

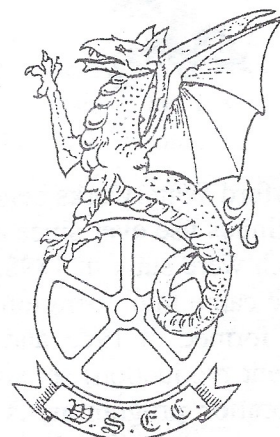
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NEWSLETTER



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***** EDITORIAL *****

Seasons Greetings to all our readers and wishing you a Very Happy and Prosperous New Year.

***** GET WELL SOON *****

The Club would like to wish a speedy recovery to Frank South of Worle who has been in Hospital recently, we hope you are soon up and about again Frank.

***** SUBSCRIPTION RENEWAL *****

Subscriptions for 2001 are now due. Please send your subscription to Jackie Lambert, 15 Beechwood Avenue, Frome, BA11 2AX. Please make cheques payable to W.S.E.C. Ltd. Joint member's £10. Single £8. Junior Members £1.

***** NEW EVENT *****

There will be a new event to replace The Full Quart Crank-Up. This will be a Crank-Up held on the same date the Full Quart was held. The new venue will be the Ship and Compass Inn at Congresbury and it will be organised by Ian Skuse. Further details in next Newsletter.

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

WANTED. A Stuart Turner Marine engine. If you have one for sale please contact Rex on 01962 865471.

FREE. (But a donation to Wiltshire Air Ambulance would be welcome) LISTER 'A' hopper cooled 3 3/4 H.P., 700rpm, needs new exhaust and a trolley please contact Phil on 01225 351554. Trowbridge area.

***** BIRTHDAY GREETINGS *****

The Club wishes a Very Happy Birthday to Herb Gane who was 53 years old on the day of our Crank-Up at Nunney, Many Happy Returns Herb.



*Merry Christmas
& A Happy New Year*



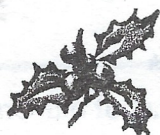


TWYFORD WATERWORKS OPEN DAYS 30TH SEPTEMBER AND 1ST OCTOBER 2000



Twyford Waterworks began operating in 1900 delivering a rate of 500,000 gallons per day. The station has been in continuous use ever since and now supplies some 5 million gallons of water every day from the two original wells which were sunk in 1898. Present production is based upon the supply by electric-motor driven pumps and when these came into operation much of the earlier plant was left in place and unused. The Twyford Waterworks Trust was formed in 1985 and by arrangement with Southern Water (which continues to own the site and manages current production) set about the task of restoring the redundant equipment and the site which it is located. This restoration programme is on going and has been, and continues to be, supported by a number of organisations, firms, the Friends of Twyford Waterworks and the general public. The site itself is one of great interest. Of scheduled Ancient Monument status and retaining the great majority of its early features it is possible to follow the water supply process from its beginnings. Features include the original chalk quarry, the lime kilns used to convert the chalk (taken to the kilns by an inclined railway – the trucks being hauled up by an hydraulically operated winch) and the softening tanks in which the lime, now converted to a cream, was added to the water. The addition of the lime to water served to reduce the production of scum on the water during washing or laundering in 'pre-detergent' days. For most 'engine persons' perhaps the main item of interest is the massive triple expansion steam-pumping engine. Made in 1914 by Hathorn Davy of Leeds it is supplied with steam by a 1916 Babcock and Wilcox watertube boiler. There are two other boilers close by of 1903 and 1906 manufacture. The engine is operated on certain 'Steaming Sundays' and other Open days during the summer months. Later items of plant include two large Ruston and Hornsby diesel engines which drive Gwynnes centrifugal pumps whilst of earlier origin a 1900 Crossley gas engine is used to power an interesting vertical pump. These engines are run (in addition to the steam engine) during the Trust's Open days, which are also attended by additional, visiting, exhibits. During the last Open days a number of stationary engines were on show and in operation. These included a Loughborough College Engine, two Lister B's, seven Lister D's including a radiator cooled version, two Gardner No. 1 engines (of 1902 and 1903 origin), a 1928 Ruston Hornsby 'AP' and an 1898 Rider Ericsson hot air pumping engine. Also present was a 1929 Dennis single Decker bus which was providing rides around the beautiful local scenery, a 1922 Bentley 3 litre Blue Label tourer, and a display of GPO memorabilia including two BSA motor cycles originally used for delivering telegrams. A display by Portsmouth and District Model Power Boat Club provided the opportunity for visitors to operate some of their radio controlled exhibits whilst Winchester Model Engineering Society offered rides on a steam-powered miniature railway. Twyford Waterworks is situated in Hazeley Road, Twyford which is about 5 miles south of Winchester. The next Open Day is planned for Sunday April 29th, 2001. Although perhaps situated some distance from the 'centre of gravity' of the W.S.E.C. membership Twyford Waterworks provides all the necessary ingredients for a very interesting visit.

ROGER PARKINS.



EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY



SATURDAY 30th DECEMBER. SORT-OUT AT WINFORD CATTLE MARKET.

SUNDAY 28TH JANUARY, 2001. SOUTH SOMERSET CLUB EVENT. Crank-Up at The Royal Oak Inn, Barrington, Nr Ilminster on from 9am. Contact John Patton on 01460 242039. Very good food served at the Pub.

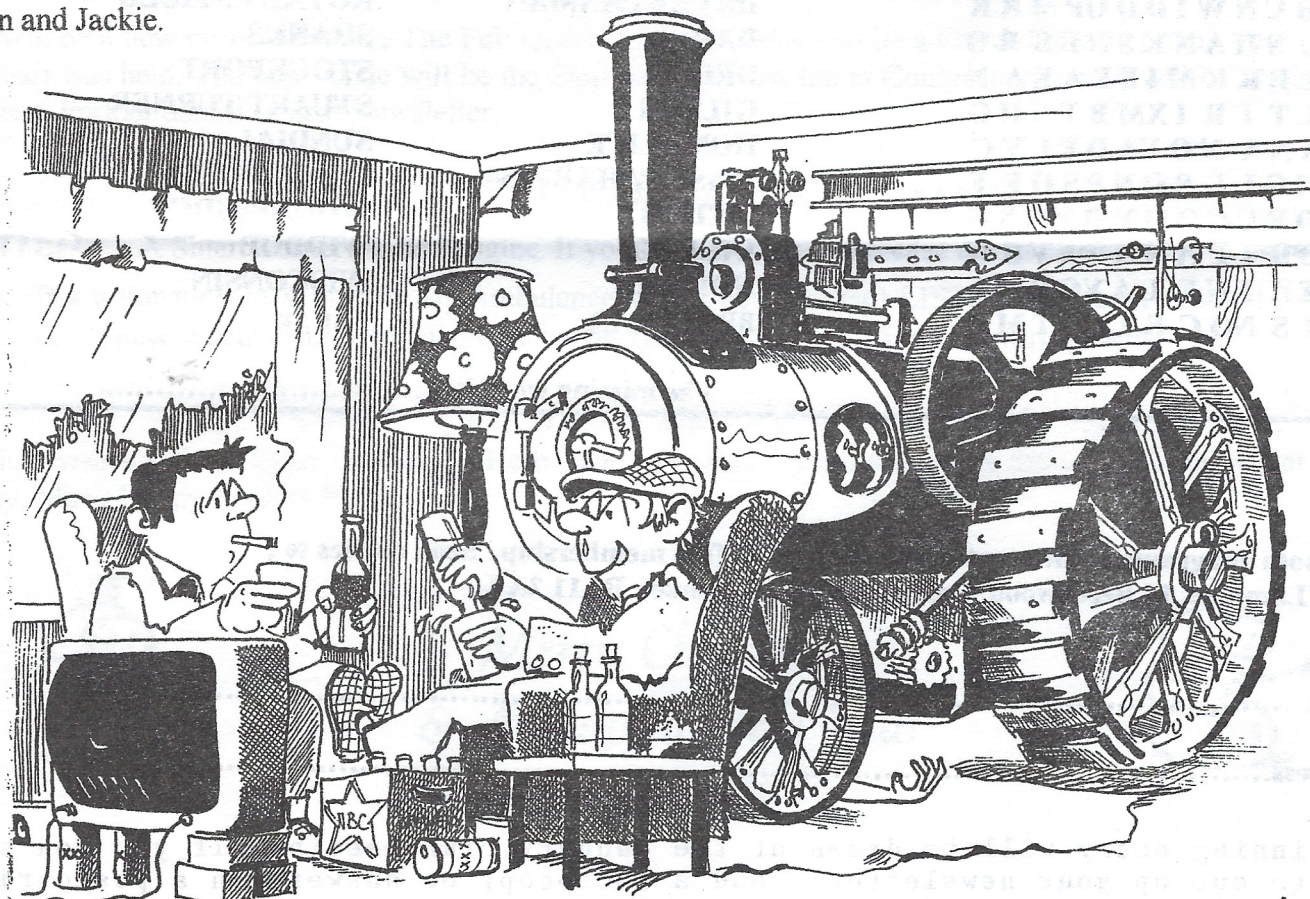
MONDAY 29TH JANUARY 2001. CLUB NIGHT AT THE OLD DOWN INN. Guest Speaker: Bob Burgess – A talk and showing of Agricultural Implements, usual raffle.

MONDAY FEBRUARY 26TH. Annual General Meeting.

ANTI-FREEZE CRANK-UP – SUNDAY 3RD DECEMBER AT NUNNEY CATCH TRANSPORT CAFE

This was the first Wessex event I have attended without exhibiting an engine. 'Sods Law' struck again, I had my trailer in the workshop all loaded ready with two engines, I intended collecting them on the Sunday morning and off to Nunney, however on Friday night I had a problem with my car and had to have a tow home. I could not get parts until Monday, and having only one vehicle with a tow bar the engines stayed in the workshop. So it was off to Nunney with one of Ray's cars loaded up with raffle prizes, fire extinguishers and the Club display cabinet, which is to be installed in the Café. There were already some members set up when I arrived, and in a very short space of time the entire site was full. Since we moved to Nunney the event has always been well supported but I think this was definitely the best Crank-Up yet. There was around 50 engines on display including some very nice open cranks, Bill Coombes had his outstanding Ingiko. Phil Marshall brought his latest acquisition, a superb Ruston Hornsby 5hp, A.P.E, dated 1927 (this was purchased from an advert in our Newsletter). Arthur Smith had a large trailer mounted International. Colin Baker brought his superbly restored Wolseley W.D.I. Bob Lodge had a Lister D 'F' type (industrial version running at 1500rpm). All in all it really was a wonderful selection of engines on display, well done all of you. Other attractions included Brian Lovell's Standard Steel Fordson (Henry). Bob Hallam's motoring display in the boot of his car, Katrina Willis had a very interesting display of vintage tins in the boot of her car. Sam Jackson turned up in his 1925 Bullnose Morris, (I thought it was the Mayor of Frome). We were lucky with the weather, despite a bitterly cold wind and very threatening clouds, it did stay dry all day. John Brooks seemed to be doing a good trade with his large spread of goods for sale, one of our members sold an engine to one of the South Somerset members who was visiting. The Wessex members really excelled themselves with their generosity because we ended up with 50 prizes in the raffle. Thanks to Leslie Nicholson who spent the entire day with her fingers blue with the cold selling the tickets. The raffle realised the magnificent sum of £143, after paying £20 for prizes this left a welcome boost to Club funds. Many many thanks to Leslie who, with her hard work with the raffles has to be the Club's top fund raiser. Gordon and Jackie were doing sterling work in the café keeping everyone fed etc. I had one of their breakfasts and it really was first class and excellent value for money. All too soon it was 'raffle time'. The prizes ranged from a brace of pheasants (won by Ray Baker) to a Mickey Mouse Jigsaw. The 50 prizes were soon distributed to the winners who had been waiting in the cold to see if their luck was in. Once the raffle was over the engines were soon loaded up and it wasn't long before once again the car park was empty. However it won't be long before we will all be back again for the Mince Pie Crank-Up on the 27th December. See you then. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Gordon and Jackie for allowing us to hold our Crank-Ups at Nunney as we would never find a better venue in a million years. From the Club thank you Gordon and Jackie.

BJB.



THEN SHE SAID, BRING IT IN THE HOUSE, OVER MY DEAD BODY!



BRAIN TEASERS



Solve the following anagrams. Clue; they're all tools, materials & equipment found in a stationary engine restorers' workshop (may be more than one word).

A W SHACK		ANN PRESS	
PAM H LAND		HER MAM	
LIFE		SPAR	
STOCK TEES		OH! SIT	
LURE TELES		HACK LESS	
L SINGS		T.SLOB	
STUN		N.SPRIG	
HERS WAS		A PINT	
KESS TAG		I.C.LOAN	
KNOWBERCH		LOSS TINS	
R.I.P. LES		DR.ILL	
CAR PRESS		LOG EGGS	
BROW CLOTH		ULEAP IN STATION	
T.HALE		E.FINK	

WORDSEARCH-

Find the words from the list in the grid below, but beware, there will be one you cannot find.

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BROWNWALLJPAOIM
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MELCO
INGECO
NORMAN
BROWNWALL

NEWAY
NEW HOLLAND
PELAPONE
ROBEY
ROBINSON
ROYAL ENFIELD
SHANKS
STOCKPORT
STUART TURNER
SUNDIAL
TOM SENIOR
WOODBIDGE
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