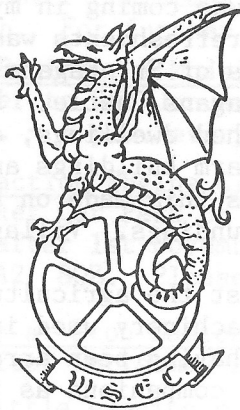


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SEASONS GREETINGS

OUR CHAIRMAN BRIAN AND THE COMMITTEE WOULD LIKE TO WISH ALL OUR
MEMBERS A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR AND LOOK FORWARD TO
SEEING YOU ALL AGAIN IN 1995.

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With this years rally and show season just memories and talking points of how much we enjoyed them - or didn't, we have ahead of us very little in the way of events. Not much will happen now until Easter time when things start to move once again with small local events taking place, so its a good time to carry out all those little repairs and maintenance jobs we should have done during the fine weather, you know the ones, leaking fuel lines, tanks and taps, the odd touch up of paint to cover up scars made during loading and off loading, magneto maintenance, and of course our trailer and tow vehicles will require some degree of attention, no doubt a few consciences have been pricked as its so easy to say 'I'll do it in the Spring' and before you know it Spring is here and it hasn't been done. There will also be additional jobs being made for you in the way of rooms that need painting and decorating, perhaps the odd kitchen to revamp, and you may even be told that the paint you used on your favourite engine would have looked better on the front door. The hardened rallyist and engine restorer will know how to deal with this situation and will hot foot it down to the nearest DIY shop and arrive back home laden with rolls of ready pasted and cans of one coat paint, this very wise move will take the sting out of any comments that you are spending too much time on your beloved hobby and not the biggest investment you have made in your life - your home. Well now that your next five months 'free time' has been accounted for I would like to say a big thank you to everyone who has contributed to our newsletter in any way during the last year. I am very grateful, and a special thank you to all the team who type up and distribute our grape vine. I would like to wish all our readers a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and look forward to hearing from and seeing you all again in 1995.

ROBIN

ROWDEFORD SCHOOL PRESENTATION.

On Wednesday the 9th of November our Chairman Brian Verrall and ten other committee members and their partners went along to present the donation of £500, which the club had raised from the 1994 Semington Rally to the Rowdeford School near Devizes. A large cheque was made up at the request of Jackie our treasurer at Lloyds Bank and the Headmaster, staff and children all gathered around for the presentation. The school is an old country house set in large grounds and the staff were hoping to raise enough money to build the children a swimming pool. The Headmaster was very grateful and said he would like to bring some of the children along to next years Rally and hoped to see us all again. Alan Carney took some photographs of the evening and we hope to have them for publication shortly - the children were very interested in Alan's 'OLD' camera.

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VISIT TO ST. FAGANS HERITAGE CENTRE, CARDIFF - Sunday 2nd October.

The members of the West Dorset Club assembled in Dorchester to board a coach for a visit to the Heritage Centre at Cardiff, I joined the coach later as it was coming in my direction and received a warm welcome from these good friends. A break for refreshments was made at East Brent for before arriving in Cardiff at 11.00am. The contents of St. Fagans are very varied as it all stands in 100 acres of woodland adjacent to St. Fagans Castle. Buildings have been re-erected from all over Wales, from Celtic mud and thatched dwellings, cottages showing about 100 years of progress of how things had changed. Farm buildings and those used by cottage or local industry. It was a pity that it rained as this made on hurry from one place to another without the chance to look about at the surroundings. Village shops and stores, tea rooms and a bakery was working.

An impressive museum in the main entrance complex where amongst the agricultural section was a Ferguson and a Fordson on spade lugs depicting the type of machinery used in the area. During our return we stopped at East Brent again for a meal, this having been arranged at a local hostelry a short way off the motorway. I bid farewell to my companions as the coach dropped me off and I was left alone with my memories of a splendid day in good company.

THE RAILWAY FESTIVAL - Yeovil Junction 8/9th October.

Due to a group of enthusiasts who work in and around this busy main line junction, a very successful event was held to raise money towards the refurbishing of the turntable and the erection of a water tower. This all took place each side of the lines with displays of stationary engines and a tractor, accompanied by three Showmans and one agricultural engine, with many displays and stalls selling a wide range of books, videos and railway artifacts. Despite the early morning fog that took a long time to clear, a shuttle service was running from this junction to Yeovil, Pen Mill by a well restored branch line tank engine with four coaches. This continued all day, slotted in between the arrival of the main line timetable. At 1.00pm on Saturday a large Southern loco arrived from Bristol with eleven coaches on a day trip and stayed for three hours thus swelling the already crowded site. Also on display was a express locomotive name Britannia who kept the camera buffs busy by being turned on the turntable, while three different diesel locomotives were on display as well, rather over-shadowing the miniature line beside them. The large Southern engine returned again on Sunday but with only one carriage and was pushed up and down by 'Britannia'. This was certainly a different event, but well organised and I shall look forward to another next year should it be held.

SOUTHERN COUNTIES HEAVY HORSE ASSOC PLOUGHING MATCH - Sunday 16th October at Rogate, W. Sussex.

I arrived the day before as usual to lend a hand in setting it up for this proves to be a very well supported event, both by horses and more so the public - it was packed.

I was kept busy conveying water to the horses in between chatting to the many visitors who wished to relate their own experiences with the old tractor. There was a wide range of stalls and trade stands made complete with a small area of sideshows and swings for children. The numbers of horses ploughing was most impressive, 38 pairs and 1-3 abreast with two furrows. In the show classes there were a great number of foals that were followed by the harness and wagon turnouts. The number of horses present must have been about 150 at least as I could not count them. For the first time vintage tractors were invited to take part, those ploughing were four Fordsons and a Lanz Bulldog with a small group on static display along side four stationary engines and two tractors. A most enjoyable time was had by everyone, and thank you to the organisers for inviting me.

THE ABOVE THREE ARTICLES ARE FROM BRIAN LOVELL.

1995 CLUB EVENINGS at the Old Down Inn..

Monday 30th January - Bob Brome gives an illustrated talk on Bristol Past & Present, members will remember the superb evenings entertainment Bob gave us last March with his exploits as a Bristol docks diver.

Monday 27th February - Annual General Meeting - come along to elect your new committee and make known any views you have as to how you would like our club managed.

Monday 27th March - The History of Shepton Mallet Prison by Mr. Disney, a first hand chance to find out what it is like to be a guest of Her Majesty.

NEXT YEARS EVENTS.

Please let me have all your dates of local events that usually have stationary engine exhibits as in the New Year I will start to compile our 1995 events list.

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WHAT'S ON

Brian & Ray's Mince Pie Crank-Up Tuesday 27th December at Nash's Timber Yard, Evercreech Junction (Old S & D Goods Yard). A good chance to work off all the excess weight you will have put on over Christmas - Dig out your engine and bring it along, everyone is welcome - just turn up. For further details please contact Brian Baker on 0749 342671.

64th Model Engineer & Modelling Exhibition Olympia, Hammersmith Road, Kensington, London - 30th December to 7th January 1995. Admission: Adults £5, Senior Citizen £4, Children £2. Open 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. every day except Thursday 5th January when its 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Somerset Traction Engine Club New Year Run - Sunday 1st January 1995. Starting point will be from Market Car Park on Priory Bridge Road in Taunton, with a midday start. Details/Entry form after 1st November contact: John Reeves, The Weathervane, West Monkton, Taunton, Somerset. TA2 8QZ. Please enclose a SAE.

Engine Rally at Ston Easton Horse Trials - Ston Easton - March 25/26th 1995. Entry Forms available after Christmas from Brian Baker Tel: 0749 342671.

W.S.E.C. Skittle evening - Saturday 4th March 1995 at Cheddar Football Club. A ploughmans supper will be available. Names and numbers to any committee member as soon as possible for catering arrangements please. Please come along and support your club.

CLUB NIGHT - 24th October - Bath Museum.

Due to a printing error the October meeting was not held on the last Monday in the month the 31st but on the 24th this resulted in only 18 people attending a very interesting talk by Mr. Stuart Burroughs from the Bath Museum on engineering in Bath.

Mr. Burroughs said he was not an engineer and did not know a great deal about engines but he did know about the companies that made them. Stothert & Pitt for instance gained a Silver Medal for an engine early in the 1900's in a class called the Hall of Moving Machinery. Other firms mentioned were James Williams, Griffin Engineering, Joseph Day and Dick Kerr & Co., Dick Kerr & Co. went on to become part of English Electric.

Mr. Griffin appeared to be a very clever engineer applying for several patents, one of which was a six stroke engine which had a combustion chamber at each end. There is a Griffin engine in the Bath Museum, not a six stroke one though!

Other patents taken out were for Duplex engines which had two cylinders, but were not twin cylinder engines. I believe a motor cycle came out with an engine like that, split single I think they called it. There was so much information I could not remember it all so I suggest you go to Bath Museum and have a look and a natter, there may be a trip there again one day.

Eric did the raffle and prizes were won, by whom I have no idea, but they know and that's what counts. I hope not too many people came to the Old Down Inn on the 31st expecting a meeting, if you did, sorry, we'll try not to do it again.

VIC WALTON

Coleford Huckle Duck Carnival Club Fete - 5th June

Once again it is Huckle Duck Fete and it is a lovely sunny day. John and I arrived early and it was a hive of activity with stalls and safety ropes being put up all over the place, also Wessex members arriving and putting their engines out, mostly Listers of which there were six, one Barnard and an Amanco, there were also 7 motorbikes, 2 vintage cars and a Fordson tractor.

The fete was opened by Fred Wedlock, followed by a fly past of 17 Hercules, a military police dog training demonstration, six a side football, radio controlled car racing. Various stalls with the stallholders dressed in period costume. This is a fete that is well organised and enjoyed by everyone, make a date for your diary next year 4th JUNE 1995 - I forgot, we were graced by Concord flying over too.

Limington Nr. Ilchester - 12th June.

This was a village fete with a few stationary engines - 9 in all, which consisted mostly of Listers, 2 Amanco's and a Victorian water pump. We were the only Wessex members there and took quite an interest in the engines. John and I packed our lunch and went on the spur of the moment.

I wish that these village fetes that ask for engines were better supported as they are well organised and really enjoyable and very friendly.

THE ABOVE TWO ARTICLES ARE FROM RUTH RUSSELL.

WESSEX ANAGRAMS.

All you have to do is re-arrange the following anagrams, they should all form words with an engine or club connection. I hope you have as much fun solving them as I have had putting them together - plus some help from husband Reg who is responsible for Pigeon's Dung and some others.

1. STEEL TREWN		13. RE: F. LOW	
2. FRED A LILLY		14. RICH MAIN CAVE	
3. TREED SPIN		15. STUM SLIPPER	
4. BAD FORM		16. GET NO MA!	
5. ROOST TERA IN		17. SONG 'N' SPIRIT	
6. SLY SCORE		18. RARE RUSTE	
7. HI! CARMAN		19. IN LARTH ZOO	
8. SEE WOLLY		20. RUB TO CRATER	
9. SURE Nanci		21. GINNY LET EROLE	
10. BLAME F. ROACH		22. EREC'S TRAY	
11. DO TIRE		23. REX I. HOBIT	
12. TONY'S IN IRATE GANE		24. PIGEON'S DUNG	

A PRIZE OF FREE CLUB MEMBERSHIP FOR 1995 WILL BE AWARDED TO THE WINNING ENTRY, WHICH WILL BE PICKED ON THE CLOSING DATE OF TUESDAY, 31ST JANUARY, 1995.

PLEASE SEND COMPLETED ENTRIES TO: MRS. MARY BUTLER, 152 WYKE ROAD, TROWBRIDGE, WILTSHIRE. BA14 7NT.

Photocopies will be accepted.

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FULL QUART CRANK-UP Hewish.

The usual venue at the Full Quart Pub, Hewish saw people arriving again on the last Sunday in September for the annual Crank-Up. The field soon filled up, not so much space this year as the childrens playground had been extended, but everyone seemed to fit in nicely. The weather wasn't too good earlier in the morning but soon brightened up to a nice day.

Three Victoria's were exhibited, a nice 1½hp from Ian Walker, Eric Brains 5hp and Brian Reed with his 7hp. There was a nice selection of engines as always, and the one that caught my eye was a very nicely restored American National 1904 brought along by Ed Thorne. It was good to see Arthur Smith back out on the rally field, also Gerald Atherton, making good progress and now trying to keep up with Don Rogers in the 'beard' stakes, he's got a little way to go to catch him up though. Linda Pike, Evelyn Cox, Chris Rogers and Eileen Maybee were doing a brisk trade with their Bric-a-brac/Jumble/Cakes stall as was Roger Pike with his fruit, veg and eggs, and Carol Cox and helpers with the ever popular raffle and Ex-chairman Brian Munt calling out the numbers.

There was some steam, 'Kathleen' a Burrell Showmans engine, a Sentinel Steam Wagon and an Aveling & Porter 10 ton roller ex W.W. Buncombe of Highbridge, last but not least a Motor Units Ltd small roller run by a Villiers petrol engine.

In the model section Peter Holloway exhibited a superb 1/12th scale horizontal steam engine that he has only just completed. Peter started this project after he found the huge original engine lying in Dorset where he took all the measurements it was possible to take and scaled them down to make the model. The engine was made by E.S. Hindley & Son of Bourton, Dorset during the mid to late 1800's. The pub was open all day and what a Sunday lunch -

Highly recommended. All in all a very nice day.

J.J.L.