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## The Wessex Stationary Engine Club's Monthly Newsletter

### *Editors Note*

Hi here's Decembers newsletter.  
Merry Christmas everyone and happy New Year  
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Sacha Swinden Pride

### *Club Events 2018*

to be announced

### Chairman's Report December 2018

Well by the time you read this, another Christmas will be over and I hope that you will all have had a great time unwrapping those presents, and thinking not another pair of socks, why could they not have bought me something like a nice new engine or some other toy to play with.

Now new toys for us boys are great but what about our wives? Boxes of chocolates, boxes of hankies what a bore, now you have a whole year ahead to think up something great for her indoors, after all think what the poor girl has had to put up with, oily finger marks on the door, dirty foot marks from dirt bought in from the work shop, the plasters she has lovingly applied to the cut fingers, the dirty overall washed, and having to put up with us in a bad mood when the latest restoration will not start and run.

All this is surely worth more than the box of chocolates at Christmas.

Now time waits for no man and February is on the horizon and that means the annual general meeting of the Wessex Stationary engine club Ltd., the committee for 2019 has been arranged, and we have added three new events for all to enjoy, one more at Haddon Lane, Contact Gordon for details), one at Tuckers Grave Inn, this will be on Sunday 18th May, details and entry form from 01225 754374, Herb and Brian will once again be running the crank up and vintage day at Sweets Museum nr Wetmore over the weekend of June 2nd.

The next will be at the Somerset Arms, Maiden Bradley, Nr Frome on Sunday 28th July, details and entry form from me on 01225 754374. All this plus all our usual events such as the Wessex Vintage Day at the White Horse Country Park, on Sunday April 14th then in June our two day rally this will be staged over the weekend of June 15th & 16th at Semington.

Now all this takes a great deal of time and work, and as you all know the club cannot run without a treasurer, I need someone to come and help us, this will not entail arranging end of year figures only the month to month incoming and outgoings along with a small amount of banking, please come and help, for without someone coming forward to help it will prove most difficult to keep things running.

The meeting at the Old Down Inn on the last Monday in January was a Quiz Night that was very well attended and I hope you all enjoyed the chip supper. My thanks must go to Anne Kempson for the great deal of work that you must have to put into arranging such a wonderful array of questions, Anne it must have taken a great deal of time and effort, thank you so very much.

Now Surprise Surprise I have found time after 3 years of owning my Stuart Sandhurst to get it restored and running, a little bit more has to be done to get it spot on but it is up and running.

This engine came from one of our long time members Ray Earl, who just happened to be a development engineer for Stuarts, but I do not think Ray built this engine as some of the work was not good and I have had to sort some of the machine out to get things as I would like, so I now have another new toy to play with.

With the poor old back getting no better it looks like I shall have to give up the heavy engines, and they will be looking for a new home in the near future, sad but the years have gone by all to quickly and the old bones don't like me any more.

Well the new year is not far away so wishing you all a happy and peaceful new year, I will end my last report for 2018.

**Eric Gay, Chairman**

### **Obituary**

It is with sadness we learn of the death of Ed Thorn, Ed passed away aged 92 and his funeral was held on 11th December to a packed church with many present at the service from clubs that Ed belonged to including our own.

Ed was a very knowledgeable man regarding our hobby and had an interesting varied career from being in the Army, being a shop keeper and a factory maintenance engineer for a Bridgwater Company. He along with his son John have been in our club for almost 40 years and attended many events throughout the Rally Season, even finding time to help build Carnival floats for the Gremlins Carnival Club, it was always a pleasure to be in his company and he will be missed by all who knew him. Our condolences go out to Ed's family at this very sad time.

**Robin**

We are running the above event on the 7th July and would like to invite any of your members who would like to attend and exhibit their engines. We do not charge exhibitors, we can be found on the B3084 in the village which is in the heart of the Test Valley approx. 4 miles west of Stockbridge, Hampshire.

Further information can be found on our website at [Broughton Pageant of Transport.co.uk](http://BroughtonPageantofTransport.co.uk) where there is also a short video from last years event, along with entry form etc. Any queries please don't hesitate to contact me.

Broughton Pageant of Transport  
Sunday 7th July 2019, 11am - 4pm  
at Broughton Sports field, Buckholt Road, SA20 8DA

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**Ted**

Club members who visit and exhibit at Beaulieu will be disappointed to hear that the 2019 Event will not be taking place as the Beaulieu events team have made a decision to change the date and location of the Rally which would cause a date clash with other popular events. The Rally organisers hope that for 2020 Beaulieu Estates will look at the situation again and see if they can find a solution that would suit everyone.

**Robin**

#### **Quiz Answers**

1. True Love ways, Buddy Holly
2. Are you lonesome tonight, Elvis Presley
3. C'mon everybody, Eddy Cochran
4. Hit the road Jack, Ray Charles
5. Heart of my Heart, Aunty Nelly or Max Bygraves

6. Diana, Paul Anka
7. Bye Bye Love, The Everly Brothers
8. Magi May, Rod Stewart
9. Singing the Blues, Tommy Steele
10. Love Love me do, The Beatles
11. Please release me, Englebert Humperdink
12. Dum Dum Dum Dummy Do Aaaaaagh, Only the Lonely, Roy Orbison
13. I saw mommy kissing Santa Clause, Billy Cotton
14. Song sung blue, Neil Diamond
15. She was afraid to come out of the locker, yellow polka dot bikini, Bombalurina
16. Seven Little Girls, sitting in the back seat, Bombalurina
17. Daddy came home from work tired, Don't jump off the roof dad, Tommy Cooper
18. There I was Digging this hole, Bernard Cribbins

**Jackie & Robin**

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

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