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CHAIRMANS REPORT

Well here we are at the middle of the year already, I cannot keep up with how time seems to absolutely fly by, maybe its an age thing, but as I say to many people and friends, you're only old when you give up and think you are old.

I do not intend to give up and sit in the arm chair yet, too many things need doing, I have just come in from the workshop, I started out there at 8.30am this morning where I have been rubbing down the traction engine ready for its next coat of paint, hopefully this will be applied this evening when the air is still I hope.

I have a load of projects to get through, but things like helping to run the Clubs Vintage Show at Southwick and other things keeps my projects on the back burner so to say.

A short piece from me this month but a full Midsummer show report will feature next month. A nice full issue this month with some lovely reports sent in by members, thank you!

Eric Gay, WSEC Chairman

THREE OKEFORDS RALLY REPORT

It was a great weekend at our local show, being only 4 miles from home. So we took the Petter M 5hp, Bentall engine & Tangye water pump behind the Nuffield tractor. The weather was great unlike last year when it was really wet and the show had to be cancelled on the Sunday.

There were over 130 tractors and 29 full size steam engines. there were lots of very nice restored and original stationary engines – a bit surprised we were the only Petter which ran faultlessly all weekend. The Bentall lost compression over the weekend but since found it only needed a decoke. We were a bit disappointed there was no evening light up but will make up for it at the Wessex Midsummer Show!



The winning engine was displayed by Club Member Paul Mulcock with his very nice twin flywheel Wolseley & chaff cutter. We were opposite Eric with his Bamford tulip top which looked wonderful and ran great all weekend. We also helped him pick up his table full of entry forms that blew over a couple of times. It was very busy in the evening at the beer tent and watching tractor pulling.

Our little Nuffield 3/42 was at its limit pulling the trailer up the steep hills in top gear getting home. At the time of writing this our next rally will be the Wessex Midsummer show with my Lister L. *Luke Simms*

HEAVY HORSE AND COUNTRY SHOW, 21st September

I would like to give a mention to the Heavy Horse & Country Show, to be held at the Shaftesbury Turnpike Showground, Motcombe Road, SP7 9PL on the 21st September. They have been very welcoming over the last few years, but poorly supported by the stationary engine fraternity. For entry forms please contact me. *Ted Edwards* 07751 918283

ROGER PIKE MEMORIAL RALLY

The Roger Pike Memorial Rally takes place on Saturday 20th September at the East Somerset Railway, Cranmore Station, Shepton Mallet BA4 4QP with arrivals from 8am.

Will your exhibit win the coveted Roger Pike Memorial Cup? Bring along your shiniest and best engine, get that Brasso out and see what happens.

No need to book in, just turn up and we'll have a great day as we always do at this fab location. *Linda*

WEST LYDFORD CRANK UP

This year the weather was more favourable to us than last year, which meant we could hold the crank up in the field as opposed to the concrete yard.

With the invaluable help of Phil Harris, I was able set up the field on the previous Wednesday. My brother John made sure the access route was clear of obstacles!

On Sunday morning we were all ready and set up to go and waiting for exhibitors to arrive.

At 8.30am no-one had turned up, I was getting rather worried – however, soon Ted Edwards was first on the scene, I was pleased to see him!

Slowly but surely, people started to arrive and by 10am we had about 16 engines lined up ready to go.

People arrived from Trowbridge, Bridport and various other parts of the South West.

We had a really good selection of engines ranging from Listers, Wolseleys and a Stuart Turner. Gordon brought along his 9hp Spring Injection Blackstone engine which is always a delight to see run, there were also a good selection of American open-crank engines namely Amanco, Alamo, Rock Island, Fuller & Johnson and Nelson Bros. Exhibitor numbers were a bit down on last year.

Tea, coffee and refreshments were provided; valiant work by Joanne, Michelle and Josh – thank you!

Many thanks to everyone who supported the event – special thanks to Ted Edwards and Eric Gay and to Phil Harris for helping with the set-up.

We had a collection churn and I'm pleased to say we raised £220 for the Alzheimer's Society. All in all we had a very successful day, thank you for your continued support. *Herb Gane*

SWEETS TEA ROOMS CRANK-UP REPORT

This year we had excellent weather for our event at Sweets Tea Rooms and Museum at Meare. The ground conditions were superb, much improved on last year!

The gates opened at 8.30am with people waiting outside to get in....by 9.30am we had 16 engines lined up; not as many as last year but a really good selection nevertheless.

There were several British manufacturers on display, such as Mike Snook's 1 1/2hp 1939 Villiers engine, Richard Cook with his 1949 Lister D and Pat Rich with his Wolesley sheep-shearing set. Phil Harris had his Ruston PB running.

John Thorne had his lovely 2 1/2hp Blackstone Oil Engine of 1922 vintage driving a water pump.

Pete Rideout had his 1 1/2hp Ruston PB out and Oliver Thorne with his 1945 Norman T300. Perhaps our further-travelled exhibitor was Paul Riddell from Basingstoke who brought along his lovely 1926 Petter Handyman engine.

American manufacturers were well represented by Carol and Kevin Phillips with their 1 1/2hp United, Ted Edwards with his 1929 Kohler lighting set. Tony Grimstead with his great Amanco display together with Paul Riddell with his 2hp Jaeger were two great examples of fine American engineering.

John and Liz Deley brought their 1 1/2hp Pierce next to Lionel Keywood with his 2hp Stover. Dan Cheeseman had his R&V model engine on display – what a fabulous lineup of engines. We had a very nice display of vintage oil cans from Ken Barnett and one commercial vehicle, a 1942 Commer. Tony Champney brought along his Trustysteed tractor.

As usual, we held a raffle with donations to the Alzheimer's Society – thanks to Carol Phillips efforts, we raised £85. Many thanks to those who donated raffle prizes – the collection in the famous milk churn amounted to £82.27, giving a grand total for the event of £167.27.

Big thanks to the Tea Rooms for the use of the venue, also to Carol for the raffle, Phil Harris for help in setting up the site and Ted Edwards for his promotion on the Club website.

A good day was had by all, thanks you for making it the success it was. *Herb Gane*

BREAMORE HOUSE CLUB CRANK UP



Breamore House Club Crank-Up held on 22nd June 2025 - following a week of scorching temperatures we were blessed with far more agreeable weather at the crank up.

There was a great turnout of 21 engines which included 4 new members. Everybody had a really enjoyable day at what is undoubtedly our best venue. Credit to Pete Gear for organising the event, we all look forward to being there again next year. Please check on the Facebook group for more photographs from this fab event. *Anthony Andrews*

FOR SALE

1913 Gilson 1¾ hp

Lister D 1½ hp

1934 Petter M 4 hp with generator

Petter M 2 hp with Lister Water pump

1922 International M 3 hp Low Tension

Root & Vandervort 2 hp

Ruston & Hornsby PB 1½ hp – 2¼ hp

1914 Amanco Hired Man with Amanco pump

No 2 Climax pump

Majestic Canadian import via Avonmouth corn mill, quite rare

Bentall chaff cutter

if interested please ring for details 01761 471461 (Timsbury, Bath area) *Phil Marshall*

FOR SALE - Two wheel, braked, galvanised caravan chassis with jockey wheel and four corner jacks. Overall width including wheels 7' (2.1m), Overall length 18' (5.5m). Ideal for engine mounting or trailer conversion. £150 ono Please contact 01934 852670
Gerald Atherton

FOR SALE:- Belt driven barley roller. Contact secretary@wessexsec.org or 07751 918283

ENGINE COLLECTION FOR SALE

A few engines and associated items are available for sale, items are located in Horningsham. Your best offers on the items are invited. Engines don't appear to have run for a while, but all appear complete and functional.

Contact Ted Edwards to discuss - secretary@wessexsec.org or 07751 918283

Petter A1VO on a Lister trolley



Wolesley Engine on trolley



Lister LH



Pair of milk churns in good condition



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