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The Wessex Stationary Engine Club's Monthly Newsletter

Editors Note

Hi here's Novembers newsletter, sorry for the delay getting it out to you.

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Sacha Swinden Pride

Club Events 2018

December to be announced

There is no chairmans note this month as it was lost in the post.

Note from the Secretary

Due to this year's success, the Market Lavington Vintage Meet will be held again on the Elisha Field, Drove Lane, Market Lavington, Wiltshire, SN10 4NT, on the weekend of July 13th & 14th 2019. It will have provision for the display of vintage and classic cars, vans, motorcycles, commercial and tractors, military vehicles, traction engines, stationary engines and miniature steam engines.

There will also be living history, demonstrations, trade stalls, entertainment, arena events, amusements and activities for the whole family to enjoy. This year we had over 2000 visitors during the weekend. By all accounts everyone thoroughly enjoyed their time and quite a number of entrants have already rebooked. Exhibitor entry is free of charge.

There will be space for exhibitors to camp overnight. Evening entertainment will be laid on for the Saturday night.

To download entry forms, applicants can visit <https://mlvintagemeet.com/downloads> or email lavington.vintage@gmail.com or tel: 07515 731700

Ted Edwards - Secretary

Obituary - Sid Wilson

Sid who lived in the Devizes area spent many years in the Police Force and had many friends within our club who will have fond memories of Sid. Our thoughts will be with wife Marion and their children at this very sad time. Robin

Items for Sale

Very old Petter Engine - Not working, wants some TLC	£95.00
Wolseley Smooth Pot on Wheels	£299.00
Wolseley Crinkle pot	£185.00
2 old scythes	£25 each
Stone prong or fork	£25.00
2 cross cut saws 1 short, 1 long	£10.00 each
Massey Ferguson Mower Blade 6ft cut	£45.00
Various Short Saws	£20 the lot
Hayfork	£4 each
Alen Scythe wants a lot of TLC	£65.00
4 milk churns	£75.00 each as new
Flat bed trailer good order, 3ft wide, 6f long, new bed fitted	£95.00 best offer
4 big boxes very old gone by date bottles that you name it its in there thing you never seen again	£200.00
Brand new pull saw in Leather pack very old, with wooden handle each end 3ft long	£75.00
2 axles 22inc stands short	£10.00 each
2 rolls of garden fencing wire, concertina type, 15 - 30 ft in each or more plastic covered	£10.00 £15.00
Very old Mothers old Washing mangle 100 years old, very heavy, all cast iron	£200.00 or best offer
12inc cut Atco Mower very old	£100.00
2 wheel Qualcast push mower 12" cut with box	£5.00
Bantam Howard	
Garden Rotavator 1950-51 need TLC	£200.00
Set of 4 Merry Tiller Garden tines as new	£25.00 each
	or 4 for £100
Various iron cultivators	
for a little mower tractor type	£20
Disc cutter 4 ft	£20
Harrow Tiller 3ft	£15
Mower or tractor sit on roller	£25.00
Various iron wheels 17" dia	£12
big, small	£8-£12
Wooden Green House in good condition in shed as new 6ft8 by 8ft8 long	£75.00
Mains electric water pump	£95.00
5ft Axle & Wheels to make a trailer	£45
Box of old push bike parts	open to offers
Parts for Merry Tiller, handle and main drive box	£20.00

Items for sale continued

A little 4ft axle Old Austin or morris & springs no wheels make a very little trailer	£15
A big Merry Tiller the Titan GT	£195.00
2 very old Morris or Austin Lorry Wheels 3 stud bolt hole, size 4.75-19 wants all new tyres	£25 each

Due to ill health I am having to sell up. No Time wasters please.

R L Chapman tel 01985 844449

Warminster, Wiltshire

How it all began

With not much going on now for the next five months all we can do is batten down the hatches, turn up the heating and reflect how we spent the past several months and even look back further perhaps even a few decades as to how we got involved with our hobby in the first place.

Jackie and myself many years ago paid a visit in the 1970s to the old Stour Paine Bushes Steam Rally (now the Dorset Steam Fair) and walking along the long lines of Stationary Engines I would be left behind by the family as I watched the Machines popping and banging away while doing a multitude of tasks they were designed to do, it then dawned on me I had seen lots of these Machines on Farm scrap heaps, some in their old place of work, some abandoned having been made redundant by the arrival of the Electric Motor so it wasn't long before my work with the S.E Board overhead line dept took me to a farm near Warminster and there it was a little Lister "D" sat all on its own outside a barn looking for a new home. Well a deal was done a tenna changed hands and it was quickly loaded up on the back of a lorry and on its way to a new home. I must have driven our neighbours mad trying to get it started with all the loud explosions from the exhaust until I found a man who worked for John Wallis Titt at Warminster, his name was Alan Bartlett and he went through the timing cycle with me which must have pleased our neighbours no end. Alan became a good friend and along with my old mate Bill Appleby we would nip over to Bratton and look around Alan's huge collection of Engines. So with the new hobby firmly installed within me how do I move this machine to various events?

A trailer was sourced at Heytsbury a towbar fitted to our old Triumph Herald and we were away, but the tooting and froing back to home from two and three day events let us to think perhaps a caravan would be nice so we could stay over, it was then we found a sad looking van parked up on a Van Dealers site near Blackbush, it was parked up under some fir trees and was the same colour as the trees no doubt having been parked up for a very long time but it had potential so we took it home and after a good clean it looked great. Lifting the "D" type I and out of the caravan meant one or both of us was heading for a hernia (or two) so a van was required and we found one at Yeovil, it was an old Morris J4 with two sliding front doors (an early version of Air Con) we then needed to fit in our gear. I am sure my ramblings will be a carbon copy of many of our club members early rallying days in our hobby and do you know looking back through the past four decades what we have done and the friends we have made I wouldn't change a thing.

Robin

Jackie's & Robins Christmas Quiz

Guess the song & the singer when the only clue is the second line of the song. Answers next meeting:

1. Why you and I,
2. Do you miss me tonight
3. I've got some money in my jeans
4. And don't you come back no more no more no more no more
5. I love that melody
6. This my darling I've been told
7. Bye Bye Happiness
8. It's late September and you really should be back at School
9. Cos I never thought that I'd ever lost your love dear
10. You know I love you
11. For I don't love you any more
12. Oh Yea Yea Yea Yaaaa
13. Underneath the Mistletoe last night
14. Everybody knows one
15. She was afraid that somebody would see
16. Hugging and a kissing with Fred
17. His boss had been driving him mad
18. A hole in the ground so big and sort of round

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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