

THE W.S.E.C. MEETING, APRIL 27th. 1981.

Forty-five members attended the meeting at the Old Down Inn, Emborough, to see the Vintage Epidiastroscope Show. Vice-Chairman Ian Skuse, making his "maiden speech" at the Club, opened the meeting and introduced Tom Randall, who had put together a most interesting and varied programme using old engine sales literature, manuals and advertisements from early farming and engineering magazines. Many obscure makes of engines were shown, which are never seen on the rally field, for example; Tesme, Bates, Knight & Hale, Beever Dorling, M.A.N. Nurnburg, Brazil & Straker "Djinn", etc., as well as the more familiar names such as Petter, Lister and Associated.

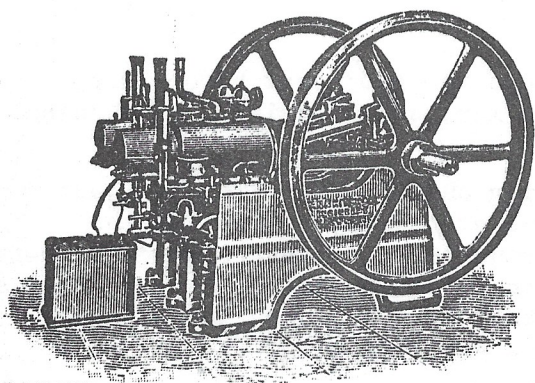
Also we saw early examples of agricultural machines and equipment ranging from Lister's ornamental tubs, cream separators, Bristol Wagon & Carriage Works' shooting caravans, to patent self-acting earth closets - the rally organiser's dream! On a similar theme was a Petter M powered sewage sprayer - incase you want your sewage well oiled before distribution!

Naturally, the various mechanical products of Messrs Bamford Ltd. were well to the fore, including some fine examples of the interesting, but rarely rallied Bamford Diesels - with special emphasis on their unique and useful feature, the hinged crankcase. Many of the illustrations were backed up by modern colour photographs to remind us of the rally scene.

The Club's epidiastroscope performed very well and the much needed cooling modifications which Tom had carried out (which were mentioned before in the Newsletter) proved to work quite successfully. (Except that it was rather noisy! Ed)

During the interval, once more Herb Gane sold raffle tickets and the first prize was won by Judy Godfrey, who received a bottle of wine. The second prize, won by Carole Skuse, was a Thermos flask (to hold hot water from a leaky Bernard, perhaps?). Third prize, a D.I.Y. tomato-growing kit, went to Arthur Walker.

EMERSON BRANTINGHAM.



DOUBLE-CYLINDER TRUSTY OIL-ENGINE. 1905.

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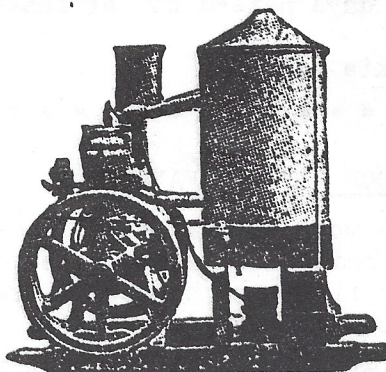
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DART VALLEY RAILWAY RALLY, Buckfastleigh, Devon.

April 19th. & 20th.

As this was Easter weekend, we travelled down to Devon on the Good Friday afternoon and, although the Rally was Sunday and Monday, we were able to set up camp in the Dart Valley Railway grounds that evening. The sun was still shining when we arrived, so we were hopeful of a good weekend.

Saturday went by with more exhibitors pulling in and, after a very sharp frost, Sunday dawned and it was still fine and clear, so engines were soon uncovered and started up. We still had not got our

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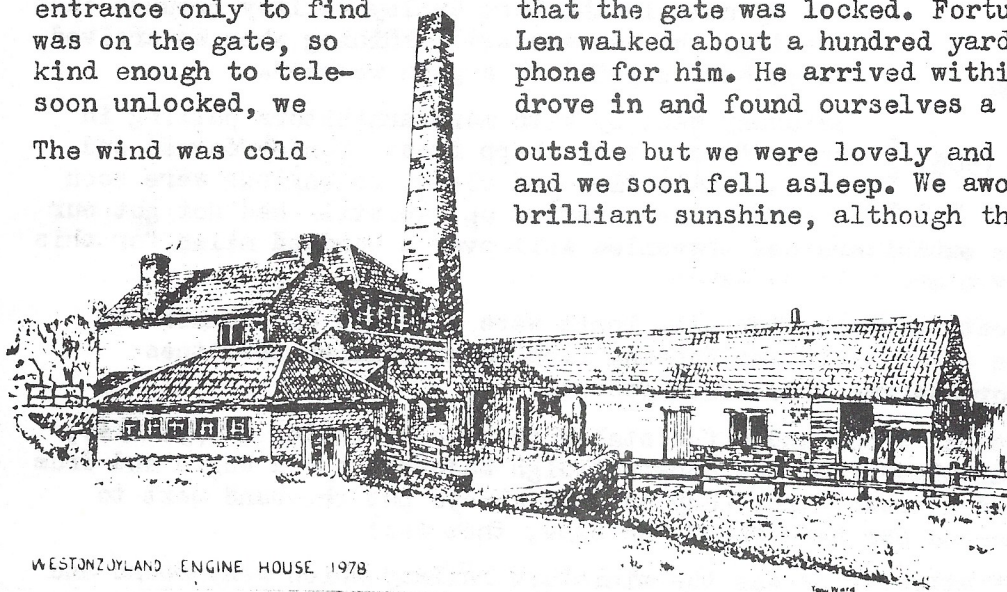
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However, the weekend was most enjoyable and although the weather became colder and colder as the days passed by, at least it stayed dry.

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Monday morning dawned dry, but cold and we looked out hopefully for Wessex Club members to arrive. Thankfully, Reg Butler, his wife and son, Steven arrived, to be followed later by a further nine engine owners. Amongst them were two South Somerset Club members with three engines, a 4h.p. Amanco, a Bernard and a Lister 5h.p. 2L Type, between them.



WESTONZOYLAND ENGINE HOUSE 1978

We were given a very nice plaque on the Monday afternoon and about 5 o'clock we prepared to make our journey home.

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As I travel about, I meet Wessex members all over, even from Abergavenny! The Wessex S.E.Club must be one of the largest in the country. At the Shaftesbury sale on April 25th. there were several W.S.E.C. members and also some were at the vintage sale at Newent in Gloucestershire, on May 2nd. Here follows some of the prices paid at those sales. First, Shaftesbury:-

ROUND THE SALES. Contd.

Wolseley 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ h.p.-£25, Lister 2h.p. diesel-£35, J.A.P. generator-£15, Petter A's-£8 & £14, Lister D, petrol/two, rally cond.-£35, Lister water pumps-£25 in rally cond., Lister Junior 5h.p. in rally cond.-£62, J.A.P. fully restored-£20.

Newent:- Fordson Standards, complete,-£145 to £250, similar on tracks-£290, Crossley 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ h.p. open crank, type PH 1040 (that is what it says in the programme, Ed.)-£46, Lister G 10h.p. twin cyl.-£20, similar 6h.p.-£20, Lister A on trolley, rally cond.-£113, Lister 2M 5h.p. on trolley, rally cond.-£95, Lister L 4h.p.c/w flick mag. & Blackstone tank-£72, Bamford 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ h.p.-£72, Wico & Lucas mags-£5 to £15, Tangye water pump-£38.

On reading last month's newsletter about Eric's Victoria, I saw a vertical hopper cooled Victoria at Selwood a couple of years ago. Did they make several types? (Comments welcome, Ed) I am sorry if I have upset a few of the rally organisers by entering and failing to appear, but as I have been in hospital and now have to attend Out-patients twice a week, I am behind in getting my exhibit ready, plus the fact that the weather has been against me.

Harry Champion.

(I am sure we all wish Harry a speedy return to good health and the rally field, Ed)

W.S.E.C. RALLY, JULY 11th. & 12th.

As usual, entries are coming in rather slowly as yet, 65 so far in fact. Please remember that entries close on JUNE 1st., so do not leave your entry any longer. We need to know so that we can order the right number of plaques, the right amount of food and to get the programme printed in good time. Please help us, and indeed all rally organisers by sending your entry in before the closing date. Everyone will be welcome at Yatton, even on the day, but I do know that some people trying to enter other rallies after the closing date have been disappointed.

ALSO, a reminder that Club Stalls will be featured at both the Camerton Rally and the Club Rally, and all donations of articles to sell in aid of club funds will be welcome. At the Camerton Rally we have been asked not to sell tea, cakes, etc., so as not to compete with their own refreshment tent. Please give what support you can, it all comes back to you through other events organised by the club on your behalf.

CLUB NEWSLETTER

In spite of rising costs, it is hoped to continue the newsletter on a monthly basis, but in order to do this we are re-organising the printing. The way in which this will affect the newsletter is slight, but mainly it means that all material for a month's copy will have to be in my possession by the 7th. of the month at the very latest. Again, your help will be greatly appreciated. As always, more articles etc., are needed to keep it going. We welcome new 'reporters' (like Martyn Denham in this issue) so please keep it coming!

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