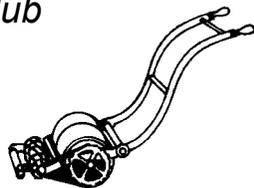


# Grassbox

*The magazine of The Old Lawnmower Club*

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## EDITORIAL

Welcome to Grassbox 96. My thanks to those who submitted material, I even have a couple of small items left ready for the next issue too, though more is very welcome indeed! As you will all be aware, this is the last issue to come out before the AGM and annual rally on the 21st and 22nd of May. I hope very much to see as many members as possible there, for what will as usual be a mower packed weekend.

## ANOTHER ANNIVERSARY

When I was adding the contents pages for Grassbox to the website a few weeks ago I suddenly realised that this Grassbox will mark the 25th Anniversary of the very first edition. Back then we only had around 30 or 40 members and it took me a few months after founding the club to get around to producing a newsletter. Of those original recipients, I reckon at least half are still members of the club.

Things were very different in 1991 – technology was relatively basic and to produce Grassbox I printed off columns of text from the word processor at work and stuck them with some basic pic-

tures on to page templates. These were then photocopied double-sided onto A3 sheets which I folded to produce four pages of A4. Nor was there any Internet or web (and hardly any mobile phones) in those days so all communication was by old-fashioned post or telephone. Of course, things have moved on since then – we added proper photographs by the mid-1990s and even some colour supplements a few years later but the basic design stayed the same until William took over as editor and we started to produce the smaller format with the 16 pages and full colour. Everything is produced “digitally” and we post copies of every Grassbox on the website as soon as they become available.

Over the years many people in the club have contributed articles, snippets of information and pictures that we have been able to share with everyone. Thanks to you all.

Despite these changes I would like to think that the basic aims of Grassbox – to inform members about club activities and to help them with the collection, preservation and display of their mowers – have remained the same for a quarter of a century.

**Keith Wootton**

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## OBITUARY

### TED WELLS

Ted joined the Old Lawnmower Club in the early days. I first remember seeing him at Milton Keynes with a small collection of mowers and looking rather distinguished with a greyish looking beard. A man of stature and verse always willing to pass on his knowledge. A man who had the knack of showing the simplest of tools but being able to tell you the trade they came from, their uses and the age complete with a demonstration. A man of many clubs and societies and a collector from birth, Ted was a collector of many household items and tools as well mowers. In the early days of the club he was busy moving house from the Surrey area to Somerset, the latter his beloved county. He found that one of the best ways to move his collection was to load up his items in Surrey but on the way show them at a Steam Engine Rally before taking them on to Somerset. I remember on one memorable occasion turning up at the old Knowle Hill Rally to find Ted and Pat (his wife) showing a couple of lawn mowers and a full collection of soil pans with the words "everybody needs to use them"! No holding back on their full history, along with a sit down demonstration. I can still hear the words Cloaca Maximus, the history of the Roman Sewers. Mike and I often use to visit him at his home at Chesterblade, near to Shepton Mallet, a barn conversion that he was quite happy building into a home him-

self. Ted was also a collector of books, mostly on tools and trades but he had a vast wealth of personnel knowledge that surpassed his library. Ted always loved the social side of life, loved his pints but also was a cognisant of his beloved malt whisky.

While at Chesterblade he suffered a stroke. I always remember taking the call: "the mowers are on the back shelf in the garage, come and get them, as they are too heavy for me to lift". He made me promise that they had to stay in Somerset, which they always will, and the Samuelsson is still sitting on our shelf. In the last few years Ted moved to Chelnych to a smaller proper-



ty on one level. He was always welcoming, always testing our knowledge on new finds with Pat chuckling in the background.

I think though the sight I will always remember him by with fondness was sitting at the table, needle and thread in hand, sewing up his Somerset Provincial Masonic Apron, his Lodge aptly named Love and Honour in Shepton Mallet. He leaves Pat his wife, who sadly is in care with Alzheimer's at Cadogen Court near Exeter, a Masonic care home which is supported by all the Lodges of Somerset Province.

Fondly remembered.

**Mike Duck & Andrew Hall**

The Hall & Duck Trust

**Keith Wootton** adds:

Ted was one of our founding members and was indeed present with Pat at our very first Old Lawnmower Club rally back in 1990 (see photo). Over the years we met up many times as rallies and events where he always had something new and interesting to show. Ted was also keen to share his knowledge and often sent me cuttings of adverts and articles featuring mowers from old magazines. Some of these have appeared in Grassbox or on the website. I am sure that everyone in the club will be sad to hear of his death and wish to pass on their best wishes to his widow Pat.

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## THE BUDDING MUSEUM OF GARDENING

By Clive Gravett

After 3 years of planning I am pleased to say that our museum is now open, located within the new South Downs Heritage Centre in Hassocks West Sussex. The centre is part of a £2.5m project linking in with the South Downs National Park. Our collection is housed within a 1500 square metre vernacular style Sussex barn constructed from restoration-grade oak, fashioned by hand in a traditional workshop by a team of master carpenters.

We believe we have the largest collection of vin-

tage mowers on permanent public display in the South, 30 mowers so far with space for more, ranging from the 1860's to 1960's. Several rare machines including an example of the world's first sidewheel mower patented in Philadelphia, USA in 1869, also the later 'Climax' manufactured in England by

Follows and Bate.

Other push mowers range from a 6in Archimedean to a very original 18in Ransomes Patent Gear.

A centre piece for our motor mower stand is an exceptionally





well restored British Anzani Easimow, designed and originally manufactured in Sussex by E.F. Ranger (Ferring) Ltd. Outside we have some larger mowers, including a Lloyds of Letchworth Autoscythe with Mar-Vil engine, agricultural implements and a couple of tractors.

The general gardening history sections are still 'a work in progress' but we already have sections on Pruning & Trimming, Watering & Spraying and of course the Budding story.

Within the barn is the Sussex food hall with local specialist cheese, chocolate, patisserie, coffee, ice cream etc and plenty of Budding Pale Ale! Local artists and craftspeople have studios, exhibitions and sales areas for the items they produce. In the adjacent barn is a restaurant serving a wide variety of food and refreshments.

**How to find us: -**

Brighton Road, Hassocks, East Sussex. BN6 9LY

**By car....** just off the A23, 7.5 miles North of Brighton. By train Hassocks station is only 0.5 miles, 10 mins walking distance away. Opening hours are 9am to 5pm Mon-Sat and 10am to 4.30pm on Sundays.

I am not at the museum every day but please contact me for any further information, if you have a specific date and time for your visit, please let me know in advance and I will do my best to meet you for a personal guided tour.

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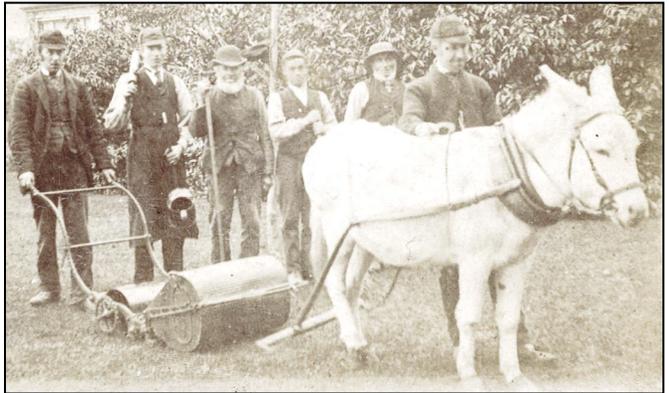
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# GREENS: HORSES AND PONIES

By William Proudfoot

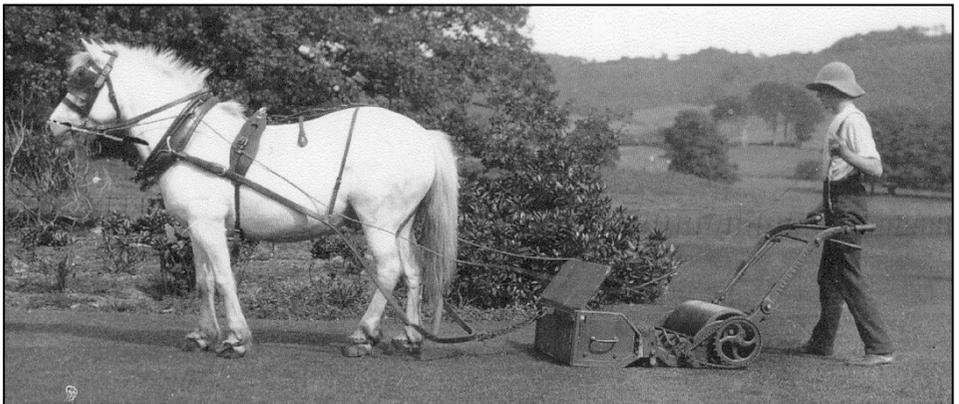
About a year ago we acquired a 30" Greens Pony mower, and the restoration that followed led me to make further investigation into the breed. Greens manufactured animal drawn machines from the early days as the other makers of the day did, but they ended up producing mowers of a distinct type, quite different from the designs of their rivals.



*A normal curved handled Silens Messor (probably 22" or 24") in use as a donkey mower.*

It is no great surprise that Greens, unlike Ransomes and Shanks produced all their mowers right up to the largest horse drawn size with chain drive, something not available from the competitors. Greens did offer gear driven versions, but contemporary photographs and the number of present day survivors suggests that gears were not a popular option among Green's customers.

The second unusual feature of the Greens pony and horse mowers, (although only 26" and above) was the curious grassbox emptying mechanism, whereby the whole thing was lifted out of the cradle and turned upside down to deposit the grass all over the operator's feet. All this could be done by turning a handle on the right hand handlebar. A more normal slide out grassbox was available, as seen *below* in 24" form,



though again these seem to have sold in smaller numbers. Both these two features, the chain drive and the lifting grassbox were also used on the animal powered Follows and Bate Chain Tennis.



*This 22" from the Hall & Duck Trust collection, seen at one of the first club rallies, is an early donkey mower, quite possibly the same size and similar in date to the Silens Messor at the top of Page 6. It has the central clutch lever and early style cylinder bearings.*

Greens animal powered machines come in three types, the smaller donkey hauled ones being 20", 22" or 24" in size. These sizes overlapped with the largest sizes of Silens Messor, and in the 1887 catalogue are only mentioned as being a version of the hand mower with stronger framing for use with a donkey.

The Pony mower was built largely to the same standard as the donkey machines, but with the additional mechanism for lifting the grassbox added. This

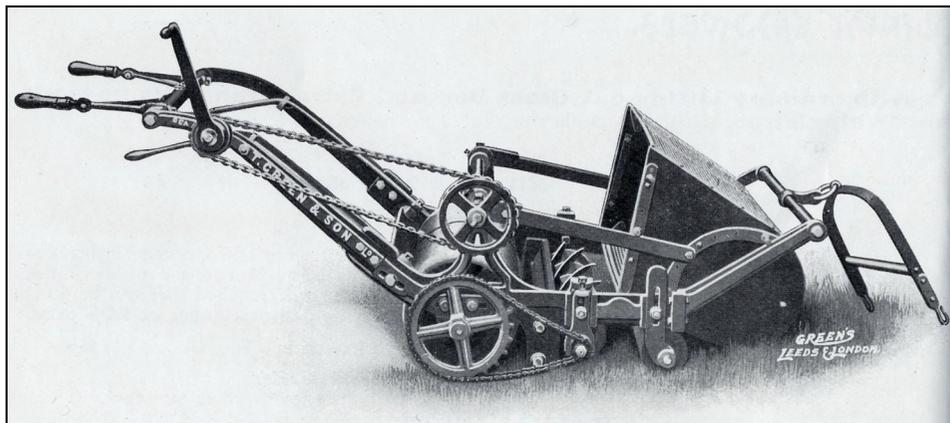
was available in 26", 28" and 30" sizes. Once you get to this size range, the 2 inch increments seems rather unnecessary, but as 28" ones exist today they obviously managed to sell them. Ransomes didn't bother with a 28" size, and

Shanks made the gap bigger by offering a 25" pony mower rather than 26".

The biggest type was the Horse mower, this being built to a much stronger design, and clearly quite far removed from the Silens Messor hand mowers. Like their rivals, Greens made a 30" in both Horse mower form and Pony, the two machines being quite different. The Horse mowers came in 30", 36", 42" and 48", though the 48" option was dropped from the catalogue in about 1920.

Frustratingly, Greens rarely illustrated the

smaller pony and donkey machines in catalogues, the 20 - 24" versions only being in the larger and rarer full sized catalogues, while the 26" - 30" pony machines were never illustrated at all. The Horse mowers were always shown in pocket catalogues, and advertisements, while the larger full catalogues show the geared versions and sliding grassbox types too. This means that there appear to be no contemporary illustrations of the mid range pony mowers.



A typical catalogue illustration from 1910 of a Horse mower. Note the much heavier frames, the deep grassbox and the narrowing of the handle tops.

The most important change in design was the change in position of the clutch levers. Animal drawn mowers always have clutches, indeed this along with the reinforced frames was the main difference between them and a hand machine. Sometime in the 1890s the single central clutch lever that went into the roller between the two sections of the drum was abandoned in favour of two separate levers on each side of the machine. These were initially single round section pieces of iron with an elegant swelling at the handle end, but sometime around 1910 they acquired a joint near the bottom end, the bottom piece now being a malleable casting and the top section a rather cruder piece of flat bar. This is seen in the circa 1910 30" mower, *opposite, top*.

The observant may have noticed the the Horse mower above has straight spokes in its sprockets, and indeed illustrations always show these. In fact many of the old photographs of these mowers and the smaller pony machines in use show straight spokes too, but few if any straight spoke versions have sur-

vived. Presumably as a wearing part they got replaced with curved versions. Now to the great achilles heel of the Greens pony mowers, the fragile front ends. The 30" one opposite that we've just finished restoring has been broken through the front roller bracket bolt holes, one side frame behind the bracket, one roller bracket itself and one drawbar side. These had all been plated or welded at different times, and the drawbar side replaced entirely with a piece of steel bar. We made a pattern for this and had a new one cast. All the other various breaks were welded up too.

This is not a unique example, although its original owners could have had a rather violent pony. The 28" *opposite, bottom* has suffered identical breaks but unlike the 30" it has lost all the parts that broke off. It has also had the chain and sprockets for lifting the grassbox removed.

It is slightly earlier, dating from about 1902, and has the round one piece clutch levers and no nameplate, this being a bolt on extra added in 1905



when they were put on Silens Messors. Hopefully with castings made using the 30" for patterns we will now be able to restore this mower after 20 years of waiting! This photo also shows how the grassbox rests on the handles when in the emptying position.

Our 24" has also lost its front roller brackets and drawbar, presumably broken, while the example on display for many years at Trecice in Cornwall has broken through both the draw bar sides near the front end. In fact, there are several more examples of breaks to the



casting on Greens pony mowers, and one is forced to wonder why they continued to make the same design for so long. The roller brackets and their mountings on the frame only need a slight casting flaw (another Greens speciality, of which more anon) and they have very little strength indeed. Anyway, if you want to restore an old mower, it helps to have a challenge!

# HAND, HORSE, AND MOTOR BY JAMES B RICCI

## BOOK REVIEW

By Andrew Hall

To produce a reference book on an overlooked subject, lawn mower production in the United States, is no mean task!

For the last twenty years Jim has been researching archives and collating information, and also talking to people who were involved in the industry. This book not only shows reference guidance



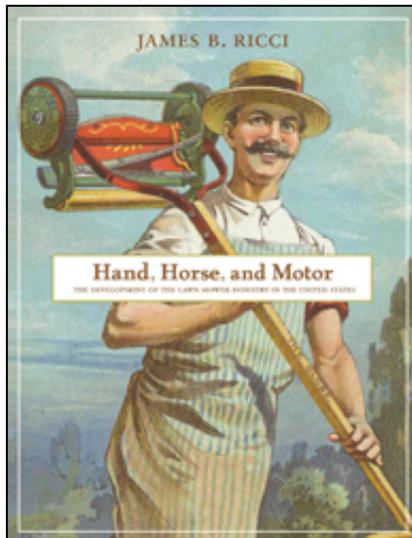
*Jim Ricci*

to American manufacturers but also shows the close relationship with the development of the lawn mower in Great Britain.

Perhaps as in the first invention of Edwin Budding's lawn mower, getting it right first time shows how the American machine was developed to be used in two different markets. In America, the climate and grass species being different and also the pressure to produce a high quality machine, light in draught and at a low cost of production, stemmed from the agricultural mech-

anisation revolution to produce cheap quality food, the export of which made America a superpower. Here, the same machine was developed to be sold as an export model, with easy margins, which was snapped up by the many catalogue companies that were our chain to feed our ever-growing British Empire

There have been many books written on the subject of the history and development in gardens where there are chapters or references to lawn mower development. This book, however is a complete reference directory of American manufacturers, which should be used as a foundation stone to any research in the subject and should grace the shelves of any scholar or University.



**Andrew Hall**

The Hall & Duck Trust

## **ORDER & COLLECT JIM RICCI'S NEW BOOK AT THE ANNUAL RALLY**

Members will already be aware that Jim Ricci has published his book on the American mower industry, which Andrew Hall has reviewed on the facing page. The book runs to 266 pages and has 155 illustrations. Club members can order copies of Jim Ricci's book for collection at the Annual Rally weekend. The cost of each book is £34 which includes the book and the share of the postage from the USA. This is around

£10 less than it would cost someone to order a copy direct on its own.

**To place an order please contact Keith before Saturday 7 May.** We cannot guarantee availability at the Annual Rally for orders placed after this date. After the Annual Rally you can still order a copy through the club at the same cost but with UK postage added on. See the website for further details. We believe it will be more economical for overseas members to order copies direct from the publisher.

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## **CLUB SERVICES AND INFORMATION**

### **A NATION OF SHOPKEEPERS**

We're looking for a new shopkeeper because Richard Jones has decided to stand down from the committee in the near future. Ideally we'd like someone to take over as soon as possible to fulfil this important role.

The shopkeeper is responsible for managing sales of transfers, clothing and other souvenirs. It's not a huge amount of work but it does need someone who is able to respond quickly to requests from members and to liaise with our suppliers to make sure we have enough ongoing stock.

Sales come in through the post and via the web, which means the person who takes over from Richard will need access to email and internet, as well as having a small amount of room to store the stock.

Everything is already set up and we will provide support and "training" to help

the new shopkeeper take over. You can be based in any part of the UK and a place on the committee goes with the role. In the first instance please either contact Richard or Keith to find out a bit more (details elsewhere in Grassbox).

Incidentally, Richard is standing down because his business is continuing to grow (which is great news) and he needs more time to make it an even bigger success. As an experienced lawn mower engineer he's agreed to carry on with the Garfitt's spares for the time being. I'm sure everyone in the club will wish Richard all the best and thank him for his contribution.

### **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.

## **DIARY DATES FOR 2016**

Annual Rally, Milton Keynes Museum  
21/22 May

All the usual events and features including the club's AGM on the Sunday. See separate article for more details  
Details from Keith Wootton

Banbury Steam Rally  
25/26 June  
Details from Robbie Robinson

Bedford Steam Rally  
16/17/18 September  
Details from Dick Hardwick

Malvern Autumn Show  
24/25 September  
Details from Keith Wootton

Further details of these and other events on the club website.

## **WEBSITE**

Over the past few weeks we have been adding and updating a lot of sections on the website. One of the new sections is a list of museums that feature lawn mowers (UK and overseas) with a clickable map showing the location of each. All back copies of Grassbox are online and we have recently added a basic list of contents for each with a simple search facility to make it easier to find specific articles. We have also revamped the classified advert section to make it easier to see what's on offer and what's wanted. Another change is the way that technical and historical

information about mowers is listed. At the moment the changes simply present the information slightly better but look out for some new pages soon which show mowers made by specific companies (starting with Atco and Suffolk probably) in date order. Finally, the Directory Of Lawn Mower Manufacturers And Models originally produced by the club as a printed book is now available online as part of the members-only section. This can be printed or downloaded as a PDF.

Don't forget any member of the club can access the members-only section using the username olcmember and the password Atco1936! Or by using their own personal details. We'd really like more members to get involved with the website by contributing to specific sections or editing existing content. Anyone interested in helping should in the first instance contact Keith Wootton (keith.wootton@oldlawnmowerclub.co.uk) for more information.

## **MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS**

We'll be sending out annual renewal reminders soon after the AGM. The committee will be recommending that the subscription remains the same (£12 for UK, £15 for overseas) for the coming year. Your reminder will be issued by email unless we don't have a current address, in which case we will send it by post. You will only receive a reminder if your membership runs "Until 2016" (check the label on your Grassbox envelope). Members who have joined recently will not need to renew this year.

We have decided to try out a fast-track renewal at the annual rally. For this

you'll need to place a cheque (payable to "The Old Lawnmower Club") or cash in an envelope with your name on and leave it with us after the AGM. If paying by cash you'll need to have the correct payment as we won't be able to give change.

## **ANNUAL RALLY 2016**

This year's annual rally at Milton Keynes on Saturday 21 and Sunday 22 May. The annual rally has always been the club's biggest and best event of the year and we want as many members as possible to come along to be part of our largest annual event. The museum address is Milton Keynes Museum, McConnell Drive, Wolverton, Milton Keynes, MK12 5EL.

Like all our events it's very informal. We encourage all members to bring at least one machine from their collection to exhibit, hopefully more. It's surprising how much you can get in the boot of a car when you try! All mowers are welcome, large and small, hand and motorised. Bring family and friends too - even if they are not interested in mowers, there's lots to see at the museum.

This year's themes are "Dennis" mowers and "JP" mowers. We learned a few important lessons last year so this time we will clearly mark the theme display areas and we'll also hold a photoshoot at a specific time on the Sunday afternoon (after the AGM) to mark the occasion.

The timetable will follow the usual format which means the auction will take place late morning, no sooner than 11am, on the Sunday. The AGM will be held after lunch on the Sunday, starting

no sooner than 2pm. Awards and presentations will be made at the end of the meeting. We'll also present each member in attendance with a souvenir of the weekend (you also get the souvenir if you only come on Saturday but you need to ask a committee member for one).

The usual competitions of "best working machine" and "spot the part" will take place and of course we'll be holding the annual contest for the Andrew Grout Plate. Competition for all of these is likely to be as fierce as ever. The club shop will be open on the Sunday only with a complete range of souvenirs, clothing and transfers available. A full list is available on the website.

Finally, a bit of housekeeping. If you're planning to arrive on the Friday please do not come before 3pm because there won't be anyone from the club to welcome you before then. After that, feel free to come at any time. The gates to the site are closed when it gets dark but are open again from around 7.30am on the Saturday and Sunday mornings.

Once on site turn left through the gate inside the museum's main entrance and proceed slowly into the field but please keep an eye out for people who may be walking around the grounds. We plan to ask all club members to sign a book when they arrive so that we know who's been. All vehicles and trailers must be parked in the designated area as marked by signs or indicated by a committee member. This is for safety and to allow other members to drop off and collect their exhibits without hindrance.

Camping is permitted on Friday and Saturday evenings. The toilets and

washrooms will be open until late at night and from early morning on each day. The museum tea room will be serving breakfast on Saturday and Sunday morning and light refreshments throughout each day. On the Friday and Saturday evenings we generally send out for a take-away.

## AUCTION

Last year's auction was a bit flat which was probably because many people felt we had discouraged entries. Taking on board feedback from members (and the committee) we want to encourage more entries this year so that the auction returns to its usual and rightful place as big part of the weekend. This is great way to dispose of unwanted machines

or other mower related items, as you can be fairly sure of a sale! You can enter lots using the form in this Grassbox but we have also set up a special page on the website so that you can do it online.

If you haven't already entered a lot there's still time but **you must let us know before the event** if you want to sell anything. We will not accept lots on the day because it adds to the committee's workload when there isn't much spare time. Details for entering lots are all on the form, and on the website.

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# ADVERTISEMENTS

## FOR SALE

- 24" Ransomes Mk 8a, 1935, c/w Sturmev Archer 348 engine, c/w box, £150 C: Wayne Smith T: 07722 510322 E: wbsgas@talktalk.net (Barnsley)
- 14" Suffolk Super Colt', c1970, c/w engine, £50 C: Geoffrey Edmundson T: 07742 603151 E: geoffreyedmundson@btinternet.com (Newcastle)
- 33" Atco , 1955, c/w Villiers Mk 25 engine, c/w box, FTGH C: JP Superman T: 01845 525356 day/01765 635384 eve E: david.klemz@compact.co.uk (Ripon)
- Tecumseh H60 engine and other bits from 24" Atco; various spares left over from Qualcast 16 restoration. C: Andrew Pyne E: pyneapplechunks@Hotmail.co.uk (Brecon)
- 12" Ransomes Ajax Mk 3, c/w engine, c/w box, Offers C: Dennis Smith T: 01379 678639 E: magdensmith@btinternet.com (Diss)#
- 14" Atco , c/w Villiers Midget engine, c/w box, FTGH C: David burling T: 01276 31787 E: mavedaveburling@tiscali.co.uk (Sandhurst)#
- 18" Ransomes Minor MK6, 1955-60, c/w engine, c/w box C: Paul Waters T: 01633 400295 E: paulandk@btinternet.com (Newport, Gwent)#

- 14" Atco Light two stroke 1451, 1951, c/w Villiers engine, c/w box, Offers C: Peter Harrison T: 07840 750686 E: peter.harrison734@googlemail.com (Helston)#
- Suffolk Colt 6A, c1960s, c/w engine C: John Buddle T: E: johnbuddle@btinternet.com (Stockport)#
- 12" Suffolk Super Colt', 1978, c/w engine, c/w box, Free C: Simon Porter T: 07710 105213 E: emsjp04@hotmail.com (Leicester)#
- 14" Greens Zephyr, c/w engine, c/w box C: Chris Macdonald T: 07764 151688 E: jane.macdonald@hotmail.co.uk (Macclesfield)#
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- 12" Greens Zephyr, c/w engine, c/w box C: Michael Nunn T: 01983 565300 E: nekim1@tiscali.co.uk (Newport, loW)#

- 17" Atco , c1950, c/w Villiers engine, c/w box, £40 C: Tony Ascott T: 01279 734594 E: [tonyascott@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:tonyascott@tiscali.co.uk) (Bishop's Stortford)#
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- Atterton F1 Bottom Blade grinder , c/w engine C: Daniel T: E: [Lbse@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:Lbse@hotmail.co.uk) (Ipswich)#
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