

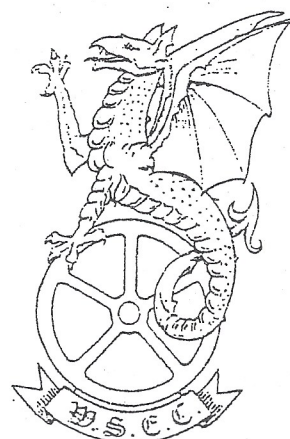
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NEWSLETTER

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

As Editor and Chairman I was sorry to see Robin stand down as President as he was always there for help and advice whenever needed, however he is now on the committee and I'm sure that input will continue. I would like to welcome Brian Verrall as the new President of our club. Brian has been a good servant of the club in the past, serving on the committee for a number of years and was Chairman before me for five years. It is quite noticeable that it is the same dedicated members who continue to hold office in this club without much change, it is time other members took responsibility in running the club, put your name forward to come on the committee now.

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

After the full house we had at the Old Down Inn for our January meeting I thought the AGM would not be very well supported, so I was pleasantly surprised when we had quite a good attendance. The AGM went quite smoothly and I was pleased that this time under AOB we did have some questions from the floor, usually no one has anything to say. The only disappointment was, not one nomination was put forward for the vacancies on the committee. Our spring Sort-Out at Cranmore was well supported with sellers and buyers, despite snow falling a few days before, and a not very favourable weather forecast, but sunshine on the day was very welcome. As you see from this newsletter I like to report on what is happening to our members, hospital visits, birthdays, births etc, so please give me any information that I can use, it helps to keep the newsletter interesting and keep members in touch.

******* BAMFORDS *******

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Dear Sir,

I am writing to you because I think you and your members might be interested to know that my brother and I are founder members of the Bamford Engines & Machinery Group. We run only Bamford Stationary engines and my brother does the helpline in Stationary Engine Magazine. There is a website for Bamford machinery which were manufactured in Uttoxeter Staffordshire. Anyone wishing to find out anything about Bamford Machinery can visit the website at <http://henrybamfordandsonsuttoxeterengland.co.uk> we will be happy to assist with dating of engines and any information we can help you with. You can also contact me on my e mail address dennis@barlowdennis1.wanadoo.co.uk. Yours sincerely DENNIS A BARLOW.

RETIRING PRESIDENTS ADDRESS A.G.M. 2006

Looking back over the past 12 months it's almost unbelievable how quickly the year has passed us by. Club meetings here at the Old Down Inn and outside events organised for us never seem to take a backward slide in their quality, things for our club members to enjoy just seem to get better and better. A quick look through last years programme listed around eleven organised events, 2 at Camerton, 3 at Nunney Catch, 2 at Cranmore, 1 Court Hotel, 1 at Mells and not forgetting Fred's fantastic BBQ. We also held our annual two day rally at Clutton. All these things do not just happen. Planning, discussion and effort by someone has to take place first and help from our membership has been exemplary, just look at how many of you turned up at the Rally site to help set up and again to clear up on the Monday, many hands make light work and what is nice to see it that those that take are also prepared to give something back. What a wonderful attitude.

Our year of inside club meetings that took place started off with young Jonathan Hockedy's illustrated talk on bank notes from around the world, we all had a history lesson that night as he was so informative and knowledgeable on this subject he showed depth that was beyond his years, we had ships in bottles, Les Davis the Mendip Warden, SS Gt Britain, Isle of Man Railways and the fearsome King Eric Blood Axe alias club member Kim Siddorn that put the fear of god into our junior members and some senior one's too with his Viking evening, a very educational and entertaining evening. Our Skittle evening had around 60 club members and friends attending even more than last year perhaps it's the fish and chip supper that draws the crowd, well done Tony & Diana for laying it all on.

During the passed year some of our club members passed away leaving a void in the lives of all who knew them. They will all be sadly missed but never forgotten.

As we all know the club does not run its self the people sat here around the table tonight make things happen for us all and they should be congratulated on how well they planned the last year. I would also like to give a special mention to our club secretary, Arthur who behind the scenes pretty well puts together our yearly programme for the committee's endorsement. Also Brian our newsletter editor who still manages to produce a four page newsletter every month as well as doing his Chairman duties, also Mary who does a stirring job making sure you all receive your newsletters, not forgetting Diana our raffle lady and the ladies than stand in for her from time to time.

As you will see from your agenda your current President is retiring. I have had the honour of this position for seven going on eight years and it's been a pleasure to have been your President for all this time it has been an accolade that I will never forget. Your committee has chosen your new President and before I introduce him to you I thought it would be nice to have a look back through the club records over many years to see how he had spent his time with the W.S.E.Club. We need to look back some 23 years to 1983 which saw him co-opted onto our committee where he always played an active roll which became even more active for him as in 1987 to 1991 he was to be the clubs main liaison and organiser of our annual rally at Cheddar Football Club, in 1990 he was elected club chairman and remained in this position for the next five years when he decided it was time for a rest, but he was back on the scene again when after a few annual rallies at Semington we were back at Cheddar only this time at Winchester Farm, once again he was in the thick of things and to this day can still be seen doing his bit for the club at many of the events we hold. So may I without further ado welcome to the table and introduce you to your new President of the Wessex S E Club - Mr Brian Verrall

******* IT'S THE TRUTH AND NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH *******

Two Somerset Police Officers were called to attend an elderly gentleman's address in Shepton Mallet to do observations on a street where there had been a spate of milk bottle thefts. These officers arrived promptly at 7-30 am and after greeting the gentleman and checking it was still in order for them to carry out their observations from his home, they settled down by his kitchen window and waited. After an hour, and becoming anxious that there had been no movement in the street, the officers asked the man what time the offences had taken place? With a deadpan expression the old chap replied, "Oh the milkman doesn't deliver on Thursdays."

The Wiltshire Moonraker

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FOR 2005

B.J.B.

<<<<<<<<<<<<<<< LETTERS TO THE EDITOR >>>>>>>>>>>>>>>

I would like to thank the club members who for the card and all the good wishes I received while in the Royal United Hospital in Bath, and special thanks to Arthur Smith for visiting me in his unofficial roll of the clubs welfare officer. A big thank you to all, from **Henry Simmons**. P.S. I have had a couple of visits at home from Jill and Bob Hallam, I am making slow progress, I hope to Make the march meeting at the Old Down Inn.

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Tony Davis

<<<<<<<<<<< THE MARKET PLACE >>>>>>>>>>>

WANTED Carburettor and starting handle for a Wolseley WD. Wiko EK Magneto and Petrol Tank for a Ruston Hornsby PD8. Please ring Adrian on 01749 344451.

FOR SALE. Club Shop Sale. These items reduced. Books £3. Club Hats £1-99. Polo Shirts £6. Mugs £2. Please note we are still looking for a volunteer to run the club shop. For any of these items ring Diana on 01373 464982

***** **YOUR COMMITTEE FOR 2006** *****

President **Brian Verrall**. Chairman **Brian Baker**. Vice-Chairman **Eric Gay**. Secretary **Arthur Smith**. Treasurer **Jackie Lambert**. Committee Members. **Robin Lambert**. **Tony Davis**. **Diana Davis**. **Fred Biggs**. **Martin Feeney**. **Andrea Feeney**. These are the members who will be running the club on your behalf for the coming year, if you have any queries at all about club matters do not hesitate to contact any committee member who will attend to your problem. We are still short of at least one committee member at present so if any member would consider serving on the committee please let us know, as we can co-opt a new member on at any time, we don't have to wait until the next AGM.

***** **NEWS REEL** *****

The club would like to wish a very happy birthday to three committee members who are soon celebrating their birthdays. Our Vice-Chairman has his birthday on the 28th of March, many happy returns **Eric**. **Fred Biggs** will get the champagne out on April 4th, cheers **Fred**. And **Tony Davis** will celebrate his birthday on 29th April with a knees up, try and stay sober **Tony**. Another member with a birthday this month is Junior member **Henry Baker** who is 12 years old on the 23rd March. Time certainly flies, I started taking **Henry** to our rallies when he was three years old.

On a more serious note, **Edward Carp** has just gone into hospital for a new knee, we wish you well **Ed** and hope you have a speedy recovery. **Andrea Feeney** goes into hospital on 20th March, our best wishes are with you **Andrea** and we hope you are soon out and about with us again. **Henry Simmons** is now out of hospital and slowly recovering from his recent operation, I hope **Margaret** is giving you star treatment **Henry**.

***** **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY** *****

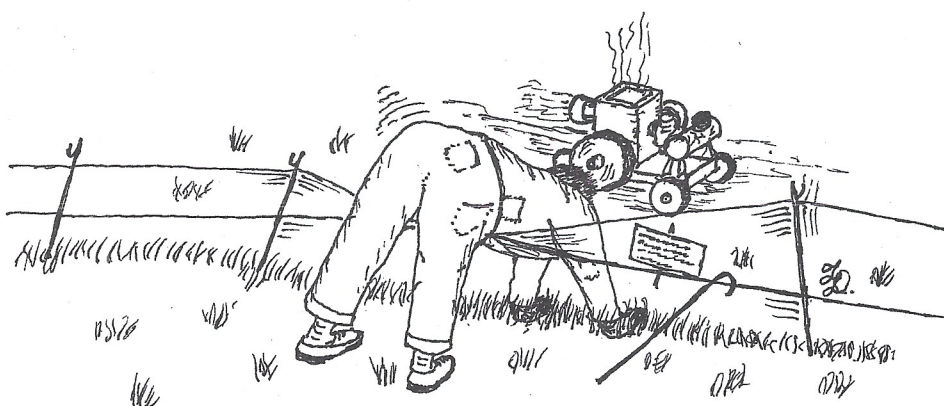
SUNDAY APRIL 2nd WSEC Spring Crank Up at Nunney Catch Transport Café. The café will be open for hot food and drinks. The usual raffle will be held after lunch. Prizes for the raffle will be very welcome. Static displays, bits for sale, motor cycles and cars welcome.

MONDAY APRIL 17th. Mells Daffodil Rally. This rally brings thousands of people to the village of Mells and it certainly attracts a very large entry of stationary engines. To enter ring **Robin** on 01373 463526

MONDAY APRIL 24th. Club night at the Old Down Inn. Guest speaker **Mr Dennis Chedgy**, a presentation and talk on **EARLY COAL MINING IN RADSTOCK**. This sounds like a good evenings entertainment. The usual raffle will be held.

SUNDAY MAY 7th. Club Visit. Club members are invited to visit **Breamore House** and **Countryside Museum** which is situated on the edge of the New Forest just north of **Fordingbridge** on the A338 main Ringwood to **Salisbury** road. Details of prices and times of arrival will be in the April newsletter.

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