

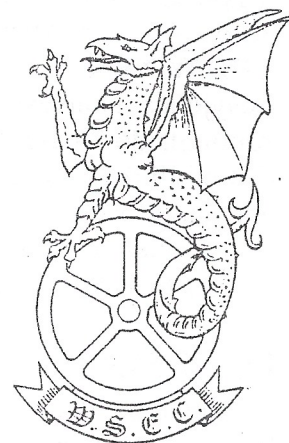


# **WESSEX STATIONARY ENGINE CLUB LIMITED**

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## **NEWSLETTER**



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### **\*\*\*\*\* EDITORIAL \*\*\*\*\***

The club's monthly meeting at the Old Down Inn on the 28<sup>th</sup> January 2002 created a little bit of history. It was exactly twenty five years to the day since the first meeting of the Wessex Stationary Engine Club. A list of Wessex members dated the first of March 1977 has just 21 members listed, including present members Eric Brain, Tony Andrews, Bill Appleby, David Edgington, Herb Gane, Roger Parsons, and Tom Randall. The club has certainly moved on in the ensuing quarter of a century gaining another threehundred plus members on the way. As Chairman I would like on behalf of all the present members to thank these founder members for their vision and foresight a quarter of a century ago.

### **\*\*\*\*\* CHAIRMANS REPORT \*\*\*\*\***

**WHAT'S IN A NAME ?.** Im certain quite a few members did not attend the January meeting at the Old Down Inn on January 28<sup>th</sup> due to the fact the talk was to be on "MORRIS DANCING". Well they could not have been more wrong, the members who did attend were treated to a brilliant evenings entertainment by Bob Burgess and his friend Colin Dipper. Bob has given us talks in the past, and he is a very accomplished orator. Bob started the evening off with a talk on the origins and history of Morris Dancing, this was followed by a talk by Colin on making concertinas, this is what he does for a living. After a break for the raffle we were then entertained by Bob and Colin playing musical instruments, and very skillful they were. The humorous banter that ensued throught the evening added to a brilliant presentation. I would like to convey my thanks to Bob and Colin on behalf all the members and guests present for a super evenings entertainment. ( I know Bob and Colin will read this as they are now members of the W.S.E.C.) The members who stayed away because they thought a talk on Morris Dancing would be boring just do not know what they missed. A lot of clubs and individuals are finding their insurance premiums for exhibiting engines are going through the roof. The committee are concerned that some of these people will apply to join our club to gain access to insurance for just £10. At the moment our insurance allows us to have 350 members, if our membership goes over this amount we would have to increase the number by paying a larger premium, so we have decided to limit the membership of the W.S.E.C. to 350 members, anyone wishing to join once this figure is reached would have to go on a waiting list. I would welcome members comments on this subject. The committee has put together a comprehensive programme of events for this year, so I would like to ask you all to give them your full support to justify the work that has gone into organising them.

**B.J.B.**

Two of the Websites printed in the January newsletter have been updated. The new ones are as follows..

**WESSEX STATIONARY ENGINE CLUB LTD.** <http://www.bath.ac.uk/~ensegb/wessex.htm>

**STATIONARY ENGINE MAGAZINE** <http://www.kelsey.co.uk>



## **THE ANSWERS TO THE WESSEX BRAIN TEASERS PUBLISHED IN THE DECEMBER NEWSLETTER**

**MAKES AND TYPES OF CAR** Mustang. Capri. Toyota. Austin. Montego. Fiesta. Fiat. Corsair. Cresta. Polo. Ford. Plymouth. Mazda. Morgan Maestro. Metro. Lada. Vauxhall. Escort. Colt.

### **THE WINES.**

Beayjolais Nouveau. Sauvignon. St Emilion. Rioja. Chardonnay. Pinot Noir. Champagne. Red Dessert. Amontillado Sherry. Dry White. Bergerac Blanc. Corbieres. Burgundy. Claret.

Out of all the entries only four were correct. These four names were put in the hat at the January meeting and our guest speaker Bob Burgess pulled out the winner—Mr A Hollaway from Fawley Southampton. Congratulations you have won a free years subscription to the club. Thanks to all members who took part. Thanks to Robin and Jackie for compiling the quiz.

### **DECEMBER 27<sup>th</sup>. W.S.E.C. MINCE PIE CRANK UP AT STON EASTON.**

On a cold but dry morning I arrived at the Ston Easton Social club where the members of the Wessex Stationary Engine Club met to have their post Christmas crank up. In an ever increasing wind there were 28 engines on display, some driving a variety of generators and water pumps. These were complimented by a display of petrol cans and another of oil cans. Completing the line up was a splendid John Deere, and a Fordson that was kept "alive" to warm the hands of the hardy engine owners. The usual draw took place sporting about 50 prizes, organised by Chairman Brian Baker. This event was well supported as there were 60 present to see the draw completed. This was a good day out, and in true Wessex style to see out 2001.

### **HENRY AND HIS GUARDIAN.**

## **MONDAY 28<sup>th</sup> JANUARY CLUB NIGHT AT THE OLD DOWN INN**

This evening it is a talk on the history and traditions of Morris Dancing by our guest speaker Bob Burgess, this is the same Bob Burgess that came along some time ago and gave us a very interesting evening when he talked about his passion for collecting "Billhooks. With Bob this evening is his friend Colin Dipper. Now I thought that this was going to be a bit of a dull evening, a talk on Morris Dancing did not do much to wet the appetite, but how wrong can one be, the evening turned out to be one that I shall remember for a long time to come, and I feel sure that the forty or so members who attended felt the same way, we had a wonderful evening with it ending with a first for the Wessex Stationary Engine Club, folk music played on the violin (fiddle) and accordion, concertina, and a very old instrument called a venom, this was a large horn type instrument shaped like a double S and was blown through a brass mouthpiece. Well I had better tell you a bit about the history of the Morris Dance, the Morris dance can be traced back to around the twelfth century but the word Morris and its meaning has been lost in the mists of time. Now most of us have seen Morris Dancing at shows or rallies that we attend or even on the village green, and I bet more than one of you have thought what are they wearing those bells for? Well my dears tis to ward off they evil spirits so tis, well that's cleared up that little matter, well what about the white shirt and trousers? This is tradition, the waving of hankerchiefs also seems to be part of the dance lost in time, for around the nineteen hundreds Morris Dancing was being lost and the old dances were being forgotten. It was that great man Cecil Sharp that spearheaded the revival as he did with folk music, god bless him, (I love folk music). Bob showed us the different dance steps used, and these change from county to county. Now I can hear you saying what about Colin? Well Colin makes concertinas for a living and he explained how this was done, what a job, not one part can be made by machine, every part is hand made. Now England used to be known as the workshop of the world, let me tell you it is no longer so, Colin even has to source his metal from France as it is no longer made in this country, even the leather for the bellows has to come from Pakistan. What has happened to this once great country of ours? This was a very interesting talk and I feel sure that all the members that came along will join me in thanking Bob and Colin for a very enjoyable evening.

### **ERIC GAY.**

**IMPORTANT NOTICE** Due to a printing error the date on the Rally Entry form is wrong. It should read 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> of June and not the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17 as printed. (So please don't turn up on the Monday).



\*\*\*\*\* EVENTS FOR 2002 \*\*\*\*\*

**MARCH 2<sup>nd</sup>** WESSEX SORTOUT Winchester Farm Cheddar. Contact Brian Baker on 01749 342671.

**MAY 4<sup>th</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> 6<sup>th</sup>** ABBEY HILL STEAM RALLY Yeovil Showground Yeovil. Contact Derek Bowles 01935 863603.

**MAY 11<sup>th</sup> 12<sup>th</sup>** CASTLE COMBE RALLY. Contact 01249 782316.

**JUNE 2<sup>nd</sup>** TATWORTH MINI RALLY, Tatworth Playing Field, Tatworth, South Chard. Details from 01460 220786.

**JUNE 8<sup>th</sup> 9<sup>th</sup>** WEST DORSET RALLY, West Bay Dorset. Contact 01305 265309.

**JUNE 15<sup>th</sup> 16<sup>th</sup>** WESSEX STATIONARY ENGINE CLUB RALLY.

**JUNE 22<sup>nd</sup> 23<sup>rd</sup>** 1000 Engine Rally Astle Park, Nr Manchester. Ring 01625 612784.

**JUNE 30<sup>th</sup>** HOLDSWORTHY VINTAGE SHOW. Contact 01288 331306 or 01409 254829.

**JULY 6<sup>th</sup> 7<sup>th</sup>** HEDDINGTON and STOCKLEY RALLY. Contact 01380 859399

**JULY 13<sup>th</sup> 14<sup>th</sup>** SEDGEMORE VINTAGE SHOW. Highbridge. Somerset. Contact 01823 443736

**JULY 20<sup>th</sup> 21<sup>st</sup>** S.T.E.C. Steam spectacular Low Ham Langport. Contact 01458 448638.

**AUGUST 3<sup>rd</sup> 4<sup>th</sup>** WEST SOMERSET RAILWAY RALLY. Bishops Lydeard. Details from The Railway Station, Bishops Lydeard, Taunton.

**AUGUST 3<sup>rd</sup> 4<sup>th</sup>** TORBAY STEAM RALLY. Details from Mr Tony Brooks on 01803 853989

**AUGUST 10<sup>th</sup> 11<sup>th</sup>** YEOVIL FESTIVAL OF TRANSPORT. Details from 01308 422824

**AUGUST 17<sup>th</sup> 18<sup>th</sup>** SOUTH SOMERSET AGRICULTURAL PRESERVATION CLUBS YESTERDAYS FARMING. Brearley Farm Tintinhull. Details from Tony Carter on 01749 813967.

**AUGUST 24<sup>th</sup> 25<sup>th</sup>** PORTLAND STEAM.

**AUGUST 25<sup>th</sup> 26<sup>th</sup>** HONITON HILL RALLY. Contact 01935 516484

**AUGUST 25<sup>th</sup> 26<sup>th</sup>** DEVON TRACTION ENGINE CLUB. Contact 01752 265107.

**AUGUST 28<sup>th</sup> - SEPT 1<sup>st</sup>**. GREAT DORSET STEAM FAIR. Contact 01258 860361.

**OCTOBER 19<sup>th</sup>** WESSEX WINTER SORTOUT WINCHESTER FARM CHEDDAR. RING 01749 342671.

**A "BLAST FROM THE PAST". LOOKING BACK TO 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> of JUNE 1979.**

**An article found in the Bath and West Evening Chronicle, Friday June 8<sup>th</sup> 1979. C/o Frome Archives.**

Fuel Crisis trims show:- Petrol and Diesel shortages have not taken the steam out of enthusiasm for a big stationary engine event at Longleat. The organisers had hoped for 1000 engines, but it seems that because of the oil crisis they will have to be content with 970- representing threequarters of a century of farm mechanisation. A wide range of petrol, gas, and diesel working engines will be on view during the weekend June 16<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>. David and Doreen Edgington, who obtained Lord Bath's permission to stage the big rally in sight of his Elizabethan house, own rare engines themselves. Entrants have come from Britain, Holland, Germany, Australia, and possibly Canada. The engines will start arriving at longleat on Tuesday when Mr Edgington will turn up with a batch of six including one shipped 13000 miles from Australia. The owner, Ross Foster of Victoria will be flying to England for the event.

**AS EDITOR I WOULD LIKE TO REMIND MEMBERS THAT THIS NEWSLETTER CAN ONLY CONTINUE TO FUNCTION IF I RECEIVE MATERIAL TO PUT IN IT. ANY ARTICLES ON EVENTS, RESTORATIONS, RECENT FINDS, OR ANY OTHER SUBJECT WOULD BE MOST WELCOME.**

**DON'T FORGET SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 2002 ARE NOW OVERDUE, IF YOU LEAVE IT TO LATE YOU MAY FIND OUR MEMBERSHIP LIMIT OF 350 HAS BEEN FILLED.**

**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

Our Junior Reporter (JP) was very disappointed that he did not get a single Foreign Banknote from his advert in the newsletter.



## **CRANK UP AT NUNNEY CATCH TRANSPORT CAFÉ**

### **SUNDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> DECEMBER 2001**

The day started off cold, But a great deal of good natured sarcasm and jokes soon warmed everyones sense of humour up. Don Rogers greeted us into the engine pen, through a pair of traffic cones, which even our Chairman had problems navigating through! There were 40 engines running (or trying to run), and seven for sale, including one of the immortal Lister D's, John Pomeroy from Warminster attended with his Morris Van and there were also 2 motorcycles, a Triumph Trophy 250 and an Ariel Leader. An unusual addition was a 1963 Bedford 41 seater coach, which originaly worked for Leather Coaches of Maiden Bradley. Also Bob Hallam was displaying his collection of motoring memorabilia. He started with a few oil cans and now has over 600, most bought at boot sales. As always there was a varied selection of items for sale in front of engines and boards showing the highly polished plaques of shows visited. On the engine side of things a new addition to the rally field was Roger Parsons 3hp air cooled twin Norman. This engine was made in Uxbridge sometime during the 1940's and has only been with Roger for 6 weeks. At 11-48 there was a loud bang and a cloud of smoke from half way down the line of engines, a 1912 Fuller and Johnson Peoples Priced Engine (one of only 12 known in the world!) This was quickly followed by club members running across the car park and scrabbling about on the floor. I am pleased to say I was there with my notebook in about 10 seconds, and it transpired that the igniter had blown out of a certain committee members engine. I regret not being able to name him, but I wouldn't want to embarrass anybody (not to mention the veiled threats I received!) The igniter was subsequently found over 30 feet away, having shot across the car park about a foot off the ground, The taper pin had blown out for the second time. The first time there was less compression, and the igniter was deflected off Ian Jones shin. Maybe a subject for the next committee meeting: Should shin pads be issued at rallies? As a good end to this crank-up the raffle was held at 2-30, and with over 60 prizes two tables were needed. John Patten numbers came up 9 times, three of them in a row to start the raffle off. Thanks should go to Gordon and Jackie Callow, especially Gordon for working on his birthday.

**JONATHAN HOCKEDY**  
**JUNIOR REPORTER.**

#### **\*\*\*\*\* EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY \*\*\*\*\***

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**SATURDAY MARCH 2<sup>nd</sup> WESSEX SOMERSET SORTOUT AT WINCHESTER FARM CHEDDAR 8am ONWARDS. £5 per pitch. £1 for BUYERS.**

**SUNDAY 17<sup>th</sup> MARCH S.S.A.P.C. SORTOUT. BY PALMERS FISH RESTAURANT YEOVIL. TEL BRIAN JONES 01935 824453.**

**MONDAY MARCH 25<sup>th</sup> CLUB NIGHT AT THE OLD DOWN INN. GUEST SPEAKER JOHN POMEROY. A TALK AND SLIDE SHOW ON THE RESTORATION OF HIS ALBION LORRY AND THE ROAD RUN FROM LANDS END TO JOHN -O-GROATS.**

**MONDAY APRIL 1<sup>st</sup> MELL'S DAFFODIL DAY. DETAILS FROM ROBIN.**

**SUNDAY APRIL 7<sup>th</sup> VISIT TO MUSEUM OF BATH AT WORK. FULL DETAILS INCLUDING A MAP WILL APPEAR IN THE NEXT NEWSLETTER.**

#### **\*\*\*\*\* THE MARKET PLACE \*\*\*\*\***

**FOR SALE Lister "D" and Lister H2 Pump. Direct drive on cast iron base, plus second "D" for spares, all needs lots of T.L.C. Engines missing silencers. The lot for £170 o.n.o. Also many new B.S.P. fittings. Ring John after 6 pm on 01373 451129.**

**FOR SALE Ruston Hornsby 1-5 hp model PT in working order, on trolley, £75. 110v generator, belt driven, £25. Trailer 5x3 £50. Ring Pete on 01934 516606. Weston Super Mare area.**

**FOR SALE Wolseley WD 1-5 hp hopper cooled No 5064. 700 RPM. Also Climax No 1 Theamic Pump. Open to offers for the lot. Please ring 01225 767924. (May be ANSWERPHONE) Rode Area.**

**FOR SALE Motor Cycle Battery 12 volt. Used one week only £12. Operators Handbooks for PETTER DIESEL engines, Type PAZI single and AVA twin. £5 each. Ring Tony on 01373 464982. Frome area.**