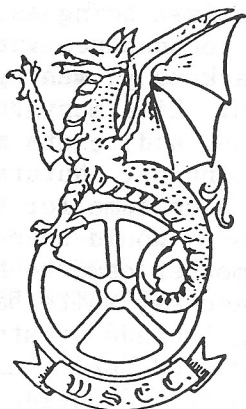


# WESSEX STATIONARY ENGINE CLUB LIMITED

## NEWSLETTER



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\*\*\*\* EDITORIAL \*\*\*\*

At the A.G.M. recently the Club presented Marg and Bill Appleby with a certificate making them life members of our Club, also the same accolade was bestowed on our retiring president Eric Brain. These awards were given for dedication and hard work on behalf of the Club over many years, and I'm sure you will all agree, was really well deserved. I was most surprised four days later when the Stationary Engine Magazine dropped through my letterbox, to read the editorial, it was asking clubs such as ours to honour their long serving officials and workers with life memberships. As always it is The Wessex Stationary Club that leads, others tend to follow.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

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At this years A.G.M. our President, and founder member of the Club Eric Brain resigned from the office due to other commitments, our new President selected by the committee is Robin Lambert. Robin needs no introduction as he has been involved in club affairs more years than he cares to remember, lately doing a five year stint as editor. So welcome aboard Robin I'm sure you will be an asset to the Club in your new position. I would like on behalf of the Club to say a big thank you to Eric for all he has done for the Club in the past and I'm sure he will carry on doing the same in the future.

\*\*\*\*\* MINCE PIE CRANK-UP \*\*\*\*\*

This little crank-up was a first for us having missed the anti-freeze crank-up at the beginning of the month, I was determined to close the door on 1996 by visiting one more get together with friends and acquaintances old and new. As my mate Bert wanted to go as well, Barb my wife and myself were invited to spend Boxing Day with him and his wife Bet. Wife cooked us all a lovely dinner which we enjoyed very much and would like to take this opportunity through the newsletter to thank them both very much for a great time, we enjoy and value their friendship very much. You may think we are mad to travel from Fawley to Evercreech for a free mince pie, how wrong can you be, once the adrenalin starts to flow. We were up early on the 27th and were heading towards Somerset quite early and making good progress as traffic was light, we arrived at Evercreech and were made very welcome by mine hosts Brian and Ray Baker and everybody else that was there. There were quite a few exhibits on show and running and making a very good display. Linda was running around with hot mince pies and sausage rolls which inside there was more food and hot drinks (all free). A static display of Brian's collection (some of) and a lot of jolly happy faces all around.

Gloria Carp was wandering around with raffle book to hand and helping people like me part with hard earned cash albeit a worthwhile cause i.e. Club funds, the raffle prizes I believe were all donated by different people and all found new owners including a very nice brace of pheasants won by myself and would have looked better roaming the place from where they came. The raffle over signalled the end of the day and what an enjoyable day it was. Thank you Brian and Ray and all you helpers for putting on a good show and long may it continue. BARB AND ALAN VICKERY. BERT AND BET HOLLOWAY.

A TALK BY ADRIAN DANDO, TOWN CRIER OF NORTON RADSTOCK

I suppose I should start this write up with the famous phrase "O-Yeah, O-Yeah", I thought you would think it was a corny joke. Adrian came along to share something of his experiences of being a town crier. Radstock had a town crier for many years, the last being as late as 1912. As many will already know the purpose of such an official was to announce various important and newsworthy items to villages and townspeople, dating back many, many years. In those days very few people could read and there were no newspapers. Like many towns, Radstock decided to resurrect the post of town crier some years ago, to add to its municipal pride and prestige. I think much of this comes with European town twinning. Naturally, Adrian was dressed in his 'uniform'. He explained that after hiring a costume for the 'Norton Radstock Town Crier' competition and winning that competition he would have to have a suitable outfit made for permanent use. Fortunately, Adrian's Godmother came to his rescue and made his splendid suit consisting of black knee length breeches, white ballet dancers tights, a full white shirt with ruff collar and cuffs, a long brocade waistcoat in deep maroon, a long red coat with black and gold facing and a tri-cornered hat, (which Adrian said was actually a 'Dunn & Co.' Chaplins hat suitably re-worked by Auntie). Adrian regaled with various stories of anecdotes with regards to his unpaid work as a town crier. He opens many shops, officiates as a Toast Master, plus much work in connection with charity. In all, he can make 107 appearances per year, no mean feat, when you consider that he is the Landlord of a public house, namely the White Post, Westfield. The talk was concluded by Adrian telling us about some of his oversea visits, to attend International Town Crier competitions. I think Adrian came a very creditable thirteenth out of one hundred and seven competitors, in Canada. Adrian couldn't leave without giving us a presentation 'Cry' which he did, afterwards answering many questions regarding diction, voice control etc. Forty members, families and friends enjoyed a most interesting and amusing evening which shows that not every meeting has to have an engine or technical slant. We also had a very well supported raffle. Thank you members, who provided the many prizes.

P. CAUDLE.

OBITUARY.

WALTER (WALLY) HULL died recently at Axminster, Devon. Wally as he was affectionally known was a real character around the rally fields of the West Country and he will be sadly missed. Wally, his Lister 'D' generator set, and his dog was a familiar sight at every rally. The world will be a sadder place for his passing.

## \*\*\*\* NEW MEMBERS \*\*\*\*

The Wessex Stationary Engine Club would like to extend a very warm welcome to the following new members. Mr. D. Hedges from Thatchem, Berks., Mr. S. Hedges from Maidenhead, Berks., Mr. & Mrs. C. Day from Milborne Port, Dorset, Mr. & Mrs. R. O'Brien from Wimborne, Dorset and junior members Kevin House from Glastonbury, and Henry Hine from Shepton Mallet. (My grandson) ED. We hope your association with our Club will be a long and happy one.

## \*\*\*\*\* GET WELL SOON \*\*\*\*\*

Our best wishes for a speedy recovery to Brian Lovell who is at the moment in hospital recovering from a major heart surgery operation. Brian is very well known for keeping us well supplied with water for our engines at the rallies with his immaculate steel Fordson tractor more commonly known as "HENRY". Our thoughts are with you Brian for a speedy and complete recovery, and we look forward to seeing you around the rallies as soon as you are able.

## KNOW YOUR COMMITTEE.

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The officials elected to run your Club for the next twelve months is as follows:-

President - ROBIN LAMBERT. Chairman - BRIAN BAKER. Vice Chairman - ERIC GAY.

Treasurer - MRS. JACKIE LAMBERT. Secretary - MRS. ANNE CARNEY.

Committee - ALAN CARNEY. VIC WALTON. PHILIP CAUDLE. ROGER PIKE.

RAY BAKER. CHARLIE STEPHENS. COLIN NICHOLSON.

Our next rally was the Tatworth one day rally organised by Mo Duke and friends in aid of the recreation field upkeep. This little rally is very well supported by exhibitors and the like but seems to lack the local support it deserves, being as it is run and organised by local people to try and keep a local amenity alive before it is swallowed up by developers. Well done Mo and all the others who work hard to put on this very enjoyable little rally and may it continue for a long-time to come.

ALAN VICKERY.

P.S. For those interested Tatworth is near Chard in Somerset.

#### ONE MANS SUMMER AT WESSEX CLUB RALLY - 15TH/16TH JUNE.

This year I was in a position to offer my services to help set up the rally site which was very much appreciated. We arrived on site on the Thursday evening expecting to find only committee members on site but I was wrong as some half dozen or so rally goers already in position and set up. We were greeted by committee members on site and shown where to set up for the night on the understanding to move if necessary in the morning. We woke on Friday morning to a bright sunny day which became hotter by the hour. Work parties were arranged, Ed Carp, myself and Charlie Stephens the Stationary Engine steward, measured and marked out the spaces to allow plenty of room for exhibitors, the engine line, the roadway and camping area. The idea of Brian Bakers for this layout worked well, and I believe there were no complaints other than from the engine boys who unfortunately were situated behind the trade stands, something to sort out next year "BRIAN". Ed and myself finished off by helping to set the ring up and deposit litter bins. Then there was a water supply to run from an adjacent bungalow to the engine line, this was secured to one of the stakes and a tap fitted. One exhibitor asked what we were doing?, when told he responded, what do we do if the tap dribbles?, a quick witted response by myself, "I'm quick sometimes", was in that case cut the pipe, that will stop it dribbling, satisfied with the answer he turned to walk away, stopped, turned and said to me, you daft bugger that would cause a bigger leak, I knows that said I but it will stop it dripping won't it. This bit of banter between friends created rupturous laughter which makes rallying such a pleasure, such lovely people who enjoy the same thing, irrespective of what you exhibit its the taking part that counts.

Anyway back to the rally, exhibitors start arriving, tents going up, and the site becomes alive in no time, from nothing to a mini town in a matter of hours. Saturday draws most of the exhibitors in including my mate Bert and family from Fawley, affectionally known as "Dad" a good mate to have, he'd sooner do you a good turn than a bad one.

Activity on the Saturday is centred around the newly introduced, by B.B. I won't spell his name he might get big headed, The Auction. This is proving most popular among exhibitors and autojumlbers, but could do with more interesting entries and maybe a bit more advertising to achieve the aforementioned and maybe public response, only a suggestion but worth thinking about. Anyway with a captive assortment of sellers and buyers the auctioneer really has to work hard for his supper to obtain interest and sensible bids.

Sunday arrives, the site starts to wake up by 10 o'clock its alive and kicking, and there is a beeline for the car boot sale. Another worthwhile introduction but unfortunately "this was overheard" could be better if it wasn't under the overhead cables which some people treat as a phobia, which is a shame as this could be a successful event. Nevertheless owing to the good weather and good organisation the rally was a great success, with I believe good gates both days is to be expected.

There was plenty to see including tractors, cars, commercials, buses, steamers, motor-cycles, not to forget crafts, collection displays, trade stands and a fun fair, all in all a very enjoyable weekend and a firsthand knowledge of how much work there is in preparing for such an event, be it large or small. So for all you exhibitors out there before you complain about this and that spare a thought for the organisers and the amount of work that goes into setting up a rally for all of us to enjoy. After all planning for next years rally starts before this years has finished. Speaking for myself and my wife this years rally was special, we were there before it started and appreciate the very hard work involved.

ALAN AND BARB VICKERY.

TO BE CONTINUED.

Alan has been a regular contributor to the newsletter since I have been Editor, but it really shook me when he sent 22 pages on his exploits at rallies for the entire year. This will be published in serial form over the ensuing months. Thank you very much Alan for your valued contribution to the newsletter but next time try and write more legible as I had to take it to the local Chinese take-away for translation. (Ha! Ha!)

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## \*\*\*\*\* FUTURE EVENTS \*\*\*\*\*

- MON MARCH 31ST - EASTER MONDAY. MELLS DAFFODIL DAY AT MELLS NEAR FROME. FOR DETAILS RING ROBIN LAMBERT ON FROME 01373 463526.
- SUN APRIL 13TH - WESSEX SPRING COACH TRIP TO JOE POWELL'S WORKSHOPS AT ASHTON KEYNES. COACH WILL LEAVE THE OLD DOWN CAR PARK AT 11.00 AM SHARP. £5.00 FARE. BOOK YOUR SEAT NOW BY RINGING JACKIE LAMBERT ON 01373 463526.
- APRIL 19TH & 20TH - ZEALS RALLY AT MERE, WILTSHIRE. FOR DETAILS RING 01749 840539.
- APRIL 26TH & 27TH - CREECH ST. MICHAEL COUNTRY FAYRE AT CREECH ST. MICHAEL, NR. TAUNTON. FOR DETAILS OR ENTRY FORMS RING 01823 443877.
- MON APRIL 28TH - CLUB NIGHT AT THE OLD DOWN INN. A TALK BY BOB BROOME ON WRECKS IN THE AVON AND THE SS GREAT BRITAIN.
- WANTED - 20 to 30 STATIONARY ENGINES FOR A NEW RALLY AT THE OLD MARCROFT WAGON REPAIR DEPOT AT RADSTOCK ON 21ST & 22ND JUNE. TEL: 01761 452565.

## \*\*\*\*\* FOR SALE \*\*\*\*\*

- FOR SALE - INSTANT RALLY EXHIBIT. WOLSELEY WD2. REVERSE ROTATION. CLASS 1 CONDITION. FULLY RESTORED AND TROLLEY MOUNTED. - £90. TEL: 01235 769441. (NR. OXFORD)
- FOR SALE - WATER PUMP. GODWIN SELF OILER. £40 O.N.O. CENTRIFUGAL ROTARY PUMP WITH FLAT PULLEY DRIVE. £30 O.N.O. RING DAVE CLACK ON 01225 761987.
- FOR SALE - 1981 BEDFORD CF250 AUTO SLEEPER. TWO BERTH, FRIDGE, COOKER, HEATER, THREE SPEED AUTO 2.3 PETROL ENGINE. WILL BE SOLD WITH FULL YEARS MOT. £1,850 O.N.O. WILL CONSIDER SWOP WITH VAN OF SIMILAR SIZE. RING 01256 703169. EVENINGS AFTER 6.00 PM OR ANYTIME WEEKENDS. (HAMPSHIRE).
- FOR SALE - STATIONARY ENGINE MAGAZINES. FULL SETS 1985 TO 1987. 1989 TO 1991. PLUS SINGLE COPIES. SALE OR EXCHANGE. W.H.Y. PLEASE CALL JOHN ON 01761 471194 EVENINGS.
- FOR SALE - SUFFOLK PUNCH MOTOR MOWER 14 INCH BLADE. £20 O.N.O. TEL: 01761 452565 (CLUTTON).
- FOR SALE - 1931 LISTER 'D'. CLASS 2. £60. CROSSLEY PH 1040. 3 H.P. CLASS 4. £100. CROSSLEY 1075 SIDE SHAFT. 7 H.P. TANK COOLED. NO MAG. CARB COVER AND FLOAT. HAS BEEN RUNNING. CLASS 4. £650. PETTER 'M' TYPE. 1922. MODEL. 5 H.P. ON INTERESTING TROLLEY. CLASS 1-2. £400. WOLSELEY WD 2 FINNED HOPPER. CLASS 4. £30. 1949 LISTER 'A'. AS FOUND, NO MAG, CLASS 4. £40. 1936 LISTER 'A' FOR SPARES CLASS 5 £20. BAMFORD EG 3 3 H.P. CLASS 2 £150. MEDIUM SIZE GODWIN PUMP ON 2 WHEELED TROLLEY. £70. PLEASE TEL: 01375 812961. ASK FOR SIMON WINES. (RADSTOCK).
- FOR SALE - RUSTON HORNSBY 2 YBA DIESEL. AIR COOLED VERTICAL TWIN, 11 BHP AT 1250 RPM. UNUSED AND DRY STORED SINCE FACTORY RECONDITIONED BY BRISTOL DORMAN AGENTS ABOUT 15 YEARS AGO. C/W SPARE INJECTORS AND PUMPS, MANUAL, STARTING HANDLE, LACKS FUEL TANK & AIR CLEANER. £300. RING ROB ARMSTRONG ON 01225 862687.
- FOR SALE - OWING TO LACK OF SPACE AND TIME. COVENTRY CLIMAX ENGINE GENERATING SET, COMPRISING OF A FOUR CYLINDER PETROL ENGINE COUPLED TO A 6 KW 110 VOLT ALTERNATOR, VERY SUBSTANTIALLY BUILT. BELIEVED TO BE EX-FORCES, ONLY BEEN BRIEFLY RUN BY PRESENT OWNER. £170 TO INCLUDE SPARE HALF ENGINE. ALSO FOR SALE. TRAILER MOUNTED GENERATOR SET UP. TRAILER CONSTRUCTED FROM ALL NEW PARTS. COMPRISING OF A 1938 PETTER 'M' TYPE 3 HP, ONE OF THE LAST MADE 'M' TYPES WITH MECHANICAL LUBRICATOR. CLUB AWARD WINNER IN 1980. DRIVING A LARGE FLATHER 50 VOLT 10 AMP DYNAMO, WITH VERY NICE REBUILT SWITCH BOARD. TRAILER HAS TAILOR MADE CANVAS ROOF AND COMES COMPLETE WITH A STUART TURNER P4 ENGINE AND BASEPLATE BELONGING TO THE FLATHER DYNAMO AND SWITCHBOARD. PREFER TO SELL COMPLETE BUT MIGHT SEPERATE. £650. PLEASE WRITE TO TONY JONES, 121 MARSTON LANE, FROME, SOMERSET. BA11 4DW.