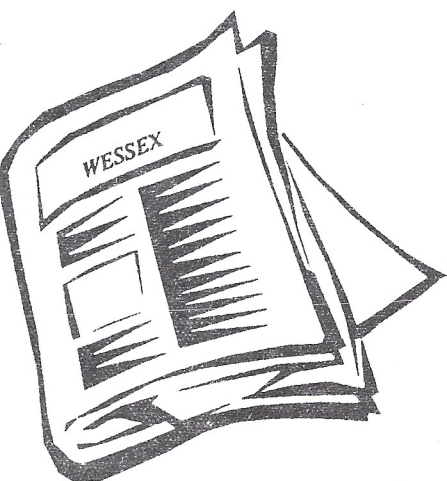


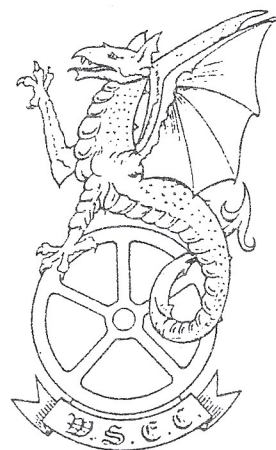


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NEWSLETTER



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******* EDITORIAL *******

With most of the rallies cancelled this year due to the Foot and Mouth crisis the only events we can exhibit our engines seems to be the crank-ups, fetes and flower shows, these events leave a lot to be desired when it comes to the roped enclosures and safety measures we have at most rallies. Therefore at these events the need to observe safety rules is paramount. Do not leave your engine running unattended. If you leave it, turn it off. If you are with a junior member please remember they cannot run an engine without adult (over 18) supervision.

******* CHAIRMAN'S REPORT *******

The Spring Crank-Up at Nunney Catch was once again well supported and a huge success. The irony is the Annual Rally last year took 12 months and a lot of hard work to plan and resulted in a financial loss of about £100. The Crank-Up takes no planning, involves no work and thanks to a good raffle, returns a profit for the Club funds of nearly £100. I think there is a moral in that story somewhere, with no rally this year it has certainly lightened the work load of the committee, so much that I cancelled this months committee meeting because there was nothing to put on the Agenda. The committee will soon be compiling next years programme, if any member knows anyone who could give a talk on any subject please contact me.

BJB.

******* BIRTHDAY GREETINGS *******

The Club would like to wish Jill Hallam of Trowbridge a very Happy Birthday as Jill celebrates yet another one this month. Many happy returns of the day Jill.

******* GET WELL SOON *******

The Club would like to wish the following members Best Wishes and a speedy recovery. Henry Simmons of Trowbridge who is recovering from heart surgery. Diane Davis of Frome who has recently returned home from Hospital. Eric Heritage from Frome who has been in Hospital with a serious illness recently and Committee member Colin Nicholson of Cheddar who has been off work for sometime with back problems, we wish you all a speedy recovery.

******* FREE TO A GOOD HOME *******

A Lister 1.5 H.P 'D' and a 2 H.P Petter 'A' is FREE of charge to anyone who wants to restore them, not just sell them. Contact Bill Knight at Knights Fish and Chip Shop, Glastonbury. Ring 01458 835144 or 831882.

******* LETTERS TO THE EDITOR *******

Brian,
I would like to thank the Committee and members of the W.S.E.C for the card and good wishes I received on returning home after having major heart by-pass surgery at Hammersmith Hospital, London. Thank you all for your kindness. **HENRY SIMMONS, TROWBRIDGE.**

June 1987. Welcome to new member Arthur Smith. Arthur has said he was a member long before this, but it could be this was the first time he showed his nose, all put right now Arthur, from Gloria (ha ha).

January 1991. Yeovil Agricultural Show cancelled due to lack of support. Lack of support appears to be from the paying public and not the exhibitors.

February 1991. W.S.E.C organising a grand engine raffle. A 1.5hp Stover engine has been purchased by the Club. The purpose of the raffle is to raise money for Club funds. The Annual balance sheet for 1991 shows a profit on the years raffles to be £196 (A lot more now thanks to Lesley & Co).

March 1991. The Annual Club Social Evening was very poorly attended. Tickets are now available for the engine raffle to raise money as insurance against the 'one day' wet rally. Election of Officers at the A.G.M. Eric Gay is elected Vice-Chairman and still is.

May 1991. Spotted in a local rally programme. Barford 2.5, a Mango 2.5 open crank and Petter Pear Top. These would be better off in a recipe book. Overheard in the Ladies loo, it was lying in a field for years, now if there is a hint of rain at a rally he covers it over with a sheet.

July 1991. Rally at Cheddar Football Club, well over 100 engines displayed. The Baker collection was presented with a superb finish. Saturday passed quickly with the field soon filling, but the public were few and far between. Crank-Up at The Old Down Inn. Eric Gay arrived to be met by a shiny black hearse, he said it must have been a first for Wessex Club to have an engine transported by a hearse. Southwick Scout fete, not many stationary engines, but we were 'fed and watered' in the refreshments room, well done to the Scouts (Ed and myself went to this event a few years ago, but we do not hear when it is on now).

1991 Cheddar Rally. A video was shot of this event, one hour long, good interviews from a cross section of exhibitors (people with camcorders should think of doing the same now).

August 1991. Author unknown (but still the same today Gloria). The rally season started, every weekend we still go, travelling around the country, to our favourite steam shows, we're not the great big steamers, or the Scammells at the vets. We're the stationary engines, Wolseleys, Listers, Japs, Petts, we've been painted, oiled and cared for all through the wintertime. But you can bet your bottom dollar we end up in mud and slime when we get to the showground and ask where are we mate? The fellow at the entrance says, ho you go through that gate, we'll be shoved into some corner, on a slope out of the way, but we'll try and try our hardest to keep going all the day. We have our place in History like all the other machines, so why can't we sometimes be put where the field is flat and green.

February 1992. The W.S.E.C Rally is moving to Semington.

March 1992. The winner of the engine raffle is Mr John O'Gorman, Campclone, Kilbricen, Portladise, Laois, EIRE (I would like to know where it is now, Gloria) (I remember making a wooden crate to transport it to Ireland. BJB).

June 1992. Just found out when we became members, Mr & Mrs Carp.

September 1992. Weight Watchers, a member from Hampshire was stopped by the Police to see what he had in his van. Stationary engines he said, he was asked to proceed to the weighbridge, all was well, he was within the limits. We all so this but I would like to know if it was that Hampshire man that is still around? (Gloria).

October 1992. Please note, some Newsletter articles have been held over (I reckon Brian wishes this happens now (Gloria)).

May 1993. Just a reminder for Mr Dennis Hodges to return the cup for the best working engine.

September 1993. A meeting to see if the Club can become a Limited Company.

October 1993. How it all began, I went to a rally way back in 1988, mainly to attend the car boot sale and on looking around the stationary engines I was hooked – the rest is history (who wrote that? BJB). This is the lot for the time being, hope you all like looking back. Dennis has always kept everything, Xmas cards, programmes, newsletters, insurance, etc for all the years he has been a member.

GLORIA CARP.

AGM 2001 – A SHORT SUMMARY

The AGM was declared open by our Esteemed President Robin Lambert, apologies received from Bob and Jill Hallam, Derek and Dot Watts, Ruben Smith and John Brooks. With so few apologies you may be thinking how we managed to squeeze the other 286 members into the meeting room, the committee would like to thank the members who were there. I would personally like to thank Alan Vickery and Ray Bassett, for braving the elements and border patrols, by travelling up to Somerset from Hook in Hampshire to attend the AGM but as usual they did win something on the raffle. It was pointed out that the Club cabinet has now been installed at the Nunney Catch transport Café, thanks to Gordon and Jackie. Our Chairman Brian Baker read a brief summary of the past year, thanking all members who attend and help out at club events, the year 2000 saw the membership pass the 300 mark, so far today 26th February we have 292 paid up members. He went on to say that the coach trip to Kew Pumping Station for which we had a full coach was possibly the best yet. The trip for 2001 would be to the Swindon Railway Museum and the McArthur Glen shopping complex. The annual rally was well attended and it seemed as though we had requested two of the hottest days of the year. He then expressed his thanks to the Treasurer, Secretary and Committee for all that they put into the club throughout the year, he ended by saying that as we do not get any complaints we must be doing things right. The Treasurer Jackie Lambert read out her financial report and explained all the various items listed, as usual she once again has done an excellent job of this as it was well laid out and easy to understand. The presentations were made to our resident envelope writer, stamp lick, newsletter inserter, and posters, Mary Butler and Linda Pike for the extra help she gives to the club and our number one fundraiser Lesley Nicholson. We had one club member apply to come on the committee, this was Phillip Marshall. After the meeting was closed another member applied to join the committee, this was Brendan Hill, he will be co-opted on at the March Committee Meeting.

The Club Officers for 2001 are President: Robin Lambert, Chairman: Brian Baker, Vice Chairman: Eric Gay, Secretary: Arthur Smith, Treasurer: Jackie Lambert, Committee members: Lesley Nicholson, Colin Nicholson, Tony Davis, George Coles, Simon Nicholson, Phillip Marshall and Brendan Hill, the Safety Officer is George Coles. Ray Baker expressed his thanks to the committee for all the hard work they do throughout the year. The President cup this year was given to Tony Davis and his grandson Jonathon Hockedy (J.P) for contributions to the newsletter. The President declared the meeting closed at 9.25pm. Lesley then drew the raffle with most of the prizes going to the committee, so if you want to win see a committee member about filling the vacancies on the committee.

ARTHUR SMITH – SECRETARY.

M & L STATIONARY ENGINE MAGNETOS – MCK & CK TYPES

These magnetos are specifically designed to suit Lister stationary engines and are of the fixed ignition type of machine, the CK being used on the large engines and the MCK on smaller models such as the Lister A and B types. The magnetos are similar in design and most of the spare parts are interchangeable between them. The main difference is that a more powerful magnetic system is used on the CK machines. The units are in all cases driven at engine speed, giving an idle spark on the exhaust stroke. This arrangement helps starting considerably. The idle spark has the effect of keeping the plug electrodes clean. The magnets on both magnetos are made from cobalt steel this being about four times more powerful than tungsten steel magnets. Timing the magnetos should it be necessary to re-time the magneto the drive sprocket must be loosened on the tapered spindle and the nut tightened up with the fingers so that the sprocket is just gripped to the spindle. Next turn the engine until the timing marks are lined up, place the magneto in its platform with the chain on the sprocket and insert the fixing bolts. Turn the magneto armature round by means of the contact breaker in the direction in which it rotates normally, until the contact breaker points just start to open, taking care of course that the engine is not rotated. Then lightly tap the sprocket onto the tapered spindle and tighten the sprocket fixing nut or screw, taking great care that the armature is not rotated in the process. All this should leave the magneto correctly timed, but do check by turning the engine over once again and realigning the timing marks on the engine and then checking the contact breaker points they should be just opening. Although a magneto should never be dismantled unnecessarily, a little attention from time to time will be found worthwhile, this attention may be summed up in three words – cleanliness, adjustment and lubrication. So keep it clean, adjust the points to the correct gap and add a little oil to the contact breaker cam and the pivot arm if dry. One tip – never detach the high tension cable by pulling it out of the pick up terminal when the engine is running, this will damage the insulation and cause breakdown of the magneto.

E.J.GAY

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EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY

JUNE 16TH - STATIONARY ENGINES WANTED AT ROWDEFORD SCHOOL FETE. 10am to 2pm at Rowdeford School, Rowde, Nr. Devizes. Further details from Shirley Gale on 01225 767095.

JUNE 17TH - CRANK-UP AT NUNNEY CATCH. Autojumble stalls and bring and buy welcome. Café open for breakfasts, lunches and hot drinks etc. Usual grand raffle, prizes would be appreciated. The Club shop will be set up, anything that can be sold will be accepted. The engines will be judged and the cups normally presented at the rally will be awarded to the winners. Let's make this a spectacular event to make up for no rally this year.

JUNE 25TH - CLUB NIGHT AT THE OLD DOWN INN. No rally autopsy as there is no rally, instead we have our own Rob Armstrong giving another of his brilliant talks followed by a 'Table Top Auction'. Please make an effort and bring items to sell. We turn your 'junk' into hard cash which is paid out on the night, don't forget make an effort.

MONDAY JULY 30TH - Crank-Up at The Court Hotel, evening event, usual raffle.

SUNDAY AUGUST 5TH - ANNUAL COACH TRIP TO SWINDON RAILWAY MUSEUM AND SHOPPING COMPLEX. Depart Nunney Catch 9am, fare £8.50. Ring Jackie on 01373 463526.

SUNDAY JULY 1ST - CLASSIC VEHICLE RALLY - Chilcompton, Somerset. Stationary engine etc. welcome. Contact 01761 470186 for further details.

SATURDAY AUGUST 11TH - CLUTTON FLOWER SHOW - WANTED - Stationary engines, tractors, lorries, cars etc or any exhibits of interest. Entry forms at next months meeting. Details from Roger on 01761 452565.

SUNDAY 22ND APRIL

WDTEC'S VISIT TO MILESTONES AT BASINGSTOKE

I arrived at this new Museum created by the Hampshire County Council to find a most impressive building some 55 metres wide and 165 metres long. In this vast building there has been created a collection of buildings and workshops, depicting various manufactures throughout Hampshire such as Thornycroft, Taskers, Wallis & Stevens to name just a few. The streets are cobbled with tramlines and a selection of vehicles set a realistic scene. To help you understand what it is all about there are audio guides and street plans available free to help make your visit more enjoyable. A splendid restaurant well situated is on site with hot and cold meals at reasonable prices, so you do not really need to take picnic lunches. This was a most enjoyable day out being able to walk into shops of years ago, just like entering a past age gone by.

BRIAN LOVELL.