

**WESSEX STATIONARY ENGINE CLUB Ltd.**

**NEWS LETTER DECEMBER 2015.**

This news letter is being written by your chairman, it is with the great sadness that I have to inform you all that Kim who has compiled our news letter for more years than I can remember, is now very ill and with great reluctance has had to give up this post.

I know like myself you will all want to wish Kim every good wish for the future Kim has been a loyal servant to our club and no one could have done more to help me in my post as chairman, his help and guidance has not only been of help to me, it is all the other things that he has done behind the scenes over the years ever since he became a club member let alone a member of the committee and the News Letter Editor.

My heart felt thanks goes out to you Kim and I hope so much that you may find a way back to good health once again.

A little better news is that our Linda (Linda Pike) is on the mend after her resent knee operation I know you will all want to wish her a speedy recovery.

I reproduce a letter sent to Kim by Mary Butler, Before kim fell so ill.

Dear Committee and wessex members i just wanted to say thank you for all the get well cards you so kindly sent me after I was bruised and shaken up up after being thrown from my seat as I travelled home by bus from work.

The driver fell asleep at the wheel and crashed of the road, it could have been so much worse. Thank you all for all your good wishes.

Mary Butler.

**RESPONSE TO CLUB QUESTIONNAIRE.**

We had 17 replies to our questionnaire, with two papers spoiled so in all 15 replies. Thank you to all that replied and for your suggestions they will where possible be acted upon.

The consensus is that the committee does a good job, but there are a few things that you would like. Better signage at our sale, well if we could get more help this could be done, at our last sale we did have our usual road signs out, I would like more but with so little help on the day, with my helper Herb on holiday it was a case of just our road signs so if anyone would like to volunteer to put a few around the area I would only be to pleased to supply them

It was also suggested in more than one reply that it would be nice to have the opportunity to have a get together during the week, in the day time now and then, what a good idea. there are a lot of us that are retired and I am sure that you may like to meet up have a natter and run an engine. If any one can find a venu I am only to happy to help run this type

of get together.

Speakers at our evening meetings, this was another subject raised. At the present time I am finding it very difficult to find speakers, most now charge between £60 00 & £80 00 per evening this is quite a large amount but I will do my best to find speakers, so please if you know of anyone or can give a talk yourself please give me a call.

Raffle prizes was another subject raised, a great many prizes are donated and I thank all those kind members that most months come along and give a prize for the raffle. We spend on average £18 00 on prizes and we vary the type of prizes bought. I am sure that no prize winner goes home with any prize worth less than the ticket price. You have ask for better so we will see what we can do but this may mean we have to raise the ticket price.

Our annual Rally at Semington got nothing but praise, but even you good peplle that took the trouble to reply stated that we the organising committee NEEDED more help, so please why not come and lend a helping hand.

Crank ups well this one is easy Start Later & Finnish Later  
Twill BE DONE.

Well That'S the report on the returns to our recent Questionnaire.

Eric Gay Chairman.

The Christmas Party held this year at our new home at The Old Down Inn was a huge success, after a slow responce to request for a phone call by those interested in coming along by the end of November I had 50 club members wanting to attend. So food was ordered, entertainment sorted, thank you Brian, and a special thank to Oliver and Alan for entertaining us in such a splendid way all evening.

Our host Maxine and her staff did a fantastic job the food and the service they gave us cannot be praised highly enough they realy did us proud.

My sincere thanks must go to Karen for her hard work in taking time and trouble in buying the splendid raffle prizes and for all your hard work on the night, thanks once again.

To my little mate from Frome our Di thanks my dear for selling the tickets and helping me out.

I hope you all had a good time and enjoyed it, hopfully we can do it all again in 2016.

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1st Dec. 2015.

**EVENING MEETING**  
**Old DOWN INN EMBOROUGH 30/11/15.**

The room at the Old Down Inn on Monday the 30th of November was filled with models of internal & external combustion along with model boats and other items.

Our evening entertainment started with Western Steam giving us an insight into Z gauge model railway, I for one had never seen the like before.

I know that most of the club member present had not seen this type of model train layout either, it is so very small, but the detail is truly amassing and when Helen opened a brief case and inside was a fully working train set with all the scenery including mountains trees and hills and the tiny train running up the track and on along hill side and all this in a small case.

The drive motors for the trains are of such a tiny size that with out very very good eye sight one has a job to see them, the wonders of modern science.

Our friend Mike Snook brought along a fabulous vertical model steam engine, built from a set of Stuart Turner castings and only finish that same day, one could only admire the workmanship that had gone into building this great model, and it had only taken Mike around four months to complete this model, he tells us that he is now building two more model steam engines to his own design.

Around 9-30 it was supper time and all you that did not come along missed out on the great cheese rolls and mince pies and this was for you and all free of charge. A great evening was had by the members that came but it was a shame that only 14 members came along but we all had a great evening and thanks must go to Western Steam and all the club members that took lots of trouble to bring along models and display them so well, thank you one and all, shall we do it all again in 2016 bigger and better? Why Not.

Thank You All Eric.



As you have read at the beginning of this news letter, The Wessex Stationary Engine Club Ltd. is in need of a News Letter Editor. If the committee cannot find a club member to fill this post it will mean that we have no way of keeping in touch with you THE Club Member, with know way to keep you informed of what's going on in the club it will become very difficult if not impossible to keep The Wessex Stationary Engine Club running. So I am appealing to **YOU** the club members to help the committee in keeping our club running and being at the head of the stationary engine preservation movement. We have a good Club well worth keeping together and running so as you all have a base and events to attend but if I cannot find a new Editor I fear for the clubs survival, remember we already go outside the club to have our news letter distributed by a lady of 80 years of age as not any club member would take this little job on. I am at the end of a phone my No. being 01225 754374 so if you want our club to survive come and help your committee or else we see our beloved club fold./

Eric J. Gay Chairman W S E C.

Evening Meeting at the OLD DOWN INN EMBOROUGH January 27th 2016.

A Talk By Chris Witts Entitled THE SEVERN BORE. 7-30 for 8 o'clock.

A full programme of Events will be sent to all members as soon as possible

Subscription renewal Forms will be with you all very soon.

I have had to take on this job at very short notice that is why not all things are up to date, I was not informed of Kim's poor health until a few days ago. We will keep club members informed of club news and events in a manner you have been use to as soon as we get a club News Letter Editor.

Eric J. Gay chairman W S E C.