## MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS....MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS....MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

In spite of repeated publication of our treasurers name, it has come to my notice that people have been telephoning someone who has not been club secretary for over six months to ask for their membership to be renewed! so, for the benefit of all those whose membership renewals are approaching, then the following information is for you!

JOINT MEMBERSHIP (Engaged/Married Couples) ... £2.00 per year. JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP......50p.per year.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS AND APPLICATIONS TO BE SENT TO:-STUART ASHMAN. 23, FRIENDSHIP ROAD, BRISTOL, 4. DON'T DELAY! BRISTOL STEAM '78. I5th.&I6th.July. BRIAN LEWIS is still looking for volunteers to assist in the running of this huge rally. If you can help, phone Brian at NAILSEA 2027.

CAMERTON RALLY. 17th. & 18th. June. Don't forget the Club Fund-raising Stall to be set up at the rally. We need saleable items-not jumble. Home-made items, pot-plants, bric-abrac, tools, books are some of the suggestions. Please bring items to the rally or give them to a committee member or friend attending the rally

### CLUB EVENTS.

JUNE. Monday 26th. Slide/Film Show by Stuart Ashman. Film on the history of the oil engine from Shell.

JULY. Monday 24th. CRANK-UP. An evening rally in the slip-road by the Old Down Inn car park. Bring an engine, as much of your own water as you can and pray for

fine weather!

An evening with David Edgington. AUGUST. Monday 21st.

CRANMORE RALLY. Sept. 30th. & Oct. Ist. Entry form with this newsletter. Each entrant will receive one comemorative plaque.

SELWOOD STEAM. A newsletter just received from Selwood Steam gives the dates for their annual Vintage Farm Working at Seymours Court, Rode as September 9th. and IOth. Unfortunately they do not give a name or address for entries, so perhaps someone could remedy that by next month!

### INSURANCE.

The rally season is back with us and it is time to think about rally entry forms and insurance. As most members already know the Club offers a very reasonable Third Party Insurance, via the Phoenix Insurance Company, of the kind increasingly asked for by rally organisers.

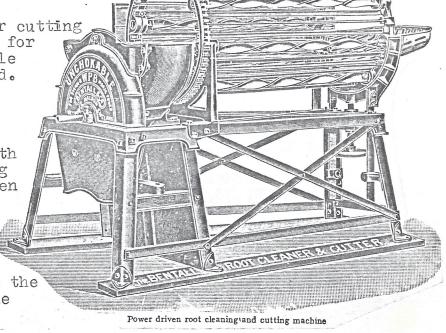
It provides legal liability of £250,000 for injury or damage to persons or property arising out of club activities and protects both the club as a whole and individual engine owners who are fully paid up members of the club and its insurance scheme. The policy insures any engine on any site providing all reasonable safety precautions are taken, so make sure that your engine is in good order (no loose flywheels!) and never left running unattended.

Some members have expressed concern recently because their insurance certificates show a printed date which has expired. That date was for the Club to renew the covering policy, which it has done. Your individual renewal dates are written on the certificate and the club has a record of this with your membership. The cost? Just £I per member per year. STUART ASHMAN.

BARN MACHINERY. No.2. The Root Cutter.

A wide range of machines for cutting pulping, or shredding roots for stock feeding were obtainable for use in the barn or field.

For work in the barn, the combined cleaner and cutter was favourite. This machine employed a rotating cage with spiral bars for the cleaning operation. The cage is driven by a small pinion meshing with a gear ring on the outside of the cage. The slope of the cage towards the cutter can be altered by means of a hand wheel at the upper end, so as to pass the roots through at various



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side of which is formed by the cutting wheel. This is a solid plate
in which there are a number of small openings, each surrounded by a
sharp edged lip facing the direction of rotation. Sometimes the roots
are forced against the wheel by a worm or other device in the bottom
of the hopper, and are gouged by the cutting lips. A wide range of
cutters and knives were obtainable to meet different requirements.

Turnip cutters usually were made without a cleaning barrel and were often set up to cut rectangular slices rather than shreds.

By the early I920's, the construction of motor cutters, in which a small engine was built into the frame of a portable cutter, had been efficiently accomplished. These were extremely valuable in the sheepfold, since they enabled the shepherd to cut a considerable quantity of turnips in a short time, single-handed. Air-cooled engines were mostly used to avoid problems from frost.

Another developement of the same period was the cutter cart, the cutter being driven from the wheels. This arrangement delivered the load, cut into fingers, directly onto the land and again was mostly employed feeding sheep.

JETHRO TOOL. Next month: - Crushing and Grinding Mills.

## THE SOUTH BRISTOL RALLY. 29th.APRIL.

The lead-grey skies of the morning did nothing to arouse enthusiasm for what must have been for most of us the first rally of the year. In fact it was probably sufficient to deter a dozen or so entrants whose engines failed to put in an appearance. Never-the-less, between 9 a.m. and II a.m., the shoppers and residents of Bedminster were seen to stop, gaze and point as a miscellaneous array of trailers bore some 33 engines through the streets to South Bristol Technical College for this small, but excellently organised rally, run by the Students Section of the Institution of Plant Engineers Western Branch.

(The South Bristol Rally, Cont'd.)

Fuel, generously supplied by B.P.Oil Ltd., was quickly dispensed and by IO o'clock a good half dozen engines at least were chugging away.

All in all, it was a very pleasant day out, although the light wind had a keen edge to it which may have been sufficient to keep away almost all but the keen enthusiast and the insatiably curious. The general public did not exactly overwhelm the College lawn, but the day saw a steady, though thin, trickle of spectators.

The variety of engines was excellent and ranged in date from I90I to I952. The earliest engine, and one always worthy of a mention, was the 6½ h.p. hot bulb by W.H.Pool & Sons, of Chipstable, which had seen its working days out in a saw mill at Dulverton. Other makes represented were, The Acme Engine Co.(U.S.A.), Bamford, Bradford(Chalmers Edina), Blackstone (I922-hot tube), Bristol Coach & Wagon(Victoria), Conord, Crossley, Fairbanks Morse, Lister(A,D & L types), Cooper Stuart, National Gas, Petters, Ruston Hornsby, Lyon Norman and Stuart Turner, not forgetting the colleges own Merryweather steam pump.

The 'Notable Event Award' of the day must go to Eric Brain for his surgery on Roger Parsons I926 Lister L Type, which gushed enough oil to put a smile on the face of an Arab. A distant second was Terry Heaths immaculate Crossley PH which dug itself into the college lawn and had to be jacked out.

An interesting entrant in the more recent engines, for which a plea for attention was rightly made in The Stationary Engine last month, was A.Jones F Type Petter Universal, a two cylinder opposed engine of 1943 or thereabouts, very nicely restored. Incidently, his trailer was an example to us all, having WESSEX STATIONARY ENGINE CLUB in large white letters all over it!

Everyone seemed to enjoy the day out, there being plenty of opportunity for engine talk and renewing old acquaintances and for some, whose minds had been elsewhere during the winter months, it provided an excellent opportunity for getting the BRASSO out!

Tom Randall.

2nd July.

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

17th/18th June. Camerton Rally. Details from David Holmes. Remember

to bring saleable items for the CLUB STALL.

24th June. Ilchester Vintage Fayre. Entry forms from Terry Heath

or Tom Randall. You can enter your wife in the

Fayre Princess Competition too!

24th/25th June. Chapel Barton Rally, near Barnstaple. Ist/2nd July. Potterne Village Fete. (engine entrie

Potterne Village Fete. (engine entries believed closed). Sherborne Castle Rally. Details from Bill Foster,

Fourways, Sandley, Gillingham, Dorset.

8th/9th July. Heddington & Stockley Rally.

2Ist-23rd July. Netley Marsh Rally.

6th August. Beaulieu. National Stationary Engine Rally.

12th/13th August. Yeovil Festival of Transport, Barwick Park, Yeovil.

Details from Bill Foster - send S.A.E. please.

22nd - 24th Sept. Stourpaine Bushes Rally, Blanford.

JULY 15th & 16th. BRISTOL STEAM '78. ASHTON COURT ESTATE, BRISTOL. \$\(\delta:\left\): \(\delta:\left\): \(\de=\left\): \(\delta:\left\): \(\delta:\left\): \(\delta:\left\): \

CRANMORE RALLY - 30th.SEPTEMBER/Ist.OCTOBER.
ENTRY, FORMS ATTACHED TO THIS NEWSLETTER

As I stepped down from the Land-Rover, a man in a white smock came up to me and asked, "Look you now, boyo, where's your catalogue then?"

I stared blankly at him and tried to bluff it out."I've just arrived and find that I've left it at home."

"Well boyo, you can't come in here without a catalogue. You'll have to go to the auctioneers office in Llansantfraed Major, name of Jones, Jones and Parry."

My head spun and desperately I said, "I've just driven 300 miles and I can't miss the sale." I hastily took a pristine £5 note from my wallet, never before used! The man looked around warily and then grabbed the note. "Go straight in, sir!"

"Have you seen a Crossley  $4\frac{1}{2}$  H.P. single flywheel engine of the permanent lamp variety in the sale?" I asked, as he obviously wasn't as daft as he looked!

"No idea sir," he said, as his greedy eyes alighted on the occupants of the car pulling in behind me.

I rushed past him to where I could see the crowd gathered around the auctioneer, scanning the rows of engines as I went. Everything under the sun except the CROSSLEY! Then in the distance I saw a strangely familiar figure, pulling at the lead of a Jack Russell terrier who was watering an already rusting Petters 'M' Type.

I was about to approach him when another familiar figure came into view. The voluptuous curves of a Lister Junior could only mean one thing - NOVA! Her former beauty seemed somewhat faded, looking like a wet weekend at Stourpaine. More interesting to me, however, was what she had in her hand - a Sale Catalogue! "Hullo, Nova," I called.

"You got here then," she replied, her face lighting up. As we chatted, she told me the whole story. She wanted the engine for her aunty, whose late father had loved and tended it many years before. Together we pored over the catalogue. There it was, the last item in the sale - Lot 210. We raced to the site office.

"Where is Lot number 210?" I gasped.

"Oh, that one," replied the clerk, "It should have arrived yesterday, but we're still waiting for it."

The noise of a labouring vehicle drew my eyes back towards the field entrance. A heavily laden Transit pick-up was coming through the gate. WAS THIS IT???????

Thankyou, Herbert and Wendy Gane for this thrilling, penultimate episode of The Crossley Hunt.

Will 'you-know-who' and the curvatious Nova make it together? (Get the engine I mean, or do I?), or will the Jack Russell owner finally win the day? What fate lies in store for Lot 210? AND, most important of all, WHO IS GOING TO WRITE THE FINAL EPISODE OF THIS MECHANICAL RIVAL TO THE FORSYTE SAGA!?!?!? An opportunity not to be missed. Prospective authors please phone Tom Randall on Midsomer Norton 418926 to offer their services, or volunteer at this club meeting (May 30th.)

A Medley of Enginemens Songs 

Music To Watch Engines By ..... Composed by Starting Handel

If I had a Ruston Yab a dub a dub a dub a dub a dub a dum All day long I'd polish it for fun If I had a very big one I'd really have to work hard Yab a dub a dub a dub a dub a dub a dub adum Cleaning brass and oiling every part I'd sell the b\*\*\*\*r if it didn't start

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I've got a lovely bunch of Petter nuts I don't know where they ought to go ! Big ones, round ones, some as big as the head Give them a flick, a twist of the wrist is what the presidents aid

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I'm drinking in the rain I'm drinking in the rain What a wonderful feeling Its Blandford again .......Music by Brahms & Liszter

How many engines can you get In an English country garden At least about eighty two I bet In an English country garden Petters, Rustons, Lister D's in amongst the flowers and trees Amancos, Blackstones, even E and B's When wet they'll get very rusty I expect In an English country garden

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Land of Hope and Glory Engines are for me I would like to restore them On Social Security I said to Mr Healey Its only fair really In return for your tax form I'm sending you a Lister D But he has resold it Isn't he a silly billy

### A-Song For Very Young Members

If you go down to the woods today Your sure of a big surprise If you go down to the woods today You'll never believe your eyes For standing there for all to see A very rare Lister D Because its got a hopper thats not a square

These and other songs available soon on LP & tape. Others include:-

Don't step on my green plastic wellies Elvis Priestman Theres a hole in my hopper, dear Lisa"

"Iccan't get no sparking action" .....and many others Stereo Sound Recording by Ludwig Van Beethoven Mono Sound Recording By Vincent Van Gogh Special Arrangements By Nova Nova By God

# WESSEX STATIONARY ENGINE CLUB - INFORMATION SHEET. 1978.

### COMMITTEE.

Tom Randall......Chairman.

Dave Farenden.....Vice Chairman.

Ailene Cannon.....Secretary.

John Spear......Assistant Secretary. Stuart Ashman.....Treasurer(Membership, Insurance etc.).

Rod Dring.
David Holmes.
Bill Appleby.

Herb Gane. Rob Lambert.

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Treasurer: -23, Friendship Road, Bristol.4.

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## SUBSCRIPTIONS.

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

Individual Membership......£I.50per year.

Junior Membership(Under I8)......£0.50per year.

### THIRD PARTY INSURANCE.

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

#### MEETINGS.

The Club holds its meetings at the Old Down Inn, Emborough, (at the junction of the A37 and the B3I39, 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.

## HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS.

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