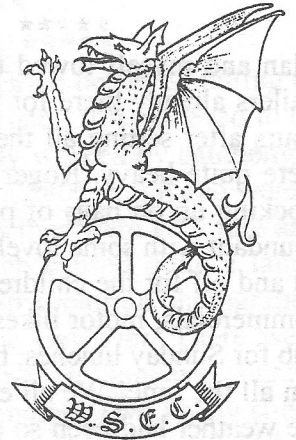


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NEWSLETTER



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

I was absolutely amazed to receive a letter for the Newsletter from Geoff Chantler who lives in Western Australia. It just goes to show how far our Newsletter travels. With our member from Texas and readers in Australia the Wessex Stationary Engine Club is truly International. Our founder Eric Brain always said this Club was always first, and I'm sure other clubs would find this a hard act to follow. Thank you for your letter Geoff, I hope it will be the first of many. You will find it published in this issue.

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

The Committee has decided that next years rally will be held at Cheddar on the same site as this year. We decided that the problems we encountered are not insurmountable, so the rally will be more or less the same as this year. The social evening and skittles at Cheddar Football Club turned out to be a huge success, over 60 members turned up, including Alan and Babs Vickery all the way from Hampshire. Robin and Jackie captained the tow teams for skittles and I'm glad Jackie picked me for her team as we emerged victorious, Colin Curtis won a bottle of wine for the highest gents score (after a play off) and Ted Phillips wife won the highest ladies. A supper of faggots, chips and peas followed the skittles and I think this was really enjoyed by everyone. William Rogers worked really hard 'Sticking Up'; this was rewarded by 'passing the hat' round to reimburse him (When I saw how much I had collected I think I will 'stick up' next year!) After the supper we had our usual 'Grand Raffle' thanks to Linda Pike who sold the tickets, the raffle realised over £100. Well done Linda. With over thirty prizes on offer, many of which were kindly donated, the prizes were distributed evenly around the room, this really was a super evening and I can tell you the alley and faggots are already ordered for next year.

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

FOR SALE. DENNING CAST IRON saw bench with fast and loose pulleys, together with Petter air-cooled engine. All in need of restoration £35 the lot. Contact Tom Randall on 01761 418926 (Midsomer Norton)

FOR SALE. 2 PETTER 'Ms' tank cooled, 3 hp and 4 hp £250 each. One Petter 'M' solid fly wheel 5 hp. Webber 6 hp. For further details ring Martin after 6pm on 01179 675225.

FOR SALE. NUTS, BOLTS, STUDS, Whit, BSF, UNC, UNF and metric various diameters and lengths. Steel and brass. Unions and union nuts in brass. Iron pipe fittings 1/8" to 2". Iron pipe, black and galvanised, various lengths. Ring David Griffiths on Frome 01373 464808.

WANTED. CHUCK 3 OR 4 JAW. 4" or 6" diameter. 1.5" diameter thread fitting with coarse thread screw fitting. Ring Colin on 01934 743411 (Cheddar).

******* BIRTHDAY GREETINGS *******

The Wessex Stationary Engine Club members would like to wish a very Happy Birthday to the Wiltshire 'Moonraker' Bob Hallam, who this month celebrated the milestone in his life of three score. Belated birthday wishes also goes to Roy Cox who reached the same milestone in August. Sincere best wishes to you both from us all.

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

Nominations are now required for Committee Members to join the Committee at the AGM in February to help run the Club in the new Millenium. Don't think about it - Act Now.

******* THE FULL QUART RALLY AT HEWISH, WESTON-SUPER-MARE *******

Alan and myself towed the railway down to Hewish on Sunday afternoon and there were several caravans and trailers already there for the rally the following day. On first arriving the weather was quite good but a couple of hours after setting all the trains up and running the rain started to come down and several bursts during the day were quite heavy. Roger Pike had his usual fruit and veg stall, which did quite well early on with most people stocking up on bags of potatoes. There was a jumble/cake stall, another bric a brac stall and the raffle table was abundant with some lovely prizes. Brian Munt was present with his Joey – an enjoyable clown which played music on and off for the children. There were two other barrel organs around the car park along with the usual old cars, commercials, motor bikes, a steam lorry and also a large steam engine. At 12 noon people began surging into the pub for Sunday lunches, but sadly I had to make do with my corned beef sandwiches as unlike normal trains Alan's run all the time! We all enjoyed the day and went home wet and tired but satisfied that we had been there even if the weather had been so unkind to us all. Roy Cox mentioned at the Club meeting on the 27th September that the CLIC donations this year had been tremendous. They have raised £1186.14 throughout the year with the Hewish Rally and taking the treasure chest around to different places. This is a brilliant effort and a big pat on the back from us all.

THE SECRETARY

******* THE LACK OF RESPECT *******

A matter was brought to my attention that I feel should be mentioned, about the meanness of some people today – without mentioning names, a certain exhibitor who is well known for his prowess with his pole lathe, displays a collecting box for Cancer Research in memory of his late wife who alas suffered with the dreadful disease. On examining the goodwill gifts after a show, he handed me an envelope containing what he called 'Funny Money'. What I found made me feel ashamed that people could be so unkind and cruel, to a person who devotes his time and energy to entertaining the general public with his skills, only to have them have a laugh at his expense. The contents of the envelope were a ½ cent French coin, an old large 10p coin and a 10p Eire coin, but worst of all, a Millennium 'Medal' given out by petrol stations. What is happening to our Society today?

BRIAN LOVELL.

******* LETTERS TO THE EDITOR *******

Thank you for the copies of your Newsletter I find it interesting to hear what goes on with other like-minded people. The following is my account of the last weekend I had away. Yours readers may find it of interest. Last weekend 7 of us Bindoon Branch of TRACMACH members went to Kukerin for a two day Rally. What a weekend it was! The largest collection of machinery I have seen at a Rally other than the National Rally in Western Australia 18 months ago. Trucks old and new, vintage cars, horse drawn carriage, tractors, graders, backhoes, bulldozers from a Ransom to a D8 Cat and the mighty 50 ton TAREX with two G.M. diesels side by side each driving it's own track and many others. The dozers dug a dam and then filled it in. The tractors did ploughing and scarifying. The tractors ranged from a 1907 TITAN to a 1965 International tandem hitched – two tractors hitched together, both with front wheels removed and the back one hitched to the draw bar of the front one. The forerunner of the modern four wheel drive. The stationary engines were disappointing so far as numbers, only 18 engines and only 3 driving anything – my EXCELSIOR was one of them driving a pump. One of the features of the weekend was the convoy of 15 trucks arriving on Saturday morning, the convoy was made up of 5 road trains of three trailers each 36.5 metres long, each 3 B trains 25 metres each, two low loaders, 3 flat top trucks and in the lead of all this was an old International truck. About 74 items of machinery in all. What a sight it was to see them all arrive and then proceed to unload, there were three unloading lamps to handle the crowd. Other trucks were arriving all the time up to mid morning Sunday. An item of interest may be my trip home 362 kilometres. I left Kukerin at 6.37 am Monday morning. 17k west of Kukerin I turned north to follow the Rabbit proof fence – that is a story in itself – 153k of road with only four bends in it and on this stretch of road I met five vehicles travelling in the opposite direction and one overtook me. There were no vehicles following me either. Wouldn't you people love to travel on roads this clear of traffic and sealed road all the way? After stopping for breakfast at 8 am I arrive home at 11.30 am pulling a trailer.

GEOFF CHANTLER.

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***** MEETING ON MONDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER 1999 *****

***** MR BRIAN MUNT – AN EVENING OF MAGIC LANTERN SLIDES *****

There was a full house for Brian's magic lantern show and everyone was in good spirits. Brian began by telling us all that the magic lantern was discovered in the loft of a church building in Brislington, Bristol. It is believed to be dated from 1898 and was originally owned by a Reverend Neville. It would have normally worked by candlelight but was changed so that it could be run on town gas! Some of Brian's earliest slides were of 1800 origin and were a set of Kings of England and were copper etched. He had repaired several slides himself, as they were very rare and costly to purchase. One set of comical slides was of the Ten Little Nigger Boys, which caused quite a laugh amongst the audience with Brian, doing the impersonations. There was a collection of 1876 Victorian photography including brilliant shots of Waterloo station, Dawlish and also a brilliant slide of Herne Bay Pier. There were several of the Channel Islands, Clovelly, Castle Combe, Views of London, Weston-Super-Mare donkeys, country scenes and aircraft. A superb advertising slide of Fry's cocoa and also of a fowler steam engine. Two lovely slides showing the area of the old Bristol docks with many boats in situ and two really collectable ones of Clifton Suspension bridge before the Portway was ever envisaged being built. A break for more laughter came when Brian showed us all a slide which he tried to make us all believe was of Don Rogers after he had finished a shift in the mine. Don was I am afraid in for lots more ridicule before the end of the evening but it was all taken in good stead, thank goodness. Everyone had an enjoyable evening and the usual raffle was held with over 25 prizes to be won, which of course they were! Hopefully with a bit of arm bending I shall be able to persuade Brian and Klaus to come back again next year with some hilarious old slides taken of the Wessex Club many years ago.

THE SECRETARY.

***** FINLAKE HOLIDAY PARK VINTAGE RALLY – 9-10TH OCTOBER 1999 *****

Despite the efforts of a few people who had been waging a campaign to discredit the organisers of this show, the result was an even greater success with every section being over subscribed. Some of those exhibitors who deliberately stayed away and those who did not come in after arriving did everyone a service, as there was room for everyone, although a little cramped. Mr Secretary, these should be deleted from your mailing lists. As far as the show itself, it was simply very well done. There was something for everyone with all of the usual sections of exhibits together with numerous stalls and autojumble. During Saturday and auction of over 500 lots was carried out with much humour and entertainment by the auctioneers. Although the site is very spread out it is ideal for an end of season get together with all hard surfaces for park on. I did not encounter any real complaints and look forward to Finlake 2000. Well done Steve and your stewards for an enjoyable weekend.

BRIAN LOVELL.

***** BURRINGTON COOMBE ANNUAL FETE – 24TH JULY 1999 *****

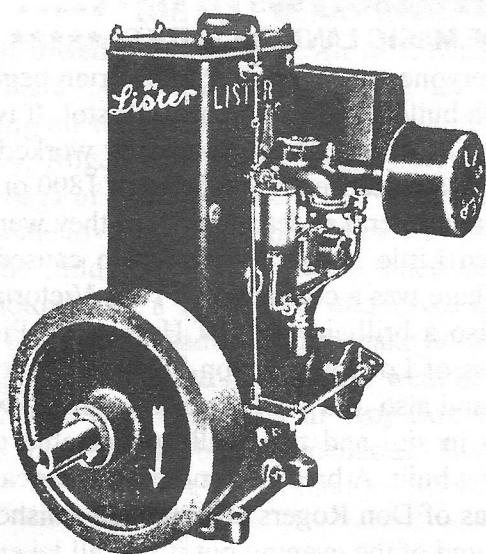
On Saturday the 24th of July the people of Burrington Coombe held their Annual Fete in the beautiful grounds of Burrington House by kind permission of the owner, Mr Edwards. The house and gardens which are in immaculate condition offer a wonderful setting for a village fund raising event which includes various stalls including books, cakes, plants, skittles etc. There was a good display of stationary engines on show including John Brooks with a Wolseley, Phil Marshall with a Bradford and cornmill, Richard and Angie Gill Fairbanks, Ralph Crisp Wolseley, Robert Lodge Bradford, Keith Ware Lister Junior, Brian Read with his 2 Victors, Brian Taylor Crossley, Cecil Giblet Lister D and H2 pump. Edward Carp Amanco, Brian Baker with two Coventry Victors. Colin Baker with a fine display of motoring memorabilia. Ken Bartlett a display of oilcans etc and Bob Chapman with a display of models. The weather was very fine and hot so the event was well supported by the Villages. When the event came to a close all the exhibitors were invited by Mr Edwards to the herb garden at the rear of the house to partake of wine. Altogether a very enjoyable afternoon. A big thank you to Mr Edwards.

RAY BAKER.

***** WESSEX EVENTS *****

SUNDAY 5TH DECEMBER – Anti-Freeze Crank-Up at The Nunney Catch Transport Café 9am onwards. The café will be open for breakfasts and cooked lunches.

MONDAY 27TH DECEMBER – Mince-Pie Crank-Up at Nash's Timber Yard, Evercreech Junction 9am onwards. Free hot drinks, Food – hot soup etc., Usual Raffle (raffle prizes would be most welcome). **OPEN INVITATION TO ALL.**



1 1/2 and 2 H.P. Hopper Cooled Model.

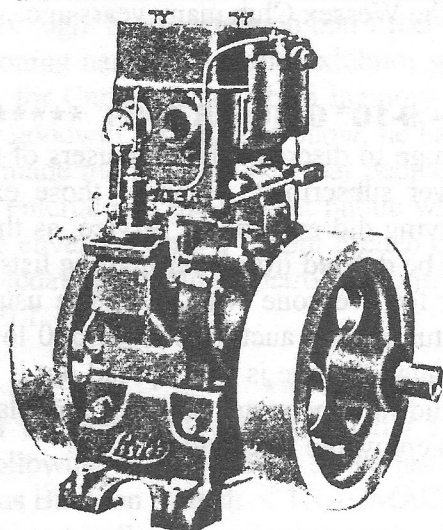
Lister Petrol Engines With Overhead Valves.

We give below the prices of this well-known Engine in Hopper and Tank Cooled Types. The Hopper Cooled Model, being a self-contained unit can quickly be fixed to work in any desired position.

Tank Cooled Engines are suitable for continuous running over long periods. The specification is similar to the Hopper Cooled Model, with the addition of a 24 gallon Water Tank, with pipe connections and drain tap.

Prices—Hopper and Tank Cooled Types.

H.P.	Speed R.P.M.	Pulley Size	Hopper Cooled	Tank Cooled
			£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1 1/2	700	5 x 4 1/2 in.	18 10 0	21 0 0
2	1000	5 x 4 1/2 in.	18 10 0	21 0 0
3	600	6 x 6 in.	25 0 0	27 10 0
3 1/2	650	6 x 6 in.	25 0 0	27 10 0
4	600	6 x 6 in.	35 0 0	37 10 0



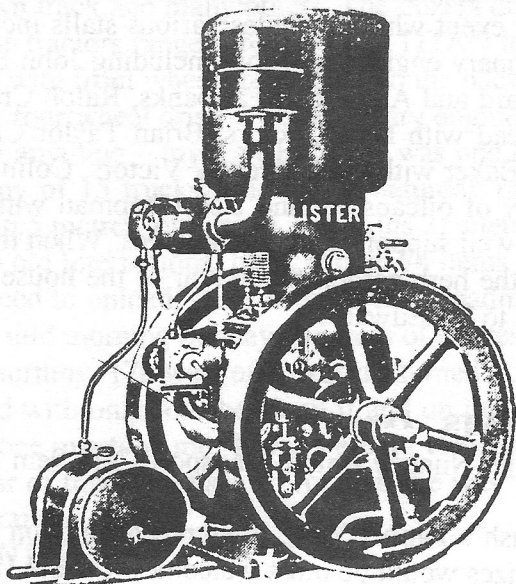
7 and 8 H.P. Tank Cooled Model.

Lister Single Cylinder Diesel Engines

The Lister Diesel Engines are deservedly popular chiefly on account of their soundness of construction but also because of their low-running cost. The Patent Combustion Chamber provides a means of easy starting from cold without need of Cartridge, Heating Lamp, or Electric Ignition Gear.

Prices—Tank Cooled Type, including Tanks and Fittings.

H.P.	Speed R.P.M.	Pulley Size	Flywheel Size	Price
				£ s. d.
3	600	10 x 7 in.	24 x 3 1/2 in.	45 0 0
3 1/2	650	10 x 7 in.	24 x 3 1/2 in.	45 0 0
5	600	10 x 7 in.	24 x 3 1/2 in.	57 10 0
6	650	10 x 7 in.	24 x 3 1/2 in.	57 10 0
7	1000	8 x 7 in.	18 1/2 x 4 in.	65 0 0
8	1200	8 x 7 in.	18 1/2 x 4 in.	65 0 0



5 and 6 1/2 H.P. Hopper Cooled Model.

Lister Petrol-Paraffin Engines

These are similar in design to the petrol engines, but incorporate, among other necessary differences, a special combustion head and paraffin carburetter.

Petrol-Paraffin Engines are normally started on petrol. This is a simple matter and allows the engine to get warm before changing over to paraffin, thus ensuring efficient combustion.

Prices—Hopper Cooled Type.

H.P.	Speed R.P.M.	Pulley Size	Flywheel Size	Price
				£ s. d.
5	500	10 x 7 in.	24 x 3 1/2 in.	45 0 0
6 1/2	650	10 x 7 in.	24 x 3 1/2 in.	45 0 0