

Malvern Inventors Club Newsletter

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BBC Hereford & Worcester Wants to Hear From You!

Radio researcher Claudia Berry is interested in doing a feature on the Malvern Inventors Club and their exploits. While talking to her about the general election, Malcolm was asked if he thought the inventors would be interested in talking on BBC Local radio. He said he was sure they would, so we need a group to take up the challenge and arrange to visit BBC Radio Hereford & Worcester on Hylton Road to talk about our inventions, successes, failures and generally inspire the listeners to creative ideas. Malcolm wants to be there but would rather not arrange it all, since he is rather busy, so who else would want to go?

Malcolm's Rotaire™ Dryline Featured at 3 Counties

Malcolm took a stall at the Autumn Gardening Show and was delighted at the good response from the passers-by to his washing line cover. He sold nearly a dozen, and took orders for several more, while more phone orders came in later. He is already booking up for the Spring Show in March. He will have a significant stock by then. He said 'It would be easier if all airers were the same size; as it is I have to ask people to measure their ainer and get back to me - not a good sales clincher!' The number of people who said it was brilliant was very heart warming.

Free Energy Invention:

Every so often a device that produces more energy than it consumes is publicized. It's that time again. Ecowatts (<http://www.ecowatts.co.uk/>) have developed a water heater that produces more energy in the form of heat than the electrical energy it consumes. According to Ecowatts their claims are endorsed by the University of York (in the UK), 'key universities' and 'Measurement Organisations'. Both the BBC and the Daily Mail have run with this story. With a predicted price tag of £2k - £3k it

"A water heater that produces more energy in the form of heat than the electrical energy it consumes to catch the reader's attention, place an interesting sentence or quote from the story here." →

seems a pretty expensive way of heating your home by electricity. These products never seem to get to market probably because of consumer protection laws. Investors are less well protected and are the ones likely to be cleaned out.

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10 Small Steps to Better Requirements

The foundation for all successful engineering projects; requirements can't be engineered themselves nor captured in one swoop of the butterfly-net. They don't exist until a team creates them. Creating good requirements is simple but not easy, best taken in small steps, and is more than just a list of 'you shall do that' statements.

Ian Alexander will give a talk on Monday, 12 November 2007 at 19:30 at the Foley Arms Hotel, Malvern; sponsored by The IET.