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The Wessex Stationary Engine Club's Monthly Newsletter

From the Editor

A brief Appeal this month :-

Members please get in touch and let us know what sort of club events appeal and when and what days/times you are likely to attend, to help us plan for next year - you have my email and I don't bite (very often !)

Hoping the Rally is sunny (forecast looks good at this time !) and for those that can attend have a great weekend .

Karen Gumm

Social News

Had a good chat with Kevin Phillips who tells me he is back home now after almost a week in Bath's RUH. He is on light duties at the moment (garden inspections and dog walking). He hopes to be back on the event scene soon but may be glad of a hand at times to move the metal round.

Robin Lambert

Club Events 2017

KEY:- CN - CLUB NIGHT EV - EVENT

CN Held at Old Down Inn, Emborough

June 17/18th Wessex Vintage Show

Semington, Nr Trowbridge

June 26th CN Penny Deverill - Two Penneth of Poison

July 31st CN Mr John Blackford -A talk on engineering models etc.

Aug 21st CN Fractional HP Engines brings yours along and tell us about it.

Sept 10th Model Engineering & Railway

Gala- White Horse Country Park

Sept 25th CN Stuart Burroughs - Stationary Engines made in the Bath area

Oct 7th EV Cranmore Vintage Sale

Oct 30th CN Presentation of John Padmore the engineer - Mr Tony Coverdale.

Nov 27th CN Photographic and Digital Image Evening - bring your own images

Crank Up the Peat & Science Museum - 7th May 2017

As we arrived many people were already there although it was only 8.30am ! The field soon filled up and some 24 engines made an impressive engine line. The weather brightened up and it turned out to be a very hot day. There was tea and coffee on sale at £ 1.00 per mug and the Café had a very varied selection of food and drink, which many enjoyed. There was a steady flow of cyclists throughout the day and many passers-by pulled in for a look. Yeovil Mini Mania club drove by and then came in to join the rally alongside 3 motor bikes. A grand raffle was held, organised by Carol and friends and a churn for donations for the Alzheimer's Society collected in all a grand sum of £ 150.00 for the charity. Out thanks go to Herb & Wendy and Bryan & Jackie and Brian Verrall and all the other helpers who organised this lovely crank up - again next year please !

NB :-On packing up we noticed an abandoned engine and trailer. The owner had 'hitched up' but drove off and left the trailer behind - not realising until he got home. Fortunately it was retrieved 1 hour later !

Linda Pike

Last Date for Submission in the July Newsletter Sunday 2nd July 2017

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Out and About with Jackie and Robin

Didn't **Mells Daffodil Festival** go well, I am sure all exhibitors and visitors would agree, blessed with a bone dry field, a sunny morning and lots of visitors what more could you ask for.

We were on site around 7.45am and several others had beaten us to it, with long distance travellers Arthur and Jean Weston, (long time supporters of this event) already in situ, all the way from Barnstaple. Jean said they were up at 4am to make this mammoth trek. Chatting to organiser Brian the reduced space allocated to him this year worked out quite well as he had 40 spaces available and 42 returned entries so with a squeeze everyone was in. It was great to see Dot Watts on the field all the way from Weston-Super-Mare, chatting with all her friends and well done to Simon for bringing her along. Dot told me she is 92 now and is thinking on going on a driver refresher course and getting back on the road, so well done to you Dot. Despite the 50% reduction in overall space for the vintage Exhibits the day passed well with lots of interest from the huge numbers of visiting public. The organisers had a different approach this year as no charge for parking which kept the queues on the move but instead charged a per head entrance fee. This stopped all the bad parking around the village lanes. There was also a free Bus service running every 10 minutes from Frome, with another from Radstock, which would have helped a lot with the congestion. In the programme there were 7 areas for the visitors to ponder over, eat to your hearts content with all the food areas or as many did have a picnic lunch back with your vehicle and then attack it all again. A great job was done by our Club helpers setting up and taking down all the fencing and as in the past Gordon was on hand with his giant tractor supplying the cooling water. Well done to Brian and his crew.

How nice it was to see **Lambourn Spring and Country Show** leap onto action (Sunday 7th May) after last years event had to be cancelled due to a rain soaked ground that was too sodden to use. The event has enough on offer to make it a 2 day show but site availability and no doubt the animal content condenses it into 1 day. I would think that organisers (Lambourn Vintage Machinery Society) were very pleased with how the day played out with the gorgeous weather and a full car park it must have been one of the Club's best attended events. Walking around we did contemplate buying an ice-cream but with 34 people in the queue we diverted to the Vintage Jumble, something here for everyone and I did find a nice pair of 24 inch Record Stilsons for the price of a pint (to replace the ones I loaned to someone and never got back.) After surveying all that was on offer it was back to the ice-cream van but with still 30 in the queue we gave up on this and went back to the van and put the kettle on. The Stationary Engine line was a bit lighter on exhibits this year with 40 odd in the programme (normally around 60), but some nice machines most of which were driving equipment of all descriptions. Vintage cars, trucks and motor cycles all did their turn in the ring and a horse event with Ladies giving a side saddle canter all dressed up in long black skirts, tight fitting jackets and top hats which I would guess was hunting attire. We had a very enjoyable time here and was even given a nice matching pair of tiny greasers to fit on one of our Hot Air engines (thank you Jamie). If you have not been to this event before and would like to give it a go an easy route to the show is on the M4 turn into Membury services and a lane will take you to the event this will save around 8 miles instead of going all the way onto J14 (Hungerford) and doubling back along the Country lanes.

Robin Lambert

Wilton Model Engineering Exhibition - 1st April 2017

I set out with my friend Roy to Wilton, you know that strange place near Salisbury. The last time I visited Wilton I ended up wishing I had never seen the place, first I had an idiot drive through a sets of lights and hit my wing mirror and later that same day some nice person put a large dent into the rear of my Nissan and drove away. I am happy to report that no such thing happened this time. Roy and I went to visit the Wilton Model engineering exhibition, this is staged every other year so the next will be in 2019, so you have time to build that model you have always dreamed of building and enter it into the show. Roy and myself have visited this event for many years and it is one we would both not miss, boats, ships

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Chairman's Report - May 2017

April 9th at the White Horse Country Park, Vintage Day. Well what can one say 10 people and 11 engines, a disappointing turn out. I can only say thank you to the loyal club members that did come along, a perfect day, warm the sun shone on us, all facilities on site ,even a tombola run by the West Wilts Society of Model Engineers, who were also running their live small gauge steam trains. Gordon transported concrete blocks, Pete unloaded and put them in place and I did the easy bit of putting up the stakes and rope ably assisted by Paula. Why I ask did we take the trouble, you the Club members asked for more events, the Committee has worked their socks off arranging new events and then very few of you come along. It is not worth our time and trouble.

April 24th Old Down Inn Emborough. Again your Committee was asked by you the Club members to get better speakers and better evening events. We have done this for you and at additional cost, but only 10 members turned up for one of the best evening talks, in both presentation and information. Our speaker took the trouble to bring along a number of native American artefacts from the American Museum at Claverton, near Bath. These were displayed and discussed but they were not there to be handled by the members , so it was a case of look but do not touch.

I am appealing to you all if you want to keep the Club running and enjoy the events that the team work so hard to put on **WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT**, if not I can see us losing the use of the room at the Old Down Inn. I will tell you that will mean **no more WSEC**. I was greatly embarrassed on Monday evening when I had to tell Julia that only 10 members were in attendance. I am now giving my position as Chairman a great deal of thought, as I feel my time can be put to a better use. So it is up to you the Club member **USE IT OR LOOSE IT**, the ball is in your court.

Now onto better news, we the Committee are going to arrange a drive yourself trip to the American Museum at Claverton near Bath, but so as we know the number of members that would like to go I **shall want you to give me a call** so as I can inform the Museum. No date has been set at this time but we hope it will be in August, so please let me know if you are interested as soon as possible.

June is here and the Club is 40 years old so please help us make Semington Rally one to remember. Get the wife out in the shed to polish the engine, that will let you have a rest so that you are fit for the weekend of June 17th/18th. We the organising Committee are always looking for a helping hand so why cannot that be one of yours or better still both. We will be onsite from the Wednesday before event so please come and give a hand. Remember this event is what keeps the Club's bank balance healthy so come along and give a little help, bring an exhibit and have a jolly good time and lots of fun. Mustang Sally will be on site to keep you all entertained, we will have Showman's engine on site this year along with other full size engines, which is the first time in a long while. Your organising Committee works hard throughout the year to give our members and exhibitors the best show we can so please give us support - let's have the best show yet. For children this year we will be having a great SWEET grab in our display ring every day. With a little help from my friends we will also have built a soap box cart. We will race it around the ring with a prize for the winner each day, so bring the children, the grandchildren, the children from next door , all are welcome. Also new for this year we will have a Father's day gift for one lucky Dad each day, so now you will have to bring Dad as well as the rest of the family.

Eric Gay - Chairman

North Somerset Vintage Show - 16th/17th September 2017

It is the North Somerset Vintage Tractor Club's 45th year. They are looking to put together a programme for the show and looking for sponsors to advertise and also looking for displays to come to the show. They would be really interested to hear from any of our members who would like to attend.

It is held at Birches Farm, Cambridge Batch, Flax Bourton BS48 3QS.

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Wilton Model Engineering Exhibition - 1st April 2017 continued ..

trains, fairground, traction engines, both static and driving around outside and what other model show can boast 2 full size engines in steam. Inside was a display of engineering that takes the breath away, this is in the form of 9 cylinder aero engines. One can handle the parts as a builder has not only built a working model but has another built as a display. Thus one can see how it all fits together as all the parts are held in plexiglass in sequence, so you can see how it all works. Not satisfied with this the gentleman is building a replica model of a 1936 12 cylinder V formation racing car engine. The workmanship is beyond belief, I would like to be able to do something half as good but I 'ent th'ck clever.' Many models of fairground rides were on display, one being a set of steam yachts built by a Wessex member, none other than Ruben Smith, it was nice to see you Ruben, Model engineers came from as far away as Kent and Cornwall. This is a great show and well worth a visit so look out for it in 2019.

Eric Gay

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For details on all the above please call Kerwin Harris on 01872 273388 (Cornwall - furthest member award what !! - Ed)

Approx 40 gallons of vaporizing oil - proper Kerosene not DIY made up. Please contact :-
Andrew Howard - deephleighfrc@yahoo.co.uk

Wanted :- John Deere Model E engine, any condition considered. Please contact Craig on
Tel :- 07867 501171 or craig.savage@neurologic.net

Wanted :- Parts for a Bamford No 0 Corn Mill or even a scrap mill Please Call Eric :- 01225 754374

All information given will be as accurate as can be, for any errors or omission I apologise in advance for being human.
Please note that opinions expressed may or may not represent club policy.

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