

Tapping Gide

While on the subject of quick and easy items the following from Norman Jacklin must be one of the simplest! Here is his offering.

Tapping Guide

I am replacing the cylinders on Simplex, the original cylinders bought many years ago have blow-holes in them, by the time I got round to machining them the supplier in Rochdale had closed, as I had ordered two sets and the second set is O.K. I will now only complete one Simplex and it should have the good set of cylinders.

The reason for my contribution to Nicks bits and pieces is to show my method of keeping a tap upright on a flat surface.

Simplex has 51 tapped holes in each cylinder 13 to hold the cylinder block to the frames and 38 for the front, rear and top covers.

I always have quite a few ends of round brass too small for anything useful and too small to hold in the lathe chuck but might be useful one-day.

With a small piece of round brass, face off the end and in the centre drill a clearance hole for the size of the tap to be used, place this on a flat surface with the tap in the hole, this will keep the tap upright. When the tap starts cutting the bobbin can be removed.

I now have to put this in use for the 102 holes in the two cylinders for Simplex.



