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## *The Wessex Stationary Engine Club's Monthly Newsletter*

### **From The Sump**

Adrian Candy's engines are now being disposed of and you will see a brief message from Margaret his widow about the progress of the sale. More engines have been discovered and you should contact Margaret direct - 01749 344451 - if you wish to purchase any of them. Here is the original list as supplied. Some have been sold.

**Large Amanco open crank in primer.**  
**Large open crank Crossley on road trailer.** Two PR range Crossley's. Three Lister A's. 6hp Lister L on Trolley. Lister Diesel engine. Villiers WXII. Large heavy mill. Lots of iron wheels, carbs, starting handles, tanks.

In the last edition I asked for a few decent photos for the new leaflet. You would never guess I'm taking directly to about 250 people as the result was a deafening silence. Let's all pretend that no one wanted to risk the post during the Christmas period and I can expect some brilliant pics in the New Year ;o)p They must be of high resolution, (not a murky thing off a phone!) are contrasty, feature an engine AND most importantly people with faces, preferably smiling or in animated conversation. You can send me .jpg's up to 10Mgb.

If you regularly attend Wessex SEC events, you may have noticed that I've not been around much this year. Many will know that - like many of us I suspect - I am awaiting hip surgery and cannot walk far. 100 yards is about it.... Therefore, I have stopped home and have been getting a couple of old bikes restored, something I can do to some extent at arm's length - to avoid going stir crazy with the enforced inactivity. I am restoring it in Big Lumps, completing each major unit and then storing it until the spring when I can leap about like a young gazelle on my nice shiny stainless steel hip. If I get it right, a week of retired man's work should see it put together ready for the road. Cross fingers.

*Well, that's about it from me for  
2013. I'd like to wish every last one of  
our valued and esteemed members  
a very Happy Christmas and a  
Prosperous New Year.*

### **Moving the Metal For sale**

**Horse hair Combing Machine.** Built by Gauntlets of Trowbridge. Only unaltered and complete one known. £600 ono  
**Bosch ZE1 magneto.** Good working order. Will fit early Petter etc. £60 ono. Both above, phone Eric Gay 01225 754374  
**IHC famous, 1911.** 1 hp. Battery and coil engine fully restored. The engine starts and runs well and is ready to rally £1,250  
**Fairbanks Morse 6 HP Z type.** This 1917 low tension model starts and runs well. £850 ono.

Both above, phone Pete Gear 07584 325266.

**Bamford straw chopper and a Lister D** in good condition. Sale by a third party. £135 ONO. (Portland area)

Phone Felicity 07810 485351

**"Kibbler" cow cake grinder.** Fully restored, paint and woodwork to a high standard of finish. On pine base - not on wheels. £110. (reduced !) Must be collected from Frome.

Phone Tony Davis on 01373 464982

**Lister D Type.** Spec. 13d. 1½hp. 700rpm. Serial No. 109978 (April 1934). Incomplete with box of bits including carburettor, battered tank, & other parts. No Magneto. £20 the lot. Tel: Tom Randall. 01761 418926 or email [tom.randall@dsl.pipex.com](mailto:tom.randall@dsl.pipex.com)

**Power Hacksaw.** Five feet long and tall, Free standing and an impressive lump begging to be driven by your engine! £250 ONO or swap either for something small and interesting.

**Watermota K2.** Mid thirties twin cylinder marine engine. Complete with square bodied ML magneto, manifolds and original frame. Standing many years and is seized but is just stirring! £240. Tel; Kim on 0117 964 6818

### **WANTED**

**Howard "Bantam" rotavator** needed for spares. Whole machine considerd. Phone Richard 01225 862753.

**Wiko or Lucas RS1 Magneto,** counter-clockwise on cog drive end. Phone Terry Williams 07845 137796

**No. 52 Steel Detachable Chain** as used on conveyors. Need 10 yards, but any quantity will do.

Phone Gerald Atherton - 01934 852670

### **Recommended Bearing Supplier - very helpful!**

Solent Bearings, Unit 20&21, Test Valley Business Centre, Test Lane, Nursling, Southampton, SO16 9JW  
Phone - 02380 667100. [www.solent-bearings.co.uk](http://www.solent-bearings.co.uk)

### **Fuel Tanks and Crank Guards made.**

Tel John Hedges 01635-268359 or 07831-410473 (Newbury Area). Robin Says - "I have known John for over 30 years and he is a good engineer. He has sold all his engines and thought he would have a go at Tanks & guards and is doing quite well,"

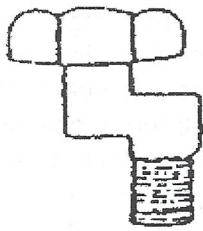
Articles, cartoons, photos etc are always very welcome - this is not a one-man band, but an expression of all our thoughts and experience. Submissions should be preferably typed or word-processed or even handwritten, (if brief), - it is the content we're after, not the grammar or spelling, so please don't feel your efforts will be ignored. The editor reserves the right to change, edit, augment or lessen your Deathless Prose and asks all to note that opinions expressed in this newsletter may or may not represent club policy

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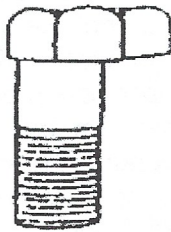
J. Kim Siddorn, 9, Durleigh Close, Bristol. BS13 7NQ or by e-mail to [kim.siddorn@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:kim.siddorn@blueyonder.co.uk).

## Featured Engine 81 Special bolts

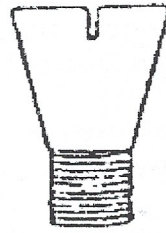
*I cannot remember who gave me this – sorry – but I've been saving it for this edition*



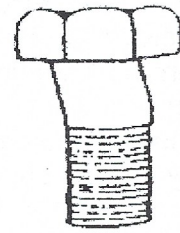
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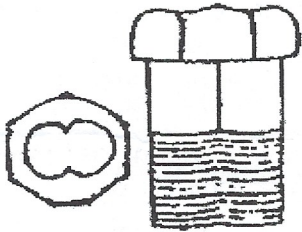
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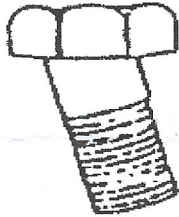
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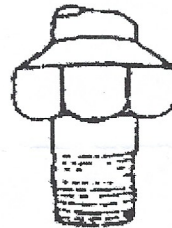
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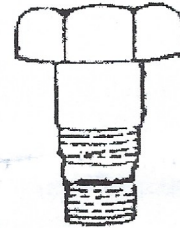
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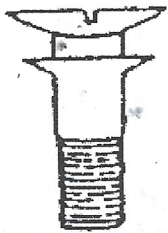
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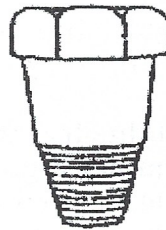
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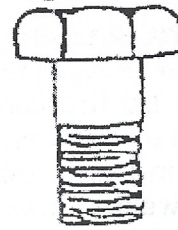
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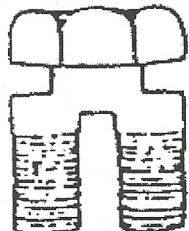
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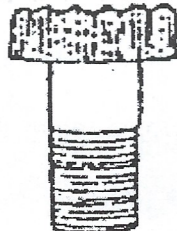
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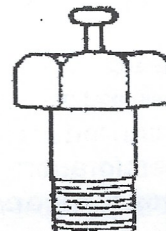
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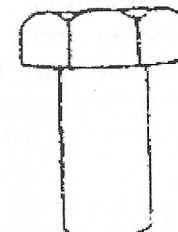
For Redrilled Holes  
That Still Don't Match



Serrated Head  
For Mole Grip Torquing



Hammer Head Bolt for  
Hard To Start Holes



For Threadless  
Bolt Holes

### Ancient Cures

By Eric Gay  
Printed as Received

**WARNING!** Please note that this is written and printed in a spirit of fun for the Christmas edition of Cranking. Neither the author, the editor or the Wessex Stationary Engine Club Ltd can be held in any way responsible in the event of anything unpleasant happening to any person or animal following the use of any of these Ancient Cures. However, if they make you better, we will eagerly push our way to the front if there is glory to be had! Ed..

Well twer at the last club night that I were looking at all the folk that were gather in the room. Well i sat there and thought well they be all like I getting on a bit, so I think tiss time I reminded thee all about the Wessex Health Club, I do guess that most of thee av furgot all

about it being part of the Wessex Stationary Engine Club.

I thought I would help thee all with a few tips and cures that will elp thee all get the most out of life. Well yer goes , now this be a cure for the young uns we dons hear much about whooping cough thees days but this is a sure cure for it and it do come from Staffordshire (lot a queer folk up thur), Give the child a mouse fried in butter, and if thee should get the smallpox try the same remedy. Now we do all suffer from colds at times well this be the Wessex treatment that will be sure to help thee , try boiling a handful of coltsfoot leaves sweetened wee honey and take three times a day, or you could try inhaling

the steam from a jug of water with a handful of rosemary leaves boiled in it.

Now down in Cornwall I were told to use a gert sheet of brown paper covered in goose grease, put it on thee chest and back. Now we colds come sore throats try soaking red peppers in cider and then av a good gargle well they bent no harm in swallowing a drop or two now and again.

Now me dears av thee got warts? well yer be a cure for they so why put up with they when you can get rid of um by rubbing them with the juice of a celandine, or stroke them with the skin of a mouse, or best of all stroke them with the tail of a tortoiseshell cat during the month of May. tiss a sure cure or so I be told.

Now all you who suffer from sciatica make a poultice from soft nettle pulp and wrap that around thee leg, Yer young ladies that do suffer from they freckles well you give um a good wash over with Elderflower water. Now I can elp thee all with strains, ache, and bruises, take a pint glass and fill with elder blossom picked clean from the stem, and poor in some best dripping fill thee glass and let it stand against the sun for a fortnight, then use as an ointment and thee can warm it by the fire, tiss a sure fire cure

If thee cant sleep at night try this cure, in spring time go out and gather a great bunch of cowslips, make a tea from the flowers and drink just before bedtime and I be told you will sleep like a baby.

Us old engines boys and girls be always cuts and grasses, now yer be a way to clear them up a bit quick. Plantain seed, washed and crushed and bandaged firmly over the open wound for twenty four hours, this will produce an almost miraculous cure. Got the rheumatism av thee well try this take 2 teaspoons of apple cider 2 teaspoons of honey mix well in a glass of warm water take three times a day, that should fix thee up.

Do thee get the chilblains? This remedy were give to I by an old Romany take a slice of potato and place in salt overnight then in the morning give they a good rub with the potato slice and allow to dry, the relief be magical and if thee do keep doing it regular for a few days they will disappear.

Get the cramp? Do thee well try this cure take three or four wine corks tired in a bit of cotton cloth and keep in thee bed, tiss a magical cure and it do work.

### Calendar of Events

**Dec 27<sup>th</sup> (Fri) Mince Pie Crank Up At The Court Hotel**

### Chairman's Report *(printed as received)*

The meeting at the Court Hotel on Monday November 25<sup>th</sup> was the Photo Night. We had the epidiascope and the digital projector to show the members photos, discs and memories sticks on the screen. At this meeting we had more members turned up that we had previous meetings, I think I counted in excess of twenty which is an improvement an the last few months. Various members showed the photos on the various equipment operated by Oliver working the machines, (these kids are brilliant working the new technology) we had not problem switching from the epidiascope to the projector, to discs to memory sticks, to photos. We had a prize for the best photos, I decided to pick the judge as Oliver, as he had operated the machines, he picked Ray Powell who had some photos he took some aircraft museums from America of numerous aircrafts including vintage aircraft and space rockets from NASA. It was a close contest between Ray Powell and Brian Munt who had some brilliant photos from the first WW1. After the photos we had the usual raffle with a nice selection of prizes a lot donated by the members I would like to remind members that it will soon be time to renew the subscriptions for 2014. Send your subs to Wendy Gane 45 Welsford Avenue, Wells, Somerset. BA5 2HX. Double£16. Single£13. Juniors 16 or under is free.

### Mells 2014

by Robin Lambert

Our club have been invited back again next Easter Monday. Past exhibitors will know that traffic in and around the village has been a nightmare and they have come up with a plan.

The proposal is to re-locate the show to a new field on the south side of the village high street which would leave the usual field clear for **free** car parking only. The new location is a good sized field but the access may be difficult for some. The entrance is flanked by two stone walls and is only three metres wide, so may prove to be a problem for lorries and larger vehicles, especially if towing.

Entry forms will go out to all past exhibitors and guests from other clubs in January and we will keep you all informed as things progress.

### Social News

Club members will recall the enjoyable day we had at Frank Naish's Cider Farm recently with Paul Chant acting as host, Well, in the local press was a report that the severe October gales created havoc in the apple orchards and did a lot of damage to the trees, uprooting many and ripping limbs from others. This brought into question if it were worthwhile continuing to produce cider at the farm, After some deliberation, Frank and Paul decided they would carry on and see how things go.

## Upper Wallop Village Day

By Robin Lambert

Held on the village playing field on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> August, it was to be our first time here as an exhibitor. I was amazed to see how well supported this event was, not just by exhibits but by the public as well. There was so much to see there, around 50 stationary engines organised by club member David Upton. A dozen or more miniature steam engines, vintage cars, tractors, motorbikes and commercials were neatly placed around the well kept playing field.

Around 50 stalls were in situ selling all the bits and pieces that we all like browse. A large open space was kept vacant for some interesting displays including a huge vintage combine harvester. It simulated what it was built to do.

A lot of straw was scattered around for a swath turning display by a vintage tractor and the equally vintage machine. It gathered all the scattered straw into neat lines ready for the baler to pick up.

Engine Steward David brought along some nice examples of the baby Ruston Hornsby ZPR engines. An air cooled version, a pet/paraffin type, a solid flywheel engine and petrol. To my reckoning he must have the set!!

I did think for one moment I could hear the familiar wheeze of a Victoria in the engine line. but it was in fact a large Lister brought along by Peter and Nicky. Misbehaving itself no doubt as it was in need of some Linctus to clear its airways,

A nice gesture here was a barbeque Saturday evening at the village pub which got everyone chatting and in gear for the main event on Sunday.

Well done to the Organisers for laying on such a nice event.

## Anti-Freeze Crank up, Sun 1<sup>st</sup> Dec

At Nunney Catch transport café

By Brian Baker

I arrived at around 9am to see all of exhibitors already in the line up. The car park area was very soon filled with engines including engines I had never seen before at Wessex events, some very rare, and some the only one in existence. Andy Vincent had a "Germanus" inverted engine that was a replica from 1895 and was only built 10 years ago. This was a brilliant engine that ran like a clock, how someone replicated all the castings and machined the complicated parts is beyond me.

Ed and John Thorne had a Harrop open crank made in Sheffield, this had just resleeved and was the first time it had run since it had rebuilt. Sam Jackson has an interesting engine, a "Christenson" 1909, open crank, type B, imported from the USA in 2007. Robin had his "Smokey Joe" Stuart generating set; he has some different fuel now so it isn't destroying the planet. Don and William Rogers always seem to have something different, the latest addition was a very nice early 1½hp Gardner, and the very large 4½ hp Olds open crank engine, also Don Rogers had his Bulldog. Roger Pike had a very

smart Leek engine; I had not seen that before. Ben Rowland, when of our younger members, had a nice Lister "L", 5hp 1925. Ashley Humphries had a exceptionally nice Petter M 1 ½ hp in distinctive red colour, Ashley told me he brush painted the engine, I could not have been a better job if I have sprayed it, it was certainly a credit to you Ashley. Another nice Petter 1 ½ hp was brought by Jamie Coates. One engine that I would like to own is Roger Kempsons Norman 1 ¾ hp OHV with generator, these engines remind me of motor cycle motors, I would certainly like when of these engines. A rare engine was exhibited by Paul Allen, a Monarch, 1 ¾ hp of 1915 vintage. Our Vice Chairman Eric displayed a Fuller and Johnson, 2 ½ hp, circa 1923. Kevin Phillips had his Fairbanks Morse 1 ½ hp 1920, Carol didn't come today as she had to tend to their sick dog. Ed and Gloria Carp had an Amanco 1 ½ 1923 vintage that was ex Cecil Giblett. A very splendid restoration, including a suburb oak trolley, was carried out by Ralph Champion on a Gilson 1 ½ hp "Johnny on Spot" engine. Another very unusual engine was a petrol/ paraffin Lion, with an unusual magneto drive by a rack driving a gear going back and foreword to flick the magneto at iys point of maximum flux. The owner, Simon Coles, had to construct the magneto tripping mechanism from scratch with nothing to copy. Adrian Grant had a French Bernard, OHV, with a nice Lion Pump. Trevor Wilcox brought a large 4hp Bamford and Pump 1922. John Bullock had a Stuart 600; quite a large engine for only ½hp, circa 1920s. This was a varied assortment of engines, more that I had never been at Nunney before, and we never had one "Lister D" - that has to be first!

I counted 28 engines in total, plus Keith's model steamer and Paul Martins Transit Ambulance complete with a "body" on the stretcher.

An interesting exhibit by Alan Rogers was a crop sprayer and several Teagle Hedge Cutters.

In my opinion this has to be the best crank-up for a long time, with the amount of engines and the quality of exhibits. The café had good trade this time, and our raffle had never had as many prizes before, thanks to the generosity pf our members. Thanks to Christine Rogers and Linda Pike who sold the tickets to collect the magnificent sum of £120.

Thank you to all the helped on the day and thank you to all members who exhibited and turned up to support the club

## From Margaret Candy

Hi Kim, Just to let you know that I've sold the engine with the rugby ball hopper. Matthew Hodges is helping me with another friend of Ade's, Matthew said it was worth £300 and that's what was paid for it. All the magnetos have gone and we sorted out a trailer. Matthew has paid a good price for it all. I've spoken to Brian this morning about some new engines that were found in the Pilton garage and he's given me a guide to a price for it all. Ruston Hornsby pump. Petter A1. Wolseley WDII. Brian tells me the pump is fairly rare so I should ask a good price for it and not to worry about the rust. That's all there is for now.