

Author Unknown. But Andrea Feeney had it sent to her from America.

## CAN YOU REMEMBER YOUR FIRST RALLY?

I thought I would share with you how a junior member of the WSEC James Bailey (13) got on at his first rally. He has a Lister 'D' (no 197924) which originated from a farm in Bournemouth where it was used as a back up for a milking machine. He also has a Stuart Turner, not sure of the history, and Gould water pump, which came from my uncles bungalow at Hazelbury Bryan. (There was an article about James in Stationary Engine Magazine no 392 page 9). On the 26<sup>th</sup> of September we went to Breamore House in Hampshire, last working weekend of the season. We were lucky that father-in-law has a van we can borrow or we would never have made it. Everything was loaded up the day before so we did not have to rush around, living only two miles away. We did not have to be at the show until 10am, however for some reason James was up before the time he would normally go to school. Being complete novices it was good to mix with other enthusiasts to talk about our engine and give us some tips you do not read in a book. James was also shown how to get both pumps running at the same time. Part way through the engine developed a loud squeak, thinking the worst, we were shown that where the governor rod touches onto the control rod I had painted over the ball end, this should have been loose. However it was never going to move so for the rest of the day we had to keep it oiled, a smack on the wrists for me! James left me in charge while he went off into the countryside museum with some of the enthusiasts who have helped restoring some of the exhibits. I could see lots of smoke and heard lots of banging from the building, this was four of the old tractors being started, which has become a regular event. What made James day was when he was given a horse brass with details of his first show.

**STEVE BAILEY**

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

**MONDAY DECEMBER 27<sup>th</sup>** Mince-Pie Crank-up at the **OLD DOWN INN**. We shall have the usual hot mince pies and sausage rolls. The Old Down will be open for refreshments. We shall be holding our usual magnificent raffle, any prizes would be most welcome. Bring any bits and pieces for sale. Most of all bring yourselves and your engines. Let's have a good turn out for the last event of 2004.

**TUESDAY 28<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER** Tractor and Engine Autojumble. At Alvis Farm Shop, A38 Redhill Nr Bristol. £8 per pitch. For details ring 07901944596 (mobile) Refreshments available, buyers £1 entry.

**MONDAY JANUARY 31<sup>st</sup>**. Club night at the Old Down Inn. Guest speaker - Jonathon Hockedy (our Junior Reporter) giving a talk and slide show on Bank Notes of the World. If Jonathon's newsletter reports are anything to go by this will be a very interesting evenings entertainment. **DON'T MISS IT – BE THERE.**

**MONDAY FEBRUARY 28<sup>th</sup>**. The 27<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Wessex Stationary Engine Club Ltd. With over 350 members in the club I would expect a good turn out for the most important date in the calendar. Also we need at least two new committee members to help run the club, come on ,do your bit.

## <<<<<<<<<<< NEW MEMBERS >>>>>>>>>>>

The following are new members, who have just joined the club, **Mr & Mrs I Barrow** and **Michael** from Bridgewater, and **Mr Dan Barden** from Torquay. We would like to welcome you to the Wessex Stationary Engine Club and hope your membership will be a long and rewarding one.

THERE WAS AN ERROR IN THE NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER. THE MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION FOR A SINGLE MEMBERSHIP SHOULD HAVE READ £ 9-00. NOT £8-00 AS PRINTED

## OBITUARY

It is with sadness that we hear of the death of John Upton. John passed away on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> November after spending some weeks in hospital. Many club members will have fond memories of our visit to his home at Grateley to view his mammoth collection of stationary engines, and the welcome he and his family gave us will never be forgotten. As a frequent visitor to rallies John loved to create a bit of leg pulling and banter, he was a character in his own right and will be sadly missed by all who knew him. Our condolences and sympathy go out to his wife and family.

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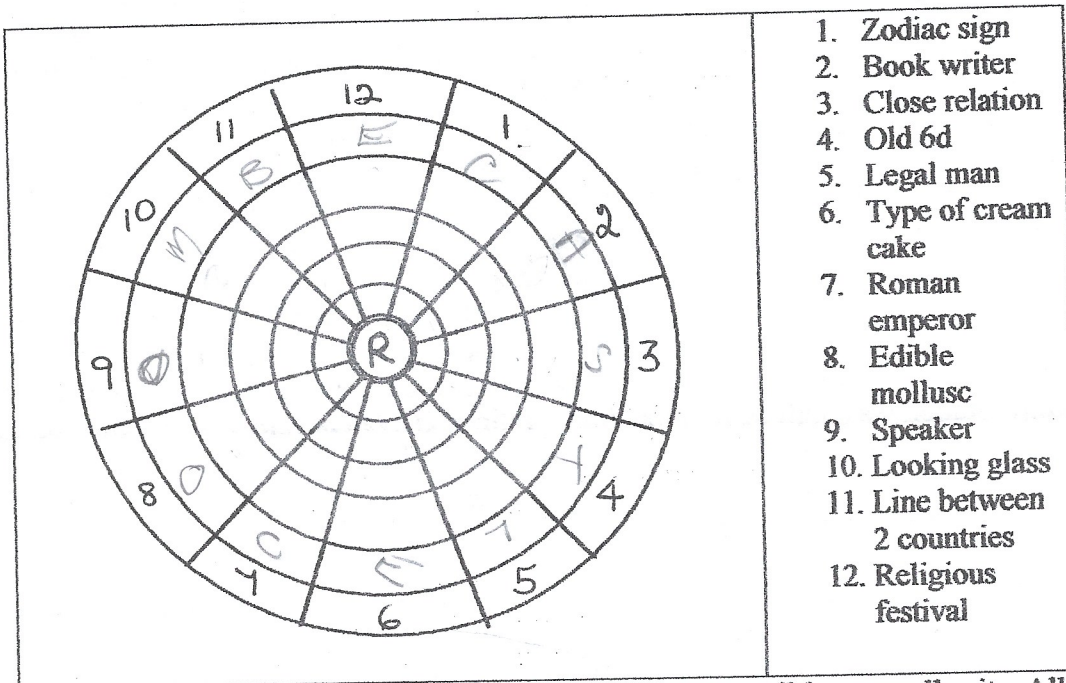
**THE MARKET PLACE**

===== **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** =====

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# WESSEX MINDBENDER



1. Zodiac sign
2. Book writer
3. Close relation
4. Old 6d
5. Legal man
6. Type of cream cake
7. Roman emperor
8. Edible mollusc
9. Speaker
10. Looking glass
11. Line between 2 countries
12. Religious festival

Moving clockwise from the outer circle will spell out a well-known rally site. All six letter words end in R. Answer:- .....CASTLE.....COOMBE.....

Answers are all makes or models of stationary engines

As simple as

ABC

Global travellers requirement

.....ATLAS.....

Yappy dog

.....BULL DOG.....

One of the magnificent seven

.....OTTO.....

Old black cat

.....FELIX.....

Can do anything

.....JACK OF ALL TRADES.....

Supplies caviar

.....STURGEON.....

Kidnappers income

.....RANSOMES.....

A soldier's heartbreaking letter (in reverse)

.....JOHN DEERE.....

All the answers are in the December 2004 Stationary Engine magazine somewhere!!

Please send all entries to Jackie Lambert, 15 Beechwood Avenue, Frome, Somerset BA11 2AX. The winner will receive a **FREE** membership for 1 year and the winning name will be drawn out at the January meeting.