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The Wessex Stationary Engine Club's Monthly Newsletter

From The Editor

I watched with dismay last Sunday as the Blue cement chimney was demolished flat in a couple of seconds by controlled explosion. Never has Westbury been so busy early on a Sunday morning, queues all up yonder hill! Depending on your point of view it was removing an eyesore or a historic landmark - I guess in reality it was a bit of both.

Being a bit of a sentimental lady, I miss that old thing, my grandfather used to take us to see the big Chimney and the White Horse when we were small and I always knew after a long journey as soon as I saw the tip of that thing I was nearly home!

Time to move on I guess and rely on that new fangled sat nav thing I guess ...

Til next time

Karen

Calendar of Events-

Key CN= Club Night, E=Event

CN Held at the Old Down Inn Emborough at 8pm

Oct 8th E - Vintage Sale at Cranmore - East
Somerset Steam Railway

Oct 31st CN - Quiz Night Anne Kempson

Nov 31st Model Evening (alternative hobbies)
Eric Gay

Dec To be announced

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Out and About with Jackie and Robin

The 9th and 10th July took us to the Sedgemoor Rally. This is just a few miles up the road from Bridgwater. This is another nice friendly event right on the Bristol Channel coast, although you can't quite see the sea but it is only one or two fields away. This year the organisers placed the event in a different field, and my goodness what a good move that was! It has transformed the Show, with everyone in the same field it must have been a lot easier for setting up and so much to see, super exhibits, good stall selection and ring events.

There was even a restaurant offering Roast dinner!! Sadly mid Sunday afternoon a heavy shower put the dampers on the event and more or less started closing things down but if the storm had to come at least it was at the right end of the Event.

Chairman's Report by Eric Gay

Lots to report on this month.

First it was our trip to **Middle Wallop**, a great one day show, well worth a visit so why not bear it in mind for next year. The show was very well supported by THE Wessex Stationary Engine Club, with Jamie and Luke Coates, Robin & Jackie Lambert, Roy Sandford and John and Janet Bullock. Shame is we will be saying goodbye to them soon as they are off to pastures new, moving to Dorsetshire, watch out John lots of Queer folk down there, not like we proper people up yer in Wiltshire. Pete Frost and Pete and Nicky Cossen from Salisbury were also in attendance, it was good to see so many supporting this event.

Next outing was to the **West Wiltshire Society of Model Engineers Gala Day** on Sunday 11th September. What a day it was, model trains, traction engines, boats, mill engines, trade stands, train and traction engine rides for the young and old alike. If you exhibited you even got a free lunch. There is a bar in the golf club and a lovely restaurant for those that wanted a full roast lunch, they sold over 100 lunches that day so I have been told. We had around twelve engines on show and the general public took great interest in them, as they could get up close to our exhibits and see exactly how an engine worked. We could have done with a few more members attending this very well organised and run event. We will of course advertise the event and its date in our newsletter and if I know the date in time it will appear in our programme of events for 2017.

As I have mentioned next year, we have already made a start on arranging events and meetings for all in **2017**. Open up your diary and fill in June 17th 18th June as this will be the dates for the Wessex Midsummer Vintage Show, We have planned two new crank ups for you all, one in March - the New Season Warm Up, hot soup and cheese and onion rolls and whatever else I can find to cook for you in the microwave! Now I hear you all say, March may well be a little cold but well you will be able to run your engines under cover, air conditioning will be provided! We may also have a B-B-Q, but that is not certain at this time. The second crank up will be in Wedmore in deepest darkest Somersetshire in May. Not content with one Rally we are at the early stages of planning yet another. that we hope will take place in late September 2017, more on that in due course. For our monthly meetings at the Old Down Inn several speakers have already been booked. Slots for January, March to June and August are booked so only a few more to go. **ALL THESE EVENTS WILL BE IN YOUR 2017 PROGRAMME OF EVENTS.**

October is fast approaching and this means our bring and buy sale at **Cranmore**. So why not get out in the shed or garage, find out all those goodies that have been laid around for years and turn them into cash, just think what you can do with all that lovely money, you could buy the wife/girlfriend a new outfit or you could spend it all on yourself, which sounds like a better idea to me!

Talking about the sale and events, **your club and committee need more help from you the club member.** We cannot run our outside events such as the sale, crank ups and our main money earner the Semington Rally without more help from our Club Members. Karen appealed to you in the August newsletter for more help but as yet we have had no response. We could do with two more committee members for the club's general committee and we would welcome more help with Semington, not only with the physical side of setting up etc but on our rally committee. One thing we are looking for in 2017 is an attraction to draw in more of the general public to the event. So if you can think of anything that may help or you feel you would like to help out at any of our outside events please come and give us a hand. We as the Committee are trying to give you more and improved events each year, but they all cost money and so the main source of income from the Rally at Semington needs to increase, which can only happen with more help, so please come and help to keep the Wessex club at the forefront of the stationary engine movement.

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Chairman's Report - Continued

Following the Club's great day out at the **Brown and May Trust** , near Devizes, I have received a telephone call from Michelle, thanking us for the collection we made on the day and the additional donation the Club made to the trust.

I have arranged with Maxine at the Old Down Inn for us once again to hold our **Christmas Party** at the Inn, This will take place on December 16th - this is a Friday evening so you will not have to get up early on Saturday, I am sure you can do the shopping later on Saturday when you have recovered from the party the evening before, If you would like to attend **PLEASE , PLEASE** let me know as I need to know the numbers so as the catering can be arranged, You all know my telephone number but just in case you have forgotten, here it is again 01225 754374. I hope to see you there.

Now I did not get to the **Dorset Steam Fair** this year, I spent all my money going on holiday to Skye, (wish I had been to Dorset it did not rain so much !). I have read and been told the show was as good as ever, changing the date has not made that much difference to the number of exhibits and they have infact added some news one , with the general public in better attendance than in 2015. I hope very much that I will be able to attend in 2017, I may have another new hip by then and be able to walk better, I live in hope .

Now I make an Appeal for myself, is there anyone in the Club that may be able to rewind an armature for a very old 1860 50 volt DC dynamo, at a reasonable cost, give Eric a ring if you can help.

Well that's my report done for this month, I will have been to Berwick St John Rally by the time you read this and so the end of another Rally season will be in sight, so I look forward to seeing you all at the Cranmore sale.

Wessex Stationary Engine Club Ltd New President Announcement

Following the sad loss of our President Brian Baker earlier this year we had an empty spot on the Committee . However we are pleased to announce the appointment of Roger Pike as the new Club President. Many of you know well Roger and his wife Linda, stalwart supporters of the Club and we are extremely pleased that Roger was able to accept our invitation to stand and step into the breach.

Sales

Please note all sales will stay in for three months and then cleared unless you tell me otherwise- please let me know if anything needs changing next time.

Thank you

Fuller & Johnson 2.5hp 1923 Hit and Miss
Fully Restored on nice trolley £ 850.00
Amanco Brassed bodied magneto drive gear
for 4ph engine, will fit 2 1/4 hp , Full working
order £ 300.00

Hemmings Steam Boiler (model boats) this
boiler has never been used, gas fired , as
new £ 400.00

Amanco 2 1/4hp cylinder head £ 100.00

Old Fire Extinguisher, riveted make a good
cooling tank £ 15.00 ono

Water Hopper for Ruston PT 1.5hp £ 5.00

The Motor Electica Manual 1936 £ 15.00 ONO

The Penguin Car Handbook 1968 £ 10.00 ONO

Pitmans Motorist Library :-

Book of the Rover 1937 to 1959 £ 15.00 ONO

Hillman Hunter Owners Manual £ 5.00 ONO

Hillman Avenger Owners Handbook £ 5.00

The Book of the BSA 1936 onwards £ 25.00

Set of 5 Vauxhall overhaul training manuals
(full set) £ 20.00 ONO

All Above Ring Eric Gay 01225 754374

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spanners, including Lister , Bamford,Ransomes
Nicholson, Planet , Austin, Ford etc. All rusty
but would suit collector or rally field trader £ 125.00

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3 3/4 deep with full circumference strap.

Needs attention and lacks filler screw cap but
early and original. £ 25.00

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Tel :- 01761 418926

Email Tom.randall@dsl.pipex.com

4 Ply motor home cover, new fits all up to 6m
long £ 50.00

Wheel Clamp £ 10.00

Tank Crew No 2 cooker, dixie and strap £ 100.00
(as issued to all AFV crews 1950-1980's)

All Above Contact Peter Stacey 01373 472328

Fuel Tanks and Crank Guards Made

Tel :- John Hedges 01635 268359 or

Mobile :- 07831 410473

Ruston DHP 2PR open crank 2hp with Brand new
magneto £ 1000.00 ONO

ML Mag Right Hand Rotation £ 85.00 ONO

Wicow Book Mag with copper cover £ 175.00 ONO

All above ring Matthew (evenings only) on
01747 870516

WANTED : - Van Body, something like a British
Telecom Sherpa would be nice, but will consider
anything. Please leave a message on answerphone
01934 852670 Gerald Atherton, Churchill.

Troy Tractorvater Mk1 with mower head and
Troy Tractorvater Mk2 with plough
Both £ 80.00 each

Allen Scytile F type Villier Mk25 4 stroke £ 100.00
Howard Barton Rotivator, needs TLC - Sensible
offers

Loads of Howard Bantam Spares - again Sensible
Offers

Merry Tiller Cadet £ 50.00

Contact Tony Lawrence 01264 398210

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