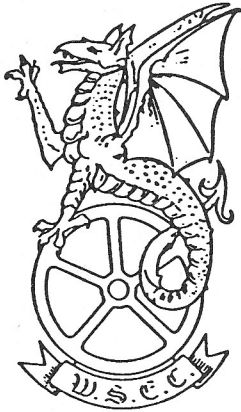


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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

Due to a misunderstanding, the notice of the Annual General Meeting in the January Newsletter contained a number of inaccuracies - For future reference, it should have read "_____ in writing with the signature of the nominee plus signatures of his or her proposer and seconder, all of whom must be paid up Wessex SEC members and addressed to the Hon. Secretary Anne Carney not less than 21 days before the AGM". With a Company limited by guarantee, the Wessex SEC members are not shareholders.

BRIAN AND RAY BAKERS 'MINCE PIE' CRANK-UP.

Although the day dawned wet and windy crowds of dedicated engine goers arrived at Evercreech for Brian and Ray's do. Freda, Mary and Dot were busy with the refreshments from the word go and did a fantastic job of keeping everyone fed and watered - Thanks to Brian and Ray for a superb spread.

Approximately 25 engines turned up (with their owners'!) ranging from Petters, Amanco, Bamfords, Fowler, Wolseley, Melco and Lister, and the last but not least a small gas engine. Terry Heath brought along an unusual engine a 1905/10 Deys/Macey made in Binghamton New York. The engine kept going despite the rain and it was noted that Mary and Brian Verralls engine was swimming in a puddle for most of the day. A television was playing steam videos which proved popular everytime we had a hard rain storm. The raffle ended up with 32 prizes - due to many donations. Most of these were of the bottle variety, very seasonal. Three ralliers won more than one prize so they auctioned them at the end to raise money for the club funds. The champagne raised £2, Red Wine £2.10 and White Wine £2.60. Thank you to those kind people. One of the prize winners, baby Anthony Russell escorted by his granny will become the Clubs latest junior member in 1995. After the raffle we had a rousing chorus of Happy Birthday for Dot Watts, who was ... years old. I don't know what Derrick will do with her when she's drunk her birthday present as she sat in a bowl of washing-up water and sent it flying when she was sober. A good day was had by all and thank you Brian and Ray. We look forward to next year.

LYN PIKE.

WHATS ON IN MARCH.

March 4th (Saturday) Skittle evening at Cheddar Football Club - Please come along and have some fun trying your luck at skittles. Food will be available and usually a raffle takes place during the evening.

March 27th (Monday) A talk on Shepton Mallet Prison by Mr. Disney - A chance to learn what its like to be a guest of Her Majesty.

OBITUARY. It is with regret that we learn of the death of Olive Lane widow of the late Bill Lane. Olive passed away on Sunday 12th February aged 83. Our condolences to their family.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS - Mr. John Hancox of Worle, Baby Anthony Russell of Glastonbury, Mr. Terence Wines of Worle and Mr. & Mrs. Collins of Usk, Gwent.

STANTON DREW CHRISTMAS PARTY - December 10th.

Hundreds of people flocked once again for a very enjoyable and successful party hosted by 'Sparks' of Stanton Drew. Three steam engines were working in a large shed which was very prettily decorated. Entertainment included a fire eater and the Midsomer Norton Silver Band. We had a good sing song of various carols. A stall was busy serving eats and drinks all night. In the adjoining shed Father Christmas entertained all the kiddies from his gypsy wagon. Various craft stalls were around the room with a large childrens roundabout in the middle. Tea, coffee and mince pies were available all evening too.

There was one 'hairy' moment when one of the steam engines caused a problem, the safety valve got hot, melted and released the hot steamy water onto the fire, it shook and banged. The rescue system was superb, the men involved quickly opened the end of the shed and brought in a large machine and towed the engine out in a matter of minutes. The shed was full of thick black smoke and fumes but that soon subsided and it did not spoil the enjoyment. During the evening several cheques were presented to various charities, one of them being C.L.I.C. The cheque was for £500 and was presented by Brian Verrall. It was a traditional Christmas night out and well worth attending again next year. Thanks to all concerned in making this event so enjoyable.

LINDA & ROGER PIKE.

W.S.E.C. CRANK-UP 4th December 1994.

Sunday dawned wet and very windy in Trowbridge, I was thinking that this years Crank-Up would be a wash out. The weather soon improved, though it still remained very windy. When I arrived I was most surprised to see such a wonderful turn out, twenty one engines were running with still more being unloaded.

The Club shop was open for business manned by Steve Routley.

Engines on show ranged from Amanco, Stuart, Lister, Petter and Ruston Hornby, two small power engines caught my eye they were a Madison Butler and an own design open crank engine made from steel sheet with only one casting being used, the engine was gas fired and ran like a dream.

Raffle tickets sold well and a big thank you to all who gave prizes. I hope you enjoyed that Christmas pud Brian as I did hear a rumour that you would have rather had the bottle of WHISKY, but we all know how rumours spread and I for one can't believe that.

Between selling raffle tickets I was kept busy as a certain Petter driving a lighting plant did not want to perform as it should, but with a borrowed spanner or two we soon had the lights working and with the plug being given a good clean Mr. Petter's lighting plant was once more running.

The old slip road where we display the engines has changed its appearance, as just a week or so before the crank-up the very large beech tree that stood on the corner fell down, it was lucky no one was around at the time, and that no vehicle was parked nearby, I did hear that it had done some damage to a lorry parked in the pub car park.

Around 2 o'clock members began to pack up and head for home. Once again we had a very enjoyable Christmas crank-up, may I thank you all for coming along and making it worthwhile.

From the committee may I wish you all a very Happy New Year.

ERIC GAY.

FOR SALE - Broome & Wade twin cylinder compressor with 1.5 hp 1ph motor air tank and trolley mounted £150.

Air Receiver 12" dia 24" tall rated at 200PSI with electric pressure switch £30.
Villiers C12 Spares. Piston Conrods Barrels lot of small spare plus MK2 Barrel & Piston and handbook. £25.

Merry Tiller with Briggs & Stratton engine old but will go if tinkered with £30.

Motor Deville 3hp rad cooled mag rewound on two wheel trolley Class 2 - £175.

FOR ALL THE ABOVE CONTACT BRIAN REAKES ON 0272 868549.

FOR SALE - 1956 Alfa Laval Vacuum Pump, flat belt driven, good working condition £15.

Wolseley WD2 1945 incomplete, useful to rebuild or for spares £15.

Caravan - cheap and cheerful, 2 berth, old but sound. Bargain.

FOR THE LAST THREE ITEMS PHONE KEITH ON 0460 54266 evenings.

RETIREMENT SALE - 1910 Amanco 2½ hp £550 on trailer. 2 hp Electric Light Set 50 volt

£550 on trailer. Lister 'D' £48. Honda Electric Light Set 250 voly £150.

Lister Spares. Renault Extra Petrol Van 1987 £1650. MOT September.

FOR ALL THE ABOVE CONTACT WALLY HULL ON 0297 33153.

STANTON DREW CHRISTMAS STEAM-UP 10th December.

This event is growing in popularity, it seemed to attract even more people this year. It makes a very pleasant change for a winters Saturday evening to be in a nice warm farm building, with a drink in one hand and a carols sheet in the other, it is at this event the 'Wessex Carol Singers' were formed (only to be disbanded by the end of the evening). In one building are craft stalls, a roundabout jam packed with youngsters it could hardly move, Brian and Klas Munt with their street organ, two static steam lorries. Tea and coffee is served also trays of mince pies are being handed out.

Outside on display were two more streamers and drums of hot embers glowing red and giving off the most wonderful heat.

The larger building houses the main activities of the evening, here we found other Wessex members, Don, Chris and William Rogers, Linda and Roger Pike with their friends Hilary and Peter over here from New Zealand on holiday, Mary and Brian Verrall, Derek, Eileen and Mark Maybee. We were suitably entertained by Midsomer Norton & Radstock Silver Band, and a fire eater. Hot dogs and fish and chips and a bar are also there to supply your every need. A raffle is also held with some nice prizes including a bottle of 'Famous Grouse' whisky which was duly won by my family.

During the evening presentations were made to various charities, one being C.L.I.C. The monies being raised from their summer rally.

Carols are sung throughout the evening hence the 'Wessex Carol Singers' (no bookings are being taken).

One rather hairy moment of the evening occurred as the fire eater was building up to his big moment, putting a flaming torch down his trousers and out at the bottom. Luckily for him before he started a safety plug blew on one of the steamers sending out clouds of mucky steam amongst the crowd. The safety procedure was first class everyone was told to move away to allow a large tractor access to the steamer and it was swiftly removed from the building, the doors were left open for a while and soon the air had cleared. This then left the two remaining steamers just ticking over. The fire eater then proceeded with his act to much applause from the crowd.

A very nice evening was had by all. Many thanks to all the committee.

THE BUTLER FAMILY.

WESSEX ANAGRAMS.ANSWERS.

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| 2. RALLY FIELD | 14. VICE CHAIRMAN |
| 3. PRESIDENT | 15. LISTER PUMPS |
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| 11. EDITOR | 23. EXHIBITOR |
| 12. STATIONARY ENGINE | 24. GUDGEON PINS |

Apologies for the typographical error in No. 10 the 'T' was missed out.

THE WINNER THIS YEAR IS MR. ROGER PARSONS OF CLUTTON, NR. BRISTOL.

Many thanks to all members who took part I hope you enjoyed solving them. Mary.

Finding it difficult to attend club evenings at the Old Down Inn, owing to a long term (the last five years) commitment at Trowbridge College I have to rely on feed back from Jackie and she tells me that the January meeting was very well attended for Bob Broome's talk and slide show on 'Bristol Past & Present' on which I hope we will get a more lengthy report. She also told me that a lot of familiar faces came along that we don't see very often, so hopefully the old sparks have been regenerated and I hope it won't be too long before we see them again.

It was nice to receive a letter from Junior club member Edward Jones who asked if I would add an event taking place on the 24/25th June to our rally list. The Bath & Priston Steam Rally will take place on the above date at Camerton, Bath - This rally was formerly the Bath Steam & Vintage Festival and is now being relocated at Camerton, Edward says that this will be a Camerton revival and a chance to remember the good old days. Entries are invited for all sections and entry forms are available from Mr. Mike Smith, 1 Fullers Way, Odd Down, Bath, BA2 2UG. I see from Edwards letter that he will be the stationary engine section steward and I wish him well with this very responsible job and hope they have a successful twodays.

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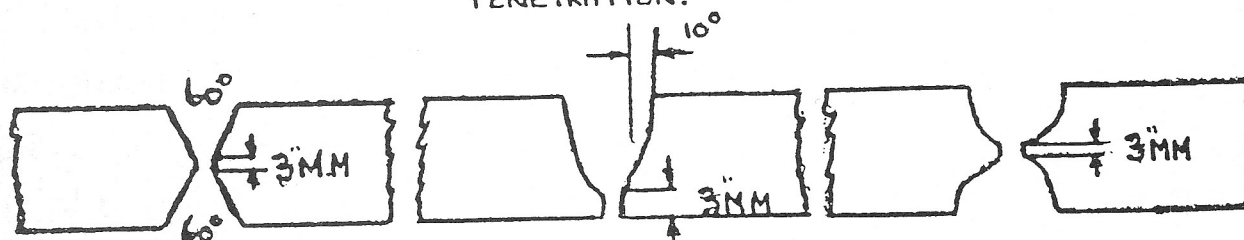
EDGE PREPARATION OF ARC WELDED JOINTS.

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NO PREPARATION. NO GAP
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3-6 M.M.
NO PREPARATION.
GAP OF 2-3 M.M. FOR
PENETRATION.

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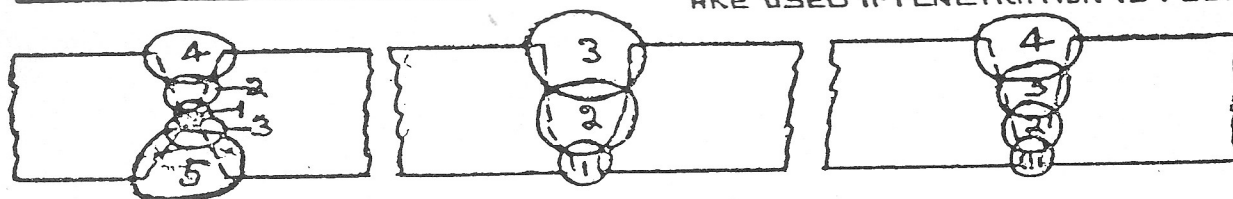
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BUT INCREASES COST
OF PREPARATION.

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SOMETIMES USED WHEN WELDING
FROM BOTH SIDES.

DOUBLE VEE REDUCES DISTORTION. SEALING RUNS WITH SMALL GAUGE ELECTRODE
ARE USED IF PENETRATION IS POOR.



LAYER FORMATION ON THICK PLATES.

NB ALWAYS REMOVE SHARP CORNERS FROM SINGLE AND DOUBLE VEE
PREPARATIONS PRIOR TO WELDING.

WHEN MAKING MULTI-RUN WELDS EACH LAYER MUST BE THOR-
OUGHLY DESLAGGED AND WIRE BRUSHED BEFORE THE NEXT BEAD IS
DEPOSITED.

CRANK-UP AT EVERCREECH JUNCTION DEC 27th 1994

Ray and myself would like to thank all members, exhibitors, visitors and friends who turned up at our crank-up at Evercreech, Considering the atrocious weather we were more than surprised to see so many engines, unloaded uncovered and running. I don't know whether it can be classed as sheer enthusiasm or madness. Thanks all of you who donated to the raffle, this helps to pay for the refreshments and also puts a little into club funds. A special thanks to Mary Verrall, Freda Kersley, Dot Watts and Linda Pike for running the canteen, I'm sure they must have been trained by the Naafi. A full report on this crank-up will appear in the newsletter thanks to Linda Pike, once again thanksto you all. Hope to see you all again next year hopefully with better weather.