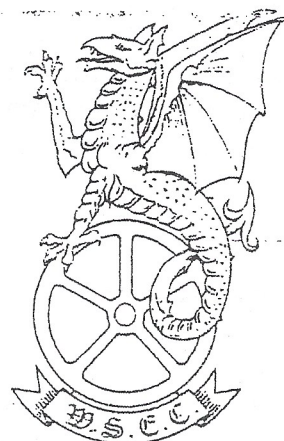


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NEWSLETTER



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***** EDITORIAL *****

The committee is at present updating the WSEC Safety Code of Practice that was compiled several years ago. When it is completed every member will be given one. The most important thing is to comply with the safety code every time you exhibit your engines, at WSEC events, and also when attending events put on by other clubs. The reason for this reminder is how important it is to exclude accidents from events, is the attention they are receiving from the insurance companies. Our insurance company has required us to submit a risk assessment on our activities, and to cover ourselves in the event of such an accident occurring we have had to name one of the officers of the club as responsible for health and safety. We also now intend to complete a risk assessment form at every Wessex event, rallies, crank-up's, sortout's etc, although this isn't yet compulsory, it is advised to do it. So as you see, it doesn't get any easier to put on events and run the club. Happy rallying – keep it safe.

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

The members who attended the May meeting at the Old Down Inn were given a real treat by the guest speaker Des Clarke who entertained us with his talk and slide show on the Isle of Man Railways and also Model Engineering. The slides of vintage trams and rail loco's still in use on the island was remarkable to say the least. I recently attended the Collet Day at Shepton Mallet where engines were displayed around the park lake, several WSEC members were in attendance, I exhibited two engines, and I was really pleased to see one of our Junior Members who exhibited no fewer than three engines with pumps and mills, well done Greg Brice, and thanks to your granddad Gerry for taking you there. With our rally at Clutton fast approaching I would appeal to members to really support it with engine entries and make it the success it deserves.

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

Two committee members have their birthdays in July, so the club members would like to wish many happy returns of the day to **Diana Davis**, who has her birthday on July 22nd, I don't know her age, only that she is over 21, also to **Martin Feeney** whose birthday is on the 3rd of July. Happy birthday to you both.

WANTED OPEN –CRANK ENGINE. PREFERRABLY RESTORED, NOT AMANCO, ON TROLLEY. CASH WAITING. RING MIKE ON 01225 448929 AND GIVE HIM THE DETAILS OF THE ENGINE YOU WISH TO SELL.

Wanted:- AMAL motor cycle carb, clamp on or flange type to fit J.A.P. bike. Must have 1½" bore. may have marks T.T. or 9.T.T.10 stamped on body. If you can help phone John on 01749/344645 (Shepton Mallet).

SUNDAY 25th SEPTEMBER. ENGINES WANTED. Or tractors, cars commercials, displays etc at The Western Heavy Horse Society show at Turnpike Showfield between Gillingham and Shaftesbury. Ring Mike Horler on 01761 470694 for an entry form.

TATWORTH PLAYING FIELDS 25TH MINI RALLY HELD ON JUNE 5TH 2005

Mo, Glad and the committee would like to give a big thank you to all exhibitors, stallholders, crafts and public for supporting us so well in such terrible weather. There were about 100 stationary engines present and nearly all were running by mid-day, also a good line up of tractors and we think they enjoyed their road run on the Saturday evening. Many thanks for their donations. The rain kept away some of the cars, motorbikes and car boots but we hope you will all be back next year. June 4th 2006 to support Mike Duke and John Larcombe as you have supported us in the past

The above letter to Wessex Members had for me a slightly sad tinge to it as was Mo's last year of organising this event. For the past 25 years Mo and Glad and their helpers have done all the graft in putting on this event and now he is going to take a well earned rest as he has certainly done his bit, best wishes on his retirement and a big thank you from all of us who have enjoyed many of the events. Mo's son Mike and John Larcombe will be heading the team next year on June 4th and I am sure they will get the same support as in past years as this is a really too nice an event to lose. Unfortunately heavy rain fell this year but as Mo said most of the engines were up and running by mid-day. One unusual engine here, exhibited by John White from Exmouth was a vertical machine of about 2-3hp probably American, I am sure this will end up in the Stationary Engine Magazine identity section. The bad weather probably kept a few away, but there was still plenty to see with quite a few undercover stalls to browse over. The usual raffle took place mid afternoon and Jackie came back with a smashing bird table made by Mo, just what we wanted as ours is about to fall to bits, We were all thanked for attending and presented with a brass plaque in the shape of a fuel can.

Robin

Dear Club members, Marg Appleby and family would like to thank everyone who sent cards and kind messages of sympathy in memory of Bill also to the many that attended the funeral. The donations to The British Heart Foundation totalled £399.60, thank you all very much.

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

The club would like to welcome the following new members. Mr Peter Forward and Junior Member William of Sea Mills, Bristol. We hope your membership will be a long , worthwhile, and happy one.

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

Items of news, rally reports, latest finds, restorations, birthdays, etc wanted for inclusion in the newsletter. I am getting very short of material to fill the future newsletters. With the rally season in full swing I would have thought some members would put pen to paper and given me reports of the rallies and crank-up's they have attended recently. So come on, give my postman something to do, send me something to put in the next newsletter or you could have four blank pages turning up.

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

A workforce is wanted on Monday 8th August at the Clutton Rally Site to set up the rally field for the following weekend. If anyone can help putting in the stakes and roping off the various areas please turn up at the rally field anytime after 6pm. The club has now purchased a box trailer that all the rally kit will be stored in, this means we only have to tow it onto the rally field instead of making numerous trips with cars and trailers. Also we require a workforce on the Monday night August 15th to dismantle the rally kit and return it to the box trailer and clean up the field. If you can help on either of these occasions please turn up and give a hand. Last year the response to my request was brilliant, we had the rally all set up on just one night, something we had never achieved before.

SOMETHING TO DO ON A COLD, WET SATURDAY.

COOPER & TANNERS COLLECTIVE AUCTION SALE AT STON EASTON, 23rd APRIL 2005

Stay in a warm bed would be the sensible option, but we're all mad and I arrived at the site to find people reluctant to go through a muddy gateway into a soggy field to park. I only have a front wheel drive car but I made it in ok and set off to the equally soggy field where the goods were laid out in rows to be auctioned. It was raining, well to be precise it was continuous rain interspersed with heavy showers! The items were in danger of sinking into the Mendip mud. As the sale started I met John Brooks who was wondering what he was doing there! We looked around the items and decided there wasn't much to interest the stationary engine enthusiast, but I also collect garden machinery. Fred Biggs was also there and it was beginning to look like a club do.

ITEMS SOLD

Here is a selection of items on sale, and prices.

DESCRIPTION	PRICE	SOLD
Gravely model D cultivator class 4,	£12	yes (to me)
Allen Scythe – 2 stroke, class 2	£10	yes
Terrex Spade, Folbate side wheel mower	£2	yes (to me)
Milk Churns,	£22 - £28	yes
Lister D, around 1952, class 3, unrestored, on slides	£40	yes
Suffolk colt and Punch mowers	£20 each approx	yes
Wrigley push hoe, needs painting	£7	yes
Ro-lo push hoe, in good condition	£8	yes

DETAILS- I saw the Gravely, and took a closer look, the engine was free, the handles had rotted off but the mag and carb and everything else was there. It sported a set of hoe blades and levelling wheels behind the tractor, (they can be mounted at the front as well.) the clutch and throttle controls were left sticking out at the back on their rods. The Gravely was assembled in the 50's in Buckfastleigh, Devon from parts shipped in from the USA. The engine was made by Indian motorcycles, 2 ½ " bore 3" stroke, 242cc side valve rated at 2 ½ hp. The previous owners name and address (from Priddy) was on a label. It looked a genuine bit of kit in need of a certain amount of TLC, so I bid up to £12 and got it. At the end of the sale I found it could not be moved due to the wheels trying to turn the engine, so we borrowed a tractor with a loader and it took three of us to get it into the car, a Fiesta hatchback, but with a couple of planks I managed to get it out on my own – slowly. I also bought the Terrex spade, Folbate side wheel mower, and Minimax fire extinguisher. The Folbate mower was in good condition, but it had been partly painted with Hammerite, which will need removing. The frames and wheels however, were still in original paint. I've used it on the lawn and it cuts well. The Allen Scythe was bought by my club mate Paul Chant, who was surprised to get it so cheaply. He also picked up some churns and several spares for his Massey Ferguson 35. We gathered around the Lister D, but first I had to have a bid on the Ro-lo and Wrigley push hoes. I stopped bidding on both, but should have gone on up a bit for the Ro-lo, I don't have a Ro-lo and I haven't seen one before. I already have a Wrigley hoe although the one sold had a badge on it and a different pair of blades to mine. Back to the Lister D, the crowd gathered, the auctioneer started at £50...£30...£20, someone bid £20 in seconds the bidding reached £40 and stopped, the hammer fell and a young lad and his dad became Stationary Engine owners. Paul, Myself, Graham – from another stationary engine club – gave advice and help about their new purchase. We ensured they had the details of the Wessex Stationary Engine Club.

AUCTION TIPS

Have a good look around before the auction, make a note of the items you are interested in. look round again and decide on your top bid. When bidding wait until the auctioneer has come down a long way from his first try, you might steal it for "a maiden bid", to quote Brian! Stick to your guide price, let the other person have it if they want it that badly. Auctions are a good way to get what you want, they are exciting, but don't get carried away. There is always a bit of friendly banter among the buyers. There is usually a mobile caterer so while you are waiting for your lot to come up you can get a bite to eat and a cup of tea.

ALAN ROGERS

WOULD THE EXHIBITORS WHO WON CUPS AT LAST YEARS RALLY PLEASE RETURN THEM IN TIME FOR THEM TO BE PRESENTED AT THIS YEARS RALLY. YOU CAN BRING THEM BACK ON THE DAY OF THE RALLY IF YOU HAND THEM IN EARLY IN THE DAY TO ANY COMMITTEE MEMBER.

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

SATURDAY JULY 2nd ENGINES WANTED at Holcombe Playing Field for the village Fete. Also any other exhibits or displays etc. Just turn up on the day.

SATURDAY 16th JULY ENGINES WANTED Also any static displays, tractors, cars, vintage vehicles of any description. For the Croscombe Fun Day at Croscombe Village Hall and Playing Field. Croscombe is situated halfway between Shepton Mallet and Wells, 9am onwards. Just turn up on the day. For further details contact 01749 342671.

MONDAY 18th JULY WSEC visit to the South Somerset Club for a quiz challenge match. The venue is Long Sutton village hall, start at 8pm. The last time our club visited South Somerset for a quiz we were really well entertained. If you wish to participate please let me or any committee member know, we need to take a team of at least 8 members along. We shall be having a return match with them at the Old Down Inn on November 28

WEDNESDAY 27th JULY Evening Vintage Event at Longbridge Deverall, Wiltshire. This is without doubt the best collection of vintage vehicles displayed on one site anywhere in the West Country. The pub is open for food and drinks and a brilliant evening is always had by all who attend.

MONDAY JULY 25th Crank-Up at the Court Hotel Emborough. 6pm onwards. The hotel is open for food and drinks. An award for the most unusual engine displayed, also for the best restored engine displayed.

SATURDAY and SUNDAY 13th & 14th AUGUST. Wessex Stationary Engine Clubs Annual rally at Clutton. Lets have a good turn out for this important date in our calendar. Barbeque on the Saturday evening with FREE beer and cider. Also the usual grand raffle. Prizes would be appreciated. Auction on the Sunday morning, a chance to turn your unwanted goods into hard cash. For further details ring 01749342671

SATURDAY & SUNDAY 20th & 21st AUGUST. YESTERDAYS FARMING. South Somerset Agriculture Preservation Clubs rally at Manor Farm Long Sutton. For details ring 07754 593545.

MONDAY AUGUST 29th (BANK HOLIDAY) ENGINES WANTED Village Fete at Camerton Village Hall and Playing Field. Engines and any other Displays welcome. Lets put on a good show for them as they are letting us have this venue for our crank-up free of charge.

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 11th ENGINES WANTED WSEC CRANK UP AND CAR BOOT SALE at Camerton Village Hall. This is in aid of the Childrens Hospice South West, who have launched the Babes Big Appeal in order to raise money to build and equip a hospice for over 800 children in the South West region with life threatening or life limiting conditions. Please give your support on the day. This Crank-Up replaces the annual fund raising event that was held at Brian Fears Garage, Oakhill, which is no longer available to us due to change of ownership. A grand raffle will be held, and donated prizes for this very good cause would be appreciated. For further details ring Tony or Diana Davis on 01373 464982.

WSEC ANNUAL RALLY AT CLUTTON 13th -14th AUGUST 2005. ENTRY FORM.

I wish to enter my

Year.....

Horse power.....

Exhibitors Name.....

Address.....

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This is a chance for the members who have not yet sent in an entry to enter this years rally. Please cut out or photo copy this form and send it to the engine steward Eric Gay 21 Rutland Crescent, Trowbridge, Wiltshire. BA14 ONX.