

We don't throw things out in home of Handyman

Anyone of my vintage who was brought up in the UK will be well versed in the sentiment, 'Make do and mend.'

Mr. Wallethead, being even older than I am, has long been a proponent of this sensible homily, as a glance around Le Chateau will reveal.

The most obvious example is the portable phone in his home office, which had previously languished in the cupboard on the upstairs landing, buried among a mound of tie-dyed sweatshirts, over-sized jeans with rips in the knees and foreign garments left by those just passing through.

Even in my house, a clothes closet is a strange place for telephone storage, but the reason this set had been relegated to such dim recesses was that the little button designed to turn it from 'standby' to 'on' had snapped off.

For most people that would be reason enough to consign it to the rubbish bin, but Mr. Wallethead is not most people.

When he indicated we should keep it, I did what I always do and put it in a safe place.

It was several weeks after he inquired as to its whereabouts that I finally unearthed it, and his fertile imagination duly came up with a way of making it work.

First he got hold of some sturdy telephone wire from the basement. Cutting off a length, he wound it around the base of the aerial, attaching a pair of eyebrow tweezers to the other end.

Now, whenever the phone rings, a swift pluck with the tweezers moves the mechanism buried in the headset to the 'on' position and com-



Kate's Corner

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munication can be conducted with perfect aplomb.

A certain dexterity is required in answering, however, since the tweezers have a tendency to whip around and smack you in the eye if you raise the set to your ear with excessive enthusiasm.

Not only did our own Heath Robinson salvage a perfectly good phone, he also supplied us with a unique conversation piece, second only to the radio aerial he rigged up for the Taurus.

The original, powered by some kind of microchip, downed tools one day and refused to rise to the occasion.

A check of replacement prices called for more creative thinking on the part of himself and for several months, we drove about the highways and byways with a wire coat hanger jauntily sprouting from the hood and a perfectly passable sound system within.

Alas, even Mr. Wallethead was unable to

devise a way of keeping this interesting appendage *in situ* during stormy weather or in an automatic car wash, and he eventually had to bow to the inevitable by investing in a more conventional surrogate.

As for the float chamber cover he fashioned from a button and wire for Basil (my late, lamented Mini). I cannot begin to explain its workings.

All I know is that for several years, until Basil bit the dust, it replaced the missing original part, and fulfilled its function splendidly.

Where there's Mr. Wallethead, there's a way.

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