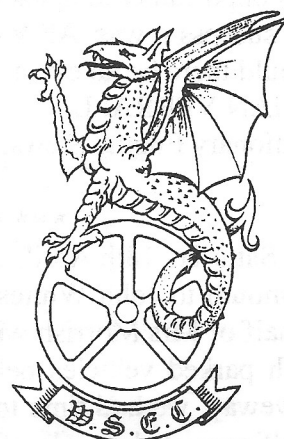


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NEWSLETTER



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******* EDITORIAL *******

You may not have even noticed but last month's Newsletter finally caught up with the latest technology. It was compiled and printed on a computer instead of the usual typewriter. This will mean it will now be easy to include photographs and drawings etc. in the newsletter with the use of a scanner. I would like comments from members as to whether they consider this to be an improvement or not, unfortunately this will mean Mary Butler who at present does the final check and typing of the newsletter will be made redundant, but Mary still carries out the important task of newsletter distribution for which we are eternally grateful.

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

Well that's the AGM over for another year, with one committee member standing down and only 'ONE' nomination to join the committee. At least we have a full compliment to run the club this year. I would like to thank Phil Caudle for the effort he has given to the committee for several years and I would like to welcome Arthur Smith to the committee and I am sure Arthurs' contribution to club matters will be very welcome. After the AGM was over I was approached by the new landlord of The Old Down who told me we could no longer hold 'Crank-Ups' in the car park. He is opening a new restaurant in the near future and needs the car park for his customers. So this very popular event at the venue will sadly be ended. However I am determined these events will continue at another venue or venues as soon as we are able to find one. (I already rescued these crank-ups from closure several years ago when the committee of the day decided they suffered from lack of support. How wrong that would have been, look at the support they command now). If any member has any ideas of suitable sites where we could hold the July Monday evening crank-up and the Sunday morning anti-freeze crank-up in December please give me a ring, but you can take it as gospel these events will take place somewhere. Just WATCH THIS SPACE.

BJB.

******* HINTS AND TIPS *******

For polishing alloy, brass, copper etc. try the 5" drill disc made by 'Scotch Brite' and sold as paint and varnish remover.

TONY DAVIS.

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

Jonathon P Hockedy, 22 Victoria Road, Frome - 11 years old - Answers to the name of J.P. (Grandson of Tony Davis). Mr & Mrs S Nicholson and Jack (Junior member) from Wedmore. Mr Jon Ivens from Axbridge. Welcome to the Wessex Stationary Club. We hope your membership will be a long and happy one.

THE WESSEX STATIONARY ENGINE CLUB LTD. ELECTED OFFICERS FOR 1999.

Chairman - Brian Baker. **Vice Chairman** - Eric Gay. **Treasurer** - Jackie Lambert. **Secretary** - Anne Carney. **Committee Members** - Alan Carney, Roger Pike, Ray Baker, Colin Nicholson, Leslie Nicholson, Tony Davis, Arthur Smith.

******* IMPORTANT NOTICE *******

The need to work to a very tight budget for this years rally due to the financial loss on last years disaster. The committee ask all members to bear with us this year and not expect a plaque. This will be for just this year, and hopefully this years rally will be a financial success and things will return to normal.

CHAIRMAN.

***** STANTON DREW STEAM UP *****

Many of you will have heard rumours that there is no show this year. This is unfortunately true and has now officially been confirmed in the March issue of Old Glory. As Steward of the Stationary Engine section I would like to take this opportunity to thank all members who have supported this event and also helped me in anyway to make the show the success it was. All Wessex members who have supported the steam-ups are still on the mailing list and hopefully should there be an event in the year 2000, your entry forms will be sent as soon as I receive them.

BRIAN VERRALL

Stationary Engine Steward.

***** GARDEN COTTAGE SALE, SOUTH BRENT, NR. EXETER *****

On Saturday 18th April, 1998 I was up early (5am) picked up Ray Bassett down to Fawley pick up Burt then head for Exmouth to John Whites, quick cup of tea, pile back in the van and onto South Brent and the sale which was on behalf of Mrs Morrish who's late Husband's collection was being disposed of. On arrival the access road was packed with parked vehicles belonging to prospective buyers, access to the sale itself was by foot along a single track driveway, we had time to spare before start time to look around and take note of possible purchases. the collection itself consisted mainly of one make R.A. Listers in abundance from D to R in various states and conditions i.e. class 2 to 6, other makes were Bradford, water cooled Petter A trailer mounted driving two water pumps, W:X11 Villiers water cooled twin stoke with Godwin pump trailer mounted, Tangye twin cylinder diesel radiator cooled, various oil and petrol cans and the usual accumulation of general junk which found new homes. The sale started at 10.30 with lots 1-14 being general crap, first engine was the Tangye diesel - A heavy lump class 2-3 struggled to make £55, second engine was Petter WI water cooled trailer mounted with two pumps £120, Lister L trolley mounted in running order, slight frost damage, repair, class 2-3 made £150? Bradford trailer mounted class 2 £170 (to me). A Villiers W:X11 trailer mounted with pump sold for £110 - petrol cans sold for £1-£5 the highest price for an r.o.p can. A lot of prices and failed to get through father talking or being nosey or feeding my face, but what I can say is that there was bargains galore; D type £10, D type sheering set complete £27 working, H2 pump £35, Lister twin 10hp £105, Lister B single flywheel gauged valve type £80, Lister F direct coupled dynamo £100, Crossley 2hp class 1 £200, Lister NS £40 - 60 and 75 respectively class 3-4. To make the sale worthwhile a large number of lots had been entered by outside vendors with a majority of lots having reserve prices and resulted in quite a lot not being sold. Crossley 1928 3.5hp 250 class 1, 1953 Morris Oxford saloon car in good condition did not reach reserve, 1967 Ford Cortina part restored complete £190, Lister Junior spec A29 £38, a 1931 national model F did not sell. To sum up the bargains were there the big Listers were there the prices were low. The bargain of the day went to a friend of John Whites - a big Lister R complete, mag had not been re-fitted since reconditioning the hammer fell at £65, it was running on following day and I believe has been sold again with a '0' added - not bad 'A'!

ALAN VICKERY.

***** OBITUARY *****

On 12th February, 1999 the death occurred of Dewi Moore of Swansea, he passed away after a short illness. Although not a Wessex member he will be remembered for the quality of his engines that he regularly exhibited throughout the West Country, usually in the company of Wessex member Grayham White. Yet another sad loss to the Stationary Engine movement. Our sincere condolences and sympathy to his family.

***** A BLAST FROM THE PAST *****

In the West Wilts directory of businesses for Trowbridge in 1923 there is listed a Mr C Burgess, 54 Park Road - occupation; Engine Driver and a Mr C Ricks, 53 Park Road who was listed as a Stationary Engine Driver, so it goes to show what we take pleasure in as a hobby was once a chaps livelihood.

BOB HALLAM

***** CLUB VISIT TO WESTONZOYLAND PUMPING STATION *****

The Wessex Stationary Engine Club are meeting at Westonzoyland Steam Pumping Station on Sunday 2nd May for a visit, when the engine will be in steam. Just turn up at around 2pm for what will be a very interesting afternoon. The last visit by our Club several years ago saw over 60 members present, so lets have a good turnout this time. If you really want to make a good day of it I can really recommend lunch in the pub in the village and then on to the venue.

BJB.

***** **THE CLUB'S FIRST 'ENGINE JUMBLE' AT CHEDDAR - MARCH 6TH 1999** *****

After our disastrous 1998 rally it was obvious we needed to raise some money to offset the financial loss. I decided one 'money spinner' was auto jumbles, so it was set in motion to organise one. Luckily we had just acquired a new rally site at Cheddar and when approached the site owner was willing to let us also run an 'Engine Jumble'. I had some 'flyers' printed and visited auto jumbles at Taunton, Sodbury, Rode, Tog Hill, Winford, Yeovil and Bristol and handed one to every trader present. We also advertised it in the Stationary Engine Magazine and it took them three adverts to get the date right. On the day before the Engine Jumble took place my phone rang constantly with enquiries from as far as Nottingham, Oxford, Birmingham, Devon etc. I thought 'Yes' it is going to be a success. Well on the Saturday morning when my alarm rang at 5am I thought well lets get on with it, outside was a very heavy frost and it was still moonlight. On arriving at Cheddar I find I am pipped to the post by Colin Nicholson and believe it or not the trader who rang from Nottingham with his van full of tools. We had to wait for the site owner to arrive with the keys to open the hanger and from then onwards a steady stream of traders arrived. Ray Baker and Roger Pike set themselves up the track armed with large buckets to collect money from the buyers, Brian Verrall took command of the car park and Colin Nicholson was directing the traders into position. The cafe on the site opened for business and soon everyone was wandering around with bacon sandwiches in their hands. with a steady stream of sellers and buyers it soon became apparent it would be a successful venture. I noticed buyers were there from Hampshire, Devon, Dorset, Cornwall, Gloucester and also from across the bridge. The weather turned out to be brilliant with a very sunny but cold morning. I'm sure everyone enjoyed themselves and I think a lot of bits and pieces, and money changed hands. By 1 o'clock most of the buyers had headed for home and the sellers were loading up. We had fifty two traders which realised £265 and the gate realised £351 total of £616. After paying the landowner his agreed half share of the gate the Club had made £441 for its funds. This entire operation was carried out by only 'FIVE' members (where were the other two hundred of you?) I would personally like to thank the following for assisting me in making this event possible - Brian Verrall, Colin Nicholson, Ray Baker and Roger Pike. Hopefully we can in future run two of these events annually. Thank you to the buyers and sellers who supported us.

BJB.

***** **CLUB EVENING 25TH JANUARY 1999** *****
A TALK BY MR CHRIS BISHOP OF BISHOPS MOVE

Firstly many thanks to all members who turned out and supported this club evening and little did I know when I booked Chris Bishop that he was driving from Leatherhead, Surrey to be with us for a couple of hours! The removal business all started in a building named the Victoria Depository in Pimlico, London by J J Bishop in 1854 and Chris Bishop's sons are now the sixth generation carrying on what was started all those years ago with horse and carts progressing to a 1930 Foden steam lorry and now the huge 3,600 cu.ft. van plus trailer their largest vehicle which is used for continental moves. The company have 150 lorries around the 26 plus branches dotted about this island of ours and can move huge loads to small dolls houses. Their biggest move of late was one costing £3 million when the MOD moved to their new headquarters at Abbey Wood, Bristol. Another fairly large move was one of the three hospitals merging into one new building costing £110,000. The costliest private move was a London family moving from one side of London to another totalling £9,000!!! One fascinating package they had to undertake was a spotter plane headed for the Falkland Islands. Of course to ship this unusual object the wings had to be dismantled before trying to crate it up for its long journey. A fair amount of brown paper as well I should imagine. The evening was brought to a close with the usual raffle - the tickets were either green or blue (I think Brian is taking Viagra - it's supposed to impair colour perception as a side effect!!). Anyway we managed to get the prizes to the deserving members after a few giggles.

ANNE CARNEY.

***** **THE MARKET PLACE** *****

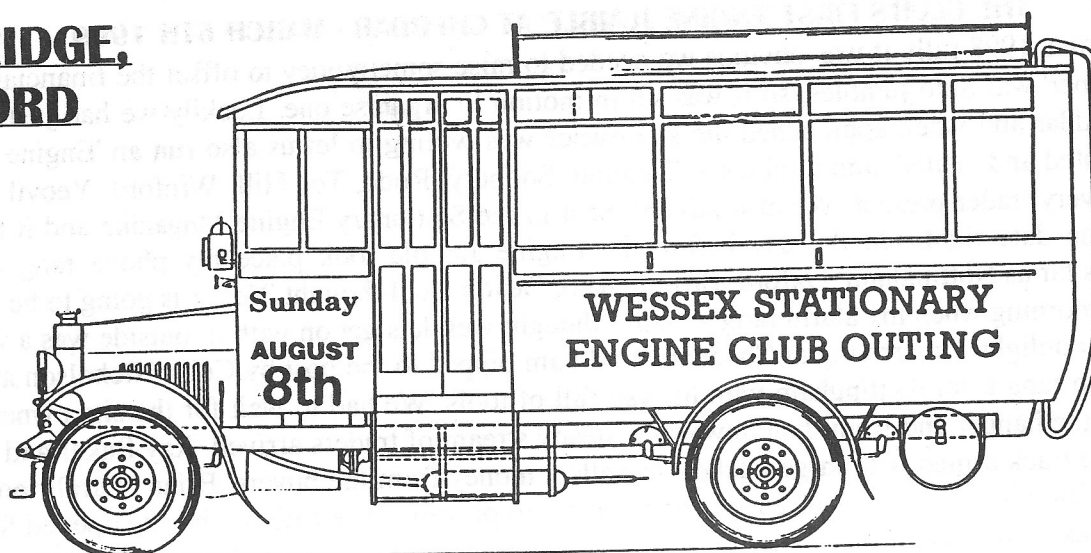
FOR SALE. STANDARD STEEL FORDSON Late 30's early 40's, good restoration project. Offers around £150 for further details ring 01761 432382. Radstock area.

FOR SALE. LISTER 'L' 5hp, restored £260 ono. Lister DK 'paraffin model', restored £75. Atco Lawn mower 1926 complete with tool kit £50. Various other Atco mowers 1950's. For further details ring 01380 830344 (Alan Bartlett).

FOR SALE. 8 LISTER D'S 1.5hp £25 each. Wolseley WD2 £65. Lister 'B' £75. Lister 'A' with saw bench, tank cooled £150 ono. 1 Crossley diesel 6hp £80 ono. 45 blow lamps, brass type £4 each ono. N.B. all the engines are unrestored. Contact Martin or Andrew on 0117 9675225 after 6.30pm.

FOR SALE. RESTORED GASGOINES VACUUM PUMP £18 ring Tony on 01375 464982 for other parts to go with above pump to make a milking display ring Alan Bartlett on 01380 830344.

IRONBRIDGE, TELFORD



***** ANNUAL WESSEX COACH TRIP *****

The annual coach trip for 1999 is to The Ironbridge World Heritage Site at Telford, Shropshire (just north of Birmingham). This will take place on Sunday 8th August. The time and picking up point will be announced later. The cost which covers the coach fare and entrance to the Museum complex will be £15 per person. The Ironbridge complex covers over 6 square miles which takes several days to see it all but for the time available to us on a day trip we will be visiting the Blist Hill Victorian town complex. I would advise early booking to secure your seat as last years trip was oversubscribed and some members were disappointed. So ring Jackie Lambert as soon as possible on 01373 463526. N.B. The Ironbridge Complex was shown on a recent programme on BBC2 by Fred Dibnah.

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

SUNDAY APRIL 11TH - Nut Tree Crank-Up, Nut Tree Inn, Worle, Nr Weston-Super-Mare. For details ring Angela on 01934 517322.

SUNDAY APRIL 18TH - Wessex Crank-Up at Nunney Catch Transport Cafe, 9am onwards, Wessex members only. Contact Robin for further details on 01373 463526.

MONDAY APRIL 5TH - Mells Daffodil Day for stationary engines entry ring Robin on 01373 463526.

MONDAY APRIL 26TH - Club Night at The Old Down Inn. Terry Taylor - Clockmaker giving a talk on clockmaking. Should be very interesting to all engineers and modelmakers. Usual grand raffle.

SUNDAY MAY 2ND - The Wessex Club are meeting at The Westonzoyland Pumping Station - 2pm. See the massive steam beam engine in action.

SUNDAY MAY 9TH - North Dorset stationary engine and tractor clubs rally at Hazelbury Bryan, Dorset. This is one of the best one day rally. Large car boot sale. enquiries Dickie Plummer on 01258 817597.

SATURDAY MAY 22ND, SUNDAY MAY 23RD - Vintage Crank-Up, Stockbridge, Hampshire. For details ring 01264 810455.

SUNDAY JUNE 6TH - Tatworth Mini Rally, Tatworth, Nr Chard. For details ring Mo Duke on 01460 220786.

SATURDAY JUNE 12TH - Collett Park Day at Shepton Mallet. Stationary Engines wanted. Ring 01749 342671 for details.

SATURDAY JUNE 19TH, SUNDAY JUNE 20TH - The most important Rally of the year. Wessex Stationary Engine Club Ltd. 22nd Annual Rally. New rally site at Winchester Farm, Cheddar. For details ring 01749 342671.

SATURDAY AUGUST 14TH - Engines wanted for Clutton Flower Show. Free teas and cakes. Contact Roger Parsons on 01761 452565 for further details.

SEPTEMBER 26TH - Full Quart Crank-Up at Huish. Please contact Roy on 01934 419826 to secure your entry.

SUNDAY AUGUST 8TH - Wessex Annual Coach Trip to The Ironbridge World Heritage Site at Telford, Shropshire. Cost of coach and entrance fee £15. See separate article.

***** FOR SALE *****

FORD ANGLIA 105E Estate, 1967, ready for restoration £250. Ford Anglia 105E saloon (for spares) £100. For further details ring 01761 413020 (Chilcompton Area).