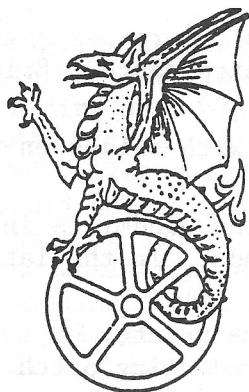


# WESSEX STATIONARY ENGINE CLUB



## NEWSLETTER

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15th AGM was held on February 24th at the Old Down Inn, Emborough.

The meeting was opened by Herbie Gane, our President, who welcomed those present. The minutes were read, and duly accepted and signed. Herb proceeded with his report, that we are predominantly a Stationary Engine Club with ancillary machinery. He feels that stationary engines have a great future as, even in this time of recession, small engines are not too expensive to buy and run. The Stationary Engine magazine prints a number of articles written by a number of our Club members, keep it up!

Herb then thanked the Chairman, committee and Club members who help in the smooth running of the WSEC. During last summer, the Stover raffle created a lot of interest and raised £801.59 for WSEC funds: and was won by a gentleman from Southern Ireland. Herb closed his report by asking everyone to be extra vigilant on the rally field, ensuring safe and enjoyable rallies.

The Chairman, Brian Verrall, opened his report and echoed the Presidents welcome and thanks. The Club Rally at Cheddar had been enjoyed by most exhibitors; although there were a couple of minor problems. The Annual Social was thoroughly enjoyed by those few who made the effort to attend. Looking to 1992, the venue for this year's Club Rally has moved to Semington; with a small ring for events, camping in the vicinity of engines, with plenty of space. Safety is, as usual, all important, and up to the individual, as well as organisers. Brian and Herb presented flowers to Wendy Gane, Mary, Marg, Jackie and Shirley and a basket of fruit to our hosts, Penny and Gordon.

The Treasurer, Jackie Lambert, explained, in concise detail the Club accounts, and was duly thanked by Herbie.

Next came the Election of Officers, Chairman - Brian Verrall, nominated by Phil Wookey and seconded by Jeremy Adams. Vice-Chairman - Eric Gay, nominated by Brian Baker and seconded by Michael Roberts. Secretary - Shirley Gale, nominated by Eric Brain and seconded by Don Rogers. Treasurer - Jackie Lambert, nominated by Bill Appleby and seconded by Ted Phillips. Committee members - Alan Carney, Vic Walton, Brian Reakes, Paul Allen, Roy Pointing, Roger Pike, Ted and Steve Routley, were nominated by Andy Gale and seconded by Bob Hallam. Brian Baker was volunteered as a new member, nominated by Bill Coombes and seconded by Don Rogers.

There was a bit of AOB and the AGM was closed at 9.10pm.

SHIRLEY GALE

The evening of January 27th was cold, damp and very foggy but as usual there was a good gathering of members for this meeting. In fact I counted thirty nine in attendance. Brian Verrall opened the meeting and introduced our guest speaker, Mr. Jeff Wallace.

Mr. Wallace gave an interesting talk which was very well illustrated with slides on the history of the company, 'Dorothea Restoration'.

The company's works and office that are in Bristol started by restoring windmills in the late 1960's and the company now has an annual turnover of one million pounds. In the late 1970's and early 1980's they progressed to renovating water mills.

One of their first jobs was to restore the windmill at Wilton. The main interest in any windmill especially to the general public are the sails, these were restored using pitch pine and they weigh two tons. The public like to see the sails turning so the company made up shafting and a gear box complete with nylon gears and clutch assembly to help the sails turn and therefore please everyone.

Another local project for the company was the recent restoration of the Blagdon Pumping Station.

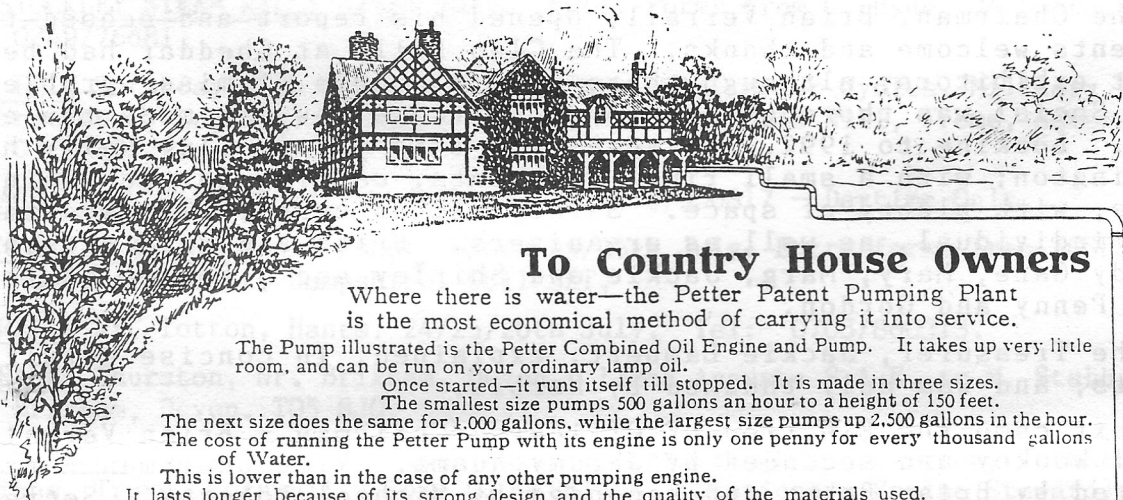
The restoration of the water mill 'Isabella' on the Isle of Man was another job. The pump was 1200ft down a shaft at the lead and zinc mine. The wheel was driven by the pitch back system making two and a half turns a minute and moving 250 gallons of water. The wheel was built in 1854 and worked until the late 1930's it then lay idle until Dorothea Restorations went to the rescue. The water mill was in a sorry state. The water comes from the hills into a storage tank and is gravity fed to the wheel which drives rod, this is also made of pitch pine, 600ft long in a viaduct connected to a tie bob to the pump in the mine. A mystery object was supplied by Mr. Wallace for us all to see and handle, it was a mill-stone dresser.

Time now for the raffle winners:- Roy Pointing was the first ticket out and then Jackie Lambert who won an anti theft alarm and last but not least Dot Watts a book on Wessex.

At the end of the evening everyone showed their appreciation in the usual way and out into the dreadful weather we went to our various homes.

PAUL ALLEN.

### AN ATTRACTIVE ADVERTISEMENT FROM THE YEAR 1910.



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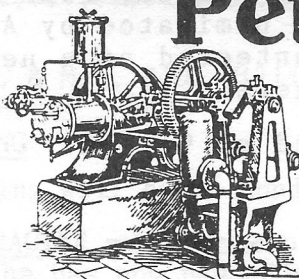
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W.S.E.C. ENGINE RAFFLE.

1991 and a new venture for the Club, The Great Wessex Engine Raffle. Your committee worked their socks off selling tickets from March until September.

Taking the engine to many events throughout the West Country. Tickets were sold from Castle Combe to The Great Dorset Steam Fair. All the year people could be seen running and hiding away all over rally fields some I heard even climbed trees when they saw the dreaded ticket sellers coming there way. But we did not let many escape we even lurked behind toilet tents and pounced when those inside came out, thinking the coast was clear, we would wait all day to get our hands on their money, there was no escape. September came all to soon and it was the weekend of the Full Quart Inn Crank Up when the little Stover engine would find a new home with the lucky winner. The fan fair sounded and Herb Gane drew the winning ticket No. 08689 - Mr. John Ogorman, Campclone, Kilbricen Portladise, Laois Erie. Our little Stover was bound away across the water. I hope you will have many happy days with the Stover John and maybe we will see you and the engine over here one day. To all of you kind and generous people who made this whole venture worth while, we the members of the W.S.E.C. thank you and wish you all a happy and safe 1992.

By the way we have something new for '92. Our Rally is on a new site at Semington, Near Trowbridge on the A361 Trowbridge to Devizes Road, so please give us your support for this venture as you did for the engine raffle and we will have a rally to remember, just like all those at Cheddar.

E.J. GAY.

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FOR SALE - Wolseley Engine WD8 - £60 ono. Lister 'B' Type - £100ono.  
Ring Paul Allen on Westbury (0373) 864101 for these two engines.

FOR SALE - Big exhaust pipe 3½ft long £10.  
Petter All (part restored, easy restoration) £35.  
Diesel Petter AA1 (suitable for spares) £10.  
Clockwise starting handle (dog a bit bigger than Lister 'D' handle).  
\*For all above Phone (0272) 574371 after 6.00pm and ask for Edward.

WANTED Fairbanks Morse (U.S.A.) flywheel bearing greaser for 1½hp version.  
Phone (0272) 574371 after 6.00pm and ask for Edward.

WANTED Starting Handle for Lister 'H' 1 3/8" shaft. Paul Allen (0373) 864101.

WANTED Carburettor for Ruston & Hornsby 1½hp PT engine. Please contact Adrian Grant,  
16 New Buildings, Frome, Somerset. BA11 1PB.

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THE HUCKEYDUCK CARNIVAL CLUB are holding their annual Funday on 7th June and have asked our Club if we could once again put on a display of engines. If any club member can attend this event they will be made most welcome. It commences at 2.00pm and is held at the Highbury Playing Fields, Coleford, Near Frome.

MEARE VILLAGE GALA DAY 4th July - Club member Geoffrey Jennings has informed us that this event is to be revived after an absence of 2 or 3 years and we are invited to attend along with vintage cars, tractors, organs and models. Any interesting exhibit will be made welcome. Those wishing to attend contact Herbie Parsons, 2 Millbatch, Meare, Nr. Glastonbury, Somerset.

THE GREAT SOMERSET COUNTY STEAM FAIR - will take place on 29th July to 2nd August (5 days). A new event in our area so we wish them the best of luck. Members who would like to attend please contact:- Brains Farm, Moor Lane, Wincanton, Somerset. BA9 9RA or Tel: 0963/34107.

BRIDGEND SHOW - 11th & 12th July. Held at Eweny, Nr. Bridgend. Stationary engines, vintage vehicles and equipment are invited please contact:- Mrs. M.M. Taylor, Vintage Section Secretary, Brithdir Farm, Moelgilau, Bettws, Bridgend, Mid Glamorgan. CF32 8UG.

N.V.T.E.C. - GLAMORGAN & GWENT GROUP - ANNUAL RALLY - 1st & 2nd August Contact:-  
Mrs. M. Merritt, 'The Cotswolds', Capel Llaniltern, Nr. Cardiff, South Glamorgan. CF5 6JH.

WHATS ON IN 1992.

CHASE HOSPITAL APPEAL STEAM & VINTAGE RALLY 2/3rd May. Contact: L. Wrenn, 9 Lindford Way. Lindford, Bordon, Hants. GU35 0SZ or Tel: 0420/477483.

ABBEY HILL RALLY held at the Yeovil Showground on 2/3/4th May. Stationary engine exhibitors please contact Barry Hitchings, 9 Crown Lane, Creech Heatherfield. TA3 5EV.

SPRING AUCTION SALE Thruxton Circuit, Nr. Andover, Hants. 9th May. Entry forms and further details from Evans & Partridge, Agriculture House, High Street, Stockbridge, Hants. SO20 6HF. or Tel: 0264/810702.

BREAMORE HOUSE RALLY Nr. Fordingbridge, Hants. 9/10th May.

CHILTERN OPEN AIR MUSEUM Transport and Stationary Engine Festival 16/17th May. S.A.E. for entry forms from Stan Mills, 14 Forgetts Road, Lane End, High Wycombe, Bucks. HP14 3DZ.

AMBERLEY CHALK PITS MUSEUM Stationary Engine Working Day, Sunday 17th May. Entry Forms from Ian Sampson, Chalk Pits Museum, Amberley, Arundel, West Sussex. BN18 9LT.

SELWOOD STEAM AND VINTAGE VEHICLE RALLY at Longleat 23/24/25th May. Entry forms from Dave Austin, Watergate House, Egford, Frome, Somerset. BA11 3JJ or Tel: 0373/462219.

ROYAL BATH & WEST SHOW 27/28/29/30th May at Shepton Mallet Showground.

BRADFORD ON AVON HOSPITAL FETE Saturday 6th June. Contact: Tony Jones on 0373/465189.

BEDS & BUCKS 9th WOBURN ABBEY RALLY Sunday 7th June. S.A.E. to Beds & Bucks Stationary Engine Club, 96 The Park, Redbourn, Herts. AL3 7LT.

WESSEX STATIONARY ENGINE CLUB RALLY held this year at Semington, Nr. Trowbridge, Wiltshire on 20/21st June. Contact: Mrs. Shirley Gale, 18 Church Lane, North Bradley, Trowbridge, Wilts. or Tel: 0225/767095.

SOUTHWICK FETE Nr. Trowbridge. Saturday 27th June. Contact: Shirley Gale on 0225/767095.

TATTON PARK 27/28th June. Entry Forms on the rear of Stationary Engine Magazine.

CHAPMANSLADE VILLAGE FETE Saturday 4th July. Contact: Frank Lake 0373/832678.

MEARE VILLAGE GALA DAY Saturday 4th July. Engines, tractors, models and interesting exhibits required. Contact: Herbie Parsons, 2 Millbatch, Meare, Nr. Glastonbury, Somerset.

HEDDINGTON & STOCKLEY STEAM RALLY 4/5th July. Entry Forms from G. Hyde, 34 Goatacre, Calne, Wilts or Tel: 0249/76681.

FROME COLLEGE FETE Saturday 11th July. Cars, Commercials, Motor Cycles, Military Vehicles, Tractors and Stationary Engines. Contact: Mendip Mowers, Butts Hill, Frome, Somerset. BA11 1HR. or Tel: 0373/465293.

ARDINGLY VINTAGE VEHICLE SHOW 11/12th July. Tel: 0273/306817 - Daytime Only.

RUSHMOOR STEAM & VINTAGE SHOW Aldershot, Hants 25/26th July. Entry forms from TCSPS Ltd., 10 Upper Elms Road, Aldershot, Hampshire. GU11 3ET.

NETLEY MARSH RALLY Nr. Totton, Hants. 24/25/26th July. Tel: 0703/860313.

TORBAY STEAM RALLY Churston, Nr. Brixham, Devon. 1/2nd August. S.A.E. to M. Stabb, 12 Sun Valley Close, Brixham, Devon. TQ5 8JQ.

ST. AGNES STEAM RALLY Cornwall. 14/15/16th August. Contact: Chris Leverton, CuthKerensa, Rose Meadow, Stithians, Truro, Cornwall. Tel: 0209/861406. (Stationary Engine Steward).

CHEW VALLEY LIONS FAMILY FUN DAY at Chew Stoke in conjunction with Bristol Water. Sunday 6th September. Contact: Ken Shakespeare 0761/232154.

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NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to Mr. & Mrs. R.O. Williamson from Wincanton and Mr. T. Humphries and his son also from Wincanton.

MONTHLY MEETING

The next meeting will be on Monday April 27th - Patrick Knight gives an illustrated talk.

A POPULAR CHARACTER - often seen on the rally field was 'Jimmy', Bill and Marg Appleby's budgie, sadly he has now passed on to rallies in more heavenly places.