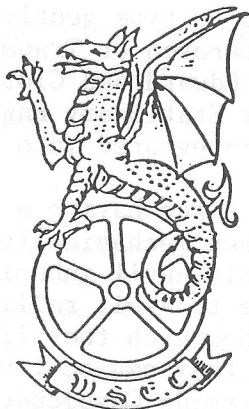


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**** EDITORIAL ****

It doesn't seem possible it's Autumn already and the rally season is over for another year. This now gives everyone the opportunity throughout the winter months to restore or renovate their engines ready to exhibit next year. Let the Wessex members set an example of a high standard of exhibits worthy of charging the general public money to view them. Also make an effort to bring out the larger engines and the machinery for them to drive, especially at our own rally next year, as it will be the twentieth anniversary.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT.

Of all the rallies I attended this year two were in my opinion outstanding, for several reasons, the room allocated to stationary engines, the interesting and varied exhibits, working and static, the general layout and organisation and last but not least glorious weather. The Rallies? South Somersets Yesterdays Farming and Richard Pococks Berwick St. John's Country Fayre. I have had members ring me up in the past asking if they could bring guests along to our meetings and events. We have discussed this in committee and decided guests would be welcome to attend any meeting or event organised by the Wessex Club, hopefully they may then decide to join our Club.

BERWICK ST. JOHN COUNTRY FAYRE - SAT/SUN SEPT 14th/15th.

On Saturday September 14th Brian and myself loaded two engines and set off for Mr. Richard Pococks rally situated at Berwick St. John, this rally is held on a very nice site and the weather was absolutely beautiful. The stationary line contained about a hundred and ten engines with a few Wessex members present, Robin Lambert and Bill Appleby and Edward and Gloria Carp to name a few, Brian Lovell was doing his usual duty with the water bowser. There was a large working area containing many exhibits such as four thrashing machines and balers and elevators, a large racksaw driven by a steam engine, also a bandsaw, rack-saw, a stone crusher, a miniature steam engine driving a very nicely made baler, all of these exhibits were working most of the day. A very large selection of tractors was on display, some of which was engaged in ploughing during the weekend, also in the tractor section was a block of about 40 tractors of various ages and nationalities, mostly for sale, these belong to Mr. Pocock. At the farm end of the site there were many derelict tractors belonging to Mr. Pocock.

With this site situated in the rolling countryside this provided two steep hilly fields which were used for tractor and steam ploughing. The rally attracted a great many exhibitors and side shows including, the stone mason, blacksmith, thatcher, Dick Apps with his pole lathe, terrier racing, sheep dogs working, vintage cars, motorcycles and commercial vehicles, gypsy caravans, a flower show and handicraft tent, besides lots of trade stands selling various goods. Lofty and Jen Coles were in attendance keeping very busy with their bread oven, Lofty drives the flour mill with a portable steam engine. This rally is held every two years, (this year the money raised was for a childrens hospice). It is certainly one of the best rallies I have attended this year, it was very well supported by very large crowds of general public on both days. It is a very great credit to Richard Pocock and Robert Coles and the various helpers for putting on such a show.

RAY BAKER.

**** CLUB CHARACTERS ****

NUMBER 5.....EDWARD & GLORIA CARP.

It seems that as I walk around any rally in the West of England, sooner or later I know I will come across a particular immaculately restored Lister 'L' - type gently chuffing away on a nicely constructed trolley. A glance up to the caravan or Transit reveals Edward and Gloria who always reward me with a cheery wave. Edward and Gloria are comparative newcomers to the engine rally world and have been Wessex Stationary Engine Club Ltd. members for four years. Nevertheless, they have quickly integrated into the Club and together play a large part in its success.

Edward has had an interest in engines for close on fifty years since having a Ruston Hornsby lighting plant in the house in the 1940's. He has always been mechanically minded and worked in the farming community as an agricultural mechanic until inheriting his own farm some years ago. He has now retired and finds more time to visit rallies at weekends, a pastime which he and Gloria very much enjoy. They say how much they like the friendliness and the company of the engine scene. Consequently they can be found at such rallies as Yesterday's Farming, Sedgemoor, Honiton Hill, Countryside Cavalcade (where the Lister has won awards), Semington, Berwick St. John, Backwell and the many small one day 'Crank-Ups'. The interest in engines has also rubbed off in the family as son Edward Junior often accompanies them to rallies with his Lister 'A' - type. The family do not mind the travelling to rallies, even going some distance if it is a rally they enjoy and look forward to. They like rallies where they can park behind their engine and deplore the "lawn mower engine with support staff of twenty hangers-on" syndrome which is becoming altogether to prevalent these days.

Edward has twenty engines in his collection which includes Ruston PB, Wolseley, Amanco, Armstrong Siddeley diesel, Lister CS and Petter to name but a few. However the 1924 Lister 'L' - type remains a firm favourite as it starts easily and runs all day with no attention needed. Having a well set-up workshop with many facilities has enabled Edward to do most of his own restoration but he commends Brian Baker for the painting tips in the Newsletter which was great help to him. Although he says they have no other hobbies, Edward and Gloria enjoy a game of skittles, with Gloria just failing to win the play-off in a Club skittle match last year. Over recent months, Gloria has taken on the selling of raffle tickets at the Club meetings and Crank-Ups and seems to have exceptional powers of persuasion when pockets need to be emptied of small change! For example she took £51 at the summer Crank-up alone, a good boost to Club funds. They both worked hard at the Semington Rally this year, not only setting up but staying on to help taking down and tidying up after the event.

In summary, Edward and Gloria are enthusiastic and much valued members, both are a welcome asset to the Club.

EMERSON-BRANTINGHAM. Sept. 1996.

YESTERDAYS FARMING - 17TH & 18TH AUGUST.

This rally put on by The South Somerset Preservation Club is always one I look forward to. This year they brought the date forward to try and get better weather and it certainly paid off, it was the hottest weekend of the year. The exhibits is as its title suggests, all agricultural, horse ploughing, tractor ploughing, thrashing, sawing, thatching etc. Lots of tractors, and about 120 stationary engines. The engine line is really good, plenty of room, and wide roadway between the engines and the support vehicles, similar to our own layout at Semington. Ted Scott, the engine steward for a number of years really has this well organised and I wish engine stewards for some of the other rallies would follow his example. The fine weather meant a lot of people visited the rally and really showed an interest in the exhibits. I took my Lister 'B' and had it driving a mechanical hacksaw and a H3 waterpump, and Paul took his Petter AVA2 twin cylinder diesel. Paul won a cup for the best restored engine, also a cup for the best vertical over 5HP, and my engine was awarded the best vertical under 5HP. This was without doubt the most enjoyable rally I've attended this year, next year I shall be back.

B.J.B.

WANTED URGENTLY.

RALLY REPORTS - AUCTION REPORTS - RESTORATION PROJECTS - SALES AND WANTED ADVERTS - HINTS

AND TIPS - CLUB GOSSIP - ETC. ETC. ETC. FOR THE NEWSLETTER.

SEND TO EDITOR - PLEASE.

AWARD WINNERS AT THIS YEARS WESSEX RALLY AT SEMINGTON.

BEST WORKING ENGINE - ROB ARMSTRONG WITH HIS PETTER GENERATOR SET. (A WESSEX MEMBER)
 BEST VERTICAL ENGINE - JOHN KYTE WITH HIS PETTER 'S' TYPE. (A WESSEX MEMBER).
 BEST ENGINE ON SHOW - OWEN AND MRS. COCKRAM - INTERNATIONAL 'F' TYPE. (A WESSEX MEMBER).
 BEST JUNIOR EXHIBIT - JAMIE STEPHENS WITH HIS RUSTON 1½ PB. (A WESSEX JUNIOR MEMBER).
 BEST HORIZONTAL ENGINE - BRIAN WHITE WITH HIS RUSTON HORNSBY. (HAS SINCE JOINED THE WESSEX).

**** HEWISH REUNION ****

What a wonderful day Sunday September 29th turned out to be. It appears that the Full Quart Crank-Up has become an annual reunion, almost a pilgrimage, for lots of us. Despite the weather, spirits were not dampened and the day was enjoyed by all. We met many club members whom we have not seen during the year, so there seemed to be more chat and laughter than serious engine talk.

Messrs Adams, Andrews, Atherton, Appleby, Clack, Dry, Gane, Heath, Holloway, Jones, Lambert, Maybee, Munt, Pike, Randall, Rogers, Skuse, Thorne, Verrall and Wheelwright to name but a few, were there happily chatting and sharing news and views. (Someone else will no doubt tell you about the engines).

Unfortunately our President was absent. Was he delayed by the British Chelonia Group at their "weigh-in" and tuck up for the winter meeting at Clifton?

Many thanks to Ivor and Roy Cox, their families and helpers for all the hard work involved in organising such a super event. It would be great to see the Wessex Stationary Engine Club's annual rally more like this - attracting members old and new. We look forward to next years "Reunion".

DI AND JOHN EMERY.

I can only endorse Di and John's remarks about the Full Quart Crank-Up, despite the rain there was a large gathering of the "faithful". Some of these one day rallies are more enjoyable than the larger two or more days events. There must be some magnetic force to get Wessex members such as Alan Vickery and his Wife all the way from Basingstoke and Philip Thornton-Evison from as far away as Oxford. Well done Roy, Ivor, Don and all the rest of your willing band of helpers. Put my name down for next year Roy as I will certainly be back.
 ED.

THE WESSEX MODEL & TOY COLLECTORS CLUB VISIT TO
"THE FFESTINIOG RAILWAY" ON SEPTEMBER 15TH 1996.

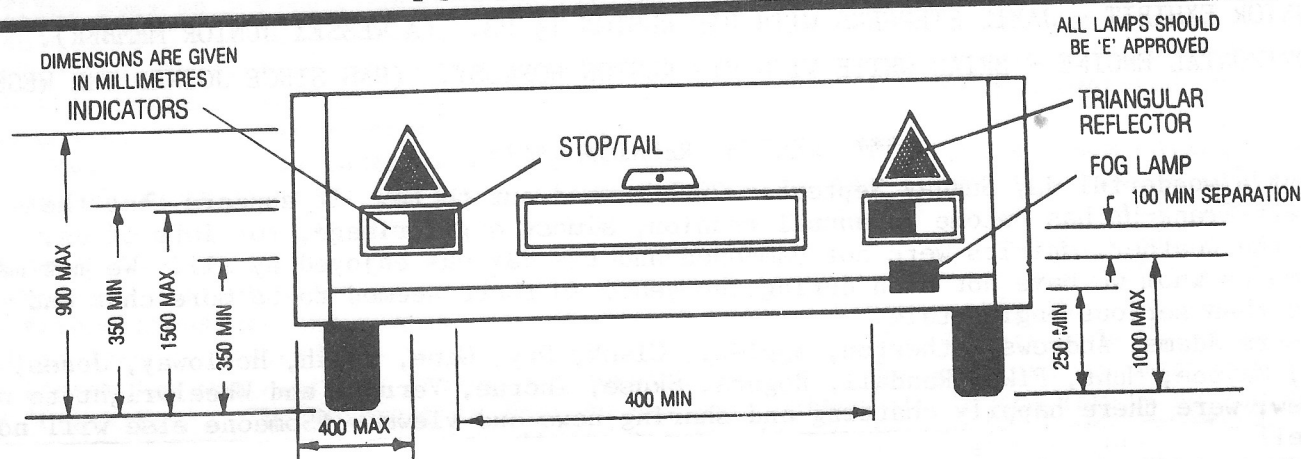
Leaving Trowbridge at 6 am and heading for the M5 & M6 then the M54 to Telford, Shrewsbury, Oswestry, Bala, we arrived at the slate town of Blaenau Ffestiniog at 11.30 am. First impressions are rather grey, Blaenau is officially not part of Snowdonia and the hillsides surrounding the town look bleak, with their mounds of slate, pieces deemed inferior after being won from the ground by generation after generation of miners. But its history which makes the town worth visiting.

It has two excellent slate mining museums. Glodafa Gonol and Llechwedd. Wechwedd's two underground tours should keep all the family enthralled. Bathed in coloured lights, the cathedral-like underground caverns - hacked out over 100 years ago by men who saw little daylight throughout their grim lives are absolutely stunning.

Welsh mines, such as those at Blaenau, might have given us some ugly hillsides, but they did leave a far more tourist friendly legacy - in the shape of the Great Little Trains of Wales, once used for pulling rock to the main line and on to the shipyards. On narrow gauge tracks, these pint-sized trains clank and scuttle down the valleys from the pit heads to the sea. After the mines closed many fell into disrepair but, thankfully, the tourist industry has caused some of the best to thrive again, including of course, the Ffestiniog Railway that runs for 13½ miles through tranquil pastures and forests, past lakes and waterfalls, round horseshoe bends and even round a complete spiral, sometimes clinging to the mountainside, sometimes tunnelling through it and then along the coastline to Portmadoc.. 70 minutes of sheer delight. Portmadoc is an attractive, busy, little town situated on the coast with the magnificent backdrop of the Snowdonia Mountain range. Its back on the coach again heading south to Newtown, Builth Wells, Abergavenny, M4 over the new bridge again, Bath and arriving at Trowbridge at 11.00 pm. 500 miles in 17 hours. Yes it was a long day but I would do it again.

FROM THE 'WILTSHIRE MOONRAKER'.

MOUNTING POSITIONS FOR TRAILER REAR LAMPS AND REFLECTORS



Trailers over 1.3m wide require a rear fog guard lamp. This should be mounted to the offside of the centre line of the trailer. Other lamps and reflectors should be isometrically mounted. The above information is given as a guide only for full details consult 'The Road Vehicles Lighting Regulations'.

TRAILER WIRING CODES:

12v NORMAL 7 pin Trailer Lighting Connections:- 12N WIRING CODE

PIN 1	YELLOW	-	L/H INDICATOR LAMP
PIN 2	BLUE	-	REAR FOG LAMPS
PIN 3	WHITE	-	EARTH RETURN
PIN 4	GREEN	-	R/H INDICATOR LAMP
PIN 5	BROWN	-	R/H TAIL & No. PLATE LAMP
PIN 6	RED	-	STOP LAMPS
PIN 7	BLACK	-	L/H TAIL & No. PLATE LAMP

12v SUPPLEMENTARY 7 pin Caravan Connections:- 12S WIRING CODE

PIN 1	YELLOW	-	REVERSING LAMPS
PIN 2	BLUE	-	BATTERY CHARGING
PIN 3	WHITE	-	EARTH RETURN
PIN 4	GREEN	-	POWER SUPPLY
PIN 5	BROWN	-	SENSING DEVICE
PIN 6	RED	-	FRIDGE
PIN 7	BLACK	-	SPARE

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- WANTED - Vertical Carb. Solex or Zenith as fitted to later Lister 'D'.
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***** DIARY DATES *****

- SAT 9TH NOV. - FAIRFORD AUCTION. FARMORS SCHOOL, FAIRFORD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
LOTING UP 8 AM ONWARDS. OVER 1000 LOTS.
- SAT 16TH NOV. - SODBURY SORT OUT. ON THE A46 AT OLD SODBURY.
- MON 25TH NOV. - CLUB NIGHT AT THE OLD DOWN INN. 8 PM TALK BY STUART BURROUGHS ON
TWERTON ON AVON MILL.
- SUN 8TH DEC. - ANTI-FREEZE CRANK UP AT THE OLD DOWN INN IN CAR PARK. 9.30 AM ONWARDS.
GRAND RAFFLE. BRING AND BUY. ENQUIRIES RING 01749 342671.
- FRI 27TH DEC. - MINCE PIE CRANK UP AT NASH'S TIMBER YARD, EVERCREECH JUNCTION, NR.
CASTLE CARY. 9.30 AM ONWARDS. FREE FOOD. HOT DRINKS. GRAND RAFFLE.
EVERYONE WELCOME. ON ALL DAY UNLESS 20 FEET OF SNOW.
ENQUIRIES RING BRIAN BAKER ON 01749 342671.