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The Wessex Stationary Engine Club's Monthly Newsletter

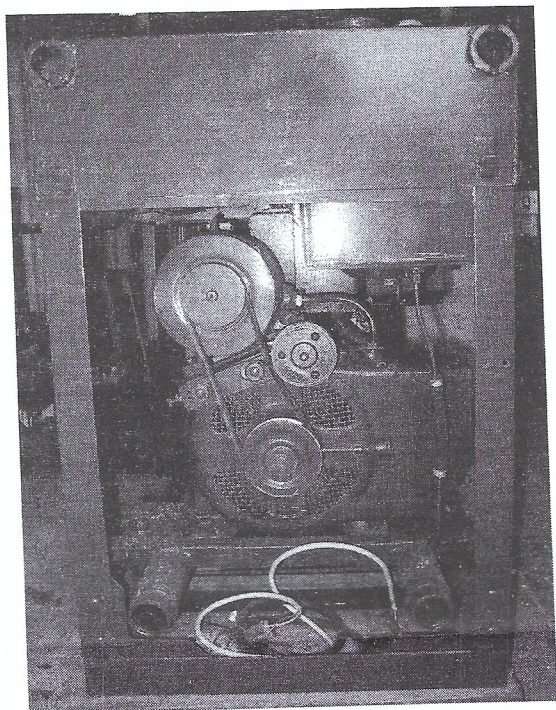
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From the Sump

You'll remember that I went with a friend to Cameron Engineering in Malvern back in February so they could work on his 680JAP vee tw. I spoke quite highly of them as they had ample facilities, lots of staff and lots of work. Unfortunately, I must report that they fobbed him off every month until September when he got fed up with it and we went up and fetched it in exactly the same condition in which we'd delivered it over six months before. That's about £80 in petrol which, of course, they are not interested in funding. From these facts each must draw their own conclusions.



Scott PAB for sale. See page four

Moving the Metal For sale

Lister 1948 28 DH, s/n 1/17438. Rocker gear dismantled but all parts available. Turns over with compression. Ex milking parlour, no trolley. Needs restoring but probably never been apart. Dry stored. With factory handbook. Frome area. Open to offers but £750ono as a starting point!

Phone John 07517 036026

Mike Snook is reducing his collection

Collection of FIFTY '60's chain saws. Must go as a job lot, offers in the region of **£250**

Lister CS3-1 Diesel. Engine only **£310 ono**.

Kohler-Newton ex GPO 24 volt generator. Runs on gas and with bag. **£45 ono**.

Ruston Hornsby 1VTH Diesels x 2. One complete plus one for spares **£160 ono**.

Petter PH2, with clutched hydraulic pump.

Petter PH1. Petter AVA1 (ex dumper engines).

£110 each ono

All above, phone Mike on 01761 413426

Lister Junior. Runner, nice condition, original trolley.

The David. Small belt driven Compressor.

Phone Mike Upton 07595 421409 **£280 the pair**

Lister 'D' on good trolley. Fair runner. **£75 ono**

Petter A1 on good trolley, partial restoration. All

complete with good Magneto **£55 (prices reduced!)**

Petter A1 parts. Block/Crankcase/ Flywheel/

Casings & Brass plate /Fuel tank **£30**

Pulley 12" Dia 4" Wide 1.425" (36 mm) Bore. **£15**

All above Phone John Light 07885 466464

Farmborough

JAP 55. The very unusual air cooled twin cylinder engine. As far as I can see, it has never been more than test run. Rare one to rally! **£100 ONO**. Swaps with smaller engines considered.

Phone Kim Siddorn 0117 964 6818

WANTED

Wanted; Wiko or Lucas RS1 Magneto, counter-clockwise on cog drive end.

Phone Terry Williams 07845 137796

No. 52 Steel Detachable Chain as used on conveyors. Need 10 yards, but any quantity will do.

Phone Gerald Atherton - 01934 852670

Tilley lamps - WHY?

Phone John Ivens 07812 385536

Vincent industrial engine powered compressor.

Pultra lathe or parts. 1510 Or 1710 considered.

Articles, cartoons, photos etc are always very welcome - this is not a one-man band, but an expression of all our thoughts and experience. Submissions should be preferably typed or word-processed or even handwritten, (if brief), - it is the content we're after, not the grammar or spelling, so please don't feel your efforts will be ignored. The editor reserves the right to change, edit, augment or lessen your Deathless Prose and asks all to note that opinions expressed in this newsletter may or may not represent club policy

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Featured Engine

There is no featured engine this month

I'm afraid I am not very well at the moment – long lasting chesty cold with high temperature – so I'm leaving out the one thing that takes me time and effort. Back next month

Calendar of Events

Key. CN = Club Night. CU = Crankup E = Event

Nov 12th. (Sat)Autumn Enstone Sale.

info: Anne Harris 01367 810415

Nov 26th. CN. Photo presentation by the members. Bring along ten photo's or slides. Prize for best effort.

Dec 2th (Sun). CU. Antifreeze Crank Up at Nunney .

December – No meeting this Month.

Dec 27th. CU. Mince Pie Crankup at The Court Hotel All events are listed in good faith. You should always ascertain if an event is taking place before you go. If in doubt, ring Brian Baker on 01749 342671

Earwig's Bit

Earwig congratulates Kim for dying for King Harold (again!) on the ridge at Hastings On the 13/14th October and hopes he took you to the Beer Tent afterwards as a reward for being so loyal!



He hears that the Evercreech crank up went off very well and Chairman Brian was well - pleased, as he was with the Cranmore Jumble.

Chairman's Monthly Report

by Brian Baker (*printed as received*)

The club night at the Court Hotel on Monday September 24th had our editor Kim give a slide show of engines at Astle Park It was a pity only about sixteen members turned up because this was a splendid presentation with some very rare engines shown, and certainly some that members had never seen before. Kim used a memory stick in our new projector to display the engines on screen and the result was superb. Kim engaged the audience in identifying some of the engines so quite a bit of banter was exchanged. This was a very good presentation by Kim and it certainly provided a good evenings entertainment. On behalf of the club thank you very much Kim. The usual raffle followed and

there were more prizes on offer than there were members present. The annual skittle match on Saturday the 6th October at the South Parade Club in Frome had around thirty members turn up for what turned out to be a very enjoyable evening. During the skittles we sat down to our fish and chip suppers that had been fetched from the local chip shop by Diane and Tony Davis, who had also organised the event. Many thanks to you both from all the members who attended. After the supper we resumed the skittles until we had all played four hands. The winning team turned out to be Robin's, with Jackie's a very close second. The highest gent was Robin, (he did hit a fourteen spare)) which won him a bottle of wine, and the highest lady was Anne Kempson who also won a bottle of wine. The usual raffle rounded off a very good evening's entertainment, and I'm sure all who attended thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

The committee would like to know of any member who is ill, in hospital, recovering from an illness etc so that we can send them a card, so if you know anyone in these circumstances please give me or any committee member a ring. I have almost completed the programme of events and meetings for next year, but if any member knows anyone who can do a talk or put on a show please let me know as soon as possible.

URGENT REQUEST

We urgently require a membership secretary. Jackie can no longer cope with this task so we need someone to take it over. The need is urgent because in December next years subscriptions start coming in. The job involves receiving the subscriptions and then handing out the membership cards, many of you will have seen me doing it at the crank up at Nunney. So come on lets have a volunteer to carry out this very important task.

WANTED - WANTED - WANTED

If we are to continue with the annual skittle match at Frome we need someone to organise the list of people wanting to attend and their requirements for the food.. Diane who has carried out this task wants a break so come on give me your name.

NEW EVENT

Due to their massive rebuilding programme at Haynes Motor Museum continuing into 2013, there will be no rally there again next year. However we may be having a crank up on July 28th at Harry Nash's cider farm at West Pennard, watch the newsletter for details.

Committee Member's Sought

By Kim Siddorn

As the end of the year approaches, a couple of people are leaving the committee. It will leave us rather under strength, so we are looking for a couple of people to help out. The job is not onerous, the second Tuesday evening in the month for about two

hours or so in the warm congeniality of the Terrace at the Court Hotel.

People often shy away from committee work, often thinking that they would be "no good at it" or in some way not worthy! Others may have served on a "blood on the carpet" committees and this has put them off. Well, I've served on one committee or another since I was 18 and this particular meeting is invariably cheerful and – frankly – it is your presence and your opinion we need.

Why not give it a go? Just speak to Bryan Baker or any other committee member and we look forward to seeing you across the table.

Social news **By Robin Lambert**

Jackie and I popped over to see Mary Butler today. She is staying at her sons for a few weeks after her spell in hospital and is making a good recovery. Brian asked us to take her some flowers from the club which we duly did and she was over the moon and became quite emotional with the gift. She will be writing a thank you to the club.

The club jumble went very well with lots of stalls and punters and a mostly dry sunny day which helped and we got rid of a load of junk. The Crank up at Keith's yard went well with fifty engines on display! As well as being very well supported it was well organised by Herb Gane.

My hot air fan caught fire owing to a leaky cracked gas tube near the burner and then, blow me, I got a bit too close to the fan blade and it put a cut on my forehead!! So, not a very good day for us.

No new members to report,

The Cranmore Sale, 13th October **By Eric Gay**

Around 7-30 I collected John Bullock and we set off for Cranmore, the van loaded with bits and bobs for the sale along with an engine that I hoped to sell we were both looking forward to making our fortune. The sun was shining so this was a good omen, but around two miles from Cranmore it started to rain, well it did not last long and most of the morning remained dry with only a few very light showers. We had a look round to see what we could spend our pocket money on, I spent £2 00 (but please don't tell ur in doors) I bought a very nice 12 volt electric pump, just the thing for a suds pump on my lathe. Now I hear you say how be Eee going to work that on a lathe that runs at 240 volts? well what do you know I just happen to have a 12 volt transformer built into the lathe.

John spent a bit of his pocket money on a small gas burner to run his steam boiler, seeing we be both on the pension we can't go throwing our money about buying all they goodies at sales and any way how be we going to hide it all from ur in doors (well you know ow tics "Oh you can

find money for that old rubbish but thee wont spend a penny on me"). So now it were down to trying to make a shilling or two, and to my surprise I soon sold the engine, and a few other bits, I had brought along some bits and bobs for my good friend Pete and it did not take long for all those bits to find a new home. John sold three electric motors and other goodies and so did I, I had a most successful morning.

I counted 25 stalls at one time and I know one or two more came along and buyers were quite thick on the ground and I saw a another engine find a new home, one of our committee members found some very nice bits that interested him and went home with a very nice x WD oil lamp plus a set of spark proof spanners (made from bronze) and with other goodies he had a good morning. With 25 stalls this earned the club £125 00 plus the gate money so it is well worth the effort to run our sales at Cranmore and may they long continue, and to you all that came along and gave your support Thank You All very Much.

Cider & Cheese at Woodlands Farm **Sat 6th Oct By Herb and Wendy Gane**

Some 25 members of the Wessex club gathered on a lovely bright evening at Woodlands Farm. We were greeted by Kevin House, his uncle Trevor House, and the two Jack Russell puppies. The meeting started at 6.30 and after introductions we walked to the nearby orchard where Kevin told us all about the various apple varieties and the history of the orchard. They have about 20 acres of orchards and supply apples to Rich's cider, as well as using them to make cider for their own use.

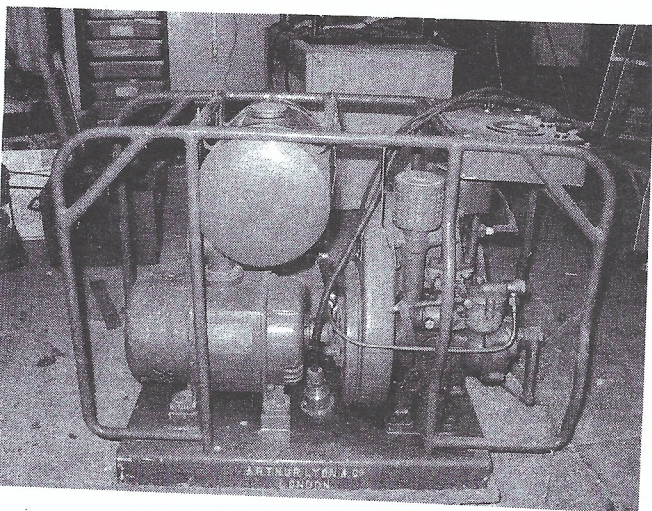
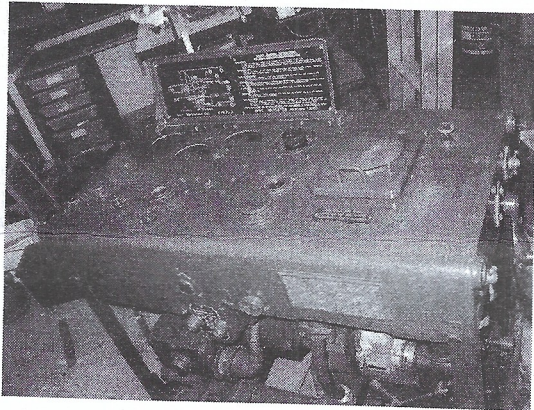
The orchards were planted between forty and a hundred years ago, though they have recently started a re-planting programme to replace the diseased or missing trees. They use mainly early fruiting varieties such as Morgan Sweets and Buttery Does. Older late fruiting varieties such as Doves, Dabennet, Somerset Redstreak, Yarlinton Mill, Balmer Normal Laurel Drains, Blue Sweets and Ellis Bitter are less commonly used.

Kevin explained how the weather plays an important part in determining the yield, as do the bees for pollination. Apples are mostly picked up by a machine which we later saw in the barn. We then went to on to see the recently restored apple press where Trevor House, Paul Uphill and his wife Sheila were building the "cheese". Layers of apple pumice were stacked between cloths then pressed by the water hydraulic press circa 1947. The press was bought new by Kevin's grandfather Dick House and his father Edgar Bertram House. They then handed out glasses of the freshly pressed juice for us to try – it was absolutely delicious.

The juice was pumped from the stainless steel trough to the cellars which were under the nearby farmhouse. Kevin led us across the yard to the cellar steps and gave us a potted history of the house. It was thought to have been built in the late 1700s by Lord Colston of South Gloucestershire and Bristol, the famous trader and landowner that the Colston Hall in Bristol takes its name from today. It was built as his summer residence, but was not completed until after his death. The house was then leased by the Colston family to farming tenants for over 100 years, until it was bought by Kevin's Great-great-grandfather –the aforementioned Charles Bertram House.

The cellars were brick built with great vaulted arches – they also had a resident population of bats, much to the ladies' consternation. Kevin explained they were the common Pipistrelle bats and were very important as they consumed up to 3000 insects per night, including the fruit fly which can cause the cider to go "off". The barrels used were mostly old port barrels, pipes and hogs heads. He also showed us some of the old artefacts, wooden shovels etc. There are many old wives tales about cider making – bodies in barrels, rats in barrels etc – these arise from the truth that meat protein can feed the yeast.

We went back to the fresher, bat-free air to the barn where we had a lovely supper of bread, cheese, pickles, pasties and of course – glasses of cider. It rounded off an interesting and very enjoyable evening and one of the guests Frank Naish – probably one of the oldest cider-makers in Somerset –complimented Kevin on his "medium dry"! A compliment echoed by us all.



More stuff For Sale

Petter AVI 5HP Diesel Ser No 618657. Restore or spares. Some frost damage £35

Petter A11 Ser No 519471 1.5 HP petrol complete. Requires restoring.. £25

Petter A1 Ser No 53748-6 1.5 hp petrol £25

Lister D no numbers. For spares or restore. £20

Douglas air-cooled Ser No 1457 AP Type SV 6S petrol poss 3hp. Complete ready for restoring. £55

JAP 3A. Two air-cooled engines, 1 complete ,1 for spares. £20

British made Vacuum pump model A-1X £20

Contact Brian Verral on

Cheddar 01934 743460 evenings.

Lister H2 pump on trolley, all fittings and tank £ 175 ono

Leo pump with all fittings £ 80 one

Braun Paxiscope –XL, Epidioscope projector with 300w halogen lamp, only used once, with stand and screen £150 - Same as the club's

Phone Ed on 01458 210929

Award Night Star Caravan, Has all mod cons inc cooker, Fridge, Shower etc, Can be viewed at Chapmanslade Nr Frome, Asking price £700.

Contact Jeff on 07564818529.

PHOTOS

Scott PAB Generator complete except for a couple of gauges. This is a very rare find and only the second one I've seen in ten years. It has had a lick of paint but could do with some work. Looking for offers around £350

Lyon/Norman gen set, bought by the seller's father just after the war and in good order

Wisconsin/Jaeger close coupled water pump, Fully restored from rusty wreck!

Contact Keith Kerley by e-mail

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