

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 £1 per member per year.

STUART ASHMAN.

Fuel, generously supplied by B.P.Oil Ltd., was quickly dispensed and by 10 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 1901 to 1952. 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 (1922-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 1926 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. Incidentally, 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.

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.
1st/2nd July. Potterne Village Fete. (engine entries believed closed).
2nd July. Sherborne Castle Rally. Details from Bill Foster,
Fourways, Sandley, Gillingham, Dorset.
8th/9th July. Heddington & Stockley Rally.
21st-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, Blandford.
JULY 15th & 16th. BRISTOL STEAM '78. ASHTON COURT ESTATE, BRISTOL.
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CRANMORE RALLY - 30th.SEPTEMBER/1st.OCTOBER.

ENTRY. FORMS ATTACHED TO THIS NEWSLETTER

THE CROSSLEY HUNT - EPISODE II.

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 Llansantfrawd 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 4½ 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???????

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

Will 'you-know-who' and the curvatiuous 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 or

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 dum
 Cleaning brass and oiling every part
 I'd sell the b****r if it didn't start

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 presidentsaid

I'm drinking in the rain
 I'm drinking in the rain
 What a wonderful feeling
 Its Blandford againMusic 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

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
 one

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"

"I can'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 !!

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COMMITTEE.

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SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Joint Membership(Engaged/Married Couples)...£2.00per year.
Individual Membership.....£1.50per year.
Junior Membership(Under 18).....£0.50per year.

THIRD PARTY INSURANCE.

£1.00 per paid-up member per year.(Not available to Junior Members)
Details available from the Treasurer.

MEETINGS.

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

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS.

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