perfect working order. Any interest? Talk to me! C: Eric Anderton T: 01204 888159 E: eric.w.anderton@googlemail.com (Bury, Lancashire)
- 20" Atco B20 Royal, 1993, c/w B&S, c/w box, £450.00 C: Roy White T: 07809 015881 E: roywhite4@btinternet.com (Hastings)
- 20" Greens Zephyr, 1970s, c/w Villiers C12, c/w box C: Neil Copeland T: 07976 679016 E: lushgardens@orange.net (Macclesfield)

- 16" Webb, c/w B&S Easy Start, c/w box, £20 C: Tim Clifton T: 01572 747555 E: tim.clifton@btinternet.com (Oakham)
- 30" Ransomes Verticut, c/w JAP Mk5, FTGH C: Kevin Baynton T: 07502 048424 E: kevin@yourmowerservice.co.uk (Bedford)#
- 18" Ransomes Marquis, c1971, c/w Ransomes, c/w box, FTGH C: Keith Hopkins E: b.khopkins@btinternet.com (Unknown)#
- 14" Atco, 1954, c/w Villiers, c/w box, Offers C: Terence Beard T: 01974 251511 E: temaur@hotmail.com (Aberystwyth)#
- Qualcast Super Panther, c/w box, £50ono C: Eileen Machen T: 01904 702506 E: carl.machen@virginmedia.com (York)#
- 17" Suffolk Dual-Drive Super Punch, c/w 75G14 Model No.13A, c/w box, £1 C: Dennis Saunders T: 01823 324601 E: dennis47@btconnect.com (Taunton)#
- 24" Ransomes ride-on c/w tractor seat and roller, c1950s, c/w JAP Side Valve, c/w box, Donation to charity C: Tony Jones T: 02920 529345 E: tonyjonescamelot@aol.com (Cardiff)#

- 16" Atco Standard, c/w Villiers, c/w box C: Gerard Sykes T: 01394 412 1217 E: roandg.gs@gmail.com (Ipswich)#
- Atco, c/w box C: Frances Flanagan T: 07877 542754 E: fj.flanagan@btinternet.com (Sunderland)#
- 18" Ransomes MK4a, 1971, c/w Ransomes, c/w box, £25.00 C: Keith Hopkins T: 0151 342 5784 E: b.khopkins@btinternet.com (Chester)#
- 20" Atco, c1960s, c/w Tecumseh, c/w box C: Keith Davies T: 0121 704 3991 E: pandkdavis@btinternet.com (Solihull)#
- 20" Winpower Mfg. Co., RC-120 Remote Control Power Mower with Manual, 1960, C: Donald E Closson E: don.closson@comcast.net (Nashville, TN, USA)#
- 17" Atco, 1755/6H, 1955, c/w Villiers 2S, c/w box, Offers: 14" Atco, 1457/8, 1957, c/w Villiers 2S, c/w box, Offers; 14" Atco, 1456/7, 1956, c/w Villiers 2S, Offers C: Phillip James T: 01255 860122 E: p.james428@btinternet.com (Clacton on Sea)#
- 12" JP Super, pre-1930., c/w Manual machine, c/w box, FTGH C: John Dodwell T: 020 8647 9806 E: dodwell29@btinternet.com (Sutton)#
- 12" Atco B12, 1980, c/w box, Offers C: Barry Allen T: E: barryallen@ntlworld.com (Luton)#
- 12" Ransomes Ajax Mk3, c1950s, c/w box, £25 C: Don Gilkes T: 01474 813910 E: don.gilkes1@gmail.com (Gravesend)#
- 30" Dennis, c1952, c/w Dennis, c/w box, £150 C: Roland Hutchings T: 01737 361092 E: gillandroland@gmail.com (Croydon)#
- 12" Ransomes Ajax Mk3, c/w box, FTGH C: Barry Marsden T: 07887 824085 E: barry\_hencloud@btinternet.com (Leek)#
- 12" JP Maxeex Mark II, Early 1960s, c/w box, £30 C: Kenneth Vines T: E: kvines@plymouth.ac.uk (Plymouth)#
- 24" Atco Four Stroke Royal, 1950s, c/w Tecumseh (working order), c/w box, £180 C: Julia Dawson T: 01626 834074 E: julia@kensbenz.co.uk (Newton Abbot)#
- 12" Fulbate, J1, 1950s, c/w box, Offers C: Sylvia Purkis T: 0118 947 5120 E: pelican.purkis@virgin.net (Reading)#
- Antique Rotary lawnmower (never seen it before), Offers C: Chris Dove T: 07796 013375 E: chris@thedove.karoo.co.uk (Beverley)#
- 18" Ransomes, 1955, c/w box C: Graham Clough T: 01530 836006 E: cloughie@talktalk.net (Leicester)#
- 12" Qualcast Superlite Panther, 1969/70, c/w box, FTGH C: Raymond Cocksedge T: E: rayandlin13@hotmail.com (#)
- 14" Webb 253, 1960s, c/w B&S, c/w box, FTGH C: Hugh Lacock T: E: hl57382@greenbee.net (Cheltenham)#
- 16" Atco Standard, £100; 20" Atco Kickstart, 1956, c/w box, £40; Atco 4 Stroke, 1930, c/w JAP 4S, c/w box, Offers; Atco, 1959/60, c/w Villiers 4S, c/w box, £30; 12" Suffolk Colt, c/w Villiers, c/w box, £20; JP Super Bowling Green, Offers; Flymo, c/w B&S, £20; Ransomes, Edger; Ransomes, Ajax Mk3 - 2 of, £10 for the pair C: Roger Baker T: 01723 895886 E: thegreen.farm@btinternet.com (Corby)#
- 12" Ransomes Cub, 1930s, c/w box; Ironcrete Roller C: Haydn Rudham T: 07545 579395 E: haydn.rudham@btinternet.com (Birmingham)#
- 8" Greens, c/w box; 12" Ransomes, 1930, c/w box, £800 C: James Harland T: 07973 500421 E: harland2020james@aol.com (York)#
- 12" Webb electric, pre WW2, S/N K1258PR, Offers C: Ian Rodkiss T: 07551 610427 E: girgir@talktalk.net (Galashiels)#
- 24" Dennis Z Type c/w seat and roller, early 1930s, c/w Blackburn. Starts first time. Still in regular use., c/w box, Offers C: Dennis Meadus T: 01329 846612 E: D.Meadus@btinternet.com (Fareham)#
- 22" Atco Standard, 1926, c/w Villiers Mk VIA, c/w box, FTGH C: John Sawyer T: 01647 252592 E: tandjsawyer@btinternet.com (Exeter)#
- 20" Ransomes Antelope, 1968, c/w BSA, FTGH C: John Sawyer T: 01647 252592 E: tandjsawyer@btinternet.com (Exeter)#
- Atco kick start; Ransomes Marquis motor mower C: Tim Clare T: 07956 483201 E: tim@cluckingchickens.co.uk (Windsor)#
- Pennsylvania sidewheel C: John Duncan E: johnduncan@uwclub.net (Unknown)#
- Collection of hand and motor mowers including Presto motor mower, Clio motor mower, Qualcast motor side wheel and Novo Tangent side wheel, Husqvarna side wheel and others. Mowers and seller based in Sweden would prefer to sell as single lot for price in region of £700/€820. C: Johan Lundmark E: j.landmark@telia.com (Sweden)#
- JP Super C: Joe Kingsley E: joekingsley784@hotmail.co.uk (Unknown)#
- Atco motorised side wheel, 1960/1, yellow coloured. C: Becky E: hellobecky@outlook.com (Northamptonshire)#

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Have you ever wondered why the Ransomes Cub always says on the handle that it's a high wheel machine? After all, they are all high wheel aren't they? Well not always. This is a low wheel Cub, a machine that appears not to have been widely advertised in the UK and which is even excluded

from the Cub parts lists. This example has the extra interest of being a bank cutting mower, hence the curious handle mounting on the rear end of the frames. As it has this handle which has no trace of ever having had a badge, there is no way of confirming its identity, although from the marks in the original paintwork on this mower it is clear that it has been used with a normal handle as well during its life. Another odd feature is that not only are the wheels different, so are the side frames and even the roller brackets which are much shorter than those on a normal high wheel cub. These machines must therefore have been sold for it to be worthwhile making the different components, perhaps they were for export, or were very short lived in this country.

The image, *right*, shows the differences very clearly, the low wheel version in the foreground being a 10", the high wheel being a 12" which has been restored and has a new handle stem.



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