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WESSEX STATIONARY ENGINE CLUB.

MAY CLUB MEETING-MAY 21st

The May club meeting will be a visit to Camden Works Museum

Morford street, Bath, which houses the entire stock-in-trade of J.B.Bowler, a Victorian brass founder, engineer and aerated water manufacturer, who set up business in Bath in 1872. During almost 100 years of trading virtually nothing was thrown away, so visitors can see a unique collection of hand tools, lathes, bottles, paperwork and a thousand and one other items relating to every aspect of the firm's activity. Everything is displayed in settings that recreate as closely as possible the original premises in Corn Street.

The museum building itself has quite a history. Originally built as a Real Tennis court in 1777 it has, in its time, been a malt-house a pin factory, charity school, light engineering works and a luggage factory.

Club members who wish to come are asked to assemble at the entrance at 7.30pm. where they will be split up into parties and given a fully conducted tour of the museum. Each visitor will have to pay the normal entrance fee of 40 pence, and refreshments will be available on the premises.

We are sure that this visit will have something of interest to all, and we look forward to a good turn-out.

Camden Works
Museum

Temporary entrance
MEET HERE.
7.30 pm.

Rivers St

Russells

Bennett St

Assembly
Rooms

ATTENTION: VICTORIA OWNERS!

There are available about twenty only blank nameplates for the VICTORIA engine. They are perfect yellow metal copies, indistinguishable from the original. Each plate can be purchased blank for £3.00. or your own engine details, engine number (from end of crank-shaft), BFP and Revs., can be punched on with old punches and the completed plate purchased for £3.50. These plates can be obtained from Tom Randall - see back page for address.



"Engine Drive".

This annual social evening drew a crowd of about fourty members to the Old Down Inn. For those members who are wondering what an "Engine Drive" is - well basically it is a "Beetle Drive" with a difference. Played at tables, like a whist drive, players score off dice - six to start and draw an engine by numbers. First person to complete the engine wins the round and shouts "Engine!"

Devised to get all members to mix and meet other members it has been found in the past to have instant appeal especially for children and members' wives - many of whom now know what a crankshaft is.

Ably arranged and compered by our Vice Chairman, Rod Dring, nine hectic rounds, each of four minutes duration, produced 360 engines, all of which were to the same basic design but not one alike!! One member being overheard to say "this is puerilebut fun##" Many lighthearted complaints were made about the dice - "too light", "all two's", "no b....y six on this one", and often a scrabble under the table for a stray.

The first game was won by Marg Dring with Eric Brain second.

The second game was again of nine rounds but of three minutes duration each, by the end of which the plastic cup shakers were past their prime. This game was won by Steve Emery with Alison Dring second.

The remainder of the evening was taken up by a raffle and the usual general "noggin and natter" - oh yes; and a well known and respected officer of the committee was seen surreptitiously passing around a copy (vol.14, No.3) of Mayfair.....!!!

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CLUB BADGE.

After over two years debate and deliberation, the club has finally produced its own members badge. It is of first rate quality, enamelled in red and green on gold. It is shown here actual size. Committee member Adrian Stride is handling the sales and they can be obtained from Adrian at Club meetings or by post from IOO, Marshfield Way, Fairfield Park, Bath. Other Committee Members will have them for sale to members at rallies, etc. They are £I each. When you see one you will agree that they are well worth it.

CLUB TEE-SHIRTS are now available, light blue in colour with a black five-spoke flywheel on the chest, the words WESSEX STATIONARY ENGINE CLUB around the rim. £2 each from Tony Jones, 59, Marsh Rd., Trowbridge. FUND RAISING:- once again I start my annual plea for donations of saleable goods for Club Stalls, the first being Camerton Rally. Any Committee Member will be pleased to receive items.

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SALES & WANTS.
For Sale: Lister A Type 3HP 1930 restored condition.Offers.
Lister A Type 22HP suitable for spares.Offers.
              Trolley with iron wheels, suit large engine. Offers.
              Strong trailer base with Mini wheels. Offers.
Austin A50 1955, mechanically good. Engine recently overhauled.

Offers for any of the above to Peter Stevens. Pill 3345.

For Sale:—Ruston Hornsby, Type PB 4½HP in rally condition. Offers to
J.Emery, Hallatrow. Tel. Temple Cloud 52939.

For Sale:—two Lister (Godwin) water pumps. Offers to Mrs.Dibble, Wells 74614.

For Sale:—Petters M Type I½HP. Incomplete. Offers to H.Gane, Wells 74402.

For Sale:—Original 1932 Petters Ltd. catalogue.Near mint condition.£12.
              Tom Randall, Midsomer Norton 418926.
              Flat belt pulley, I" bore. H. Champion, Cherry Patch, Sheldons
Wanted:-
              Corner, Chippenham.
CLUB EVENTS.
                  Club visit to Camden Works Museum, Bath. See Page One. CRANK-UP. Open air meeting in the Old Down Inn car park,
MAY 21st.
JUNE 25th.
Bring an engine out for the evening!
SEPT Ist & 2nd CLUB RALLY at Lackham Agricultural College, Lacock, near
                  Chippenham. Entry Forms will be with the May newsletter.
DECEMBER 8th. Club Dinner & Dance, Star Hotel, Wells. A glass of sherry,
                  a full 3 course meal with Turkey main course, plus Disco,
                   tickets £5.00 per head.
FORTHCOMING .EVENTS.
  MAY 12th/13th. South Bristol Hally, Bristol Industrial Museum. Entries to E.May, Sth.Bristol Tech.Coll. Marksbury Rd. Bedminster.
MAY 26th/27th. Market Lavington Hally. Entries to John Kyte.
  MAY 27th/28th. Cotswold Oil Engine Club open rally, Fairford. Entry forms from Mrs.Cross. I, Upton Downs, Burford, Oxon.
                      Abergavenny Veteran & Vintage Rally. Entries by April 30th.
  JUNE 2nd/3rd.
                      to Mr. Trotman. 198, Underhill Crescent, Abergavenny.
  JUNE 16th/17th.1000 ENGINE RALLY-LONGLEAT. ENTER NOW! See S.E.Magazine.
                      Ilchester Vintage Fayre. Entries to T. Heath. 'Ter-shi',
  JUNE 23rd.
                      Bradford Rd., Sherborne, Iorset.
                      CAMERTON RALLY. Entries: G. Poucher, 3, Laurel Irive,
  JULY 7th/8th.
                      Paulton, Bristol.
                      MARTOCK FAYRE.
  JULY 14th.
  AUGUST 4th/5th.National Stationary Engine Rally, Beaulieu.
  / UGUST IIth/I2th. YEOVIL FESTIVAL of TRANSPORT. s.a.e. to Bill Foster, Sandley, Gillingham, Dorset for entry forms. IOO only.
                       FAIRFORD HALLY.
  AUG. 18th/19th.
  AUG. 26th/27th.UFFINGTON RALLY.
                      WESSEX S.E.CLUB RALLY, LACKHAM COLLEGE, LACOCK, near
  SEPT.Ist/2nd.
                      CHIPPENHAM, Entry forms with future newsletter.
                      SELWOOD V.V.P.S. RALLY, Beckington, Frome.
  SEPT.8th/9th.
                      LAMBOURN VINTAGE WORKING.
  MAY
         6th.
                      PUNKNOWLE RALLY. West Dorset V.T.& S.E.Club. s.a.e. to
  MAY 19th/20th.
                      Mrs. Whitty . 8, North St. Charminster, Dorchester, Lorset.
                      WADEBRIDGE. Kernow Old Vehicle Club Rally.
  JULY 14th.
  SEPT 8th.
                      BIRMINGHAM City Museum Rally.
we are unable to vouch for the accuracy of all the dates we print. For
example, some of our members went to Winford for the advertised sale on
March 3Ist. only to find the place deserted. Well, we offer our apologies.
The source of our information was the South Somerset Agricultural
Preservation Club's February newsletter! They did, however, have prior knowledge of the Stationary Engine feature in the March issue of
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'Mayfair'! So now we know what they get up to during those long winter

evenings down there in Somerset, and it's not engine restoration!

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COMMITMEE.

Tom Randall.......Chairman.

Rod Dring.......Vice Chairman.

Diane Emery......Secretary.

John Spear......Assistant Secretary.

Stuart Ashman.....Treasurer(Membership, Insurance etc.).

Eric Brain.

Adrian Stride

Bill Appleby.

Herb Gane.

Mike Harris.

Secretary: - 'Odstax,' Wells Road, Hallatrow, Bristol. Treasurer: Moorledge Farm Cottage, Knowle Hill, Chew Magna, Bristol. Tel: Chew Magna 2655.

SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Joint Membership(Engaged/Married Couples)...£2.00per year.

Individual Membership.............£1.50per year.

Junior Membership(Under 18).......£0.50per year.

THIRD PARTY INSURANCE.

£I.00 per paid-up member per year. (Not available to Junior Details available from the Treasurer. Members under I6)

MEETINGS.

The Club holds its meetings at the Old Down Inn, Emborough, (at the junction of the A367 and the B3139, 5 miles North of Shepton Mallet.), on the last Monday in every month. It is as well to check meeting dates since the last Monday is occasionally impractical. Meetings start at 8pm.

NEWSLETTER ITEMS. Send all contributions, articles, adverts., etc., to Tom Randall, Welton Hill Cottage, West Road, Midsomer Norton, Bath, BA3 2TL.

PONORARY LIFE MEMBERS.

David Edgington.(Club President and Editor of 'The Stationary Engine' magazine.) Bill Foster.