

NORTH WALES INTERNATIONAL BRANCH

Greetings once again from the back of beyond, and this time I can bring you the exciting news that the attendance at the last meeting was double the usual, with Bill Clarke making the trip over the mountains to partake of the advertised sausage rolls. Bill has been putting an Edison Home back into working order, and wanted to test that all was as it should be before shelling out for a reproducer. My model 'C' was duly fitted, the machine wound up, and I am delighted to report that it performed very well. An enjoyable evening was then spent going through a variety of cylinders on both Bill's and my machine, and sausage rolls were indeed consumed.

An excursion to Llangollen for a motorbike rally led to yet another result in one of the multiple local junk shops.....four records, all of pre First World War vintage being secured for pennies. I sometimes wonder whether I should be pleased at how cheaply these things can be picked up, or depressed at how worthless they are..... what else can you collect, and still use, which is over a hundred years old and generally changes hands for small change? It occurs to me that I've been moving small heaps of 78s by motorbike now for about forty years, and as far as I can remember I've never yet broken one doing it...one of these days I will be the first person admitted to casualty in half a century with shellac shrapnel wounds.

Anyway, Malvern is , of course, almost upon us (where did another year go?), so there we be no meeting in this neck of the woods until January. I'll work out a date in time for the next magazine in case anybody fancies an excursion to North Wales in the middle of Winter.

Hope to see you at the Abbey (I'll be in the bar)

Bye for now

Pete Clinch