

BLOWLAMP NEWS

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Greetings for 1998 and my thanks to those who sent me Christmas Cards and letters to which I will reply in due course.

This Newsletter is an *extra* and we may well try for five letters this year.

Apart from thanking those of you who have already sent in your subs for this year, and reminding those who have not, the main purpose of this letter is to notify **two meetings**.

1) I have heard from Michel Duval that the Belgian meeting at Herseau has been changed to :-

Saturday March 14th

The venue, times and programme are unchanged so please note the new date.

Charges are as follows:-

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| | Lunch ----- | 900 B Frs |
| and if required | Hotel ---single room----- | 750 B Frs |
| | double room----- | 1000 B Frs |
| | breakfast----- | 200 B Frs |

Please let me know if you wish to come, and which of the facilities you will require. Payment is not needed until the meeting, but if you say you will come please do not back out at the last minute unless you can get someone else to take your booking. You will need to make your own travel arrangements, but later, when we have more names, car sharing will cut the cost. It has worked out well in the two previous years. Please let me have this information so I can let the organisers know by **February 25th**

2) Our own second meeting on **Saturday May 9th** in Kent. This will follow the same format as the Belgian Meetings and as ours of last year. We have two possible venues which have been selected for convenience to Dover and are thus easier for our French, Belgian and Dutch friends to be able to come.

John Byrne and I visited one place at Sandwich during the Christmas period where the catering would be provided for us with a roast meal at midday. We should need to provide the welcoming coffee and the tea and cake on departure and any alcohol at mid day. The cost would be about the same say about £8-00 The other venue is a Village Hall at Great Chart which is about a mile or so off the M20 near to Ashford. Here we should do the same as last year and provide our own food with similar choices. The time-table of meeting at 10 a.m., chatting about blowlamps, hopefully being entranced by some of the Continental lamps we hope our colleagues would bring over for display, exchanging lamps, with eating and drinking being only a very minor sideline! Finishing about 4 p.m. with tea and cakes.

We obviously have to make the choice between our venues since both are equally handy for the Channel Ports and Tunnel, and both are as easy to find. Some have voiced the opinion that from a distance Ashford is an easier journey, and we can be sure that the facilities offered here so far as parking, catering and provision of display tables would be better than at Bloxham. John feels that the facilities at Sandwich would be equally as good but there is a bit of a journey beyond the end of the M2. One member has raised the point also, that there would be more facilities for wives to entertain themselves at Ashford than at Sandwich if they were not particularly interested in looking at a load of blowlamps. What I feel is that when people reply, to say if they are interested in coming, it is for them to state which venue they would prefer, but please let me know as soon as possible so I can confirm bookings.

When I have had replies to both ours, and the Belgian meeting, I will send full details, maps etc to those who are attending.

You've heard all about the Belgian meetings in the past and those who came all enjoyed ours at Bloxham, so let's have a good turn out to welcome our overseas collectors on our own ground.

Now to a brief Newsletter.

First a recap on **B/N 21 burner tube a)**. This was drawn from an AMOR and had the characteristic of an octagonal base. An almost identical lamp is reported by Brian Grainger and a picture also appears in the French "*Gazette*", labelled "Glynwinna" with Brian's bearing the number "100" the name being stamped into the side of the tank. Because of the first syllable someone has suggested it might be Welsh, so do any of our people from the other side of Offa's Dyke have any news of the origin of these lamps or the significance of the name?

B/N 22 Burner tubes (I still call them that because we're still needing more replies to the *Blowlamp Parts* questions in order to standardise our terms, and especially now to get the index in the same terms. So if you still have your forms please send them in.)

a) **CORONA** - the small ½ pint petrol lamp by Burley and Howes. This is the one with the small sliding air cover over the jet.

b) **SIEVERT "A 1"** Again a ½ pint (approx. lest I am quoted metric volumes) petrol model. The one shown has three fixing holes, the centre of which also locks on the bracket to hold the copper bit.

I have seen a reference in a catalogue page which lists this as "A L" rather than "A 1" Does anyone have any views on this?

c) **BLADON Vertical burner.** This is a small ½ pint petrol, possibly laboratory lamp which someone had at Bloxham last April.

B/N 22 "What is it" as a number rightly said, is a fridge tester. I hope to have more information about this, and some others, for the next newsletter.

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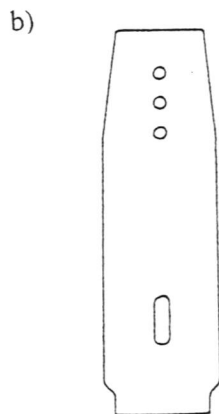
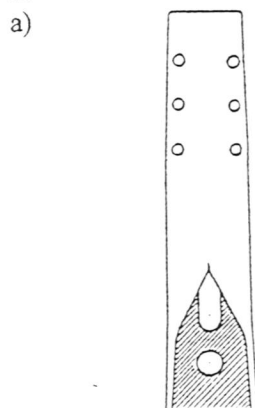
Kovopodnik is still in production and have a list of their lamps for sale. Their address is:-

KOVOPODNIK, Ceske Budejovice A.S., Kasarenska 4, 37069 Ceske Budejovice, Sjechie.

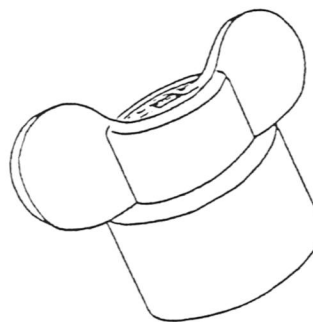
Prabhat apparently is also still in production but I do not have any further information. Someone has asked what "P T" or "PJ" within the circle stands for. Any ideas?

I'd better give you something else to think about this time, so here are a couple of burners and a filler cap to be going on with.

B/N 23 Burner tubes



Filler cap



Members news.

Change of address and alteration.

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Post Code correction to **RG42 2HN**

Phone numbers

Correction **Keith Hawkins** 01525 - 290122

Omission **Val Rymer** 0151 - 336 - 1742

My apologies for these errors, and are there any others to report?

Cheers for now, let's hear from you and I hope to see some of you at Herseau and in Kent.