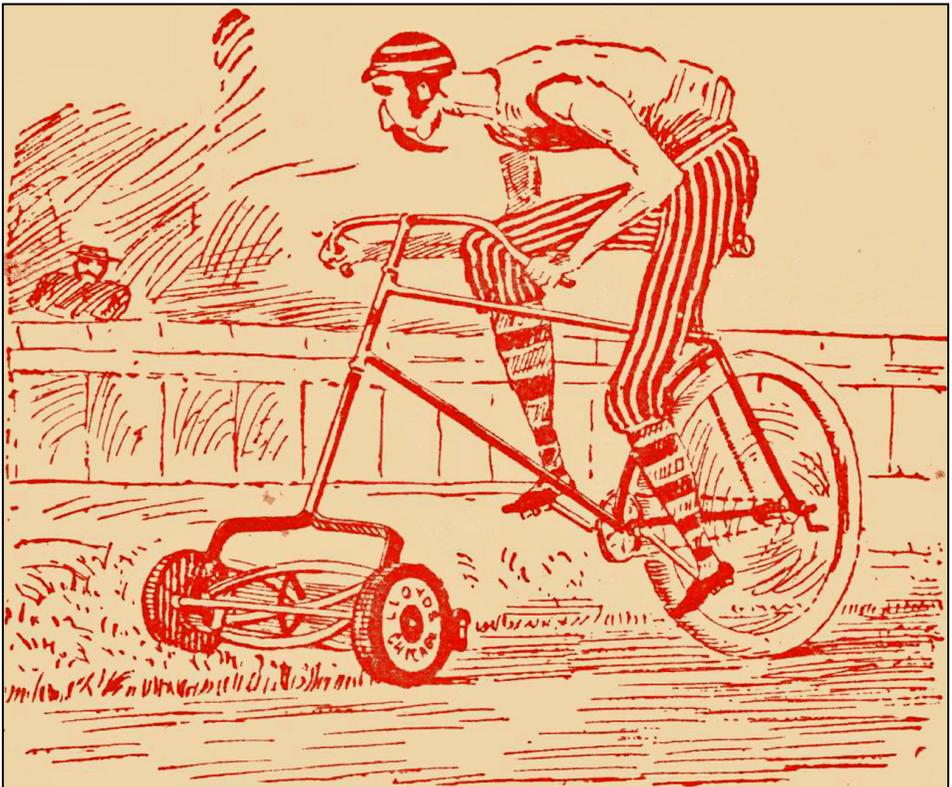
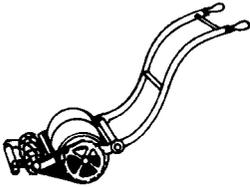


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EDITORIAL

Welcome to the latest issue of Grassbox. Firstly a huge thank you to all those who have sent in material for this issue, in fact I even have a few items left over for the next one, which is a very welcome feeling for any magazine editor I can assure you!

The Rally season has now ended, and this generally means that the mowing season has too. This year's summer had something of a sting in its tail as far as I was concerned, as I decided to cut the lawn with our Automower a few

weeks ago, probably one of the last cuts this year. It always ran well but hadn't been out for a couple of years. With great satisfaction it fired into life straight away, unlike so many motor mowers which seem to have minds of their own.

Sadly, without some major engineering work it won't be running again as half way through the main chain from the engine broke, the split link having come apart, and jammed the engine solid instantaneously. This had the effect of bending the crankshaft and cracking one half of the crankcase. I have never seen such damage on an old engine before. I hope a way can be found to repair it, but it was a sad feeling pushing this suddenly lifeless mower back to the shed knowing it may never run again.



Left: William Walker showing his dog the finer points of lawn mowers at the Annual Rally Auction in May.

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Club members at the Shuttleworth Rally found a display of mower badges and were particularly intrigued by this one. The nature and identity of a Durance Model of Ransome's Cub had several members stumped. It was suggested that the mower was made for the French market, or possibly was connected in some way to the War Graves Commission.

It is frustrating that the mower itself has long since been lost; this may well have held some clues. Any thoughts on this badge's origins would be very gratefully received at the usual address. Photo by Clive Gravett.



Below: The larger models from Mike Tomkin's toy lawnmower display at Malvern Show, see page 9 for the full report.



SHED OF THE YEAR 2016

By John Barnard (Sheddie John!)

It all began when I went on to the OLC web site. Someone from Plum Pictures had contacted the club to see if any of the members would like to enter the shed of the year competition. It seemed like a good idea so I went online with my Mower Museum shed, wrote a short article and sent a few pictures – with hindsight I could have done this better. I thought they would edit the article and the pictures but it was online as I had sent it – complete with washing on the line!

Sometime later I received a phone call from the production team and was asked if they could come and film me and my shed. I agreed to this. After various communications they arrived on April 21st at 09.00am and began setting up their equipment in the garden. It was a lovely bright sunny day. There were five of them in the team, soon to be six when George Clarke arrived by taxi.

They filmed me opening my five sheds – none of this was shown on TV. George was filmed presenting and talking to me in and out of the Mower museum and in my garage/workshop. Certain shots were filmed several times until the director was happy.

At one stage I was asked if I could turn a wooden handle whilst they filmed me, this took about 20 minutes. I suspect this was a ruse to keep me in the garage out of the way whilst they carried on filming George. He used one of my mowers to mow the lawn, looking very

uncomfortable being so tall and having to stoop to push the mower.

They had lunch and then departed for another shoot farther south.

A couple of weeks later I was contacted and told that I was in the final in the 'Workshops and studios' category. There were 8 categories, 32 sheds altogether. At this point we were told that the final 8 would be down to a public vote so get all your friends and families to vote for you on line as this would decide the winner in each section. From the final 8 category winners the judges would decide the overall winner.

I consider the public vote online to be tricky as some of the 'sheddie's' were picked up by the media and newspapers and obviously this increased the votes received. Unfortunately I did not have any media interest and many of my acquaintances are not online. We were asked to keep June 17th free for filming the final.

Arrangements were made for the 32 finalists and their 'plus one' to meet up at Maidenhead, stay overnight in a premier inn, and then be taken by coach to the filming location, at Lillybrook Manor, an old country house which had been converted to a filming location. We were rehearsed in cheering, clapping and whistling while the sections were filmed and the finalists in each category were announced. Food and drinks were readily available. I did not win, a

chap with an anvil collection was the winner in workshops/studios category.

After about 10 hours filming was complete. The winner was 'The west wing' in the ECO category and he was presented with the shed of the year trophy – a tiny replica shed - with other benefits to follow. I had to agree he was a worthy winner. Friends who have seen the show say I was robbed – what can I say? I thought I had a chance to win my category having seen the competition but never expected to be the overall winner. The best shed won.

We all stayed to the end and the runners up were given a rosette and a shed mug and were then coached back to Maidenhead where we had parked our

cars or to a nearby train station – and some to the airport. My wife and I joined the traffic and headed home. It had been a tiring day but a most enjoyable experience.

Am I glad I did it? Yes, it was an experience and the programme does not belittle the people who enter.

Would I change anything? Yes, I would take more time on the photos and write up, and also contact our local media, newspapers and local radio to encourage more votes.

Best of luck if this inspires anyone to enter next year. Entries are being sought now – just go online.....

John Barnard with the Shed of the year winner!



NEW AND STILL IN THE BOX SINCE 1956

By Keith Allen

I have been an Old Lawnmower Club member since the early days, with an interest in Ransomes push mowers. As an old tool maker I appreciate the quality of engineering; they certainly don't make 'em like that anymore. I do have my favourites. The old Automata-



ions are agricultural works of art, I love the precision and fine cutting of the Certes and now have several in my collection, although these days I struggle to push them. I use an Ascot, which is a 14 inch version of the smaller Ajax but just as easy to push every week to keep the lawns looking manicured; but the one that really started me off was the little Ajax Mk 3.

At the time I lived in an end of terrace cottage in Bristol with a 170 foot long back garden. Like most folk with a lawn I had a need to cut it but I didn't fancy dragging a power cable down the garden, risking electrocution. Someone said I should find an old push mower and get some good exercise. So I did. It was a broken Ajax Mk 3 with a dire need for TLC. My determination to restore this good old mower drove me to 'rescue' another from a skip. Unfortunately it was a mark 5. I remember

being disappointed until I realised I could make a "good un " that worked out of the two. Shortly after this I was getting married and my wife-to-be asked, "what would you like as a wedding present ?" I explained, at the risk of losing her, that I was yearning for a nice old original Ajax Mk 3

push mower and grass box. Fortunately she sympathised and between us we found one. I eventually ended up with over 30 of them. Unfortunately there is a sad end to this part of my story. I kept most of my mowers in an old barn at a local farm and 'someone' found out about them, 'acquired' them, and disposed of them - I suspect for scrap value. This really hurt at the time but I was determined to start again.

I am sure there are lady members of our club but I speak for us men; our mowers are our 'boys toys' that are supposed to keep us out of mischief and, as collectors, wouldn't we all like to find a brand new one of our favourite model still in the box? Do I hear a resounding, "OH YES"? I have always declared my interest in the OLC Directory of Members for the Ransomes push mower, and word obviously gets about because one day I received a phone call from a lady in



a Mark 3 Ajax ? When I asked to see the other one she said "there it is, new and still in the box and it hasn't been opened since my husband bought them both on 20th August 1956". This was the date on the box, though actually there were two boxes; one for the mower body, another for the grass box and the handle was, and still is, wrapped in brown paper. Oh! you should see the transfers, they are absolutely pristine ! The lady explained that if her husband liked something he usually bought two of them, one for spares. As I remember, in bygone days,

Essex who, after a brief interview, some of us used to do things like that !

chose me to be the custodian of her late husband's two Ransomes mowers. Still living in Bristol but now with a fully fledged wife it was a boon to find that she had a cousin on the East coast! I persuaded her that we really ought to visit that part of the family as soon as possible.

We spent a good weekend crabbing near Felixstowe and, having arranged to call and see the lady in Essex on the way home, I found myself in her Dear Departed's double garage.

It was a proverbial Aladdin's cave of old treasures - but I had only visited to collect the Ransomes! Can you imagine my delight when it turned out to be



RALLY REPORTS

BEDFORD STEAM FAYRE, SHUTTLEWORTH PARK 16TH - 18TH SEPTEMBER by Dick Hardwick

This was a special year for our hosts, the Bedfordshire Steam Engine Preservation Society, (www.bseps.org.uk for info) being the 60th anniversary of their founding and

the 21st year that they have held their Steam Fayre in the beautiful grounds of Shuttleworth House. The Old Lawnmower Club had cause to celebrate too, as we have exhibited with them for each of these 21 years at Shuttleworth and for the two preceding

years as well, at different locations in the County.

"It's amazing how time flies when you're having fun" as the saying goes and we have had fun at all these events, bar one or two years with inclement weather, though even then without serious rainfall. This year Friday was one of those inclement days with drizzle most of the day, but it could have been so much worse since there was heavy rainfall as close as ten miles from the site. In fact Clive Garrett (from Shoreham-by-Sea) and James Rudling (from

North Mymms) both travelled through floods just after leaving their respective homes!

There were fifteen members exhibiting mowers, in several cases accompanied by their "other halves" - where would be if they didn't support us? - so we mustered about a hundred items to show. That's not counting the wonderful

display of A4 size photos of appropriately ancient mowers that Clive brought. Mind you, not all the "models" were ancient and the one of Marilyn Monroe astride an Easimow attracted a lot of attention from passers by and I don't think they were drooling over the mow-



er! "Robbie" Robinson has been downsizing his collect over the past few years, gradually eliminating motor mowers and this year even push ones. However, he brought a wonderful table of memorabilia, including post cards, badges and a china ashtray, probably from the fifties bearing a small image of a Black & Decker mower that appeared to be battery powered. That's one that is not (yet) in the Club's Mower Directory, created by Chris Thompson ages ago, assuming the ash tray depiction was of a commercial product and not



banners the Club owns – very modern and eye catching. It just shows how while our interest lay in the past, we are very much up front with our image.

**MALVERN RALLY
24TH - 25TH
SEPTEMBER
By Keith Wootton**

Our annual visit to the Malvern Autumn Show saw around 10 club

members displaying a variety of motorised and hand machines. This year we were in a slightly different location, the first display in the ever-increasing vintage section. The majority of our regular exhibitors (the Williamses, the Prices, the Stanfords, the Barlows, the Harveys, Paul Channon, Alec Hillyar, Bruce Bentley, Andrew Grout, Keith Wootton) were all there. This year we were joined by Dan Mortimer, visiting the Autumn Show for the first time, and Mike and Pam Tomkins who brought along some of their collection of model and toy mowers. As always at Malvern we were able to run some of the machines in our allocated working area and this kept our team and the visitors amused throughout the weekend. Our display is part of a growing vintage section which includes horticultural exhibits, tractors, stationary engines, cars, motor bikes and classic commercials. In fact there is a huge amount to see at the show from food to gardening and general stalls which helps make it one of our most popular events of the year. Thanks to everyone who came and hopefully see you again next year.

just a B&D Director's pipe dream! Incidentally the Directory is accessible to members on the website and is still one of the most comprehensive sources, albeit with very brief individual descriptions, of information on so many UK mowers. Most of us kept our exhibits at our temporary base/marquee, shared with the Model section, but as you can see from the adjacent photo John Truluck and Roger Wilkinson ventured forth on their ride-ons (Anzani & Dennis respectively) to pose in front of the Hall; (*photo opposite page*) there can't be many more beautiful settings in which to be photographed for posterity than that. We had a lot of interest from "Joe Public" especially when periodically one of us would tinker with a mower and run it, but the days when relatively rare mowers were offered to a good home are long gone. Never-the-less there is a lot of satisfaction chatting with the public, giving help and advice and, hopefully encouraging a few new Club members too. It was a good way to spend a long weekend as the photo of most of the group shows. Notice one (of two slightly different)

members displaying a variety of motorised and hand machines. This year we were in a slightly different location, the first display in the ever-increasing vintage section. The majority of our regular exhibitors (the Williamses, the Prices, the Stanfords, the Barlows, the Harveys, Paul Channon, Alec Hillyar, Bruce Bentley, Andrew Grout, Keith Wootton) were all there. This year we were joined by Dan Mortimer, visiting the Autumn Show for the first time, and Mike and Pam Tomkins who brought along some of their collection of model and toy mowers. As always at Malvern we were able to run some of the machines in our allocated working area and this kept our team and the visitors amused throughout the weekend. Our display is part of a growing vintage section which includes horticultural exhibits, tractors, stationary engines, cars, motor bikes and classic commercials. In fact there is a huge amount to see at the show from food to gardening and general stalls which helps make it one of our most popular events of the year. Thanks to everyone who came and hopefully see you again next year.

NEW ZEALAND SUMMER HOLIDAY

By Alan Mattingly

Earlier this year, while on a short camping holiday in the North Island, I managed to spend some time in Hastings visiting another OLC member, Richard Goodall. I had a great couple of days talking mowers and inspecting his collection.

He is currently restoring a Ransomes 36" Mark 6 and has spent a considerable amount of time overhauling the engine, grass box and frame. Another mower being restored is a rare early 1960s 32" Morrison (basically two 16" models joined together) Some parts will need to be fabricated and he is searching for the correct B&S engine to finish this project. (*Below*)

Before catching the ferry back to the Mainland, I spent some time in the Central Hawke's Bay Settler Museum in



Waipawa. Their small collection of mowers contains the first production mower made by Morrison in 1935 – the Model A. It is powered by a Villiers Mk1 Midget with parts from a bicycle and a clutch made from Ford T parts.

The Mount Bruce Pioneer Museum, just north of Masterton, has a huge personal collection containing working displays, farm machinery household products etc... and a large collection of mowers. Of interest amongst the Silens Messors was an MP Mower Pusher, the only one I've seen in NZ. Outside under covers was a Shanks Dragon in need of some TLC, this could have easily followed me home. I Had a great few days and thanks for the hospitality.



Above: Some of the large number of mowers at the Mount Bruce Pioneer museum. The Mower Pusher is attached to the Silens Messor at the front of the left hand row..

Below: A large Greens motor mower at the Hawke's Bay Settler museum.



THE MOW-CYCLE

By Clive Gravett



that could be removed without taking the frame apart. Lloyd Lawrence & Co, London was formed in 1877 and imported various hardware including mowers from the USA. The company is still trading today under the name of Lloyds & Co of Letchworth.

There was a production mow-cycle made in 1985, the Sunkyong Bicycle Mower, (*below*) produced by a mail-order company known for its esoteric and extravagant gadgets. A full 2 page review was made in an American cyclist magazine in 1986 includ-

I have owned a Raleigh/Qualcast for some years (*above*), taking it to many events, whilst some of the 'old school' club members cringe when I bring it out, (*I cannot repeat what Dusty Miller said about it*) the machine never fails to draw in the crowds who then take an interest in other mowers on display and indeed the OLMC.

ing a full specification, but lacked detail of the mower deck!

Price was \$399.50, Weight 63lbs, also available in Dichondra Green and by coincidence distributed by a company based in Chicago!

While we would perhaps consider the hybrid a new idea, I was surprised to see that Lloyd Lawrence & Co featured an image of a similar machine in their 1894 brochure. (*see front cover*) This was to promote their new sidewheel mower 'The Chicago' which featured a cylinder



CLUB SERVICES AND INFORMATION

RENEWALS

All renewal notices were sent out in early July and the majority of members have already rejoined. We will send out reminder to those members who have not yet renewed at around about the same time that this Grassbox is posted. You will only receive a reminder if the "Until:" date on the label on the Grassbox envelope says "2016". If you do not rejoin, this edition will be the last that you receive.

WEBSITE

For generic access to the website you can use olcmember as the username and Atco1936! As the password. This will give you access to all Members-Only sections but you will not be able to post to the forums. To do this you must register using your own username and password.

ENEWS

Our second electronic newsletter was sent out to all members with an email address a few weeks ago and it prompted a few people to submit articles to Grassbox, which was just what we intended. We will continue to send these e-news shortly before each edition of Grassbox. Stats from the system we use suggest that only half of our members received or opened the newsletter. We would be interested to hear from members with their views and feedback. Please contact Keith.

WE NEED YOUR HELP #1: WEBSITE

The majority of the work on the website is completed by just one or two members. We would like to encourage more members to become involved, perhaps as a "moderator" or "content editor", to help behind the scenes. Our aim is to

spread some of the workload and reduce the risk of having "all our eggs in one basket". The sort of tasks we have in mind are mostly simple and won't take up much of your time. Anyone familiar with online email systems (eg Gmail or Outlook.com) should be able to cope. Please contact Keith if you would like to find out more.

WE NEED YOUR HELP #2: CLUB SHOP

We have been trying since the AGM in May to identify a member who would be willing to take over Club Shop duties from Richard Jones. So far we have been unsuccessful. The Club Shop is an important part of our activities and valued by many members who have bought transfers/decals, clothing and souvenirs over the years. The work involved is very simple and on average takes an hour or two each week, often less. It does require using some simple online spreadsheets and word-processing documents (mainly on Google Docs) but nothing too difficult. We will provide all necessary "training" to anyone who wants to take on the role and they will be supported by various committee members to help them make it a success.. Sadly, if nobody is willing to step forward we will have to close the shop. Please contact Keith for more details.

HOPWOOD MEMORIALS

Thanks to the members who have posted a photograph to the new "Hopwood Memorial" section of the website. These photographs have all highlighted lawn mowers in an unusual place or setting and show the members entering into the spirit of the idea. We designed this

section to be easy to use so it's slightly disappointing that more members have not yet posted a photograph.

SPARES

Contact Richard Jones on 01243 575937 or by email at lawnmower.jones@hotmail.co.uk to or-

der 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.

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