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### Warning for e-bay users

On a visit to Ardingly, Paul Whiddett chanced to see two Lenk lamps remarkably like the two he had recently purchased from the U S A on e-bay. There were markings by which he identified them as his. They had apparently been stolen from the Post Office, probably at Tonbridge, and sold to the dealer at Ardingly. They are now retained by police as evidence, pending investigation. Lightning *DOES* strike twice, for he was offered a Dunlap twin tube blowlamp which he had also bought, but at a different time, and was also able to prove it from the printed pictures of the e-bay purchase. It does look as if something fishy is going on at the Tonbridge Depot. Freight from the U S A arrives at the Coventry sorting office and is sent from there to the various Post Code districts. Bearing customs labels the contents are easily identified and small items are obviously easy targets. I would bet that a two gallon brazing lamp would not go awol the same way. So as a warning, if e-bay purchases do not arrive to time there is now a possible line of enquiry.

### Meetings

#### Reims 2002

Michel Duval reports another highly successful meeting in the magnificent Champagne country with its many vineyards. There were 35 collectors present, from France Belgium, Germany, Switzerland, Holland and England and many blowlamp exchanges and sales occurred. I gather from Andy Feast and Paul Whiddett that much good food and local drink were also taken! Some people even visited the beautiful Gothic Cathedral!

#### Mouscron 2003

This will be held at the usual venue on Saturday March 8th. and more details will be sent in due course by Alain Henri. They hope for a good attendance again for this very popular event.

#### Enfield Pageant of Motoring

Seymour Moss has told me that this is to be held at the same venue on the usual Spring Bank Holiday week end of May 24,25,26. He welcomes all members.

#### "Bletchingley" 2003

Andy Feast and Paul Whiddett will host this meeting on Saturday May 3rd. but it will be held in what Andy feels is a better hall in Lingfield Village. This is only a couple of miles or so further on than Bletchingley. Leaving the M25 by the usual exit, No 6, and keeping to the A22, instead of turning off at Godstone, it will be well sign-posted. More details later in B/N44 but make a note in your diary.

Now what about an Autumn meeting in East Anglia? Several people have mentioned possible venues but it is too far away for me to make any direct arrangements. Can someone take the initiative? Let me know date and venue and I'll do whatever I can both beforehand, with publicity, and on the day, in person. Experience has shown that a cold buffet is very acceptable as long as the blowlamp content is hot !! October should be a good month when most of the usual rallies are over, so let's hear from you.

#### B/N 41 Recap

Michel Duval has kindly sent more information on the B/N 41 drawings.

He has two Enders lamps 9010 & 9012 which have different filler caps from my illustration of Enders 3011. His fillers have a hexagon nut with a small central hole, which is probably a safety valve. I wonder if the "3" and "9" prefixes indicate a different date of manufacture with a modified safety valve arrangement. Anyone any more information?

The Vulcano lamp (b) could be either the 511 petrol or 512 spirit fuelled variety, probably with different jet sizes. Anyone any information on jet sizes? He also comments that Enders and Vulcano are somehow linked as he has a data sheet and a blowlamp with both names on it. Lamp 41 (c) could be a Talisman No 121 but there are slight differences with his illustrations. He reminds us of the progress from Herberg's early manufacture of "Talisman" to Maurice Juchat taking over production. He has three other names of very similar lamps "Pelgrims & Bombeeck of Charleroi", "Tadelos 205" and "Van Haelen, Bruxelles". Willy Mouton also has a similar lamp No120 "Talisman, Jules Lessor DeBeur, Liege" So it appears that many Belgian retailers sold this and similar models with their own names stamped into the lamps - undoubtedly during manufacture.

### Snippets

Norman Penny compares the Willard Brown and Valtock twin cylinder lamps. The former has slightly longer tubes and plated brass caps instead of the aluminium of the Valtock 2000. John Tingle has a "Primus 44" an American paraffin fuelled lamp with a large cowled horizontal burner and an unusual spirit cup around the upright fuel pipe which is about 1/2 in.bore. The logo is "Primus Cooking and Heating Co. New York".

I also have a Barthel "Little Wonder" which is deeply inscribed on the reverse side with the name "Van Praag Sales Corp. New York"

Of great historical interest is a newspaper cutting from Michel about a possible Bronze age ceramic blowlamp which could be 3000 years old ! I'm tracing information from an archaeological researcher in Cornwall and I hope to have more information and a drawing for the next newsletter. It will certainly spark some interest.

### Japanese lamps

Some useful feed-back here notably, as always, from Michel and also some good photographs from Willy Mouton. The Star Pigeon is a well known lamp which I have shown and the general shape and size is the same as the TOYO and the "K" of B/N 42. I have no other information about other sizes of these makes, which appear to be about three or four pint capacity. In B/N 34 I reported a Fuji "New World" and John Tingle has a Fuji "Sakae" lamp, also of similar appearance. Let's have some more info on these Japanese lamps to make a more complete dossier.

### B/N 42 drawings

#### Filler caps

(a) "K" lamp (c) Star Pigeon (b) ELTO - which has the name imprinted on one of the "wings"

#### Handle

ELTO which is embossed along the length of the handle within the rectangle.

The logo ELTO is on a small Italian lamp which Toon brought to Stourpaine this year. Of half pint size (0.25L) petrol fuelled and without a pump, it is probably a No. "2AS". Some data from Michel confirms several models made by this company. The name ELTO is derived from Enrico Lownethal of TORINO - the Italian city of manufacture

### Requests for information

Keith Hawkins requests information about the "E & L H38" logo. This is on a small pocket blowlamp like the Hahnel/Vucano/Barthel "Little Wonder" lamps with the folding handles and horizontal burner.

He would also welcome any information about "Embos 32" which is a large brazing lamp thought to be a WW 2 German military lamp. The rubbing he sent me was quite clear except for the possible words "Eksler" and "Bossowitz"

### Alfred Shirley

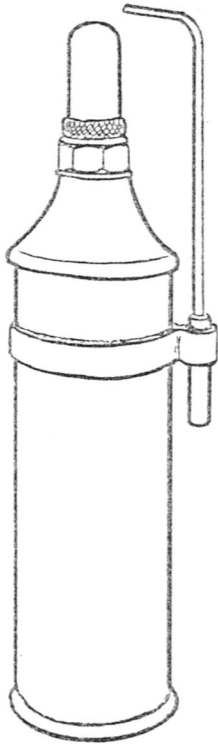
This drawing is of a recent acquisition. It is a well made lamp though the blow tube instead of being a drawn taper is a parallel bent tube with a larger bore tube soldered on for the support bracket. , I suspect this is not original and is a repair. Anyone a picture to compare?

Also marked on the base, with the name, is a broad arrow ,the code "FA 15031" and the date "1954" all deeply impressed into a very solid turned base which, like the top, is soldered into an equally solid machined tank. I do not know the significance of the serial number unless, it is a Service stores number. Michel lists an "Alfred Shirley" among his collection but I do not know which type.

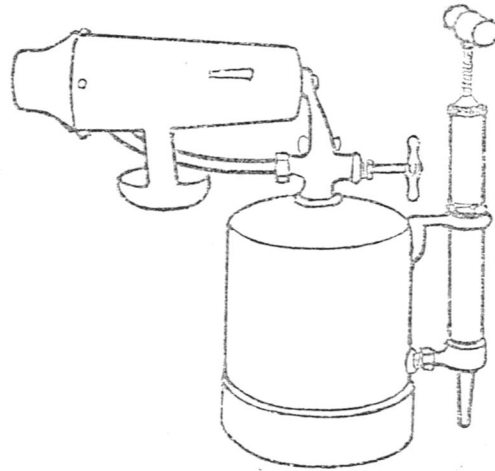
### Don't mess with Santa !

Father Christmas was at his wits end as December 25th approached. The elves, who helped him, were very stropy and would not do as they were told. Two of the reindeer had gone awol and three others were pregnant. His sleigh required much repair after last year's accident and his toy production was way behind schedule To cap his misery his wife said her mother was coming for Christmas and when he went to refresh himself he found the elves had drunk all his whisky. Utterly exasperated, he opened the door when he heard a knock. There stood a small fairy, holding a tree, who said " Hi fat man, what do you want to do with this Christmas tree," And that, my friends, is why Christmas trees have a fairy sitting on the top.!!

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Alfred Shirley blowlamp



Star Pigeon



H38



**Address amendment**

Bob Prichard's e-mail should be:- [r.prichard@amsolve.net](mailto:r.prichard@amsolve.net)  
Bob apologises for the ink-stained spider which crawled across his letter to give the wrong address

**Subscriptions**

Due now, same as last year and sub. forms enclosed. Please, if you no longer wish to be members, let me know. It will save wasting postage.  
Updated membership lists will come with the next newsletter. I've had mega printing and computer problems at the last minute this year.

Many thanks to all who have kindly sent Christmas greetings to Gina and myself and I wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a successful collecting New Year

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