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## The Wessex Stationary Engine Club's Monthly Newsletter

### From The Editor

Ok its newish, probably not very good but we are trying and I am giving it a go !!

We think it is important to try and get a newsletter out every month to all our members especially as you are geographically far spread. As yet, nobody has volunteered for this position so I have agreed to temporarily take this on, and take a little weight from Eric's load. However we want it to be **your input** that goes in, (mainly cos truthfully I know nowt about stationary engines sorry !)

We will have an event list, sales and a report from the Chairman but apart from that folks its up to you. For a while it maybe reduced in size but at least you are getting a newsletter. I can promise that I will put in what you give me, only censoring bad language with the \*\*\*. We do have an opportunity here for change, want to wish someone a happy 70th, advertise a good event not club related, want to ask the committee a question, (oh oh that's going to get me in trouble !) then lets have it.

Deadline to get to the printers is 5 days before the monthly Club Night so I need your stuff 3 days before that or it will go in the following month.

No one likes criticism but if you don't like something let me know, equally good to know if we get it right.

We are still on the hunt for an Editor, as I run my own bookkeeping business and a home as well as the treasurer duties for the club I burn the midnight oil enough as tis !

In the meanwhile my contact details are given at the end.

Madame Treasurer

### Calendar of Events

Key CN= Club Night, E=Event

CN Held at the Old Down Inn Emborough at 8pm

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| March 19th   | E -Vintage Sale at East Somerset Railway, Cranmore                |
| March 21st   | CN -Across America by Motor Cycle<br>Talk by Mike Chipperfield    |
| March 28th   | E - Mells Daffodil Rally<br>Bank Holiday Monday                   |
| April 10th   | E - Westbury Vintage Day<br>White Horse Country Park              |
| April 25th   | CN- Owls of England<br>Talk by Chris Speering                     |
| May 23rd     | E- Crank Up<br>Venue TBA  |
| June 18/19th | E -Wessex Midsummer Vintage Show<br>Semington NR Trowbridge       |
| June 27th    | CN - Time Travel through the Mendip Hills<br>Talk by Mr Les Davis |
| July 25th    | CN - Isambard Kingdom Brunel<br>Talk by Mike Rowland              |

### VERY IMPORTANT

THOSE FEW MEMBERS THAT HAVE NOT YET RENEWED YOUR SUBSCRIPTION ( YOU KNOW WHO YOU ARE !), THIS WILL BE YOUR LAST NEWSLETTER AND MOST IMPORTANTLY YOU WILL NOT BE COVERED BY OUR INSURANCE WHEN YOU ARE OUT AND ABOUT WITH YOUR PRIDE AND JOY - BE WARNED

Don't forget to check out our website

[www.wessexsec.org](http://www.wessexsec.org)

and like us on Facebook

Wessex Stationary Engine Club

## Wessex AGM - 29th February 2016

As mentioned in my first page, our membership is scattered quite far and wide within the British southern hemisphere and understandably for some they find attending an evening meeting in Chilcompton a tad too far. So we thought we would publish the main facts from the two main reports and a list of newly elected committee members for all to see, and perhaps for those whom could attend to digest. (Of course it did also help to pad this issue out....)

### Summary Chairman's Report 2016 by Eric Gay

2015 Was a year of ups and downs. We lost our home of many years at the Court Hotel, as time was short I approached Maxine at the Old Down Inn, agreement was reached to stage our Xmas event. I will report that the service and food was beyond reproach. After a little more negotiation with Maxine it was agreed we could use the Old Down Inn for our club and committee meetings. I am pleased to report that evening meetings at the Old Down Inn have been well attended so thank you all for your support. Our new event at the White Horse Country Park was a great success and a great day out. Thanks to all the members that attended. Our thanks go to the owners of the Park and the West Wilts Society of Model Engineers for running their trains to give rides to young and old alike. There was a good range of speakers throughout the year and members attendance was encouraging.

The members committee had only seven people at one time and this has made things difficult, however I am pleased to report we now have four new members, so thank you to them for volunteering.

The rally at Semington was a great success, making the club a substantial amount to add to club funds and a charitable donation.

Cranmore sales were well supported and profitable.

The saddest news of the year was the passing of Kim Siddorn, the news letter editor of 10 years. Club officials attended his funeral to show their gratitude to his valued work for the Club.

The Club now has an updated website and Facebook page thanks to the efforts of Pete Gear Debbi and Jimmer, make sure you the members use it if you can.

### Treasurers Report 2016 by Karen Gumm

The club had another good year in 2015.

Membership subscriptions were up slightly, 175 members as at the year end.

The balance of funds as at 31/12/15 was £ 14162.00 compared to £ 10199.00 last year, an increase of £3,963.00

This was mainly due to the additional profit on the 2015 Annual Rally. This was because of increased attendance by both the general public and traders. The total rally profit was £ 4833.00, thanks to the hard work of the Rally Committee who make this possible.

We saved £ 320.00 on our annual insurance bill, due to the negotiations of our late Editor Kim.

We saved £ 150.00 by switching to a more local Accountant in Bath called Anderson Accounting.

We received a one off payment from Lloyds of £ 250.00 due to them cutting off access to our deposit account funds after the Lloyds TSB split.

The combination of increased profit and decreasing running costs means the draft profit for 2015 is £ 3527.00 as compared to £ 1312 in 2014. All profits are retained for the members and are non-taxable.

The Club received £ 167 worth of donations at several of its events to go direct to charity, 15% of the rally profit calculated at £ 725.00 - making a donation of £ 892.00, which the Committee agreed to top up to £ 1000.00. This cheque was received by the Children's Hospice South West in October 2015.

Plans for 2016 include :- extra funds to pay for the rental of a better PA system and a good ring event at the 2016 Annual Rally. Engaging some professional assistance to maintain, promote and develop the website and Facebook page. We also hope a further reduction in accounting fees may be possible after the first year.



### Social News

Well I expect Club members are itching to get going again with the new Rally season about to begin, it seems to have been a long drawn out winter this time. No doubt there will be lots of new projects for the visiting public to view and the entry forms are dropping through the letter box thick and fast. I think we have sent a dozen back and quite a few more to go yet, in fact could do with a secretary to handle all the paperwork ! I had a chat with Club Member Joe Davis the other day as we all know Joe is no stranger to long distance travel even abroad with his huge Fuel can display. Well he hopes to be off again to the Shetland Isles to an event and on his return tour, to the Orkneys as well so well done Joe let us all know how it went. A bit of sad news Kevin Phillips was taken poorly whilst on holiday in North Wales ended up in hospital for several days but the good news is he is back home now and making a recovery under the watchful eye of Carol, so best wishes from all of us.

*Submitted by Robin Lambert*

### Obituary - Henry Mathews

It is with sadness we learn of the death of Henry Mathews. Many Club Members who travelled to Cornwall to attend the St Agnes Steam Rallies over the past thirty years would have stayed at Henry's field at the village of Chasewater near Truro. Henry and his wife Val were so generous in letting us all park up for the week and all who stayed there will have fond memories of the fun and happy times spent with Henry and his family. For several years now Henry and Val have been in a care home, but along with daughter Angela would come to the now Stithians Show to meet up and say hello to all who used to stay with them. Our condolences go out to Val and her family at this very sad time.

*Submitted by Robin Lambert*

### Obituary - Keith Nash

It is with sadness we report the death of Keith who passed away aged 78 on the 3rd February. Keith for many years did an excellent job as our Club treasurer and had been a Club Member for a long time. He had a passion for Stationary Engines but his main love was his vintage French Gregoire car which he proudly exhibited at many events. He toured Scotland most years plus Norway and did a slide show for club members showing the fantastic locations he visited on his journeys, but his biggest challenge was when he shipped his car to Australia and did more touring and attended vintage events. Our club held winter crank ups in his yard at the old Evercreech Junction Trading Estate which Keith purchased in the mid 1960's following the closure of the Bath to Bournemouth Railway Line, where he set a saw mill to cut up all the timber he was felling.

Keith's yard and the area around it is now a massive commercial estate built up over his lifetime, what a wonderful legacy to leave. We will all miss Keith, he was such a happy person and it was a pleasure to be in his company. His funeral took place on 12th February at Mendip Crematorium with many mourners having to stand outside as the Chapel was full to capacity, which showed the high esteem he was held in. Our condolences go out to Keith's wife Val and their family

*Submitted by Robin Lambert*

### Club Help Needed

- A) Newsletter Editor  
contact Eric 01225 754374
- B) Help for the Annual Rally June 18/19th  
This could include a couple of hours on the gate showing exhibitors in, taking gate money, clearing rubbish from the site etc. - they are a lovely team and you will have a laugh - go on give it a go !

## 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 . 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

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

Petter A1 Good Runner no trolley £ 50.00  
Coventry Victor Flat Twins x 2 £ 50.00 , one  
for spares.  
Lister D non runner £ £30.00  
All Above Contact Tony Lawrence 01264 398210

### NB :-

Eric's AGM report was very comprehensive so  
I have done a hatchet job because of space and  
time for this issue but hope to reproduce  
at a later date - Thanks and Sorry Eric

### Club Committee Members from 29th February 2016

| <i>R - Returning Member</i> |                | <i>N - New Member</i> |
|-----------------------------|----------------|-----------------------|
| Chairman                    | Eric Gay       | <i>R</i>              |
| Vice Chair                  | Pete Gear      | <i>R</i>              |
| Secretary                   | Jackie Coles   | <i>R</i>              |
| Treasurer                   | Karen Gumm     | <i>R</i>              |
| President                   | Brian Baker    | <i>R</i>              |
| Member                      | Brian Coles    | <i>R</i>              |
|                             | Herb Gane      | <i>R</i>              |
|                             | Roy Sandford   | <i>N</i>              |
|                             | Tony Lawrence  | <i>N</i>              |
|                             | Gary Sainsbury | <i>N</i>              |
|                             | Gordon Guley   | <i>N</i>              |

### Other Club Administration Volunteers

|                      |                |
|----------------------|----------------|
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| Newsletter Despatch  | Sylvia Gregory |

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And in the Words of Walt Disney

***That's All Folks !***

All information given will be as accurate as can be, for any errors or omission I apologise in advance for being human  
. Please note that opinions expressed may or may not represent club policy.

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