

## Choke Cable replacement.

The Choke Cable in my Opal was badly worn, kinked and frayed (like many of us .... Ed) and there was no doubt a replacement was required as both the Inner and Outer were damaged.



It is critical that the nipple end is a good fit in the choke control lever. My efforts to source a new cable were not successful, so I tried the local bike and motorbike shops. Having met with no success there, I tried the local garden machinery service centre. The nipple size and shape for an ATCO Motor Mower is exactly the same as my 1937 Opal. The only difference being the outer cable having a different diameter on the end to be used next to

the choke control. This can be seen in the photograph showing the two cables side by side.

I cut off the end of the new cable at the carburettor fixing, so that I could remove the Inner. I was then able to turn down the plastic end cap to be inserted into the choke control lever, which then replicated the original Bowden cable used in 1937. The inner was then replaced and the whole lot assembled into the choke control, the nipple being exactly the same as the original.



The assembled items can be seen in the second photograph. All that remained was to cut the cable to length, being considerably shorter than that required for an ATCO Mower!

The cost? £4.00. Not bad for a new item of such importance .... Mike Ward.