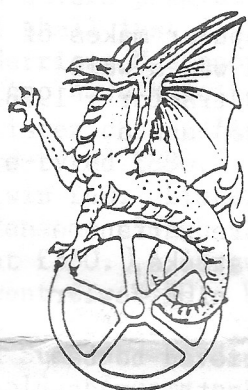


# WESSEX STATIONARY ENGINE CLUB



## NEWSLETTER

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### SELWOOD PRESERVATION SOCIETY RALLY - Longleat 23/24/25th May.

Old memories were revamped when I arrived at Longleat via the main entrance and drove along the picturesque winding road that was a blaze of colour which came from the huge rhododendron bushes that were in full bloom, supported by the largest magnolias I have ever seen, what a lovely sight for all the exhibitors and visitors to the park during Selwoods weekend rally. The magnificent view across Lord Bath's estate recalled past events that many of us will remember when the 1,000 engine rallies took place and our own club's rally in conjunction with Wiltshire Fire Service, it all seemed a long time ago now but the memories are still vivid.

Enough reminiscing and more to the job in hand, to account for two of the three days that I attended the Selwood Rally. No one should have cause to complain of the weather, in fact sometimes the sun was too hot for me and I would take refuge under the huge oak trees with a glass of shandy to ease a dry throat mostly caused by talking too much. Quite a violent thunder storm struck on Saturday evening which softened the hard dry field just nicely for walking on.

The stationary engine line stretched right around the field plus a small overspill area within the show, lots of new projects came to light. Ted Phillips was showing his 3½hp Lister diesel complete with water pump, which spent most of its working life at a local concrete works. Adrian Grant was having a few problems with his 1½hp International 'M' type but eventually got rid of the gremlins and it ran very well. Paul Martin's 2½hp Amanco developed ignitor problems which was diagnosed as an accumulation of carbon on the spindle preventing it from opening and closing the points. Everyone was free to select a spot for their exhibit which made me smile when one chap had used up approximately 1 metre of space for a lawn mower engine and 5 metres of space for his patio table and chairs!!!! A fine selection of tractors, motor bikes, vintage cars (including four superb Naish Metropolitans) I always fancied these. Military and commercial vehicles all of which took part in a commentated trip around the ring. A steam roller and traction engine proved popular with the steam fans as did Ron Frampton's steam model display which this year has a new coal fired boiler modelled on the Cornish type. A lot of visitors came into the rally which had an admission fee of 50p, very good value for money, but you also have to bear in mind they had already paid £1.50 entrance in to the park. Well done to Selwood for a nice weekend and to Dave Austin for looking after us stationary engine boys.

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WITH REGRET we learn of the death of the Reverend Frank Larkworthy, chaplain to the Showmans Guild of Great Britain. Long standing club members will remember when he gave us a very entertaining evening at the Old Down Inn with his vast knowledge of steam and fair grounds. Our condolences go out to his family.

West Wiltshire District Council Grants Sub Committee has generously awarded our club £100 which will help towards upholding some of the health and safety regulations, e.g. decent toilets, at our club rally.

AUCTION REPORT - Sale of Agricultural and old English bygones, held at Iron Acton, Nr. Yate on Saturday May 2nd.

The collection was built up over a period of thirty years, and for some years a greater part was displayed at Doddington House. The sale of some 465 lots started at eleven o'clock, a buyers premium of 10% was payable. Most of the lots were household or farming bric-a-brac. I shall just list most of the engine related items. A Bentall cake crusher (rough) made £14. Harrison McGregor root pulper £26. Two very incomplete Lister 'D's £26 and £8. Petter 'A' £4. A.J. Meloite cream separator £62. Corn Mill £54. Large Bentall root pulper £38. A Lister chain driven, hand operated sheep shearer £58. Victorian Penny Farthing recently re-tyred £880. A nice Ruston Hornsby 2½hp on a trolley made £58 (a cheap engine). Douglas twin £40. Lister water pump £42. Petter 'M' 3hp on trolley, rough main bearing made £135. Ransome plough £35. A Gunsmith garden tractor in nice order sold for £370 (I stopped bidding at £350.) A large Petter 8hp on trolley in outstanding condition in perfect running order went for £580. We worked out that the cooling tank held about 120 gallons of water (Eric Gay had better order two water bowlers for the Semington Rally in case this engine turns up). A Standard Fordson with crawler and winch conversion went to £780 but was withdrawn, not sold. I came away empty handed but I did enjoy this well conducted sale.

B.J. BAKER.

MAY CLUB EVENING - CRANK UP.

After a perfect scorching day an equally perfect evening saw seventeen engines assembled. Two new junior club members Nathan Amos and Ashley Humphries watched over by their fathers were there with their engines. Brian Baker had as usual roped off the engine enclosures and with his son Paul had their Lister pumping set - Wolseley WD compressor set and Petter 'A'. John Brooks - International 'M', Mike Bevan - Amanco 2½hp, Eric Brain - 1931 3hp International Don Rogers - Petter lighting plant, Brian Verrall's Stuart, Hazel and Gerald Atherton - Lister 'A', Eric Gay - Bamford, John Russell a Lister 'D', Adrian Grant - Bamford EG1 Pumping outfit. Nice to see Jeremy Adams all the way from Taunton with his Centaur gas engine and Ray Powell a Lister.

A very eventful night it seems, Ray Baker was seen fitting a windscreen for Ted Routley in the car park. Eric Gay did our usual raffle which was very successful and some of the winners were Stan Holmes a book, Ted Routley - Swarfega and Cecil Giblett a torch. Just after 9 o'clock as it got dark everybody packed up after a very enjoyable evening and made their way home. My apologies if I have forgotten anyone.

ROY POINTING.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Once again CLUTTON CARNIVAL CLUB are holding their annual Fun-Day on July 11th at Clutton Football Field, starting at approximately 1.00pm. If anyone from the Wessex S.E.C. are willing to bring their engines along, they will be most welcome. Refreshments will be provided. For further details please contact: Roger Parsons, 6 Tynings, Clutton.  
Tel:- 0761 452565

Six engines wanted, preferably driving something for WEDMORE HARVEST HOME on Friday, August 14th. Contact:- Brian Verrall on 0934 743460

Coming next month - Report from Roger and Linda Pike on the Birds and the Bees!!!!!!

JULY CLUB MEETING - Monday 27th July a talk on Priston Mill.

WANTED FOR NEXT NEWSLETTER - Reports from members who attended Garrison Open Day '92, The Wantage Rally and Coleford's Huckyduck Carnival Club Family Fun Day, Cricket St. Thomas, Castle Combe, Keevil Airfield, and any others you may have attended that we know nothing about.

Welcome to new members - Adrian Rendall from Wincanton, Mr. & Mrs. F. South from Weston-Super-Mare, Mr. & Mrs. Carp of Meare, Glastonbury, Mr. & Mrs. G. Chitson from Malmesbury, Wilts., Mr. N.F. Pinkett of Freshford, Nr. Bath and Mr. Michael Hall of Coleford, Nr. Bath. Hope to see you all on the rally field during this year.

OVERHEARD IN THE LADIES LOO.... "so he started to explain 'They do a Busy Boy, a Johnny Boy, a Chore Boy and a Hired Man...' I said 'I could do with a Toy Boy myself' and then he banged the door and went off to the rally on his own....."

FOR SALE - Triumph Spitfire 1296cc - 1974 - Purple - Overdrive - Both hard and soft top.  
Contact - 0749 830557 For further details and price.

WANTED - Petter A1 Petrol Tank Contact Brian Baker on 0749 342671



## BORDER COUNTIES VINTAGE CLUB RALLY - 3rd May at Speech House, Forest of Dean.

This has to be one of the best one day shows. It is well supported by exhibitors and public, at three o'clock there was a long queue of people waiting to come in.

In the model tents the displays consisted of steam models, circus layout, fire service badges and buttons, model cars and buses and old musical toys.

On the field there was a good gathering of tractors including the most popular makes of Fordson, Field Marshall, Allis Chalmers, Farmall and Ferguson. Also displayed was a well restored Case and an unrestored Marshall Model 'M' and a restored Howard 4 x 4 tractor - 1953.

Two steamers had been entered - an Aveling & Porter Road Roller 'Wild Rose' and a Ransome, Sims & Jefferies Agricultural Steam Engine 'Lady Diana'.

Not many motor cycles or commercials but quite a few cars.

There was a very good line up of engines all the usual makes but a few more warrant a special mention are a Hornsby Akroyd Oil engine, a vertical Detroit (USA) - 2 stroke, Victoria, Warwick Eagle, various Bamford models, a 1916 Hercules open crank, a nice Fowler 1PBL - 4hp driving a Hardie Water Pump, Bentall Pioneer, 1930 Bradford Gas Engine, Witte engine, Sandwich - made by Brackett and Shaw, Illinois, U.S.A. - there are believed to be only three of these in the country, the usual assortment of Listers, 1935/36 Scott - made by Scott Motor Cycle Co., Shipley, Yorkshire, Ruston Hornsby 4hp - 1926 and a 6hp McCormick Deering also 1926. I would also like to mention a Lister 'D' - yes, a 'D' type but this one was driving a Tipton Water Pump.

Three organs were on display, Cullimore's, Peter Pogmore and John Cuff, a nice bit of music just puts the top hat to any rally and creates a happy relaxed atmosphere.

Its now 3.30pm, I've walked round the show and made a note of the items I felt were really interesting (no programmes to get details from for a rally report), I shall now sit in the sun and write it up proper to pass on to the TEMPORARY Editor, no one else wants the job so come on please give him all your help and support it doesn't take long, just a few lines will do.

MARY BUTLER.

## AUCTION REPORT - 15th Spring Vintage Auction Sale, Saturday 9th May.

Due to no auction at Castle Combe this year I decided to go to Thruxton. Never again, it rained cats and dogs nearly all day, I ended up getting soaking wet despite my large umbrella which kept poking people in the face. It all started to go wrong when we arrived at the entrance and was confronted by an official with a pile of programmes. "Programme Sir" he enquired, "How much?" said I. "I'm afraid you can't get in without one" said he. What a rip off, I told him in no uncertain terms what I thought of such a sharp practice, but I had to buy one anyway. On reading this expensive programme I noticed they also imposed a 10% buyers premium, another practice I deplore.

The auction started at 9.30a.m. with 1166 lots on offer, I thought Christ we will be here till midnight. The stationary engines started at lot 1106 which meant we had to wait around in the wet until about 4.30p.m. The lots were outside but were sold from inside a marquee, this meant you had to rely on your memory and catalogue. I don't like this system, I would rather see the items on offer.

The first engine to come under the hammer was a Lister 'D' at £90, this price made a few people gasp. A nice Scammell engine and pump class 1 only made £18. Wolseley WDI £85. Lister H2 class 1 pump £95. Lister 'A' class 1 £95. Leo water pump class 1 £28. Stuart pump class 1 £65. Lister 'D' £45. Bamford EG1 1½hp - class 2 £50. A rare Scott made £100. A small roller mill £55. A large "Compactum" water pump class 1 Circa 1929 £110. Wolseley WLB1 Class 2 £40. Lister 'D' shaft driven mag. £40. Wolseley WD smooth hopper on trolley £70. Lister 'A' driving 'The Mistifier' orchard sprayer mounted on a large frame and trolley, needed restoration, but running made £180. A very nice rare pre WD Wolseley twin flywheel, complete, but needed repainting went for £310. Lister domestic pump £40. Lister 'B' class 3 £80. Lister 'D' petrol/paraffin, rough £18. Wolseley WDI Class 4 £20. Four wheel Amanco trolley (rough) £40. Wolseley WDI driving diaphragm sludge pump on trolley Class 3 £45. A large Joseph Evans overhead crank water pump class 1 £135. A Petter 'A' pet/par £35. Two Petter engines one PAZ diesel and one Petter 'A' class 2 £55 the pair. Pelapone 7hp class 1 £90. Lister CS generator £40. Amanco 2½hp on trolley £440. A Ruston Hornsby 7hp model OK open crank, side shaft engine class 3/4 on large wheel trolley £360 (a cheap engine). End of sale, what a relief, now I can go home and dry out. Thruxton, never again.

B.J. BAKER - Your soaking wet, roving reporter.

## TENCREST CRANK-UP.

The organisers regret that owing to circumstances beyond their control, this event will NOT now take place this year.

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FOR SALE - 1½hp Capel driving 12 volt dynamo on cast iron baseplate, Class 2 - £295.  
Douglas flat twin - £150.

Non runners:- 5hp Moteurs Deville, unusual French engine, some damage - £70.  
1½hp Petter 'M', square top, big end knock £75.  
2hp Petter 'PU' and handbook, no petrol tank £60.  
All above - Contact Brian Reakes 0272 868549.

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FOR SALE - Lister CS Diesel 6hp few bits missing only £25. Contact Brian Baker 0749 342671

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FOR SALE

For all the following items contact Phil Harris, Stoney Lane House, Cocklake, Wedmore, Somerset or Tel: Wedmore 712048.

Detroit 1 - 1½hp open crank stationary engine circa 1912. This small open crank engine is very rare as only three to my knowledge are recorded in the country. It is of twin flywheel, hopper cooled and runs on the hit and miss action, ignition being 6 volt trembler coil. It was restored by me three years ago and is still as when restored in red paint and gold coach-line and having only attended a few rallies - £850.

Ruston Hornsby 1½hp open crank s/engine model ZPR built in 1926 and restored around four years ago but still in very good condition, very nice small exhibit, still has original B.T.H. rotary magneto i.e. matching numbers to engine - £650.

Ruston Hornsby - a small water pump weighs around ¾cwt still in original blue paint, is of the centrifugal type. Needs slight attention - £65.

Ferguson tractor model TEA 20 1948, very early fergy, has been used in this family for 25 years, but no further use needed, although complete it needs restoration, mechanically very good, comes complete with proper fergy pick up transport box, pto belt pulley, old cast iron saw bench with spare blade, mower etc. - £250 the lot.

Blackstone horse drawn hay swath turner with original shafts and metal seat, suit museum, circa 1930 - £85.

Band saw - Turn of the century, old fashioned, shaped like a large trumpet standing on end, and two lovely curved spoked flywheels would make nice (well guarded) exhibit, but rather heavy. £40.

Magneto - Bosch 22 flick mag. came from Victoria engine - later scrapped, mag saved, very good spark. £85.

Magneto - Bosch ZE1 rotary, will fit Crossley engines - very good spark. £85.

Trembler Coil Box believed good - £15.

Several old metal wheeled trolleys could be converted to take your engine £10 each.

Lucas tractor magneto type RF4 being of four cylinder type and used mainly on Fordsons, commonly known as the marine type, very good spark. £35.

Trailer that I used to transport my engines for years, low loading of metal construction originally made to carry racing Mini's with 15cwt indispension unit, single axle, very strong with largish winch. £225 or may part exchange for good motor cycle trailer.

Large Dynamo approx 4 cwt originally driven by 5hp Ruston Hornsby. 3½ to 4 KW - £50.

Fuel Tank to fit early 4hp Tangye oil engine, circa 1920. Vertical cylinder £20.

Very rare hand cranked wooden barrel shaped washing machine, circa 1920, only ever seen one other - single curved flywheel driving a crank to operate a dolly that washes the clothes that alternates back and fro on a very unusual cam on the crank.

Four Ford 1600E restyle semi chrome wheels, fair condition £80.

Fordson tractor offset ploughing hitch £10.

Old grass scythe very good condition, if anyone still knows how to sharpen one, not for the weak armed £20.