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CHAIRMANS REPORT

Well February is with us already but there is still time for you all to have a good rummage in the shed or workshop to find all those goodies you want to bring along to Cranmore sale on March 7th - let us hope the weather gods are kind to us on that day.

At the next committee meeting the calendar for the year will be finalised. Ted has already put some of our events on the club website with one or two having to be changed around a bit.

One that is now sorted and was first staged last year is the Grand Clive Compton Engine Start Up day and BBQ at Bradford Leigh; this will take place on SATURDAY 12th SEPTEMBER the week before Berwick St. John.

We will have a full calendar of events for you all at The Old Down Inn on our club evenings (the last Monday in the month) unless otherwise indicated. I hope a full list of club events will be printed in this newsletter. I was dismayed when only six members turned up at our last meeting; I do wish a few more members would come along as we the committee do a lot of work to keep finding entertainment for you the members.

I have been asked for a list of dates for events and rallies throughout the year so I have done my best to collate all that to date that I know of and I hope it may be of help some I have contact numbers and others can be found on the heritage website or the organising clubs website. I hope this will be of some help to new members and those that may want to try some new events that they have not exhibited at before.

April 4th Westbury country park BA13 4LX Crank up + BBQ
May 3rd Lambourn Vintage Rally. Lambourn Vintage Machine Club.
May 9th & 10th Breamore House, Nr. Fordingbridge Steam Working weekend
May 16th & 17th Three Okefords, Shillingstone
June 20th & 21st June WSEC Midsummer Vintage Rally 01225 754374
June 27th & 28th June Bloxham Steam & Vintage Rally OX15 4HD 01608 658554
July 4th & 5th July Headington & Stockley Nr. Calne
July 18th & 19th July West Oxon, Ducklington, 07967 547870
July 24th 25th 26th July Welland
July 31st, 1st & 2nd August Gloucestershire Extravaganza
August 8th Seend Show, Nr Devizes Wilts, just turn up
August 15th & 16th Yesterdays Farming 01963 359585
August 28th 29th & 30th Fordingbridge Vintage Rally
September 5th & 6th North Cotswold, Nr. Bourton on the Water
September 12th Clive Compton Start up Day at Bradford Leigh

PLEASE CHECK AND CONFIRM RALLY DATES/LOCATIONS PERSONALLY BEFORE TRAVELLING

There you are.....that lot should keep you all busy throughout the year, I hope I shall be at most if not all, I cannot sit at home looking at four walls when there are events out there in engine land to go to.

Now I know I should stop buying engines, but another has just been added to the collection! I had the opportunity to obtain a Stuart 400, well, who could refuse that? It's a disease - I keep taking the pills but they don't do any good at all, perhaps I have the wrong ones.

It is a great shame that at this time no one out of two hundred plus members has come forward to help with the post of secretary - without a secretary we may be without a club. The Wessex Stationary Engine Club is still attracting new members so we do want to keep going but as I have said before this will be tough without more help on the committee.

In closing, I know where there are two rugby top Petter engines an early Lister D type shaft drive, an American Jacobson about 1.5hp anyone interested contact me. There is also a couple of fractional horse power engines one being gas, one petrol.

Well I had better stop now or David will not have room in the newsletter for all the other items he may have.

Eric Gay, Chairman WSEC

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Wessex Stationary Engine Club Limited will be held at 8pm on the 27th April 2026 at the Old Down Inn, Emborough BA3 4SA.

All nominations to the secretary.

CRANMORE BRING AND BUY SALE

Saturday March 7th 2026

Sellers from 8am

Buyers from 8.30am

East Somerset Railway

Cranmore Station

BA4 4QP

Any queries – call Eric 01225 754374

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