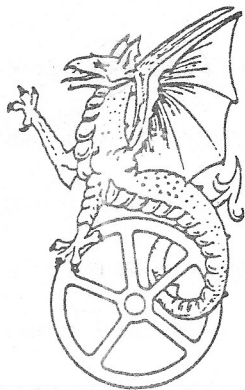


WESSEX STATIONARY ENGINE CLUB

NEWSLETTER



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THE CLUB TENTH ANNIVERSARY RALLY - Cheddar Football Ground, June 20/21 1987

We arrived at Cheddar on the Friday morning expecting to see the rallyfield a sea of water following all the rain on Thursday but to our surprise the ground was still rock hard. Phil Harris, Brian Verrall, Bill Coombs and Robin Lambert were already there whilst Derrick Watts met us at the gate. By mid-day we had the site staked out and waited for the first arrivals who turned out to be some Cornish entrants. By evening we had about 2/3rds of the entrants on the field and were beginning to worry about whether we had enough space for the remainder. At this point it was a great pleasure to greet our farthest travelled entrant, Andrew Mercer, all the way from Lauder in Berwickshire, Scotland. It was good to see this year our Secretary, Shirley Gale and Andy with their tent along with Bob Hallam. We certainly hope to see them staying over a bit more now they have tasted the open-air life...! After a couple of drinks to christen the bar, we retired to bed knowing that the sun was going to shine the next day.

And what a lovely day Saturday turned out to be (thank-you up there...!). We managed to fit everyone in and even a Bouncing Castle for the kids. Tony Andrews was there with his Swing-Boats and Roundabouts and also Mr. Punch did his bit. We had a very good turn-out of Club members and visitor entrants with quite a few public; some of our entrants had a bout of a very rare malady called 'sun-burn' after a walk up to Cheddar Gorge.

The highlight of the evening was the Engineman's Social evening, what a night that was! We ran out of food but the entertainer was very good; she has been booked for our Annual Social evening at Halloween in October. The Football Club did us proud with the bar and Herb excelled even himself with the raffle. Well done Herbie! - a success as usual. Most people turned in for the night around midnight after I told them all how it was going to rain; how wrong I eventually turned out to be as Sunday was yet another lovely day (thank-you again up there). I thought it was only Roy Cox whom the sun shone on!

We had many more public on the Sunday but there were a few moaners. One man thought £1 entrance fee was too dear; the usual moans came from the stall-holders who didn't think enough money went in their pockets. However, generally speaking more people approached me and thanked me for the show.

Awards were presented as follows:- Best Horizontal Engine: Tony Marlow, Gardner Gas Engine; Best Vertical Engine: A. Wines, Petter 1½ hp; Best Engine by Junior Entrant: Neil Puttick, Wolseley WD11; Best Visitor's Engine: Mr. Weedon, Petter; Best Car: Derek Maybee, Austin 20 hp; Best Motorcycle: Royal Enfield; Best Tractor: D.Nutt; Best Steam Entry, Ron Torr; Best Working Engine, Alex Chambers, Lister 6 hp and Stone Crusher.

The following grateful thanks are due as follows: All the Club members who helped so willingly all weekend (Roy, Ivor, Dave, Taffy, etc.). the committee members whose enthusiasm made the rally such a success and my work so easy. The Ladies for the food, the singer, Sally Pople, for her entertainment, Phil Harris and Brian Verrall for all the 'local' work done weeks and weeks before the event, Tom Randall for the programmes, Presto Supermarket, Weston-super-Mare for raffle prizes, Special Constable for road traffic duties, St. John's Ambulance Service, Malcolm Fleet for PA system, Stepehn May for use of this field as car park, Cheddar Football Club for the use of their field and bar, Farmec Hire for tractor and water cart, GOD for the fine weather, the Welsh contingent for invading us in such force, Herb Gane for the loan of the lorry and the raffles, my wife for being such a tower of strength and for putting up with a 'moaner' all weekend, and above all many, many thanks to all who supported us on this our 10th anniversary event for without you we could not have run it. If I have missed anyone out, please excuse me as it will take me about a year to recover from all the

walking about the site. Perhaps someone else will write about the engines as I really didn't have any time to look at them.....!

Brian Munt

CHFDDAR SFLCTION

Andy Mercer was seen purchasing a book entitled 'Schweppes Guide to Scotch'. It was, we understand, for 'educational purposes'.

Herb Gane arrived at the rally with his Bates & Edmunds 'Bulldog' without any oil; the RSPCA are investigating.

Poor old Dave Clack from Trowbridge tried all weekend to get his Bamford 2½ hp to run with no success. Hard luck Dave.

Our young junior member, Neil Puttick, won a Petter A type in the raffle. Well done Neil, when will we see it again out on the rallyfield?

LONGLEAT RALLY - Selwood Vintage Preservation club

This rally was held just across the road from Longleat House but for me so much happened before I arrived there. Firstly, going through Frome on my way to the rally there was a big bang from my Punch & Judy/Fair Organ trailer and we came to a halt. The draw-bar on the trailer had snapped at the weld and was just hanging by a hair's breadth. God was on my side for sure that day because right alongside my trailer was the Somerset Forge. The boss of the firm himself welded it up for me - how lucky can you be? Members, take note and check your trailers before setting out; you may not be so lucky.

Arriving at Longleat, I was met by Bill Foster as usual who found a spot for my organ. There were quite a few Wessex members present when by 4 p.m. down came the rain. From then on everyone either stayed in their vans or went home; my old friend Don Rogers took 12 of us back over to Ston Easton in his van to his Club. I went with Gordon Cleal and his wife, Phil Harris and Audrey and Andrew to see the Longleat flowers and Shearwater; we went in a Land Rover - done my piles no end of good that did! Never been to Shearwater before but as we were on our way round the lake, Audrey shouted 'stop'. She said she had seen two monkeys in the woods; when we investigated we found it to be two Red Setters. Everyone said Audrey needed glasses so we went back to Longleat for a pint in the bar and fish & chips. Must be the dearest beer in all Wiltshire; I dare anyone to ask Gordon Cleal about jacket potatoes.

Next day the weather was lovely even though it had rained all night, so we spent all morning looking at the car-boot stalls. It was nice to see Tony Jones out and about at the Rally on Saturday and thanks to Bill Foster and his daughter for an enjoyable weekend.

Punch & Judy took it very steady on the way home in case the draw-bar broke again; better to hit our car than someone else's.

Brian Munt

(This report was heavily censored, it was originally X-certificate. Anyone who wants the unexpurgated version must ask Jackie Lambert or Marg Appleby - they will tell you on receipt for a free prize for Herbie's raffle....Fd).

PRISTON STEAM EVENING - June 3rd

Priston is a lovely, unspoiled village nestling in a beautiful valley near Bath and reached only along narrow country lanes. It's main feature is the little village pub where, each summer, the village green comes to life, thronging with people and heavy with the beat of steam engines and fairground organ music. This year, good weather brought a good entry of exhibits, including Mike Hodgson with his Petter 1½ hp M, John and Diana Emery with the Ruston Hornsby 5 IP and a selection of other exhibitors and their engines. Star of the show was the very early Stanley Steam Car owned by the 'Sentinel' Gould brothers, recently restored and MOT'd. This was so good as to defy description. Fairground and street organs provided the music, there were coconut shies, vintage cars and motorcycles, a nice Bristol half-cab bus, to say nothing of the Showman's tractor of H. Fry from Yeovil and the Clayton Roller. All this and more, not bad for an evening show; well an evening which ended for some well past midnight! Punch & Judy attended under the auspices of Brian Munt and the weatherman turned off the tap for the evening. A nice little annual show; well worth attending.

Emerson Brantingham

OVERHEARD AT TATTON PARK

'Lister D-types...! We use them for hard-core down our (Bridgwater) way.....!'

ABERGAVENNY RALLY - May 24/25

Due to work commitments I only attended this rally on the Monday, setting off with my father, Fd Thorne, and Dave Squire at 7.45 a.m. and having a good trouble free run arriving on site at 9.15 a.m.

The Site, Bailey Park, is right in the centre of Abergavenny, a nice level and well-lawned public park made even nicer because the sun was shining. We unloaded our engines and then set about oiling and watering them. Both Dad's engine and mine were on their first outings; mine being the 1½ hp Tangye that I bought off of Mike Cannon last year at the May Crank-Up and Dad's a National 2½ hp which he bought at this rally last year. We soon had our engines running and set off, leaving Dad in charge, to see who and what else was attending.

The first thing that caught my eye was at the other end of the engine area. This was four very large portable engines, the first being a 18½ hp lampstart Blackstone, the second a 12 hp Hornsby, the third a 10½ hp Hornsby and the fourth a 9 hp Hornsby - what an impressive sight this was; even more so as they were all owned by the same man, Ray Jones. After a good look at those, I moved on a little to find a very nice rare lamp-start Marshall, and from the information it displayed, it claimed that only five of this type were ever produced. This particular engine was produced specially for 'show' use and believed to be the only one left. There were many makes and models on display but even so, not many were duplicated; not bad considering there were approximately 120 engines on display. Some of the other engines that caught my eye were a 3½ hp Ruston Hornsby IP, a 5 hp lamp-start National, a vertical International Harvester 'Nonpareil', and Aermotor and two John Deeres. Looking further afield, there was a good selection of steam exhibits, cars, motorcycles, models and stalls with a fair ground. In the engine area I did not meet many Wessex members, only Terry Heath, so perhaps next year a few more will be encouraged to put this one on their event calendar.

John Thorne

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR (Always welcome, where did they spring from this month? Gwen Large started the ball rolling in last month's edition! F.d.).

Dear Eric,

The Wessex Stationary Engine Club Rally is always a social event in our Rally Calendar; thank you all for putting up with us once again this year and for the friendly happy two days we spent at Cheddar - surely your best rally yet? We brought our 2¼ hp Hired Man, no.128112 to the rally as it spent its entire working life on a nearby farm, hoping that a visitor might recognise it but no luck. The chap we bought it from has forgotten the names and location. We are convinced that it ran better than ever as it was 'home'. What a road from Blandford to Cheddar; 2 hours to do 48 miles. However, give us that sort of road any day when you are not in a hurry, takes your mind back to the the Matador and trailer in the '20' m.p.h. days, pleasant memories. Hoping to see you all again next year.

Richard & Caroline Cuff, Blandford Forum, Dorset

Dear Eric,

I am writing to ask if anyone has any suggestions on how to tackle a problem I have. The problem is as follows:- I want to restore a diesel engine next so as to broaden my experience. I found a suitable Lister 'LD' diesel laying behind a fish & chip shop in Trowbridge. 'Hey' I thought, 'seized, dirty but complete and ready for restoration'.

I decided to have a chat with the owner after I had tracked him down; he proved to also own the chip shop. He was very awkward, partly because his English was not very good! He insisted that he still uses the machine even though it is seized and has no fuel or oil in it.

Perhaps if you print this, maybe someone could give me some advice on how to get around the problem; also I would like to know much a very rough example of this model is worth. It's no good to him is it!

Graham Raymond, 35 Wilton Drive, Trowbridge (Junior Member)

(My imagination sees 260 Wessex member trudging around Trowbridge, shortly after the publication date of this edition, each armed with a Chinese, Italian and a Greek dictionary - and of course, the Yellow Pages - in a desperate bid to seek out and secure this prized Dursley artifact. Now Graham has a bigger problem, he will be caught in the stampede.....! F.d.).

Dear Eric,

Last weekend, Anne, Shaun and I had the pleasure of attending the WSFC Rally at Cheddar. This will certainly go down in the 'Black Book' as one of the year's high spots. As you may well know, we attend some 30 or so events per year, but it is not often that we combine good weather, companionship and surroundings as we had in Cheddar. Never before have we been insulted so nicely and in such a lovely setting.

Unfortunately, the alcoholic beverages consumed at Saturday evening has dulled the grey matter and I cannot remember the names of our entertainers but this certainly did not detract from the enjoyment. They really were an excellent way to round off a perfect day. Mr. Munt said they may attend our social evening; YFS PLEASEF.

I won't single out any one person for praise among the organising committee, but suffice to say

that they can all be proud of themselves. If this is the first independent effort, then roll on the next. Brian remarked that there had been a few moaners; take a tip from me, forget them, I heard much more praise than moans.

In short, when Brian was listing all the acknowledgements at the end of the rally he missed out the most important one, namely the Wessex Stationary Engine Club, so on behalf of all the Welsh visitors -indeed and everyone else on the field, Diolch-an-fawr! (I think).

Emerson Salkeld, Anne and Shaun, 36 Duckpool Road, Newport, Gwent.

Dear Mr. Brain,

Could you find room for the following in next month's Newsletter please:-

At last the day has arrived that Neil has been waiting so long and so patiently for - his very first engine rally. And what a way to start!

The Cheddar rally was great, the weather beautiful and the company good fun. Firstly he won a Petter A2 engine in the raffle, and then the Junior Trophy for the best engine restored by a Junior entrant, result - one very happy young man who ended the weekend thoroughly excited, tired but extremely happy. We should personally like to thank above all Rob Lambert for all his kindness, help and attention in making a youngster's dream of rallying come true. Thanks Rob for everything.

Mary & Alan Puttick, Frome, Somerset.

TATTON 100, Tatton Park, Cheshire - June 27/28

To some, a rally way up in Cheshire sounds a daunting exercise but, in practice, this was not so. We arrived on the Friday afternoon after a steady, legal but seemingly speedy trip up the M6 to be greeted by Club members Brian Verall and Derrick Watts along with Andrew Mercer. They had spent all week on the Tatton site having entered the mid-Cheshire show a few days previously. By the number of already pegged out spaces, it was soon apparent that this was going to be a rally to remember.

This thought was vindicated on the Saturday morning when the field soon filled with the greatest variety of engines I have ever seen; yes, including both of the Longleat rallies which proved so popular around the turn of the decade. Rarities which spring to mind were an air-cooled IHC 1½ hp, a super Marshall lamp-start, a number of Gardners of a variety of types, a huge Ingeco, a Pinkney, a Forward, Filler Johnson, Emerson Brantingham, Campbell, Ogle, Wilton, Spong, Aermotor, Madison, Leek, etc., etc. I think, however, that my favourite was probably the Hesford, this superbly restored exhibit had a most unique shaped water-hopper and although of British manufacture, had a decidedly transatlantic style about it.

Two full days proved to be insufficient to see all there was to see; I am even now, two weeks later, reading my programme and trying to recall some of the engines. Unfortunately, a temporary malfunction of the camera resulted in the loss of an entire film but perhaps some of the other Wessex members present had more success to enable the Club to see a little of Tatton Park Rally 1987 at the Member's Night next month? Yes folks, a good few Wessex members were there - F.m.Salkeld and Anne, Dave Squire, John and F.d Thorne, Grahame White - in addition to the aforementioned. Entrants came from as far afield as Holland, Aberdeen, Kent, Cornwall, Weymouth and Fifehire; visitors from the USA and Australia.

Roll on next year; it's a rally to look forward to.....

Eric Brain

PLEASE send all copy, articles, adverts, etc. for inclusion in the Newsletter to Eric Brain,
5 Greenridge, Clutton, Nr. Bristol.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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| 2 Aug.(Sun.) | 'Crank-Up at Tencrest Garage, between Gurney Slade and Oakhill, next to the Mendip Inn. About 40 engines required. Also Car-Boot Sales. Ring Bill Coombs on Oakhill 840868 (evenings). |
| 15/16 Aug. | Beadon Rally near Weston-Super-Mare. |
| 5/6 Sept. | Engine exhibits are required for Bradford Wharf Show at Bradford-on-Avon. If you are interested ring Chris Arnold, Bradford-on-Avon 6565. |
| 5 Sept. | Wellow Craft Show requires some engine exhibits. Contact Mike Cannon, Bath 859536 |
| 12/13 Sept. | 'Yesterday's Farming' at Hazelbury Plucknett, Crewkerne, a super show under the auspices of the South Somerset Agricultural Preservation Society. Details from Brian Crudge, 22 Stoke Road, Taunton. |
| 27 Sept. | Full Quart Crank-Up at the Full Quart Inn, Hewish, near Weston-super-Mare. Entries by invitation only due to space but well worth a visit. Proceeds to CLIC (Cancer & Leukaemia in Childhood Trust). |

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CLUB EVENTS

- 24 Aug. (Not the last Monday this month due to Bank Holiday). Members night, a chance for you, the member, to bring along your slides, photos, etc. or give a little talk, perhaps on an engine related (preferably) subject of your choice.
- 28 Sept. Member's Models. Bring along the model of your choice to show off to the Club. Aircraft, Dinky Toys, Traction Engines, Model Stationary Engines, Tractors, etc. Anyone bringing Samantha Fox will have to pay her fee and expenses themselves; this Club unfortunately does not have that sort of money.....!
- 10 Oct. Coach Trip to the Black Country Museum and Steam working at Dudley, Staffs. Details to follow. Hopefully, less pick-up points and more time at the venue.
- 18 Oct. Car Boot Sales. Locations yet to be announced - this is a Club Fund Raising effort to help the Halloween Social Evening. Please make a note of the date and turn out all you unwanted junk ready to set up a stall and help yourself and the Club to make some money.
- 26 Oct. Talk on the 'Mendip Railways of the Oakhill Brewery' by the Rev. Alan Newman. This was just up the road from our meeting venue, the Old Down Inn, Fimborough.

FOR SALE

Pentax ES Camera SLR with Vivitar 35mm lens in very good condition, £65. Richard Weston, 38 Church Road, Peasedown, Bath. Tel. Radstock 32857.

Trio 9R-59D HF receiver with external speaker and handbook, £40. Eric Brain, 5 Greenridge, Clutton, Bristol. Tel. (0761) 52633.

Ruston Hornsby, Type BPR, 4 hp Class 1 on trolley ready to rally, £275; **Lister Diesel 6/1** recently rebuilt with new major components, on trolley. Complete and running, £150. Eric Brain, as above.

3 hp Ruston Hornsby PB, No.183174, £40. Offers invited for **two Lister D-types** one with root pulper, nos. 142235 and 63553. Tel. Mr. R. White, 0202-825032.

Lister L type, restorable and good runner, original trolley but no tanks. 1924, £75 ono. Dave Clack. Tel. Trowbridge 61987 (evenings).

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HALLOWEEN SOCIAL EVENING AT CHILCOMPTON VILLAGE HALL, Saturday, 31st October

After the successful evening held last year at the Chilcompton Village Hall, we are once again repeating this social gathering of Club members and friends.

This year we will be having a cold buffet supplied by an outside caterer and entertainment by Miss Sally Pople, who entertained us so well at our Cheddar Rally, also a bar with the same type of drinks as we had last year, e.e., Keg Bitter, Canned Beer, Wine and Soft Drinks.

As you will have noticed its Halloween so don't forget the fancy dress, there will be prizes for the best dressed and best lanterns, so bring along the kids and lets have a night to remember.

Please order tickets as soon as possible to assist with catering numbers. Send remittance to Club Treasurer, Mrs. Jackie Lambert at 15 Beechwood Avenue, Frome, Somerset. **TICKETS £4**

WESSEX STATIONARY ENGINE CLUB * TECHNICAL SUPPLEMENT

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LISTER ENGINES - DATES OF MANUFACTURE

<u>Year</u>	<u>Patrol Type A B</u>	<u>Patrol Type</u>	<u>Patrol Type</u>
	<u>J L H K M N O R</u> <u>P X</u>	<u>D & F</u>	<u>Q</u>
1909	2100		
1910	2220		
1915	11982		
1918	19393		
1919	20960		
1920	23708		
1921	28932		
1922	31633		
1923	34561		
1924	38053		
1925	44844		
1926	53300	80000	
1927	61579	80201	
1928	68917	83313	
1929	78255 - 79999	87276	
	200000		
1930	208768	92763	
1931	216464	98000	
1933	222841	104729	
1935	230010	115469	500
1936	233999	123609	756
1937	238316	131694	1583
1938	242858	140208	2470
1939	245762	148945	3158
1940	248820	157357	4246
1941	252369	164752	5501
1942	254677	172208	6690
1943	256489	180177	8072
1944	258013	186833	9480
1945	258824	192330	10574
1946	260928	199156	11538
1947	262273	1/7270	12201
1948	263706	1/13839	12912
1949	268038	1/24906	14023
1950	272806	1/41652	15170
1951	275860	1/58715	16168

RECORD OF ENGINES BUILT

<u>Engine Type</u>	<u>First Engine</u>		<u>Last Engine</u>	
CE	380000	1933	392913	1952
CD	350000	1932	365840	1951
A	36903	1923	2/37	1962
G1	5/628	1935	5/16736	1951
G2	10/500	1936	10/16613	1951
F	86768	1928	105/15522	1948
D	80000	1926	1/2841	1964