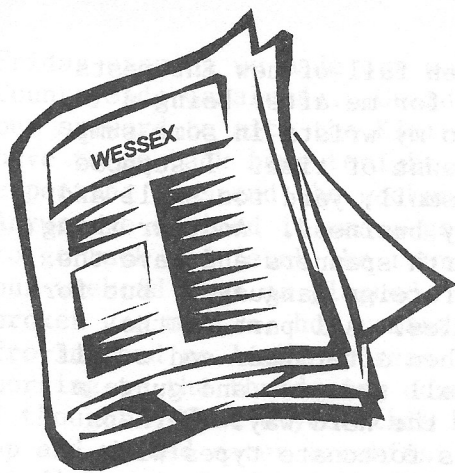
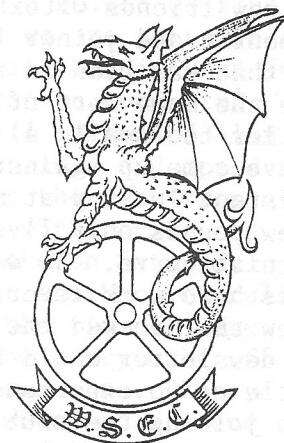


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## NEWSLETTER

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### \*\*\*\*\* EDITORIAL \*\*\*\*\*

I have good news to report for a change, at a recent committee meeting it was decided to keep the club subscriptions for 1999 at their present level. So the renewal for next year will be £8 for a single subscription, £10 for a double, and one pound for a junior. I would like to remind members that after next month subscriptions are once again due. After reading Tony Davis's article I would like once again ask members to supply me with newsletter material such as, Hints and Tips,, rally, auction, crank-up reports etc, also adverts for sale, wanted, etc.

### \*\*\*\*\* CHAIRMANS REPORT \*\*\*\*\*

Our October meeting at The Old Down Inn was really well attended with the room full to capacity, the only problem was the new hosts seem to have less furniture available and it really was a job to rustle up enough chairs for everyone. The guest speaker who gave us a talk on the history of inn signs really entertained us with his version of a 'History Lesson'. I have already warned the Landlord to expect a large attendance at the next meeting (Nov.) because the guest speaker will be our own Robin Lambert, and I am told he has a large following of "Groupies". The Club has organised a "ENGINEJUMBLE" at the new rally site at Cheddar to take place on Saturday 6th March 1999, from 9 a.m. onwards. This will only be successful if YOU the members turn up with goods to sell, or turn up to buy. So come on I hope everyone will make a concerted effort to make this new project a success. No club member will be charged more than £5 for a pitch and buyers will only have to pay £1 admission. At a recent committee meeting one member has expressed a wish to step down from the committee at the AGM. So we will require at least one new committee member to join us in February. So if you wish to serve the club or know someone you could nominate let me or any committee member know.

What do you think of the new heading for the newsletter? I thought it was time for a change as the previous heading had been around for a long time. I would like to thank our computer/word processor expert Alan Carney for doing this for the club. Alan usually does any art-work required for our entry forms etc, once again many thanks Alan.

### FINLAKE VINTAGE RALLY - 10TH & 11TH OCTOBER.

This year the layout was even better despite the site being so spread out. There were good entries in all sections, which showed how popular the event is. However there were a minority who chose to enter and not arrive. This was apparent by the numbers that were not taken in the tractor lines. Never the less the tractor display area was very good, with everything on the clean conditions. The £3 surcharge was not an entry fee but a levy charged by the site owners to help off set the cost of maintaining the most excellent toilets, showers and washing facilities, also the availability of water, and electric hook up points, and of course the main complex of bars, swimming pools, both indoors and out. So come on you members who went elsewhere, support this show as we all had a great time. I know it looks bad to see this fee charged, but you would use more than this in fuel for your generator. Carry on Steve you are doing a great job. Those who attended enjoyed themselves. If the others do not want to come do not invite them next year.

BRIAN LOVELL.

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OUR FIRST YEAR.

The first year in the Wessex Stationary Engine Club, has for us been full of new interests and new friends within the club. It's been a whole new experience for me after being a carpenter and joiner for over forty-five years to find myself up to my wrists in some sump oil that has been in the bottom of an engine for about the same amount of time. I suppose I've the same sort of problems others have run into, workshop too small, yard too small and trailer too small, all to be sorted out in between trying to run my business. Another thing I have come up against is going into a tool shop to ask for Whitworth spanners and have the assistant looking at me as though I was asking for something in a foreign language. But for a few pounds only I've got a good stock of spanners at the boot sales. All part of the learning curve. As was the time of our first engine strip down, when after four and a half hours hard work levering off the drive wheel to find hidden under all the rust and gunge a screw that locked the key in the keyway, yet another lesson learnt the hard way. Perhaps the newsletter could have a section on "Hints and Tips" for us less fortunate types with little or no experience on engines, and no one to turn to for help. On being 'press ganged' into joining the club committee, then offering to do sign writing and a survey of our new rally site I find I have less time than ever to get stuck into engineering jobs, but we have great plans for next year and are still buying engines, pumps etc. And both hope the weather will be a little kinder to those running events. May we be the first to wish our fellow club members a very happy Christmas and New Year. As this has taken me over a month to compile it should have been in the September newsletter. We would now like to make a few observations. It was a great pity that so few members bothered to attend our club do at Cheddar Football Club, they all missed a super evening, and the food would have fed an army. Thanks to the committee members who organised the evening. As a new member of the committee I now know how much work goes on to keep our club ticking over, so a special thanks to Brian, Anne and Jackie up front with the full support of the rest of the committee at all times. I've been very disappointed in feed back from ads. put in the newsletter, as in the first appeal for help on the Enfield twin and Johnson pump, but am trying again with help wanted on another pump. On Sunday October 18th I did a very wet survey of our new site at Cheddar. We have a very large flat site, with just a couple of wet patches in the middle, it could get a bit sticky if we have a lot of rain in the run up to the rally, but I suppose that would apply to any field. Fingers crossed for 1999 and beyond.

TONY AND DIANA DAVIS.

Tony, Thank you for this very welcome article for the newsletter, I would like to add I did ask members on more than one occasion in the past for hints and tips that could be published in the newsletter, but apart from some I put in myself the response was negative.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

Dear Brian,

I have just read your latest newsletter, which has again raised the time passed criticism that is unwarranted. As your event clashed with the West Dorset Club I was unable to attend. Due to the weather they too suffered the muddy conditions. I recall the unkind criticism that was voiced when the first show at Semington was wet, and everything had to be towed in and put in place by members with tractors, when at the next club meeting the then club senior members asked if our show was a "stationary engine rally" or a "free for all to rally anything". I expressed myself then about the clubs original officials being narrow minded and short sighted in their outlook towards those of us with tractors and the like. The Wessex Club is only too ready to except subscriptions from everyone, but the insurance arranged by the club only covers stationary engines, this is a classic example of short sightedness as mobile exhibits have to use other clubs cover. With regards to your choice of site for 1999 the membership should accept the committees recommendation for they are there to work things out on your behalf. I have run up against the criticism the like that Eric Gay has been subject to. I hope the person who fantasises over the picture of a stationary engine on the 1999 poster will step forward and take on the task of producing and distributing these posters next year. This again is petty narrow mindedness at work. As for the criticism of our Club Chairman in making an appeal to help a club member, who it appears was one of the mainstays who assisted fellow exhibitors from the field at Semington before he had that disastrous breakdown, I commend your actions Mr. Chairman for your thoughtfulness and consideration towards a most unfortunate member and the costs incurred with the repair. I support you again Mr. Chairman when you describe the A.N. Anonymous person as a 'gutless moron', and consider this person to be of no benefit to this the Wessex Club, and ask him to do us all a favour and not renew his membership, and so give us a break from his selfish attitude. Keep up the good work Mr. Chairman/Editor, we are right behind you, so take no notice of these faceless wonders.

Your Wandering Tractor Owner,  
BRIAN LOVELL.

(not A.N. Anonymously)



A GRAND DAY OUT (OR TWO) !!!!!

Friday evening we made our way to Shepton Mallet showground (first time for us) for the Countryside Cavalcade. Guards at the entrance gate showed us the way in and helped us find our steward to site the Kleinberg Railway. At first I thought oh dear no, we are going to have to go back home tonight. I'd rushed home and loaded all the car up with bedding and food expecting to spend the weekend in the awning, but they had sited the caravan on concrete! Anyway we decided it was a good spot and after a 'domestic' (what's new?) I persuaded Alan to go back and fetch the touring caravan and we could site it behind the railway and spend our weekend away as planned. We had no electricity, no battery power, just the glow from a broken gas mantle, how romantic our Friday night was! We were so worn out with to-ing and fro-ing and no light to read by we decided to go to bed at 9.30 pm. We awoke on Saturday morning to the thundering down of rain on the tin roof of the caravan. Not another wet rally I thought. What a year this has been for 'called off' events. Anyway by the time we were up and we had eaten breakfast the rain had eased off and the wind was drying everything off nicely ready for the show to begin. There was plenty to see around the showground. Every 'shed' had its occupants, tropical goldfish, pets, antiques, bric-a-brac, autojumble, wood carvings, dancing displays, and a whole load of crafts, the most I have ever seen in one place. The horse events on Saturday and Sunday were very well supported and the riders majestic in their costumes. The queues for the lovely fresh bread and cakes, bacon and cold meats were lengthy but well worth the wait. There were also plenty of the usual traders stands all bursting with goodies. (I must admit I did make a start with the Xmas presents, I bought the wrapping paper). There seemed to be quite a crowd around the ground by Saturday afternoon, but on Sunday it was definitely the place to be. I had not expected so many crowds but people that I spoke to said they come every year as it's like a mini Bath and West Show. We thoroughly enjoyed the whole weekend and it was nice to see people instead of mud. This is a very well organised event by no means, and hopefully we shall be able to go again next year.

THE SECRETARY - ANNE.

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## \*\*\*\*\* THE MARKET PLACE \*\*\*\*\*

FOR SALE - Set of three 'Ex Sprite' 8" wheels, two with brand new high speed tyres, hubs and cross springs. £35 O.V.N.O. Ring Tony on 01373 464982. (Frome Area).

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WANTED - Stationary Engine Magazines. Numbers 14 to 27. 30, 33, 40. Please ring 01425 621721 if you have any of these numbers you wish to sell, it will assist a member to complete his set.

FOR SALE - Lister 'L' 5hp. 1926. Restored, in nice running order, on trolley. Wolseley WD. 1½hp on trolley. Good working order. Lister 'D' Kerosene version. With trolley. Stuart R2 engine and water pump on trolley. No reasonable offer refused for any of these engines. Ring Alan on 01380 830344. Wiltshire Area.

NEW MEMBER. The Wessex Stationary Engine Club would like to welcome Mr. John Rashleigh from Weymouth, Dorset to our Club.

# ONE MANS "JUNK" IS ANOTHER MANS ??????

I recently visited Roy and Carol Cox's lovely home in Uphill, Weston-Super-Mare, and as I was leaving through Roys garage, which is full of his engines, pumps etc that all of us seem to accumulate over the years, Carol told me that the other day a young chap came to read the electric meter that is situated in the garage. On leaving he said to Carol, "your garage is just like everybody elses, full of rubbish".

ED.

## \*\*\*\*\* HINTS AND TIPS \*\*\*\*\*

For that really smooth finish on paintwork the small foam emery blocks work very well, keep the worn ones for the final rub down before the last top coat. Just Hoover off and paint on a dry surface. They can be bought at £1 for ten. They work well on French Polishing and furniture finishing also on my engines.

TONY DAVIS.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY.

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**SUNDAY DECEMBER 6TH.** Anti Freeze Crank-Up at The Old Down Inn, Emborough. 9 a.m. onwards. Bring and Buy. Grand Raffle. (Raffle prizes would be most welcome). Make an effort and turn up with an engine. Fine weather guaranteed.

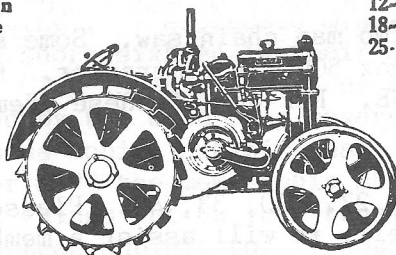
**SUNDAY DECEMBER 27TH.** Mince Pie Crank-Up. At Nashs Yard, Evercreech Junction. 9 a.m. onwards. Free Food and Drinks, tea, coffee, hot mince pies, hot sausage rolls etc. etc. Grand Raffle. Donations of raffle prizes would be most welcome. Turn up for a good natter and get away from the cold turkey and the washing up. Turn up, preferably with an engine or any other exhibit.

**SATURDAY MARCH 6TH.** "Enginejumble" at Winchester Farm, Cheddar. On the Wells to Cheddar Road only half a mile from the Cheddar Football Club. Stalls required selling stationary engines and spares, tractor spares, car and motorcycle spares, commercial spares, accessories tools, books, etc. etc. Pitches from £5. Buyers only £1 admission. Tell your friends and other club members. Any enquiries Ring 01749 342671.



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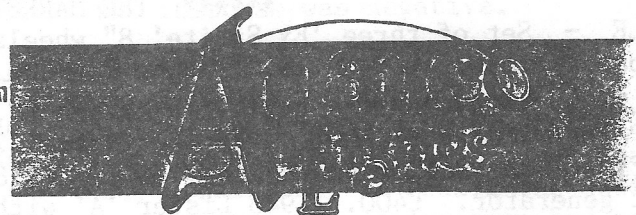
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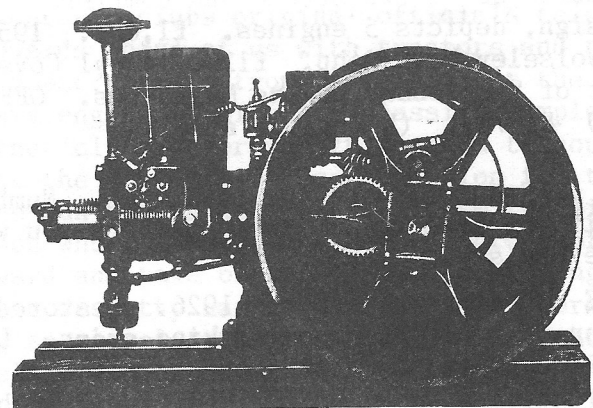
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