

WESSEX STATIONARY ENGINE CLUB

Newsletter

FEBRUARY 1978

As a member of W.S.E.C. who attends most of the the RAllies, in the area, it does me good to see the latest trend in the December issue of the Club Newsletter.

Within the pages of this issue can be found the following:-

Annual Dinner

Steam Machine Disco

Summer 1977

Fire engines, Cumbria Steam Up, Clayton

Dinner/Dance

Mr ASHman (this name appears 3 times)

Forthcoming Events

Cornish Beam Engines, Bristol Steam.

Crossley Hunt

"Smokey front room"

"You've been doing a little RAKING"

"Vanished like a PUFF OF STEAM"

Can it be that in future I can show off my pressure gauge and sight glass with pride, knowing that somewhere within the club I appear to have unknown sympathisers.

May I say in conclusion that I hope you enjoy MERRYWEATHER at all your forthcoming Rally attendances and thank you all for your forbearance when I am being smutty.

Terry E Wharem

P.S. Dont Forget 29th April!!

Forthcoming Events

27th February	; Cornish Beam Engine Talk
28th March	; Engine Drive
1st April	; Wootton Bassett Model Exhibition
24th April	; Ray Hooley Lecture
29th April	; South Bristol Technical College
6th May	; Puncknowle Rally
13th/14th May	; Dodington Rally

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Forthcoming Events Cont

30th May ; Debate on judging by the Chairman
17th/18th June ; Camerton Rally
26th June ; Stuart Ashman Talk

MEMBERSHIP FEE

Please note as from 1st February joint membership shall cost £2, individual membership £1.50 and junior membership 50p.

Note From Secretary

Due to heavy commitments, and a new job, I shall not longer be typing the newsletter everymonth, but I shall still be collecting items for the newsletter, so please carry on writing to me. I would like to take this opportunity of thanking you all and to say how much I have enjoyed doing the newsletter.

The address to send all items for the newsletter is:

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Bath

Annual General Meeting

The AGM took place on 30th January, and herewith is a general run down of what took place. President opened the meeting by warning a couple people, who he knew were there to cause trouble, to remain quiet until Any Other Business.

Chairman then stood up and delivered his speech. Firstly he mentioned the Constitution and how a copy was available for anyone to see, also copy on the noticeboard. Secondly he thanked all his fellow committee members for their hard work during the year, but he and the committee had suffered greatly from criticisms within the club, and for that reason he then gave in his resignation.

The Treasurer then stood up and gave a report on the financial status of the club.

The President then read out the resignations he had received, Eric Brain, Anne Brain, David Farendon, Ailene Cannon, Michael Cannon and he himself gave in his resignation.

The election of officers should have taken place, but Tom Randall asked the committee to enlighten everyone on why the officers of the committee were resigning and what the trouble was. At this point the Chairman stood up and told the floor that he knew someone within the Club who was writing to people as secretary of the Club, and organising things without the committees knowledge.

The President then stood up and made his speech. He was very pleased with the Club when he first joined, but half way through the year he was disgusted, when asked what side he was on and to hear of the very personal comments this same person made about members of the committee. He then went on to praise the committee especially Eric Brain who worked extremely hard as Chairman and all he received were criticisms. He also praised the newsletter and the work that went into, and David Farendons work as Vice Chairman.

He rounded off his speech by saying how disgusted and disappointed he was with the attitude of these few people, and it is only a few who are causing so much trouble.

Any other Business followed next and David Chapman stood up and said he thought all the trouble was due to the Petter Handyman, and he laid a bill for all the parts he had obtained for the restoration of the engine, in front of the Chairman, and said 'I am donating the labour etc on the Petter Handyman to the Club, but I would like to be paid for the parts'.

The President then stood up and explained about the Petter Handyman, how at the Bath and West Show, he, in the presence of Mary Chapman and David Chapman, had asked if the Club would accept the Petter Handyman as a Club's engine to rally under the Club's name, and would David like to resotre it, He had got the permission of Petters before asking. David agreed but stressed that it would be better if no one knew about it just yet. The President was not very happy about this and told David so, but David Chapman insisted it was kept quiet.

After many attempts to reason with David Chapman about keeping the Petter Handyman a secret, the President finally had to speak out and telephoned the Chapmans to say he would be publicising the matter. During this time Petters wanted the Handyman back to be photographed, which David Edgington duly did for them. When the President phoned the Chapmans to say how disatisfied he was, he was told by Mary Chapman 'You can keep the Bloody Petter Handyman' which the President has decided to do.

The President did state he was willing to pay for any additional cost such as labour etc, but David Chapman said there was not need.

Bill Foster stood up and said we should forget all the aggrev ation and continue as we were.

At this point the committe recessed, and when they came back it was decided by the President to ask Mr David Chapman and Mrs Mary Chapman to leave the Club. This they duly did.

A New committee was formed as follows:

Tom Randall - Chairman
Dave Farendon - Vice Chairman
Ailene Cannon- Secretary
John Spear - Ass Secretary

Stuart Ashman - Treasurer
Rod Dring
David Holmes
Bill Appleby
Herb Gane
R Lamnert