

BLOWLAMP NEWS

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In Devon, Spring has come a little late this year with some recent snowfalls and other unseasonable weather- that's my only excuse for the late arrival of the Spring edition of Blowlamp News.

We'll kick off first with :-

Badges. The comments have lead to this further views on colours. of badges from Canada.



of some of you who have written in with ideas drawing and what is now needed are some Alf Clark has kindly sent some other samples These are most attractive and come in a variety of different shapes and sizes. Some are of plain metal, designated antique brass with polished highlights, others are enamelled and of shapes other than the circles we have so far considered. All the fixings are of the stud and button type rather than the safety pin type we see over here. They are a bit cheaper than ours but we would have higher postal charges. I've written to the manufacturer for more information. Let's hear from you so we can perhaps have some badges in time for the Summer shows.

B/N 9 What is it? Finally a definitive answer. Eric Fagence has one with a complete transfer and it is an Otto Bernz. Nice one Eric- thanks.

B/N 10 Logos.

a) The logo is about 3/4 inch in diameter and is on the front of the tank of an incomplete 1/2 pint petrol lamp which I bought in a Portuguese fleamarket. The lamp in all other respects has the characteristics of another I have named "Papillon". Our French expert Phillipe Touillet states that the logo is called "Asches" or "Axes" and was used by Leon Guilbert until 1910 after which the Trademark became "Express" and included his initial letters "L G". What the letters "S" mean is not clear.

b) This is a soldered plaque about 1-1/2 inch diameter on a 1/2 pint petrol lamp which unusually has a vertical burner. "Kelite" is the Tradename of the Kitson Empire Lighting Company of Stamford, Lincs. Does anyone know more about these lamps or the makers?



B/N 10 Handles.

a) Early Sievert seen on the 1/2 pint petrol Type "A". The same slim pear shaped handle is also used on the older "Saturnus" 1 pint paraffin Sieverts but set at a steeper angle. The same shape was also used on some older Bladon petrol lamps.

b) The earliest Bladon handle which is shown on a 1925 catalogue on a 1/2 pint petrol lamp. I was shown an old Tangye engine lamp at Stourpaine last year, made by Bladon probably dated about 1915 which also had this shape handle. I'm waiting for news of the serial number of the Tangye lamp to be able to date this lamp and its handle.

B/N 10 Filler caps.

a) On a Samuel Heath brazing lamp. The knurled cap is an air release which unscrews but is captive.

b) The name is obvious but the earlier drawings of the "Vulcano" did not show the filler caps. They are of interest as all the other characters of these lamps are definitely Barthel-like but the filler is not. It does have a central spring safety valve. Phillipe states that "Vulcano" is German and is post W.W.2.

B/N 10 Control.

This is the earliest wooden control knob used by Bladon on petrol lamps. It is eight sided with a hemispherical end and appears on their lamps as late as the mid 1930s.

B/N 10 Pump lock.

Is by Samuel Heath on their "Thermidor" 1 pint paraffin lamps. The hexagonal spindle prevents rotation and when the piston is fully depressed the knob can be screwed down to secure the piston. Commonly these lamps had burner tubes in two parts. Presumably the tip was disposable when it became too burnt. One question which has been raised is the function of the clip on the side of these tanks. It was to hold the nipple key.

B/N 11 Logos.

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b)



c)



B/N 11 Lamps.

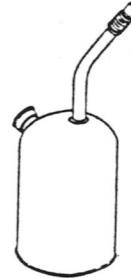
a)



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And now as a test for you- match the correct burner tubes to the above!

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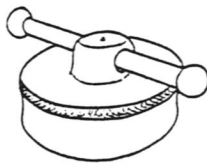


c)



B/N 11 Filler caps

a)



b)



Members question.

From John Byrne any information on:-

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New members.

Welcome to:-

Coral Edmunds, 8 Cardiff Road, Newport, Gwent. NP9 2ED- 01633-254316

Hywel Thomas, Aelybryn, Pontshaen, Llandyssul, Dyfed, SA44 4TU - 01545-55499

Walter McKibbin, 46 De-wind Drive, Comber, N'ards, Co. Down N.I. BT23 5BJ
01247-878197

Shows.

So far notified.

Keith Hawkins:- Rushden, Higham Ferrers May 6-8, "Old Glory", Tallington May 20-21, Sandringham May 28-29, Herts Steam Rally, Wymondley June 3-4, Belper June 11-12, Banbury June 24-25, Hollowell July 1-2, Rempstone July 8-9, Detling Aug 18-20.

Phill Taylor :- Devon County Show May 18-20

Lee McGuckian :- Downs Rally, Hampshire July 1-2

Myself:- Devon County Show May 18-20, Downs Rally July 1-2,

Redhill Steam Rally Aug 5-6, St Agnes, Cornwall Aug 18-20, "Stourpaine" Aug 30-Sept 3.

Look forward to meeting some of you at some of these shows.

Good luck meantime.

Les.

P.S. Don't forget any late "Primus" survey data- there must be quite a lot yet to come in.