

The Lock Collector

The Quarterly Newsletter for Collectors, Researchers, Historians and Industrial Archaeologists.

New Man at the Helm



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As an existing subscriber to Tony Beck's Lock Collector you will be aware of his announcement to retire from the journal and its discontinuance. I am very happy to say that I will now be taking over the helm and will be honouring all the existing and remaining parts of subscriptions.

I hope to continue with the high standard Tony has set, but also to develop and add more features.

The first thing that most will recognise is the increase to four times a year on or about the quarter days. This means that there should be an issue due out by the end of June but might be a little late due to the short time to compile.

An eclectic mix of main and small stories and mini features is envisaged with something that should interest everyone. I do hope that you will continue to support the newsletter with snippets and even the occasional larger piece. Most readers will also be aware of the huge amount of documents in our own library in which its fully intended to reproduce a selection in each issue.

As collectors and researchers we are always looking to find and develop contacts. Classified small ads is a proven way of doing this and is completely free. We all have gaps to fill in our collections or indeed have duplicates to sell or swap so do avail yourself of this free feature.

All in all I hope you enjoy the new **Lock Collector...**

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Main Features to include

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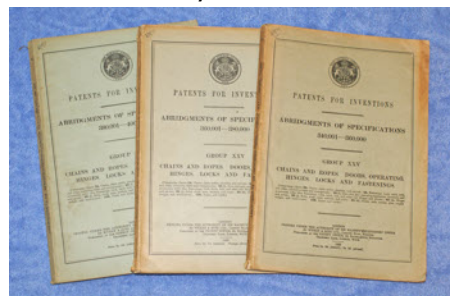
Each issue will have one or two main feature articles written by knowledgeable authors in their field. You are also welcome to suggest topics that you would like to see in the journal or even write and submit larger features yourself.

Chisels used by Georgian locksmiths to cut 'Box of Wards' keys.



Documents

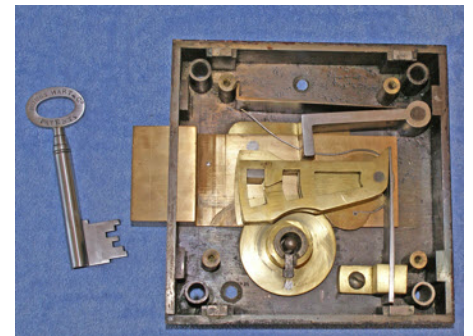
We are fortunate to have in our care the documents & letters from the collections of the late Bill Stanton and Jack Taylor. Both were celebrated locksmiths of the post WWII period, additionally both also had strong interests in historical locks. We have also received much paperwork from Peter Hall and Mike Fincher. A selection will be made each issue to share with you.



A full set of British patent abridgements from Jack Taylor's collection, most with drawings. A very useful resource when researching future newsletter topics. There are 32 volumes that include both 'applied for' and 'granted' patents up to 1954.

Snippets

Every body has a question to ask or facts to share. Or you may simply want to share with others items in your collection. Simply send in a picture and a few words, we will all be pleased to include as well as learn about some of items in readers collections.



Giant (8" square) Hobbs 7 lever Protector lock recently added to our collection.

Free Small Ads

Simply send in your add together with any pictures and your contact details. Alternative specify a box number when we will forward responses. The only rules is that your add should be on topic, ie related to lock collecting and/or research.

Index

Modern software makes it quite straight forward to create a running index. Page numbers will follow-on each issue with a full updated index at the end of each issue. A useful feature when researching a topic.

Help make the first of the New Issues a Bumper Issue: **Send in a Small Free Ad**

Small Free Ads Ideas

Free ads is a good way to sell your surplus locks or to search for missing items for your collection but its also a good way to make contacts with collectors with similar interests. If possible also include pictures with your ad. Box numbers are also freely available if you wish to keep your contact details discrete.

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SNIPPET IDEA

Send in a picture of an item in your collection, include a few words about its features, its purpose, its size etc. and leave the rest to us. We will create a snippet feature for you.

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