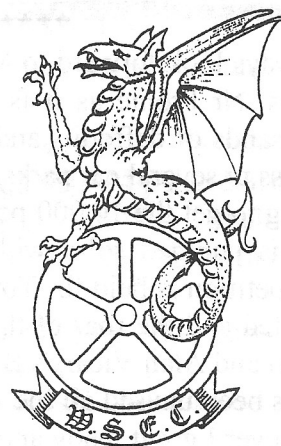


# **WESSEX STATIONARY ENGINE CLUB LIMITED**

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## **NEWSLETTER**



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### **\*\*\*\*\* EDITORIAL \*\*\*\*\***

The rally season for the last year of this century has just began, please make sure it is a safe one. When our exhibits are running, with fast moving spoked flywheels, exposed gear wheels, shafts and belts etc we are dealing with very dangerous machinery, which when a safety code is observed is quite safe to operate. So please remember to observe the safety code at all times (a copy was enclosed in your last newsletter) and take to task or report to rally officials anyone you see doing anything stupid.

### **\*\*\*\*\* CHAIRMANS REPORT \*\*\*\*\***

Plans are going ahead for our first rally on the new site at Cheddar. It is surprising how much work is involved when moving from one location to another. All the services which were available at Semington had to be found in Somerset, things like toilets, catering, bar, skips, first aid, P.A. system, shop etc, also items such as tractor, water bowser, post bumper and so on. But things are progressing most of our requirements are now fixed up. It is very useful having four members actually "on the spot", Colin and Leslie Nicholson and Brian and Mary Verrall, they have local knowledge of firms and services as well as liaising with the rally site owner, their help has been invaluable. The rally committee are at present planning the layout of the site, with visits to the actual site then planning it all on the excellent scale site plan prepared by Tony Davis. There is bound to be a few mistakes when setting out a new rally site, but hopefully they will be few. I would like to make my usual appeal for help in setting up on the Friday and taking it down again on the Sunday. I'm confident of getting a good response, it is important to remember the future for Wessex rallies depends on the success of this years rally.  
BJB.

### **\*\*\*\*\* RALLY ADVERTISING \*\*\*\*\***

We have had posters advertising our rally in June printed and we would like members to help us get them displayed. If you could get them displayed in your area in shops, garages, pubs etc it would assist in getting publicity for the rally. They can be obtained from the Chairman at any Wessex event or meeting.

### **\*\*\*\*\* WANTED WANTED WANTED \*\*\*\*\***

An assistant Engine Steward to help Colin Nicholson on the Friday afternoon and Saturday morning when the engines arrive on the rally site. This is an important task which needs a member to come forward and assist Colin to carry it out. Ring 01749 342671 if you can help.

### **\*\*\*\*\* NOT TO BE MISSED - TAKE NOTICE OF THE DATE \*\*\*\*\***

### **\*\*\*\*\* CLUB NIGHT AT THE OLD DOWN INN \*\*\*\*\***

### **\*\*\*\*\* MONDAY 24TH MAY - GERRY BURR GIVING A TALK OF TIPPERS ON MENDIP \*\*\*\*\***

An insight into his career as a driver of tippers for various Firms on the Mendips before his career in the Police Force. He has given is talks before, and I can assure you this will be to goo to miss. It usually consists of a good deal of humour.

### **\*\*\*\*\* WANTED WANTED WANTED WANTED WANTED \*\*\*\*\***

Bric-a-Brac - Books - Tools - China - Ornaments - Household items - Clothes - Plants - **OR ANYTHING** that we could sell on the Club Shop at the Rally. All proceeds go to Club Funds.

\*\*\*\*\* FIRST ONE OF THE YEAR \*\*\*\*\*

\*\*\*\*\* MELLS DAFFODIL DAY - MONDAY 5TH APRIL 1999 \*\*\*\*\*

I always look forward to Mells daffodil Day which is always held on Easter Monday in the very beautiful village of Mells, Nr Frome as it is always the first crank-up of the new season. It is aptly named 'Daffodil Day' because thousands of daffodils and narcissi are planted all around the village. The village is closed off to traffic except for access to several car parks. The streets of the village are filled with market traders, food vendors, charity stalls etc. all trying to get the 10,000 people who descend on the village to part with their money. The Talbot Inn is open all day and is jammed solid with thirsty customers, the church is nicely decorated and is open for people to visit. A competition is held for Town Criers, and their loud voices can be heard all over the village. A medieval battle is re-enacted and the roar of their cannons fair shook the village, and it certainly frightened Mary Verralls Jack Russell (Ben) and Alan Vicary's Billie. It is surprising how long it take to clean and prepare an engine ready for a rally when it has been unused all the winter. The same applies to my Transit van which has been unused since last years rallies. However I got it ready and set off for Mells. On arriving I was surprised to see so many engines already there and set up. I was lucky to find a spot well away from a certain 'smoky' steam engine, the owner who will remain anonymous, 'ha ha' sorry Robin. A very good selection of engines were on display including three large Rustons. Bill Appleby had his big Ruston and generator, Arthur Smith bought his recent acquisition, a very large trailer mounted Ruston - I think we will see more of this one in the future, it certainly ran extremely well. Also Phil Marshall has just bought a Ruston I.P. what a superb engine this was, a very good example of British engineering at its best. About 40 engines were exhibited ranging from the big Rustons to a very small Teagle exhibited for the first time by Junior member Jonathon Hockedy of Frome. Colin Nicholson won an award for the best engine exhibited with his trailer mounted Lister A and pumping set, well done Colin. We found it a good opportunity to advertise our rally, I gave an entry form to every trader in the street market area, and Ray gave every classic car, commercial and military vehicles and entry form. I hope it will bear fruit. The weather stayed dry all day, in fact in the afternoon it was quite sunny and warm. All to soon it was time to load up and depart. The engine will now stay in the van until the crank-up at Nunney, now only two weeks away. Many thanks to Robin for organising the Mells and Nunney events.

BJB.

\*\*\*\*\* MEMBERS EVENING - 29TH MARCH, 1999 \*\*\*\*\*

\*\*\*\*\* A VISIT FROM RICHARD BUFFREY OF LISTER PETER \*\*\*\*\*

The Lister family originated from the West riding of Yorkshire. James Lister came from the small village of Haworth and was soon to become the High Sheriff of Yorkshire. His son George moved to the Cotswolds in 1817. His son Robert Aston Lister who was born on 4th February 1845 founded the building we all know as Listers RA in 1867. He fortunately like many of the Lister family married wealthy ladies of the time which helped enormously when money was at a premium as was in those days. The first diesel engine was developed in 1929 and the first lawn-mower was also born in the Stroud valley. Items made at the company have included sheep shears, rake, milk coolers, shell cases, garden furniture, waste bins, garden tubs, road signs and railway signs. The company laid on their own transport busing people from outlying areas of Gloucestershire to work at the factory. The company also owned much of the housing in the Stroud area which was rented out to their employees. The company had grown and grown with the industrial revolution but they have not been without disaster when in 1983 there was a huge fire at the factory which involved millions of pounds. In its heyday around 1958 the company employed over 3,500 people. Today around 55% of the company are now making components for outside organisations but it is on the road to survival with the inevitable cutbacks made on employees over the last few years. Richard showed an old 1940 8mm film made for the Lister company showing 600 employees all receiving their 25 year long service certificates. The whole of the company were invited to a special day out with fairground rides and parades through the town. There have been many famous faces who have visited the factory including two visits from Queen Mary, Princess Anne, Prince Michael of Kent and Donald Campbell. Copies of their signatures from the Visitors book were displayed. Another film included the 1955 Bath & West show held in Devon with which the company had been involved. A miniature power station was erected and with the help of a lady water diviner their own water supply was laid on. It has overcome many re-organisations and is now unfortunately owned by a finance company at present but with a new 'lady' at the helm it is now anticipated that things will be on the up once again. It is hoped that the investments the company are making now will help keep the company going in the next millenium. Another evening visit to the factory is being organised in the near future and hopefully the new Museum that the company are hoping to put together will also be ready for visitors to see.

ANNE CARNEY.

SECRETARY.



\*\*\*\*\* **THE MARKET PLACE** \*\*\*\*\*

**FOR SALE. NEW PAIR OF SILLS** for Austin Maxi. Engine, gearbox and other parts for Maxi. Bedford Beagle HA110 in need of some restoration for further details ring H Simmons on 01225 754434. Trowbridge area.

**FOR SALE. STANDARD STEEL FORDSON** Late 30's early 40's, good restoration project. Offers around £150 for further details ring 01761 432382. Radstock area.

**FOR SALE. LISTER 'L'** 5hp, restored £260 ono. Lister DK 'paraffin model' restored £75. Atco Lawn mower 1926 complete with tool kit £50. Various other Atco mowers 1950's. For further details ring 01380 830344 (Alan Bartlett).

**FOR SALE. 8 LISTER D'S** 1.5hp £25 each. Wolseley WD2 £65. Lister 'B' £75. Lister 'A' with saw bench, tank cooled £150 ono. 1 Crossley diesel 6hp £80 ono. 45 blow lamps, brass type £4 each ono. N.B. all the engines are unrestored. Contact martin or Andrew on 0117 9675225 after 6.30pm.

**FOR SALE. RESTORED GASGOINES VACUUM PUMP.** £18 ring Tony on 01375 464982 for other parts to go with above pump to make a milking display ring Alan Bartlett on 01380 830344.

\*\*\*\*\* **EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY** \*\*\*\*\*

**SUNDAY MAY 2ND** - The Wessex Club are meeting at The Westonzoyland Pumping Station - 2pm. See the massive steam beam engine in action.

**SUNDAY MAY 9TH** - North Dorset stationary engine and tractor clubs rally at Hazelbury Bryan, Dorset. This is one of the best one day rally. Large car boot sale. Enquiries Dickie Plummer on 01258 817597.

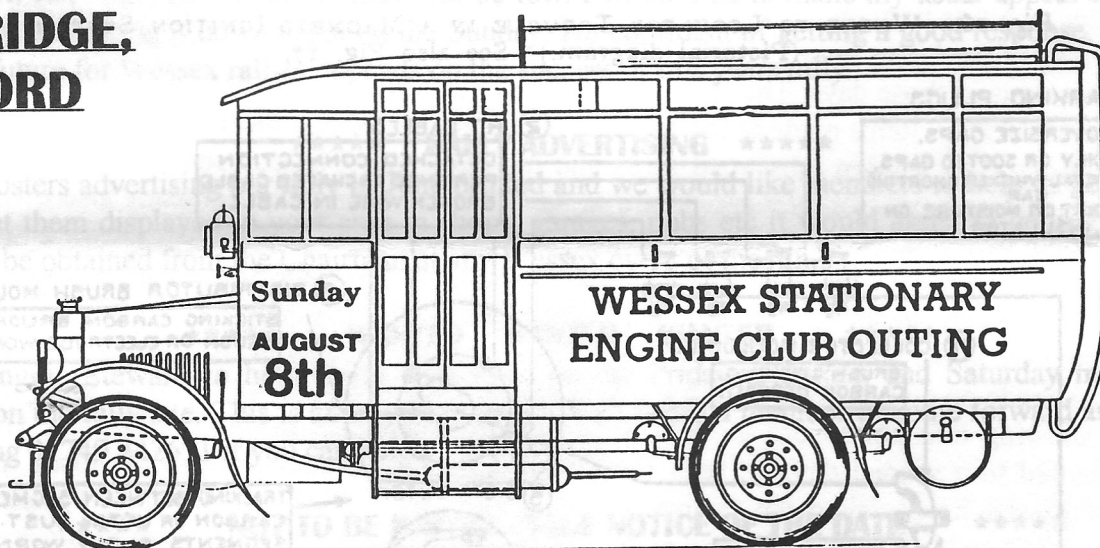
\*\*\*\*\* **WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS** \*\*\*\*\*

The Wessex Stationary Engine Club would like to welcome the following new members; Wesley Ham of Draycott, Nr Cheddar, A Junior Member. Mr R Hedges from Newbury, Berkshire. Mr & Mrs Gill from Worle, Nr Weston-Super-Mare. Mr D C Moss from Trowbridge, Wiltshire and Mr Adrian Miles from Thatchem, Berkshire. We hope your membership with our Club will be a long and happy one.

\*\*\*\*\* **OBITUARY** \*\*\*\*\*

The Wessex Club members extend their sympathy and condolences to fellow member Mike Snook on the sad occasion of the death of his Wife Lorraine on 9th April, 1999 aged 54. Mike our thoughts are with you.

**IRONBRIDGE,**  
**TELFORD**



\*\*\*\*\* **ANNUAL WESSEX COACH TRIP** \*\*\*\*\*

The annual coach trip for 1999 is to The Ironbridge World Heritage Site at Telford, Shropshire (just north of Birmingham). This will take place on Sunday 8th August. The time and picking up point will be announced later. The cost which covers the coach fare and entrance to the Museum complex will be £15 per person. The Ironbridge complex covers over 6 square miles which takes several days to see it all but for the time available to us on a day trip we will be visiting the Blist Hill Victorian town complex. I would advise early booking to secure your seat as last years trip was oversubscribed and some members were disappointed. So ring Jackie Lambert as soon as possible on 01373 463526. N.B. The Ironbridge Complex was shown on a recent programme on BBC2 by Fred Dibnah.

\*\*\*\*\* WESSEX STATIONARY CLUB TECHNICAL SUPPLEMENT... \*\*\*\*\*  
 \*\*\*\*\* MAGNETO FAULT FINDING SYSTEM \*\*\*\*\*

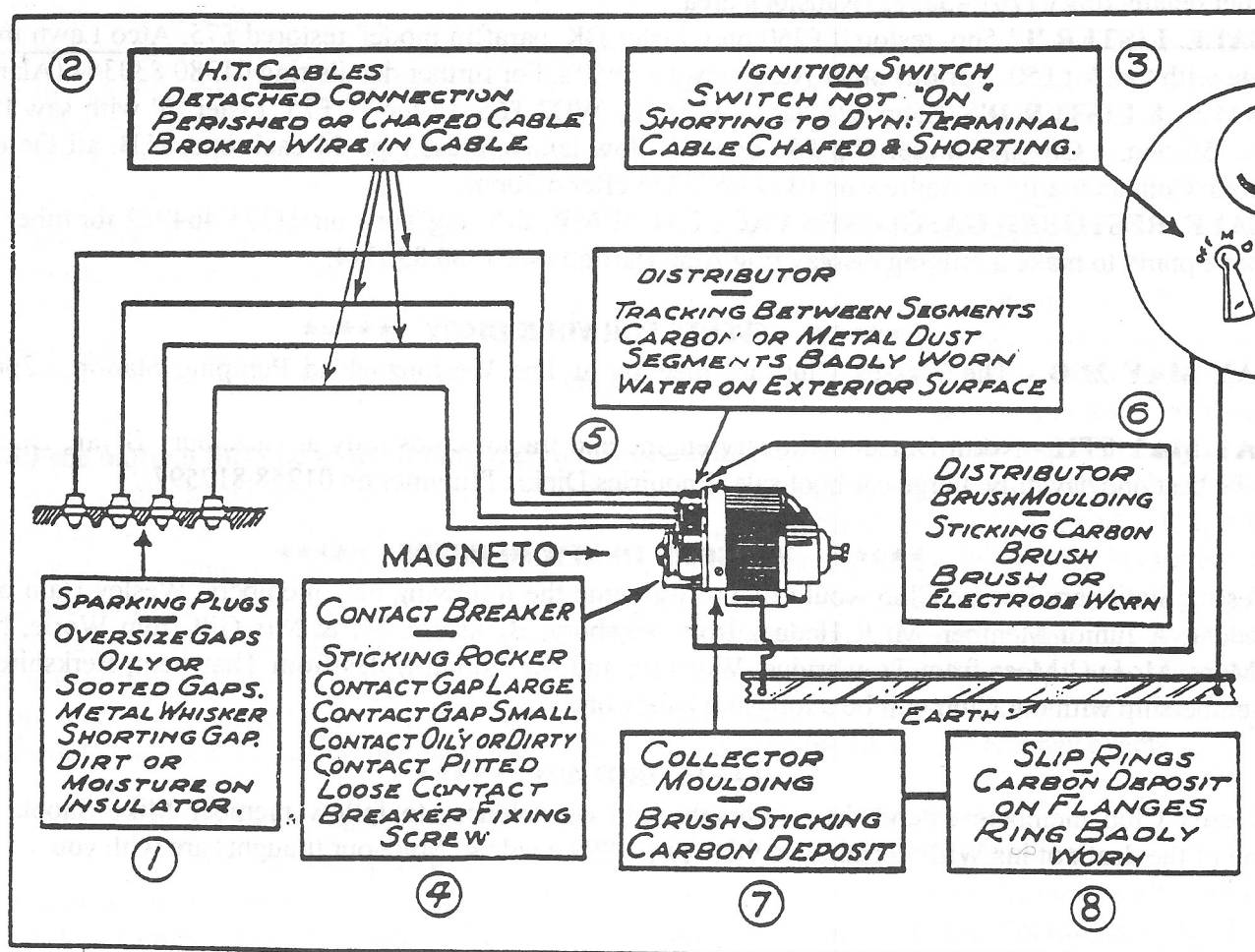


Fig. 16.—WHERE TO LOOK FOR TROUBLE IN A MAGNETO IGNITION SYSTEM.  
 (Pictorial diagram.) See also Fig. 17.

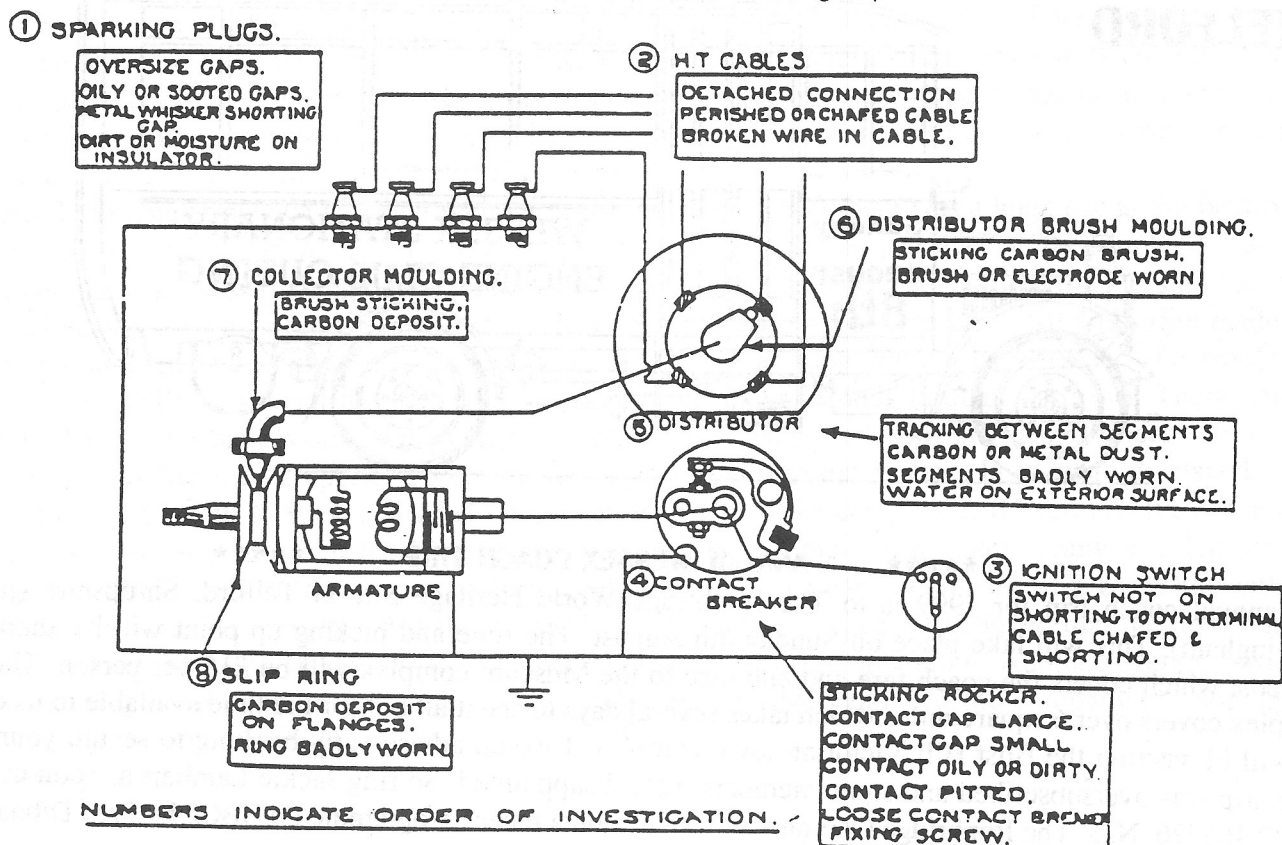


Fig. 17.—WHERE TO LOOK FOR TROUBLE IN A MAGNETO IGNITION SYSTEM.  
 (Technical diagram.) To be studied in conjunction with Fig. 16