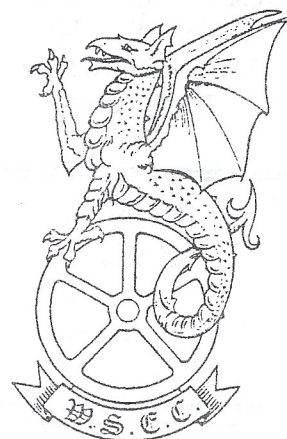


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NEWSLETTER



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******* EDITORIAL *******

I try to make this Newsletter as interesting and informative as possible, but this is proving difficult due to the lack of material submitted for publication. With over 300 members in the Club, and events of one sort or another on all the year round I should be receiving a steady supply of correspondence, this is not happening. I can only tell you if you want the Newsletter to continue in its present form then its future is in your hands.

******* CHAIRMAN'S REPORT *******

All the 'Wessex' events and meetings recently have been well supported. But I was absolutely amazed by the amount of members who turned up for the January meeting at the Old Down Inn. The room ended up packed to capacity. The Guest Speaker was Bob Burgess who gave a talk on agricultural tools, mainly billhooks, of which he has a collection of nearly three thousand. This talk was very well presented and was well received by all present. Bob refused the usual fee paid to speakers so all the proceeds from a very good raffle went to Club funds. You will see from this years programme we have plenty of events, meetings and trips planned, so please give them your support.

BJB.

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

The Club would like to wish a Happy Birthday to Founder Member Eric Brain who I believe this year will have his coal bill paid for by the Government (£200 heating allowance). Also Best Wishes to Brian Verrall who also celebrates his Birthday this Month. Sincere Best Wishes to both of you.

******* ANAGRAMS AND WORDSEARCH COMPETITION *******

In the December Newsletter was a competition, which was compiled by Jackie Lambert. The following members all sent in correct answers; Colin Baker, Arthur Smith, Roger Parsons, M J Jennings, Mr & Mrs L Freeman, Jean Brooks, John Brooks, Brian Read, Colin Nicholson, Roy Cox, Margaret Plummer, Don and Chris Rogers, P and M Marshall, Edwards Thorne, John Thorne, A H Simmons, Roger Pike, John Stoneman, Jerry Watkins, Reg Butler and Mr & Mrs F Whittall. At the January Club Night all the entries were put in the draw and our Guest Speaker Bob Burgess pulled out the winning entry. This was Mr & Mrs F G Whittall from Hereford who wins a years free membership of the Wessex Stationary Engine Club. I would like to thank all members who took part and perhaps next time you have better luck.

******* WANTED WANTED *******

CLUTTON FLOWER SHOW - 11th AUGUST. Stationary engines, Exhibitors Stalls, Vintage Cars, Tractors etc. This could possibly be a 2-day event, I will know certain at a later date. Anyone interested in either event please ring Roger Parsons on 01761 452565 for further information and entry forms.

THE MARKET PLACE

LISTER 'DF'

1000 rpm, lighting set,
ready to run, fitted to
trailer, 1932 **£400**
Tel: 01225 782889.
Bristol area.

LISTER 'A'

Single Flywheel, 600
rpm, 1922, needs some
work, new magneto
£200.
Tel 01225 782889.
Bristol area.

VILLIERS '10'

Mounted on small
climax water pump,
mounted on trolley
with a spare engine in
bits **£75.**
Tel: 01225 782889
Bristol area.

**CLIMAX NO 2
WATER PUMP**

In bits but complete,
ready for restoration **£50**
Tel: 01225 782889.
Bristol area.

**PART-BUILT
TRAILER**

13" wheels **£20.**
Tel: 01225 782889
Bristol area.

LISTER 'A' TYPE

3.75hp, runner, needs
plenty t.l.c. **£70 ono**
Tel: Roger on 01761
452565.
Clutton area.

AIR COMPRESSOR

With mamod show
table. 3 mamods
engines fitted for air. 2
mamods needing
repair, 1 air Wilescro
engine, 1 mamod
timber wagon, 1
mamod timber wagon
incomplete, many
helpful bits and pieces,
the lot for **£550.**
Tel: 01761 782889.
Bristol area.

CAR TRAILER 12'X6'

Good condition, new
floor, spare wheel,
lighting board, side
marker, reflectors, tie
hooks, set ramps
£120 ono
Tel: Roger on 01761
452565.
Clutton area.

1982 FORD FIESTA

Complete or for spares
£30 ono.
Tel: Roger on 01761
452565.
Clutton area.

**FOLDING CHAIRS
£40.****RALLY EQUIPMENT
FOR SALE**

90 posts, 3 large rolls
rope, 300 yds water
pipe, tap and meter.
Tel Joe on 01225
782889.
Bristol area.

**HOMEMADE JAP
LIGHTING SET £20.**

Tel: 01225 782889.
Bristol area.

**IRON FRAME
SANDSTONE
RESTORATION JOB
£20.**

Tel: 01761 782889.
Bristol area.

JAP WATER PUMP 405 MODEL

2 Jap generators 1 x 12v 1 x 24v, BSA generator,
1943, 12 volt, Teagle 40s, 2 Villiers engines 40s,
Delco generator 12 volt 40s, Sanwich o/c engine
1925, all items in good order. 10 petrol cans. For
further details 01432 350826. Hereford area.

WOLSELEY 1.5HP

Fluted cyl. Head **£45**
Tel 01225 782889.
Bristol area.

JOHN DEERE 1.5HP

£750. Rallied last
season, selling for
health reasons. Tel:
0238089 7734
Evenings only
Southampton area.

**SHAY
ROROGARDNER AND
SHAY ROTOSCYTHE.**

Circa 1945, matching
pair 90% complete
including spare engine
and complete set of
tines. Ideal restoration
project. Tel: 01747
851852.

CLUB COACH TRIP

On Sunday August 6th we have organised a Coach Trip to the Museum of the Great Western Railway at Swindon. At the Museum you can experience the sounds, sights and smells of the Railway works where huge locomotives were built. Hear the stories of the Men and Women who worked and travelled in the days of steam. Explore hands on displays and discover what it was like to drive a train. Your day out at STEAM takes you on a journey into the heart of The Great Western Railway in its heyday. One of the largest industrial enterprises in Europe, making Swindon a major railway town. If all this isn't enough, the Museum is adjacent to The McArthur Glen Great Western Designer outlet. This is the largest undercover shopping complex in Europe (Gents you have been warned, leave your cheque books at home!). The coach will leave Nunney Catch Transport Café Car Park at 9am prompt and can pick up at Frome and Trowbridge. The fare for the coach and admission to the Museum will be £10.50 per head. Bookings to Jackie on 10373 463526, this will be on a first come first served basis, so don't be disappointed **BOOK NOW.**

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

SATURDAY MARCH 3RD – SOMERSET SORT-OUT AT WINCHESTER FARM, CHEDDAR. 8am onwards. Refreshments available. All pitches £5, buyers only £1 admission. Lets have a good response from the Club Members for this important fund raising event. Details Ring 01749 342671.

SUNDAY MARCH 18TH – SOUTH SOMERSET SORT-OUT AT YEOVIL CATTLE MARKET. 10am onwards For further details ring 01935 824543.

MONDAY MARCH 26TH – CLUB NIGHT AT THE OLD DOWN INN. Guest Speaker Jack Guest OBE (Ex Policeman) a talk entitled 46 years laughing. Usual Raffle.

SUNDAY APRIL 1ST – VISIT TO JOHN UPTONS ENGINE COLLECTION at Grateley, Nr Andover (see last months Newsletter for map of the area). This Open Day is from 9am onwards. The collection is reputed to be over 300 engines and the Upton family is renowned for their hospitality. This is a visit not to be missed.

SUNDAY APRIL 16TH – MELLS DAFFODIL RALLY. Contact Robin Lambert on 01373 463526.

SUNDAY 29TH APRIL - CRANK-UP AT NUNNEY CATCH. Everyone welcome. Prizes for the raffle would be appreciated. For details ring 01935 824543.

MONDAY APRIL 30TH – CLUB NIGHT AT THE OLD DOWN INN. Guest Speaker: Reg Dalley (Ex Somerset Coal Miner). Talk on his life in the local coalmines in the Radstock area.

MAY 5TH, 6TH & 7TH – ABBEY HILL STEAM RALLY, YEOVIL. For details ring 01935 863603.

SUNDAY 13TH MAY – HAZELBURY BRYAN RALLY AND CAR BOOT. This is one of the best one-day rallies in the West Country. An event not to be missed, Whether as an exhibitor or as a visitor.

SUNDAY 3RD JUNE – TATWORTH PLAYING FIELD RALLY. For details ring 01460 220786.

SATURDAY 9TH & 10TH JUNE – WEST DORSET CLUB RALLY AT WEST BAY. For details ring 01308 421568.

16TH & 17TH JUNE

WESSEX STATIONARY ENGINE CLUB RALLY AT WINCHESTER FARM, CHEDDAR.

ENQUIRIES TO 01749 342671.

14TH & 15TH JULY – COUNTRYSIDE CAVALCADE. Bath & West Showground. Enquiries to 01458 831134.

SATURDAY & SUNDAY 18TH & 19TH AUGUST – YESTERDAYS FARMING AT TINTINHULL, YEOVIL. For further details ring 01823 432379.

***** LETTERS TO THE EDITOR *****

Dear Brian,

I attended the Portland Steam & Vintage Show last year, and they would like to invite any W.S.E.C. member to their Rally on Sat/Sun 18th/19th August 2001. This is their 3rd year, and because of its success has now been classed as a major event by the Tourist Dept. of the Weymouth & Portland Borough Council. There is 25-30 acres of flat lawn area for exhibitors. Anyone wishing to stay for the weekend period, there is free live entertainment with bar on the Saturday evening. Overnight camping Friday & Saturday, but there are no electric hook-ups.

ROGER PARSONS.

***** RUSTY METAL (OR HOW I GOT HOOKED)

..... *Continued from last months Newsletter* *****

I used all the tricks in the book and out of it to free that piston all to no avail, I even tried to push the piston out by putting a small jack into the crank case with a steel plate fixed across the conrod at the big end but my courage left me after a few strokes on the jack handle (you can't get new crank cases for Petter Victory models) and I could see myself with a lot of bits of cast iron if I was not very careful so out came the jack and back to thinking what else I could do to remove the piston and conrod. Now what you must realise dear reader is that I had been trying to remove the said piston for six months, using plus gas, diesel, heat and everything else I could think of. I do not like brute force but a time comes when this is the only way left. I obtained a block of oak, this I shaped to fit into the bore and carved the end to fit over the piston deflector so that the block was in contact with all of the piston not just touching in one place. Now it was time to pray for I was about to hit the oak bung with a 14lb hammer, deep breath and swing, crack, one good hit, take out block and see how far the piston had moved. Not one xxxxy thou so back in went the lump of oak and I decided to give it one more blow that would put fear into the heart of any engine man. I once again removed the wood, had the piston moved? Yes about 1/8" but when I took hold of conrod and pushed upwards that ruddy piston slid straight out of the bore, no rust, no broken rings, it was just stuck in the bore by old fuel or oil drying into the best glue I have ever come across. I could now get on and restore this engine. A fair few of us must regret selling an engine we have worked on and returned to first class order, I know that I regret letting the Victory go, at this time I was very unwell and I got pestered for this engine and I sold it only to find out that it was very soon sold on, oh well that's life – anyone got a seized 1918 5hp Petter Victory going cheap. I still had the apple top, this was a running engine in as found condition and with original paintwork in very good condition, year of manufacture about 1936/37, it had a mechanical lubricator and was mounted on skids. A year or two had passed and I got to know of another apple top a lot older and in need of a good home. It's owner would never name a price, well I was exhibiting at the Selwood Rally at Longleat and got into conversation with the chap next to me in the engine line, he wanted an apple top, in fact I think he would have paid anything to get one. The engine I had was stripped for storage, flywheels removed, magneto removed, lubricator taken off etc. I have burned the midnight oil many times but never have I rebuilt a Petter, mounted it onto its skids, made a new lubricator drive and had the engine running in about 7 hours, I then loaded it into the van to take to Longleat the next morning. With eyes held open with match sticks I drive back to the rally and into the engine line, before I could get out of the van a voice said 'have you got it?', Yes said I but by this time matey was round the back of the truck, one look, no haggling, a wad of notes was pushed into my hand and I was no longer the owner of a Petter apple top – but not for long, as after the rally I made a detour on my way back to Trowbridge calling on the owner of the much older apple top. 'How much for the apple top?' I asked. Oh I don't know came the reply, so I pulled out some of the money I had from my sale that morning, on seeing money the Petter was soon in the van on its way to a good home and well I did have room in the garage. The Petter turned out to be of 1920 vintage with engine No; 51020. One engine I did not restore myself but I could not refuse when offered was my Bamford 2.5hp, open crank tulip top. Now if you have engines one gets wanting something for them to drive, this I mentioned to a fellow club member that I would like to get something for my engines to drive, I have just the thing a corn mill was the reply I don't want it, so at the next club meeting the mill changed hands, it was in kit form but a good clean, repaint and some new parts that I made I made the mill was up and running, that is all but the wooden hopper, that was to be made from oak. Me and wood don't mix and I never want to try and make another and if I do we have a good carpenter on the committee. I have had many ups and downs with this hobby but I would not change it, I have had many good times as a member of the W.S.E.C. and I try in my own way to give a little back as a Committee member. I do have a few more tales to tell and I will do so in the future. I have just remembered the Lister 2.5hp B type that came from Hulavington, it's lying in the back of the garage. I must get that restored, it wants a fair bit of work, so if anyone has a few hours to spare and does not mind derusting old iron, come on over to Trowbridge, I will make you most welcome. Teas, biscuits and plasters all free.

E.J.GAY

***** WANTED WANTED WANTED WANTED *****

Goods that can be sold from THE CLUB SHOP at The Cheddar Rally

Any saleable goods would be appreciated, household goods, clothes, toys, tools, crockery, etc.

This is usually a good fundraiser for the Club, so please help out. Goods can be given to any Committee member at any meeting or event or contact Leslie on 01934 743411.