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The Wessex Stationary Engine Club's Monthly Newsletter

Editor's Note

Hi everyone, I am the new newsletter editor, my name is Teresa I've been to a few rallies, but haven't met you all yet. This is my first newsletter, and I would like to make it bigger and better, so my next one hopefully will be better than this one so please bear with me. If you have got anything for sale or even a swap please get in touch, as I would like to put classified adds in to the newsletter, also photos of your engines, tractors and steam engines, or anything else of interest. And the nice ones could end up in the newsletter.

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Monthly Meetings

On Monday 5th August at the old down inn the club held its monthly meeting, a talk by Barry Williams from Bristol entitled a soldier of the great war.

This again was a wonderful talk and film presentation, the previous we yet again had a very very interesting talk and film presentation all about how we earthlings got to the moon.

Your committee goes to a great deal to work to arrange our evenings at the old down inn, at our last meeting sadly to say we only had 15 members present, may I please appeal to you all to give your support to our evening meetings at the in, if we go on with such poor attendance we may end up losing the use of this room, then what will we do?

So please club members come along and give your hard working committee your support and support our venue.

Now I am trying to arrange a meal for you all, at Christmas or the new year, if you want this to take place please please let me or any other committee member know as soon as possible.

With the new year just around the corner and the loss of this years rally due to weather conditions, planning has already started for 2020, but as always we are looking for more help to run this event. So if you would like to come and join the staging of our main event of the year why not give us a ring on 01225 754374.

Eric club chairman

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT July 2019

You may of all seen in the last news letter that it was my intention to stand down as chairman in February 2020. since the last AGM I have been approached by senior members of the committee and offer the announcement in the last newsletter by ordinary members of the club, asking me to reconsider standing down as chairman. I must say I have been quite shocked by the number of people that have got in touch with me, even at the crank up at the Somerset arms. Well, after much thought and deliberation I have decided that I must still have a role to play within the Wessex stationary engine club so I will be staying in the post as chairman. I will point out that I never sent in a letter of resignation to our secretary, I only made my intentions known verbally so seeing that I am wanted I will be staying. We now have in the club committee to new members Teresa Francis and Chris Heeks. Not only has Teresa taken on the role of newsletter editor they have both joined not only the committee of the Wessex stationary club they have also joined the committee of the Wessex midsummer vintage show. I would like to welcome you both. I hope that we may have a long and happy relationship, I know that has only been a short time that you have been with us on the committees but your input and suggestions have been most welcome {no engines displayed without history board}. I like that very much. Sunday 28th July and just over 20 engines, miniature traction engines, and display of tools from a bygone age and to displays of working steam models, along with a hot air engine descended on the Somerset arms at Maiden Bradley, near Frome. We all had a great day, the sun shone our hosts couldn't do enough for us with food at the bar, bacon butties and breakfast, a sit down meal if required, and a huge BBQ outside so everyone could get fed and watered. I am not going into details of all the engines on show but just to say the unusual and the rare were on show. We did have a bit of a surprise by a visit from David Hargrave coming from Durrington. David is a photographer and with luck our event at Maiden Bradley will appear in vintage spirit mag. With any luck he will be with us in 2020 at the Semington rally so that we can get some coverage in a national magazine or two. Plans are being made for 2020 with the possibility of a vintage day at Henstridge airfield, the vintage day at the White Horse country park in conjunction with the West Wilts society of model engineers will be on Sunday 19th April. We hope to return to the Tuckers grave inn, so don't forget to sort out all those goodies that you no longer want and bring them along to Cranmore on October 5th and think of all that money you will make. Now it proves that advertising works for on Sunday 28th at the Somerset Arms we had a visit by a motorcycle club with some bikes that were ones that I would have loved. Great big Harleys etc. Now how did they know of us? They saw our advert in one of the yearbooks. Now if you want an event advertised in either vintage spirit or old glory yearbook now is the time to let me know. An event that will be taken place very soon will be the West Wilts society of model engineers Wiltshire model steam gala at the White horse country park, nr Westbury, A350. It may say steam but we will welcome stationary engines as usual, so please if you want to come along let me know, 01225 754374. The gala will consist of garden railway layouts and traders, model engineering displays, miniature traction engines, model steam trains rides and, would you believe, vintage engines and anything else you would like to bring along. And remember if you enter you get a free snack lunch. Cant be bad. While we were at the Somerset arms at Maiden Bradley we were offered the use of the inns skittle alley for a social evening. How would you like to come along to the inn one Friday evening in September for a skittle evening? Please if your interested let me know as soon as possible as I will have to arrange this with our hosts at the inn. Another event that is in the pipeline and being worked on by Ted is a grand auto jumble and sale at the Frome market site at Standerwick nr Frome. More on this in due course. I have been asked to help out with another vintage event planned for next year. This will take place at Charlton Park nr Malmesbury, but more on this in the future. It is new show in the same estate as the Womad festival we hear so much about. Well that's all for now, hope you all have a good end of summer with good rally weather.

Eric Gay

Please can all of you who shows engines etc. that we have been reminded by our insurers that if you wish to be covered by the clubs excellent public liability insurance at any rally or crank up, whether organised by the club or not, you must have your membership card / proof of insurance to hand to show that you are a paid up member of the club, as the clubs insurance will only be valid if you are a representative of the club.

Also can I please ask you if you have entered any rally of the Wessex stationary club please can you stay for the whole day, because visitors have come along to see what you are showing, and if you stay for half a day someone else could have had your space, for that day. thank you.

Teresa

Club Events

Monday 30 th September	C/N Mr Terry Merrit Smith, Ration Books to Rock and Roll.
Saturday 5 th October	Cranmore Vintage Sale, A361, Frome to Shepton Mallet Road, 01225 754374, 9am onwards.
Monday 28 th October	C/N Model Evening I/C Steam, Boats, Meccano, Etc. Anything you like, Prize for best model or display.
Monday 25 th November	C/N The Wessex Quiz Night

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