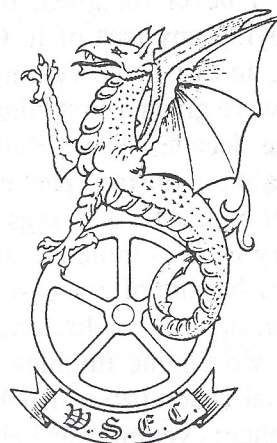


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NEWSLETTER



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

Once again the theft of Stationary Engines is brought to our notice. I have in the past said how important it is to record details of all your engines. Engine No's. should be recorded and also photographs or videotapes kept as a record for identification should they be stolen. Also it is quite easy to make your own mark on any engine or appliance with a letter punch where it does not show. This would be conclusive proof it is your property should it be stolen and later recovered by the Police.

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

This years AGM has passed with two Committee Members standing down but only one new member coming onto the Committee (welcome aboard George). If any member would like to join the Committee you don't have to wait until the next AGM, we can co-op you on at any time. Just let me or any Committee member know. The first event on the Wessex calendar, the Engine Jumble was quite successful, we had a superb sunny morning which attracted sellers and buyers alike. A total of 42 stalls arrived and enough buyers to increase club funds by nearly £400. I would like to thank the members who helped out collecting the money on the gate and to the car park and stall organisers, also a big thank you to Ruben Smith who always brings his tractor on site in case anyone gets stuck in the car park. Membership of the Club is quite high already with new members still joining. I would like to ask all members to support the events and meetings that the committee have arranged for you, they were certainly well supported during the past year.

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

FOR SALE. AMANCO 'HIRED MAN' hit and miss on trolley with Amanco water pump, ready to rally £750 ono Ring 01761 452279 for further details.

FOR SALE. PETTER A SERIES 2. In good running order £40. Lister A on original trolley, 1946, ready to rally £200. Lister D, 1942 driving a grindstone on oak steerable trolley, restored ready to rally £130. Wolseley WD8 reverse rotation on steerable trolley, restored £125. Ring Percy on 01373 812461 for details Leigh on Mendip area.

FOR SALE. LISTER 'D' Fully restored, new silencer, ready to rally, engine No 150130, early model, no trolley, bargain at £50. Bentall chaff cutter, hand operated, restored, make good rally or garden exhibit, Ring Dave on 01225 761987. Trowbridge area.

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

The Wessex Stationary Engine Club would like to welcome the following new members: - Mr and Mrs Tomlinson of St Leonards, Exeter, Junior member David Coles from Leigh on Mendip, Mr & Mrs L Freeman from Lower Godney, Nr Wells, Mr J Stoneman of Pewsey, Wiltshire, Mr Ian Jones of Easterton, Nr Devizes. We hope your membership will be a long and happy one. Do not hesitate to contact me or any Committee Member of you have any queries whatsoever.

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

Stationary Engines wanted for Coxley County Show May 21st, 2000. For details ring Tony Davis on 01373 464982.

Stationary Engines wanted for Chewton Mendip Dairy Show, August 27th. For details ring George Coles on 01373 813647.

Stationary Engines wanted for Draycott Strawberry Fair, Saturday 10th June 12 noon – 5pm. Contact Brian Verrall on 01934 743460.

***** AGM PRESIDENT ADDRESS 1999 *****

Looking back over the last year was probably one of the clubs busiest years to date. Just looking back through last years programme is a reminder of all the very enjoyable evenings spent being entertained here at the Old Down Inn. I never imagined that moving house could be so interesting having only done it once myself and never enjoying any part of it. Chris Bishops Move threw an entirely different light on the situation with an illustrated talk, an excellent evening. Commander Frewer gave a talk on submarines, I could have listened to him all night as we were given a first hand report of Britain's Senior Service and to how our nation has been protected over the past three decades. Dave Bullock and his agricultural bygonos was bordering on our hobby, his vast knowledge on Britain's industrial past emerged through the evening as he explained his collection of machinery badges. Several other enjoyable evenings included Lister/Petter – revisited and clock making by Terry Taylor, Tippers on Mendip – Gerry Burr, A table top auction, Police underwater search unit by Rick Cross and not forgetting the Magic Lantern Show by one of our past chairmen – Brian Munt, a super evening and I'm sure enjoyed by all. No less than three crank-ups were held during the year. One held just down the road at the Court Hotel and two at Nunney Catch, and our two engine jumbles took place at Cheddar, which was to be a helpful fundraiser to boost club funds. Our annual coach trip to Ironbridge in August was a great day out and I know was enjoyed by all that went. Another excellent evening was held at Cheddar Football Club where two skittle teams consisting of about 30 people in each battled it out amid a lot of banter and leg pulling again this is another popular event that is supported by more and more club members as years go by. So having just skitted over the past year of the Wessex Stationary Engine Club we should be reminded that none of this would have taken place if it was not for the people sat here before you tonight. A tremendous effort by them for which we are all very appreciative. Thank you all. We must also remind ourselves that our committee all have just like us a home life to run, jobs to go to, and have to deal with all the unforeseen things that are sure to crop up from time to time and in addition take the time to arrange and prepare a whole years worth of events for us to enjoy and I haven't yet mentioned the Club rally, which is about 5days work on site for the organisers and their helpers. Sometimes all the best laid plans can from time to time go wrong and its so simple to criticism but you will often find that those who do are reluctant to pick up a committee nomination form and have a go and joining the front liners who are always trying to do their best. Also very worthy of a mention tonight are the club members who organise events of their own, whether it be crank-ups, engines at flower shows, charity events, and a host of other good causes, it brings about a togetherness amongst club members which is what a friendly club is all about.

ROBIN.

***** TEIGN VALLEY *****

Unfortunately this years rally turned out wet, it rained nearly all night Friday and a large part of Saturday. The weather did not deter the hardened rallier as exhibitors just kept coming. Stalls appeared to be down this year, due I would think down to the weather being wet. Sunday turned out sunny and dry, which helped the ground dry up and bring out the public, as there appeared to be quite a few walking round. All to soon it was time to pack up and head for home. Most of us were towed out due to muddy conditions, but we still had a very nice weekend thanks to Mike and Megan our stewards who made us most welcome.

A.K. VICKERY

***** MAJOR THEFT OF STATIONARY ENGINES *****

Any member who has been to the Tatton Park Rally will most certainly have visited the Anson Museum. We have had a letter from the Museum with the news of a major theft of engines, the letter reads as follows: -

It is with great sadness and upset that I have to report a major theft from the Anson Museum. We have worked endlessly to try and create something that does no exist in any National Museum, and were beginning to get together displays of a wide variety. A large amount of Lister engines have now been acquired. The aims of the Museum were to show the whole development of the internal combustion engine in all its chamber designs; this is all now thrown into doubt. Les having just celebrated his 80th Birthday is absolutely devastated as I am. The items stolen are: - Crossley rotary valve gas engine No 16243, Gardner O type gas engine No 13617, Robinson V type gas engine No 2807, Gardner O type petrol engine No 24803, Hartop engine, Half scale model Robinson, Half scale model Robinson, Table top model steam engine, Horizontal model mill engine, 20+ lubricators including National, Crossley, Ruston and Gardner. A reward is being offered leading to the recovery of these items.

GEOFF CHALLINOR.

I have visited the Anson museum and have seen the wonderful collection of engines on display there, so it really saddens me to hear that so many has been stolen, needless to say if any members know of any of these items offered for sale would they contact the Police or the Anson with the details.

ED.

***** PIPE SPECIFICATIONS *****

12 THINGS TO THINK ABOUT WHEN SELECTING THE PIPE YOU NEED.

1. All pipe is to be made of a long hole, surrounded by metal or plastic centred around the hole.
2. All pipe is to be hollow throughout the entire length – so not use holes of different length than the pipe.
3. The inside diameter of the pipe must not exceed the outside diameter – otherwise the hole will be on the outside.
4. All pipe is to be supplied with nothing in the hole so that water, steam or other stuff can be put inside at a later date.
5. All pipe should be supplied without rust – this can be more readily applied at the job site. (Some vendors are now able to supply pre-rusted pipe. If available in your area this product is recommended as it will save a lot of time on the job site).
6. All pipe over 500ft (153m) long should have the words 'long pipe' painted on each end, so the contractor knows it is a long pipe.
7. Pipe over 2 miles (3.2km) in length must have the words 'long pipe' painted in the middle, so the contractor will not have to walk the entire length of the pipe to determine whether it is a long pipe.
8. All pipe over 6" in diameter must have the words 'large pipe' painted on it so the contractor will not mistake it for a small pipe.
9. Flanges must be used on all pipes. Flanges must have holes for bolts quite separate from the big hole in the middle.
10. When ordering 90 degree, 45 degree, or 30-degree elbows, be sure to specify right hand or left hand, otherwise you will end up going the wrong way.
11. Be sure to specify whether you want level, uphill or downhill pipe, if you use downhill pipe for going uphill, the water will flow the wrong way.
12. All couplings should have either right hand or left hand threads, but do not mix the threads – otherwise, as the couplings are being screwed on one pipe, it is being unscrewed from the other.

All the above specifications conform the EEC requirements on or after April 1st, 2000.

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

SUNDAY 9TH APRIL. Spring Crank-Up at Nunney Catch Transport Café, Nr Frome. Breakfasts and lunches available in the café. Usual Grand Raffle. Just turn up, no booking, bring and buy, this will be the best 'Crank-Up' this year.

MONDAY 17TH APRIL. (Please note early date due to Bank Holiday). Club Night at The Old Down Inn. Terry Sanger. Trials and tribulations of Motor racing. Usual raffle.

MONDAY 24TH APRIL. Mells Daffodil Rally at Mells, Nr Frome. For details ring Robin on 01373 463526.

SUNDAY 7TH MAY. North Dorset Stationary Engine and Tractor Club Rally at Hazelbury Bryan Playing Field. Large car boot and auto jumble. The best one-day rally in the calendar. Details from Dickie Plummer on 01258 817597.

JULY 8/9TH. Three counties Vintage and Classic Car Club's Motorcade at Pine Lodge Farm, Tincleton, Nr Dorchester (off A35) Show on Sunday – Auto Jumble – Road Run – Ring Events – Tank Rides – Animals to see – Café etc. BBQ on Saturday night, camping available at approx. £2 per night. STATIONARY ENGINES WANTED – Ring Don Payne on 01202 679358. All proceeds to Cancer Ward 11 Bournemouth Hospital.

***** DISGRUNTLED *****

Whilst filling out this year rally entry form for one of my favourite rallies (West Somerset Railway – Bishops Lydeard) I noticed in the small print at the bottom of the entry form that as last year a lot of exhibitors did not turn up for the event, this year a £3 charge will be made per exhibitor, quite a shock to read this as other organisations have tried this in the past only to find themselves boycotted by what was once their main supporters. I did send my entry form with no payment and a note to the effect that to support this event I shall travel almost 100 miles and run my exhibit for two days at no cost to the organisers and I do not want a plaque and do not require a free ticket on the exhibitors trip to Minehead. They say that their passes will be sent out in July, but if I am not included in the event I hope they will let me know as soon as possible so that I can then take my exhibit elsewhere.

ROB LAMBERT.

FOR SALE 4ft x 3ft Trailer, dropped tailgate, made of marine plywood. Hand built by Alan.
Tel. Alan Carney on 01225 334565 (Bath) £100.

***** BEST WISHES *****

My very good friend Dennis Hodges has recently been in Hospital again for surgery. I'm pleased to hear it was successful and he is back home again, our best wishes for a speedy recovery Dennis. Our Best Wishes also to Reg Williamson who for a long time has not enjoyed good health and had to go in Hospital recently, our thoughts are with you Reg.

***** WESSEX S.E. CLUB SORT-OUT AT WINCHESTER FARM, CHEDDAR 4TH MARCH *****

With great contrast to the sort-out held in November, this one was blessed with a dry sunny day on a hard clean sole area that made walking about very pleasant. Despite the sharp cold wind there was a lot of interesting goodies on offer and for sale. Those attending seemed to come from a wide area, some from as far afield as Derby, as I was surprised to meet them and renew acquaintances once again. Once again it showed that to have these informal events and get together during the winter months are a necessary thing that keeps our movement going. Parts and ideas are exchanged that produce new items at our shows and not forgetting the friendships that go along with our varied interests Welcome to the Wessex Club and its band of loyal organisers and supporters, keep up the good work.

BRIAN LOVELL.

***** THE SPRING PLOUGHING MATCH AT MONTACUTE - SUNDAY 5TH MARCH *****

This Spring event held by the SSAPC and organised by Dave Fox and Ron Marsh was held on a bright sunny day in ground that had dried out very well. Despite a cold wind there were ploughmen and ploughwoman prepared to do their best in what could only be described as perfect conditions. Attending were two pairs of horses with their owners Terry Goff and Terry Sweet, and in support were 15 tractors of various makes completing this wonderful scene. Alas the day was not without its problems. One of the competitors who had come from Bridport and just completed his opening when disaster struck. Dare I say it, his Fordson packed up. It was diagnosed as having magneto problems, in other words NO SPARK. After some discussion, a visit was made to a certain tractor from which the magento was removed and fitted to the sick Fordson. Now that all was well the ploughing was completed and after re-loading the magento was handed back by the grateful ploughman (Brian Johnson) expressing his gratitude to 'Henry'. This brought to a close a very well organised event that has turned into what is looked upon as a special gathering of friends.

BRIAN LOVELL.

