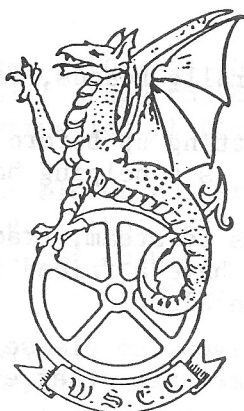


# WESSEX STATIONARY ENGINE CLUB LIMITED

## NEWSLETTER



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### SOCIAL EVENING AT CHEDDAR FOOTBALL CLUB - Saturday 4th March 1995.

Despite the atrocious weather about 40 members turned up for a skittle evening and supper, organised by the committee. The skittles got underway at 8 pm. Jackie Lambert was in charge of the scoreboard and young William Rogers and Ian Routley and his sister were doing a grand job 'sticking up' the skittles. We had some very keen 'professional' skittlers in our midst but they just could not cope with the very small rubber balls and wide gaps between the pins. It was amazing how many balls went through. whilst the skittles were in progress a sterling job was being done by Linda Pike assisted by Gerald Atherton selling raffle tickets. I've never seen a book of raffle tickets sell out so quickly (watch out Eric she's after your job). After we had finished the last hand of skittles we found we had a tie for highest ladies and highest gents. Hazel Atherton and Sybil Hodges played off for the prize of a bottle of wine and after a hard fought contest Hazel emerged the winner, now it was the turn of our Editor Robin Lambert and Edward Carp Jnr. to do battle, Robin emerged victorious and was presented with a bottle of wine for his efforts.

Now it was supper time, well I must admit I was pleasantly surprised, we each had a large plate with plenty of cheese, salad, jacket potato, crusty roll, pickle, pickled onions, celery etc. a very tasty repast indeed. This was put on at no cost to the members as it was paid for from club funds. To all the members who did not attend you don't know what you missed.

Supper over - raffle time, Linda and myself conducted the raffle and accompanied to loud shouts of fiddle I pulled out my own number, so the first prize of a bottle of wine was claimed by me, the next winner was William Rogers, definitely a 'rallyman' of the future he chose the gallon of Duckhams oil. The next number was mine again, but I declined a prize, next was Edward Carp Jnr. a bottle of wine (made up for loosing the skittles). Further prizes of wine were won by Don Rogers, Brian Verrall, Marg Appleby, Sybil and Dennis Hodges. The barman remarked during the evening that he would like to win the tray of eggs, talk about luck of the devil, he did just that. Thank you Linda and Gerald for your efforts selling the tickets. Mary Verral only told us it was her birthday when it was time to go home, Don Rogers gave her the bottle of wine that he had won and the barman gave her two of his eggs for her breakfast. I hope you soon recover from your recent illness Mary. All good things come to an end, I'm sure all that attended will agree it was a very successful evening. Many thanks to Brian Verrall for setting it up and with the special offer at the bar of a double whisky (Yes a double for £1 we shall be back.) It is hoped to arrange another skittle evening in late October so watch the newsletter for details.  
BRIAN J. BAKER.

### WOOD PLANING SERVICE.

I received a phone call from Bill Coombes of Gurney Slade and he told me that for a small reasonable charge he can offer a wood planing service to Wessex SEC members. Bill says that his machine will take timber up to 9" wide and of course must be nail, screw and metal free. So if you would like to use his service and save yourselves a lot of hard laborious work tidying up your new trolley timbers or any other timber you may have give Bill a ring on 01749 840868 ED.

YOUR CLUB NEEDS YOU.

On Saturday June 3rd in Trowbridge Park the Lions Club will be staging its Summer Fayre. They would like us to bring along some engines and any other exhibits. This will be a wonderful way of advertising our own rally on the weekend of the 17th & 18th of June. So if you can please come along and give us your support anyone interested please let me know so that we will have some idea of numbers.

Your committee is still looking for a sign writer to make up rally boards, if YOU can help please let any committee member know.

We also need more help over the rally weekend and with the setting up before the event, so if you can spare an hour or two please come along and give us a helping hand.

We will also welcome help with more exhibits from trade stands to steam, tractors, cars, motor cycles, crafts, models, bygones and anything else, so if you have a friend or know anyone with an exhibit give them an entry form and get them to come along.

All the events and meetings arranged by the committee are for you, so please give us your support and let us know if we can do anything to help YOU or arrange other events that maybe of interest.

ERIC GAY - VICE CHAIRMAN.

THE SAWMILL AT BLACKGANG CHINE, ISLE OF WIGHT.

We visited the Chine while spending a short break on the island during the Autumn half-term holiday. The sight of a 20 foot plus fibreglass 'smuggler' looming over the main entrance gives the impression that it is set up mainly for the younger generation and in the main this is true. However, to the right of the main entrance complex stands the sawmill. We managed to convince the boys to humour mum and dad and have a quick look around this first.

After paying the man at the gate the first thing we came across was a traction engine (yet another converted roller) the make and size I cannot recall and a Ruston Portable lined up to a sawbench. Unfortunately neither of these appear to be capable of running again without a lot of money being spent on them. We continued on round, entering a building where several tableau's of 'olde' country life were set up and where was to be found a nice Ruston O/C diesel belted up to a small sawbench. It was at this point I started to switch into enthusiast mode, especially when Paul, our eldest (who as usual was 20 yards in front) stuck his head around the corner and uttered the fatal words "Dad, there's some more engines along here". These turned out to be small vertical steam engine driven winching unit (I know of a few rally fields where this would come in very handy!) A Crossley O/C diesel driving a kindling maker, and a Lister 'D' type were on display. It was a pity none of them were actually running.

From here we followed the path to the main building, where outside was a display of vintage rowing boats. Interesting to some I suppose but to me one rowing boat is as much as another. Inside, however was a different matter. Although there was nothing regarding stationary engines there was a comprehensive history of the chine's maritime heritage with a large proportion covering the smuggling and wrecking activities of the local population and a history of the wrecks that have occurred along that section of coastline. All in all, what we told the boys would only take ten minutes lasted for almost an hour and a half and was very interesting.

The rest of the place is, as you would expect set up for children apart from a small section covering the erosion of the cliffs, talk about waiting for the inevitable!

JOHN AND ROSE ROGERS.

FOR SALE - Lister 'A' type, has twin flywheels, Lucas Mag. and is hopper cooled, a nice restoration project. £50. Phone Kevin Pennell Bristol 0117 9734792 Clifton.

NEXT MONTHLY MEETING AT THE OLD DOWN INN

Monday May 22nd Ivor Yeo will be giving a talk on magnetos (Note that this is not the last Monday in the month because of the Bank Holiday).

NEW MEMBERS - We would like to welcome new club members Mr. N. Knott and Alexander from Clutton, Nr. Bristol.



We received the following letter from Tony Ferrand asking if any club members would like to support this charity event in Bristol on Sunday 16th July. If anyone would like to take an engine along Tony would be most grateful, please contact him first. I have printed his letter as it explains all about the event. ED.

### DHL MaST Team MARATHON.

On Sunday 16th July the Wooden Spoon Society, the official charity of the England Rugby Team will stage the DHL MaST Team Marathon on the BAe Filton Airfield to raise money for the construction of teenage cancer units.

Teams of eleven runners will run the marathon in relays and, to be allowed to compete, must guarantee to raise a set amount of money for the cause - £40 per team member. Provisionally the running will start at noon and be completed by around 7 pm although timings may be affected by the level of entries. We expect around 700 runners.

There will be a number of BAe runners and the company is encouraging its staff to attend and participate. Admission to the ground is free although strenuous efforts will be made to part people from their money once they are on site.

Since watching running is not over exciting we plan to build a family day around the event with hog roast, bar, side shows and some celebrity input. Various members of the England team will be present, Noel Edmonds has offered to drop in and we hope to attract the GWR Roadshow as well.

As a centrepiece we would very much like to have a stationary engine rally perhaps with a steam engine or vintage car or two as well. BAe with its huge number of engineers should take stationary engines to its heart and we believe the rally would be a hugely popular event.

If you can come along and support us run a fun day with a serious purpose I should be most grateful.

Tel: Tony Ferrand on 0117 9721724.

### TALK ON BRISTOL PAST & PRESENT - 30th January 1995

by Mr. Bob Broome.

Alan and myself arrived fairly late on in the evening because of working late, so unfortunately we did miss quite a few of the slides.

There was standing room only and it looked as if everybody enjoyed the evening. I think everybody felt as I did, and needed somewhere to go after the Christmas festivities had all passed and as Bob did such a splendid show last year we all anticipated seeing more of his informative photography, again this time. He tells me he is working on a third slide show, so I have told him to keep me informed and we shall certainly book him again in the future.

The slides of Bristol "gone past" were very interesting. I have a huge collection myself of old Edwardian/Victorian postcards of Bath and find old photographs and suchlike add to my appetite to keep on collecting.

Well, as I say, I did miss quite a bit of this show but thought that Bob Broome needed a mention in our newsletter. A donation was given to his wife to pass to his special charity and we hope to see him again.

ANNE CARNEY.

### WANTED

A few stationary engines are required in Trowbridge Town Centre (paved area) from 9.30am on SATURDAY 10TH JUNE 1995. This is to advertise the following weekends rally at Semington. Please contact Eric Gay on Trowbridge 01225 754374.

EVENTS DIARY FOR 1995.

- JUNE 17/18th - Swindon Machinery Preservation Society - Vintage Show, Lydiard Park, Contact: Bill Harvey, 201 Cheney Manor Road, Swindon. SN2 2NY.
- JULY 1/2nd - Heddington and Stockley Steam Rally. Contact: Mrs. P. Robinson, Paddock Farm, Heddington, Nr. Calne, Wilts. SN11 OPS. Tel: 01380 850885.
- JULY 1/2nd - West Somerset Railway - Military Rally.
- JULY 1/2nd - Westonzoyland Pumping Station Open Days.
- JULY 1/2nd - The Downs Rally, Torberry Farm, South Harting, Petersfield, Hampshire. Contact: Sidlesham Steam, 33 Chalk Lane, Sidlesham, Chichester, West Sussex. PO20 7LW. Tel: 01243 641284.
- JULY 2nd - Staunton Country Fayre & Shire Horse Show. S/Engs contact: Mr. K. Sargent, 18 Tufthorne Close, Coleford, Glos. Tel: 01594 836597.
- JULY 8/9th - Goatacre Steam Rally, Court Farm, Goatacre, Nr. Calne, Wilts. Contact: George Hyde, 34 Goatacre, Nr. Calne, Wilts. Tel: 01249 760681.
- JULY 8/9th - Wales International Kite Festival & Vintage Rally, Monmouth Showground, (Vauxhall Fields), Monmouth. S/Engs contact: Mr. K. Sargent, 18 Tufthorne Close, Coleford, Glos. Tel: 01594 836597.
- JULY 15/16th - Somerset Steam Spectacular, Low Farm, Langport, Somerset. Contact: Mr. A.J. Melrose, Rose Cottage, Three Ashes, Nr. Stoke St. Michael, Somerset. Tel: 01748 841041.
- JULY 15/16th - Ardingly Vintage Vehicle Show, South of England Showground, Ardingly, Nr. Haywards Heath, Wessex Sussex. Contact: Mrs. A. Frampton, 32 Brownleaf Road, Woodingdean, Brighton, East Sussex. BN2 6LB.
- JULY 15/16th - Woodcote Rally, Crays Pond, Nr. Reading, Berkshire. Contact: Mrs. S. Goldsmith, Three Bears Cottage, Green Lane, Woodcote, Nr. Reading, Berkshire. RG8 0RT.
- JULY 15/16th - Marcle Steam Rally, Rye Meadows, Much Marcle, Nr. Ledbury, Herefordshire. Hereford Traction Engine & Vintage Club, c/o Mrs. J. Smith, 29 Bulmer Avenue, Hereford, HR1 1EJ. Tel: 01432 354951.
- JULY 21-23rd - Netley Marsh Steam Engine Rally, Netley Marsh, Nr. Southampton, Hants. Contact: Mr. A.V. Greenham, 38 Water Lane, Totton, Southampton. SO40 3DN. Tel: 01703 867882.
- JULY 22/23rd - NVTEC Sedgemoor Group Steam and Vintage Rally, Morganians Sports Ground, Bath Road, Bridgwater, Somerset. Contact: A. Honey, Bouverie, River Lane, Dunwear, Bridgwater, Somerset. TA7 0AA. Tel: 01278 427418.
- JULY 28-30th - Upton-on-Severn Steam Rally, Woodside Farm, Welland, Worcestershire. Contact: Mr. D.A. Prout, Old Forge Garage, Dymock, Gloucestershire. GL18 2AF. Tel: 01531 890417.
- JULY 29/30th - Rushmoor Steam & Vintage Show, Rushmoor Arena, Aldershot, Hampshire. Contact: Rushmoor Steam & Vintage Show, PO Box 129, Guildford, Surrey. GU4 7XL. Tel: 01252 517578.
- JULY 29/30th - Milford Vintage Rally, Dingle's Steam Village, Milford, Lifton, Devon. Contact: Mr. R. Sandercock, Milford Farm, Lifton, Devon. PL16 0AT.
- AUGUST 5/6th - Torbay Steam '95. Contact: M. Stabb, 01803 857687.
- AUGUST 5/6th - West Somerset Railway Vintage Vehicle & Steam Rally, Darby Fields, Bishop's Lydeard Station, Nr. Taunton, Somerset. Contact: John Pearce, W.S.R.A., Bishop's Lydeard Station, Taunton, Somerset. TA4 3BX. or Tel: 01823 335565 (answerphone).
- AUGUST 6th - Mendip Crank-Up and Car Boot Sale. Contact: B. Baker on 01749 342671.
- AUGUST 12/13th - Bell Tower Vintage Rally, Evesham, Worcs. Details from Mr. R. Key, 36 Foxglove Close, Evesham, Worcs. WR11 6YU.
- AUGUST 17-20th - West of England Steam Engine Society, Tywarnhayle Farm, Nr. St. Agnes, Cornwall. S/Engs Contact: Mr. C. Leverton, Cuth Kerensa, Rose Meadow, Stithians, Truro, Cornwall. Tel: 01209 861406.
- AUGUST 19/20th - Stanton Drew Steam Up, Curls Farm, Stanton Drew, Nr. Bristol. Contact: Brian Verrall Tel: 01934 743460.
- AUGUST 28th - S.E.A.M.S. Vintage Show, Hobbs Farm, Yapton, Nr. Arundel, Sussex. Contact: Ian Sampson, Amberley Chalpits Museum, Amberley, Arundel, West Sussex. BN18 9LT.
- SEPTEMBER 2/3rd - Dartmoor Vintage Vehicle & Machinery Club Rally, Liverton, Nr. Newton Abbot, Devon. Contact: Mr. G. Stapleton Tel: 01626 334941.
- SEPTEMBER 24th - Full Quart Crank-Up, Hewish, Nr. Weston-Super-Mare, Somerset. Contact: Roy Cox on Weston-super-Mare 01934 419826. Would last years exhibitors please contact Roy if you wish to attend this years event.