

THE WESSEX STATIONARY ENGINE CLUB

NEWS LETTER JANUARY 2016.

Dear Members It is with great sorrow that I must tell you all of the sad death on Christmas day of our long time News Letter Editor KIM SIDDORN. I received a phone call from Hazel on Sunday 27th of December telling me this very sad news, and I don't care who knows, but I shed a tear when I got this news. I knew that poor Kim was quite ill but I did not know how serious it was,

The Wessex Stationary Engine Club has lost a very valued member. Not only as the editor of our news letter for many many years. Kim did a great deal more behind the scenes. When it was decided to restart our rally at Semington it was Kim and his loyal band of viking warriors that for a number of years came along and re-enacted many a viking and saxon battle with Kim giving a commentary on how the battle was fought and the type of weapons carried by the bands of warriors. He saved the club a great deal of money by looking into the club insurance and not only on one occasion.

I still remember the evening he came along and gave the members gathered at the Court Hotel a talk on his other great love, the re-enactment of Viking History not only a talk, he dressed in full regalia of King Eric Blood Axe The Viking King, Kim even carried a ancient viking knife found in the river Thames, with his sword, chain mail coat, helmet and wolf pelt cape Kim really did look the reincarnation of a Great Viking Warrior. Kim left the committee but his input did not stop, as he gave me his support, advice and help, which I shall all ways remember and thank him for.

You are a sad loss, Kim May You Rest In Peace. I know that you will all with me want to express our sincere condolence to Hazel & Family at this very sad Time. Eric Gay.

I cannot produce a news letter anywhere near the the quality or layout as Kim has done, he had a way with words, I don't, so for now I hope you will all bare with me as I try to do my best. The Club will need a news letter editor and I can only hope that one of you the club members will come forward and take his job on please give it your consideration and let your chairman know.

Now please note that the Wessex Stationary Engine Club Ltd., HAS A NEW and fully upto date WEB SITE = www.wessexsec.com not only this but even more modern technology A FACE BOOK PAGE take a look at Wessex Stationary Engine Club. I am told we had around 700 visits in the first hour of this going live.

The Committee is working hard to produce a calendar of Events for 2016 THIS WILL BE PRINTED & SENT OUT IN DUE COURSE.

TO DATE THE FOLLOWING HAS BEEN ARRANGED.

JANUARY 25TH OLD DOWN INN EMBOROUGH, 8PM CHRIS WITTS THE SEVERN BORE

FEBRUARY ~~29~~2ND OLD DOWN INN EMBOROUGH 8PM ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

MARCH 19TH VINTAGE SALE CRANMORE (EAST SOMERSET RAILWAY)

MARCH ~~21~~14TH MIKE CHIPPERFIELD (ACROSS AMERICA BY MOTOR CYCLE

PLEASE NOTE This is one week early because of BANK HOLIDAY.