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Hi all,

In the Book of the Scott it is written that the quick thread drum from the gearchange pedal on a two speeder should never be lubricated with oil but with parafin only.

Why is this? What makes parafin so special? Apart from being not that easy to find these days...

Cheers,  
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I have to admit that I know nuffink about two-speeders so I'm taking a purely engineering viewpoint for what that's worth.

Paraffin is a pretty lousy lubricant, it also dilutes and displaces oil, (maybe that's the idea?), and what is more it will slowly evaporate leaving any surfaces prey to rust.

I'd have thought that a sparing application of a very light lubricant such as the ubiquitous WD40 would do the trick. Alternatively just keep it clean and dry. It should be remembered that lubrication technology has come a very long way since the two-speeder was built and so I'd guess also when that advice was written.