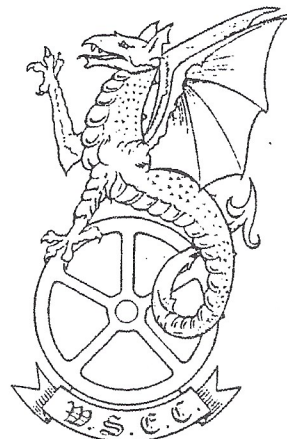


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NEWSLETTER



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EDITORIAL

The logo of The Wessex Stationary Engine Club is formed from the Wessex Wyvern and an engine flywheel with five spokes. The five spokes represent the five counties of ancient Wessex. The five counties are, **SOMERSET, DEVON, DORSET, WILTSHIRE, and HAMPSHIRE**. This information is for the benefit of recent new members of our club who are not conversant with the clubs history. The Wessex Wyvern on our logo is often mistaken for the Welsh dragon – definitely not so.

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

The Club Autojumble at Cheddar was once again a success. Plenty of stalls selling every conceivable thing imaginable, buyers came from far and wide, and club funds benefited by about £300 as a result. Many thanks to all who attended, buyers and sellers, and a big thank you to the members who helped out on the day to run the event. The recent announcement that we are restricting membership to 350 members has resulted in numerous comments and letters from members, some members who do not exhibit engines feel they may be depriving an engine exhibitors from a membership, other members feel we should operate a two tier membership, one with insurance and one without insurance. This system has already been used by the club in the past, but was abandoned because of abuse, some members took the cheaper membership but continued to exhibit engines. The committee are at present exploring all the alternatives and the present limit of 350 is only temporary until we decide on a permanent solution. Watch this space for future developments.

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

MONDAY APRIL 1st MELL'S DAFFODIL RALLY. RING ROBIN FOR DETAILS ON 01373 463526.

SUNDAY APRIL 7th VISIT TO BATH MUSEUM. SEE SEPARATE PAGE FOR INSTRUCTIONS.

SUNDAY APRIL 28th CRANK UP AT NUNNEY CATCH TRANSPORT CAFE.

MONDAY APRIL 29th CLUB NIGHT AT THE OLD DOWN INN. TALK BY THE REV ALAN NEWMAN ON INDUSTRIAL ARCHEOLOGY IN THE AREA AROUND IRONBRIDGE.

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

A team of six members to attend South Somerset Club meeting on the 15th April at Long Sutton Village Hall to take part in a quiz. The meeting starts at 8pm. If you can take part please give me a ring. Later in the year the South Somerset Club will be visiting the Old Down Inn for a return match. Come on make the effort, do not let the club down. B.J.B.

FOR SALE Vesuv Lathe. (German) 5ft bed, 3 and 4 jaw chucks, face plate, single phase, in working order. Ring Martyn or Andrew on 0117 9675225 after 6pm.

VINTAGE JUMBLE AT WINCHESTER FARM CHEDDAR

SATURDAY 2nd MARCH 2002

Variety was the main element of this sale, with a wide and varied selection of items in the newly enlarged car park, overlooking the lake. A good turn out of 35 "stalls", (I hesitate to call them stalls, as there were pick-ups, trailers, and lorry beds being used to conduct business) and a sunny day, if a little cold, should have attracted the general public. Unfortunately it didn't and the gate was quieter than usual. Still, there were assorted Haynes manuals, Old Glory and Stationary Engine magazines, tools, wheels, a £1 per item stall, tins rows of light bulbs and videos for sale. The engines included a Lister Junior, A Tiny Tim battery charging engine, 10 Lister "D"s, a Petter "M" and a 1.5 hp International as well as some small engines and pumps, with various prices being negotiated and argued for each. For a stylish addition to your Lister, Petter or Wolseley there were stainless steel silencers, and reconditioned, cleaned and gleaming magnetos. The café seemed to be doing a good trade in breakfasts and hot drinks, and there was certainly trading going on, but as I have said, the public stayed away for the most part. Nevertheless a good sale.

JONATHAN HOCKEDY

JUNIOR REPORTER

PS. I would like to thank our Editor for the Editors Cup award and all club members for their continuing support and encouragement.

EDITORS COMMENT. When you read Jonathans reports you will know why I gave him the Editors Cup this year. It was also given because he always reports on all the Wessex events. Well done Jonathan, keep the reports rolling in. B.J.B.

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

FOR SALE Tarpen garden generator 400 watt complete with grassmaster 7in. rotary mower and hedge trimmer, 12 in. blade. All restored and working, ideal exhibit.

Stuart turner RM3 marine engine. 1.5 hp. 2 stroke. Restored.

Water pump, gear driven reciprocating ram. 1 restored, 1 in need of restoration.

Details and offers to Keith Evans. 01278 782842.

FOR SALE Scammel air cooled engine with water pump and frame. £120 ono.
Ring 01179 675225 ask for Martyn or Andrew after 7pm.

FOR SALE Villiers "7" £15. Coventry Victor "Midget" water cooled 8hp type MW2 two cylinder horizontally opposed petrol engine. £55. It is an auxiliary petrol starting engine for Fowler Challenger diesel crawler tractor with Marshall twin cylinder diesel engine. As bought, in parts, believed complete, with centrifugal clutch and restoration started, engine free, some literature. Quite a small engine. Ring Neil on 01823 681191 after 6.45 pm.

WANTED Parts for Ruston IVSO diesel- Radiator, fan, air filter, exhaust, oil pressure gauge, and governor. Cover for Ruston 2YWA diesel. Lister CS diesel parts inc 5/1 cylinder head. Battery for Lister Startomatic. RING NEIL on 01823 681191. After 6.45 pm.

FOR SALE. 1948 Lister D on new trolley £120. 1946 Lister D and Stuart Pump on

Large trolley £150. 1958 Lister D driving DC generator 110 volts, with lighting

Board all on new trolley £175. 1951 Wolseley WD 8 reverse rotation, on new trolley. £140.

1943 Wolseley smooth hopper, new magneto and exhaust, on new trolley. Class 2 £140.

1944 Wolseley smooth hopper on new trolley £120. 1946 Petter A on skids, painted, good runner £40.

For details on any of the above ring Percy on 01373 812461.

FOR SALE Small low trailer 5'3" x 3'6" x 2' deep. 11" diam wheels on independent units, Unbraked, complete with lights. £80. Tel Chris on 01373 466458 Frome area.

FOR SALE. Wolseley Mini Hornet. Automatic Mk 3, 1968, 998cc. TNJ 59G. Green with white roof.

Very good condition. MOT July. Milage 55000. Complete history available. Many extras. Also "Laman Greenwood" Swing Head Dolly vehicle trailer. Combined price £1500, ono, or will sell separately. Tel Lily or Geoff on 01958 212162.

PRESIDENTS ADDRESS 2002 Annual General Meeting

Looking back over last years programme of club events and meetings, a superb menu of entertainment was laid on. Having a browse through the diary, no less than 19 events were organised for our club members, 9 held at the Old Down Inn and 10 elsewhere. These events don't just happen, a tremendous amount of planning and forethought goes into setting up what we are able to attend and in some cases guest speakers held in reserve just in case something goes wrong. This can be quite a nightmare for our secretary when he receives the dreaded phone call from a speaker that cannot make the date arranged. I believe having good contacts is a big help to Arthur, and he does seem to know a lot of people.

One engine jumble and sort out took place at Cheddar and this is now an established event within the vintage world and three Crank-ups took place at Nunney Catch, this would normally have been 2 – Spring & Autumn, but with our rally being cancelled, we did have an extra crank-up on the Sunday and we were indebted to Jackie and Gordon for offering their car park and facilities yet again.

Our April visit to John and David Uptons engine collection, near Andover was the best privately owned engine collection I have ever seen. A large amount of club members made this event and I know were amazed at what was on display. The Upton family's hospitality and generosity in the form of refreshments laid on was very much appreciated and will be remembered for a long time.

We all missed out on Mells Daffodil Day, this was another event cancelled because of foot and mouth, again a lot of time and planning to no avail, but this was probably just one of hundreds across the country that never took place.

The Court Hotel Crank-Up was a super evening and was full to capacity and is another event organised with help from club members. Our Mince-Pie Crank-Up took place this year at Ston Easton village hall, a bitter cold and rough day, but what a hardy lot turned up, the inclement weather never put them off.

Our annual coach trip to the Museum of Steam in Swindon, plus a visit to Mc'Arthur Glenn shopping mall was very enjoyable as there was something for everyone and the coach journey wasn't too long, in fact we arrived before the Museum opened and had a little time to kill.

To find stationary engine related guest speakers at The Old Down Inn for every club meeting would be impossible and to be honest it would be hard to digest. Last years programme had something for everyone, Jack Guest OBE gave us a very lighthearted talk on his 46 years as a policeman. Dennis Chedgy stood in for Judith Dexter who was due to give a talk on the Social History of Coal Mining in the Radstock area and gave a great illustrated talk on the two local towers – Ammerdown and Turners and the two families that owned them. And of course not forgetting our own Rob Armstrong for an excellent evenings entertainment, complete with indoor fireworks. We also had Bob Burgess, not once, but twice, the first time he gave us a talk on "a load of old billhooks – you have to be very careful how you say that- and the second visit talked on the History of Morris dancing accompanied by friend Colin Dipper who demonstrated the art of playing a concetina and how to actually make one and repair old ones, in the second half both played their instruments and this made a very interesting musical evening. An interesting fact has emerged about the date of this club meeting was that 25 years to this day our club was first formed.

As I said earlier on all this didn't just happen on its own we are all indebted to the good people who made the arrangements, your committee.

Probably one of the most demanding positions on our committee is that of Chairman and the second most demanding is the newsletter editor and as you know Brian does both, both positions on there own can be quite stressful, but with the two jobs together there's no time to fit stress in which is why he looks so well !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! and its down to us to keep him that way, just keep your letters, articles, rally reports, ongoing restorations or anything at all of interest, dropping through his letter box and you will make him a very happy Chairman.

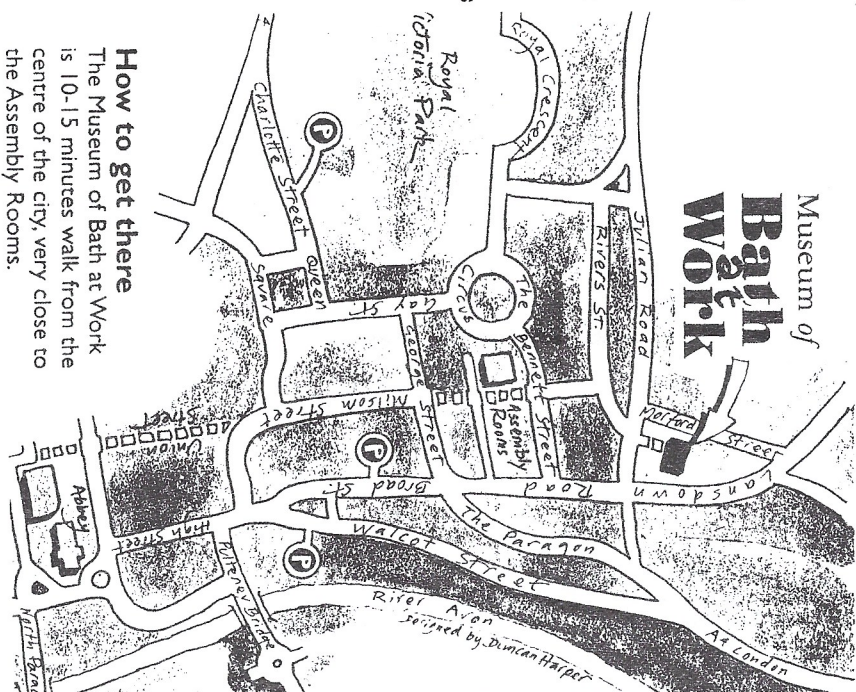
I believe that sometimes the word committee sounds a bit out of date, they are a team who manage the Wessex Stationary Engine Club very well on our behalf, and on your behalf the club members would like to thank them for all their hard work in the past year.

ROBIN

Club visit to the Museum of Bath at Work tells the story of a time not so very long ago, when the elegant City of Bath generated its own electricity, produced its own gas, possessed two busy railway yards, exported giant dockyard cranes to every corner of the globe, brewed its own beer, milled its own flour, wove fine worsted cloth modelled the world in Plasticine, fitted out the Atlantic liners and manufactured motor cars. The centre piece of the Museum is the remarkable Bowler collection - a complete engineering works and a fizzy-pop factory. It was rescued from destruction some thirty years ago, faithfully restored and rehoused in a distinctive building, designed originally in 1776 as a Real Tennis Court.

Jonathan Burdett Bowler started his business in 1872 and, through his willingness to tackle any job, large or small, traded with practically every commercial concern in Bath; and now these links can be a computerised information point

Club members intending to visit the Museum please note, car parking is very difficult near the Museum (Lots of double yellow lines and permit parking only) I would suggest using Charlotte St car park which is approx 10 mins walk slightly up hill to museum.
Robin.



How to get there
The Museum of Bath at Work is 10-15 minutes walk from the centre of the city, very close to the Assembly Rooms.

Bath Industrial Heritage Centre

