

# Malvern Inventors Club

## Malvern Inventors Club Newsletter - July 2006

Next Meeting Date: 10th August 2006 @ Ian's House - 7:00pm

In the last meeting we talked briefly about FreeCycle.



Dan Heeks got two bikes suitable for 3-4 years old and one suitable for 7 plus. Dan phoned up the people for the bikes and arranged to pick them up after work. He has already cut off the back wheel from the small dark blue one and used it as a chain guiding pulley on his homemade recumbent bicycle.

Dan says that if you want some free engineering materials try logging onto Malvern Hills FreeCycle, found at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/malvernhillsfreecycle>, where environmentally friendly minded people give their unused things away to anyone who wants them, rather than take them to the tip. There is also a Worcester FreeCycle.

Ian's rotary washing line cover (working title Rotaire Lawn-Dry™) is now on trial with the buyer for a major innovative catalogue for their "Rolls-Royce" range of airers. The buyer was most impressed by the photos taken at Ian's house, of the cover fitted to the airer there.

However, Malcolm thinks she was looking at the house rather than the cover! The cover has been developed

over three years to allow working mothers and others to put out their washing in the morning without having to worry what the weather will do during the day. It can also double as a sunshade, and the patented side skirt prevents wind-driven rain from entering at the side by deflecting the drops of rain downwards. Below is the Rotaire Lawn-Dry™.



Malcolm suggests that when our first anniversary comes around we contact the press (Malcolm has contacts at the Gazette and the Worcester News) to get an article from them. In any case, thanks to Ian for all his help and particularly for having put all the work into the creation of this unique group.

Thanks to Malcolm and Dan for their contributions to this newsletter.

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