

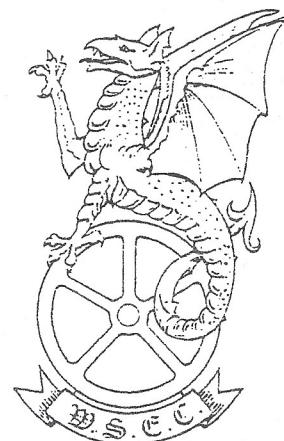
WESSEX STATIONARY ENGINE CLUB LIMITED

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NEWSLETTER

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******* CHAIRMANS REPORT *******

The club got off to a really good start to the New Year with the first meeting this year at the Old Down Inn. Our guest speaker was Martin Phippard who gave us an excellent talk, backed up with a video and a slide presentation on the Great Alaskan Highway. It was exactly a year ago when Martin gave us a talk on the Australian Road Trains, members must have remembered this superb evenings entertainment as the room was packed to capacity, and myself and other committee members had to go and collect chairs from the other rooms to cope with the rush. The usual raffle was held half way through the talk, and with over thirty prizes on offer I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members who donate prizes to all the raffles we hold, because they really do add to the entertainment value of the meetings and events and also a valuable contribution to club funds. Thank you one and all to who contribute. A big thank you also to Diana Davis who always helps me with the raffles, selling the tickets, and assisting with the draw, Diana thank you very much. As you read this it will only be a matter of a few weeks before our events for 2004 will start, please give the programme for this year your utmost support.

******* RALLY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY *******

MAY 15-16th. CASTLE COOMBE Steam and Vintage Rally. Contact 01454 294117.

MAY 29-30-31st SELWOOD Steam and Vintage Rally. Southwick, Trowbridge. Contact 01373 466846.

JUNE 12-13th WILTSHIRE Steam Rally. Wroughton Science Museum. Contact 01672 810534.

JUNE 18-19-20th. LISTER TYNDALE Rally. Contact 01453 546024.

JULY 3-4th. HEDDINGTON and STOCKLEY RALLY. Contact 01380 859399.

JULY 17-18th. SOMERSET STEAM SPECTACULAR. Langport.

JULY 23-24-25th. NETLEY MARSH RALLY. Contact 023 8086 7882.

AUGUST 6-7-8th TORBAY STEAM FAIR. Contact 01803 853989.

AUGUST 7-8th WEST SOMERSET RAILWAY Bishops Lydeard. Contact 01823 433856.

AUGUST 14-15th WESSEX STATIONARY ENGINE RALLY at Clutton. Contact 01985 840385.

AUGUST 21-22nd SOUTH SOMERSET'S YESTERDAYS FARMING. Contact 01749 813967.

AUGUST 29-30th HONITON HILL RALLY. Contact 01935 516484.

THIS IS A COPY OF A POEM SENT TO CECIL GIBLET ON HIS 80th BIRTHDAY. IT PROBABLY ECHOES THE SENTIMENTS OF MANY OF OUR OLDER MEMBERS.

Today dear Lord, I'm 80, and there's so much I haven't done,
So I hope dear Lord you'll let me live until I'm 81.
But then if I haven't finished all I want to do,
Would you let me stay a while until I'm 82.
So many places I want to go, so many things to see,
Do you think you could manage to make it 83?
The world is changing very fast, there is so much in store,
I think perhaps I would like to live until-I'm 84.
And if by then I'm still alive, I'd like to stay to 85.
More planes will be up in the air, life will be full of kicks,
I'd like to see the world when I'm 86.
I know dear Lord, it's much to ask, (and it must be nice in Heaven),
But I would really like to stay until I'm 87.
I know by then I won't be fast, and sometimes will be late,
But it would be very good to be around until I'm 88.
I have seen so many things, and life has been so fine,
So I'm sure I will be willing to leave at 89 (maybe)...

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

SATURDAY MARCH 6th. WSEC Spring Sortout at Cranmore Railway Station, Cranmore, Nr Shepton Mallet. Pitches still only £5. Buyers £1. The restaurant will be open for food and drinks. Lets have good support for this event as it helps to raise money for club funds.

SUNDAY MARCH 14th A club visit to MILESTONES MUSEUM, LEISURE PARK, CHURCHILL WAY, WEST BASINGSTOKE HAMPSHIRE. This is on the B3400 road off the ring road around Basingstoke. If anyone who is going wants to share transport or follow someone who has been before, if they meet up at the village of Heytesbury nr Warminster at the Red lion pub at 9-30 am, any spare vehicles can be left there. If you are interested contact Arthur or Liz on 01985 840385.

SUNDAY MARCH 21st. South Somerset's SORTOUT at Palmer's Bunford, Lane Yeovil. 9am onwards Ample parking. Refreshments on site. Contact 01935 824543 or 01935 822845.

MONDAY MARCH 29th. Club Night at the Old Down Inn. Guest speaker Peter Davey giving a talk and slide show on the Clifton Rocks railway. The usual grand raffle for club funds.

SUNDAY APRIL 4th. Spring Crank-Up at Nunney Catch Transport Cafe. With kind permission from Jackie and Gordon. Bring any bits for sale. Usual giant raffle.

MONDAY APRIL 12th. Mells Daffodil Rally. To book your place ring Robin on 01373 463526.

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

Wanted governor assembly for Petter PH1, or will purchase a complete engine. If you can help please ring Tom Randle on 07855 961401.

HINTS AND TIPS

If anyone requires advice on interior decoration they should contact Cecil Giblet of Street. Cecil has discovered a way of painting his kitchen without using a brush. All you have to do is to acquire a tin of Amanco Carnation red paint, and put it on the gas stove to heat it up prior to painting the Amanco. **This is the important bit**, if you do not remove the cover from the tin of paint the result will be an amazing stippled effect on the ceiling achieved without any effort or the use of a brush.



WESSEX MINDBENDER ANSWERS:

13 in a BD	Bakers Dozen
12 D of C	Days of Christmas
18 H on a GC	Holes on a Golf Course
S16 and NBK	Sweet Sixteen and never been Kissed
1,2,B my S	1, 2 Buckle my Shoe
G & the 3 B	Goldilocks & the Three Bears
57 H V	57 Heinz Varieties
U F S N 13	Unlucky For Some Number 13
30 D have S A J N	30 Days have September April June November
4 and 20 B B B in a P	4 & 20 Black Birds Baked in a Pie
7B for 7B	7 Brides for 7 Brothers

Delivered by the Coalman	Blackstone	They made cash registers	National
Richard Burton married one	Taylor	Close to Coventry	Warwick
Alan Titchmarsh	Gardner	Running through Bath	Avon
? Fairbanks (Actor)	Douglas	She lived in Osborne House	Victoria
Type of potato	Ailsa Craig or Majestic	Actor who lived in Bates Motel	Perkins
Mr Grimsdales friend	Norman	Religious fellow	Priestman

KEVIN PHILLIPS

All the correct entries were put in draw and the winning name was.. **OLDLAND COMMON. BRISTOL.**
 Congratulations, you will receive a free years membership, if you are already paid up your money will be refunded. Thanks to all who entered and if you didn't win, better luck next time.

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

FOR SALE Box Trailer. 7x4. Drop down tailgate. Winch. 13" wheels.. Brakes. Ready to use for rallys etc. £250. For further details ring Roy on 01934 419826. Weston-S- Mare area.

FOR SALE 1978 Honda CX 500 V Twin Motorcycle. Shaft drive. 26000 mls. Genuine reason for sale. Taxed and MOT. Classic Insurance. £1800. 1929 Petter "M". 6hp. Generator Set 110v. Stand-by unit never used. Single Flywheel. With Base Plate. No switchboard otherwise complete. £280 o.n.o. For further details ring 02380 811250. Southampton area.

FOR SALE Bradford King of All. 3hp. Restored on trolley. Excellent working condition £300.

Stuart Turner & Pump. Restored on trolley. Excellent working condition £250.

Lister "A" type. On trolley. Good working condition. £150.

Norman Twin T300. Mk 1. Good working condition. £100.

Dennis. All complete ready for rebuild, some work already done. £35. For further information on this engine contact previous owner, committee member Tony Davis on 01373 464982.

1964 Ford Anglia 105E 997cc. Tax exempt, excellent original condition, ready for use. Tax and MOT until March, to be sold with new MOT. New tyres fitted. Just right for the summer shows. £1500. For any of the above contact Secretary Arthur Smith on 01985 840385. **NO OFFERS.**

***** BREAMORE HOUSE AND COUNTRYSIDE MUSEUM *****

This is a place in the countryside where you can spend several hours walking around the grounds, and have a guided tour of the house. Then take an hour or two looking around the countryside museum, they have quite a collection of tractors, the oldest being a 1917 Mogul 16 hp, some agricultural machinery etc, including a traction engine which is quite often in steam driving a thrashing machine. There is also a maze should you wish to get lost, or lose someone else. Now before you go home pay a visit to their tea room where you can get what I call a decent size slice of cake and a good cup of tea to help it down, well worth a visit. It is on the right hand side of the A338 road going from Salisbury to Ringwood just on the south side of Downton. They are open from Easter to September 30th, Tuesdays Wednesdays Thursdays and Saturdays and Sundays. 2pm - 5-30pm. We will go back again for sure.

HENRY SIMMONS.

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

Dear Mr Baker,
WESSEX STATIONARY ENGINE CLUB LIMITED.

First of all I would like to thank you for the exchange newsletters between your club and our own the Kent Group of the NVTEC. Reading the reports on your Mince Pie Crank Up at Cranmore Railway Station and also your Anti-freeze Crank Up at Nunney Catch Transport Cafe in your January Newsletter, I noticed that there was mention of a Colt Mini Tractor. As the owner of one of these machines I would be extremely pleased to hear from the owner of the one in your area as there seems to be a number of them. Most appear to have gearbox trouble and are not rallyable. Although I have managed to obtain some information on them and also their various implements, any further details would always be more than welcome. I would be grateful if you would either forward this letter on to your member or perhaps you would like to print part, or all of it in your next edition. Hoping we will continue our long standing friendship between the two clubs.

Yours sincerely,

Marjorie Cheeseman (Mrs).

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It was certainly a pleasant surprise to me getting a letter from a reader of the newsletter who is not a member of this club but from another club in Kent, at least it tells me the newsletter is being read. I cannot help Marjorie with the name of the owner of the Colt mini-tractor as we do not make a list of the exhibitors who attend our crank-up's, it may not even have been a member of WSEC. However if the owner of the Colt, or any member who knows who owns it gets in touch with me I can pass on the details to Marjorie. Marjorie thank you very much for writing to our club, you will have to attend one of our crank-up's where you might be able to see this tractor yourself. EDITOR.

***** NEW MEMBERS *****

Luke Coates Junior Member from Bishops - Cannings, Devizes, Wiltshire. **Mr S. Bailey** and Junior Member **James** from Fordingbridge Hampshire. **William Rogers** from Farrington Gurney. (William has been a Junior member for the last 18 years). **Mr and Mrs G Champion** from Chippenham. And last, but by no means least, **Mr Peter Jannaway** from Taranaki, New Zealand. We would like to welcome you to the Wessex Stationary Engine Club and hope your membership will be a long and happy one.

NEW ITEM FOR SALE IN THE CLUB SHOP.

POLO SHIRTS with club logo on. Only £8 each. These can be sent mail order @ £8 plus £1 post and packing. Sizes M. L. Ex L. Colour Navy Blue. Cheques made payable to WSEC Ltd. Send to Diana Davis, OUROME, No 12 Charles Road, Frome, Somerset, BA11 1NT.

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