

HEDDINGTON & STOCKLEY RALLY SOCIAL EVENING.

On the evening of October 27th. the Headington & Stockley Rally Committee entertained the exhibitors who took part in the 1979 rally, many folk coming from as far away as Burnham, Pershore, Reading, Gillingham(yes,Bill!), and West Coker. The only Wessex members were Rob Woolford, Mr. & Mrs. Jennings and family and myself.

Apart from the magician, who was good, there was a film show given by Mr. Boot of the Banbury Steam Railway Club. When the second film came on, most of the gathering left, as we all were not interested in seeing so much of railways. The reason that these films were shown was that the rally organisers had been let down. They had hoped to show films of the rallies. Mr. & Mrs. Stevens, of Cherhill, had their little Mike Dean organ in play at the start. On leaving Heddington, I drove into a thick belt of fog. I hope that all the others got home safely since a lot of them had much further to go than me.

SAGA of the JAP.

About the middle of October, I went to a disused garden at North Wraxall where I had seen an engine in a boat. I saw the owner, made a deal with him and bought the engine, which turned out to be a JAP industrial unit, with a centrifugal clutch and gearbox with three forward and one reverse gear. I also bought a Massey Harris two furrow plough!

also bought a Massey Harris two furrow plough. When I went with Bert Booy to get the engine, we had to cut down a tree that had grown up around it. Naturally, as it had been there so long, the engine was seized up and the boat was rotten! When I got the engine home, I stripped it down to find that the cause of the seizure was broken piston rings. I got in touch with Meetens Ltd. 263-268, Combe Lane, Wimbledon, for a quotation, which I received by return of post. I sent the money for the rings on the Thursday, October 25th., and they arrived on Monday, 29th. You could not ask for better service.

Now to get on to the rest of the rebuild. The magneto works, and I may build the engine into a little tractor, but I hope to have it on the rally field next year. I cannot tell from the engine number when it was made. All the stripping down and rebuilding has taken place in the evenings and has been done without electric light, since where I live, I have to use paraffin for lighting.

JACK WHARTON'S STEAM SUPREME, MINSTER LOVELL, 3rd. & 4th. November.

Fourteen stationary engines were on show, pride of place going to Les Deaville's little Gardner (featured recently in the Stationary Engine mag.). It ran well in spite of the heavy storms. Also present were a small Crossley, two 'fin-pot' Wolseleys, two 'D Type' Listers, a 2hp. Petter, an 'apple-top' Petter, three small Ruston Hornsbys and a large Ruston which needed a lot of heat to get it started, also a small United and my JAP Model 5. Also present were a Norton garden tractor, a David Brown Cropmaster D, an Allis Chalmers and a Standard Fordson. Jack Wharton had an International Farmall A, a Case Dex and a Field Marshall on show, but all badly in need of restoration, steam is his main hobby!

This was my 23rd. rally this year, and I would like to thank all those who have helped me at this years rallies as I have been suffering badly from my leg ulcers.

F.H.Champion.

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CLUB EVENTS.

- December 8th. Club Dinner & Dance. Star Hotel, Wells. Tickets £5.000per person. 7.30pm. for 8.00pm. If you have not got your ticket by now, it's probably too late! Please note that there is no December Club Meeting.
- January 28th. First Club Meeting of the New Year. Programme to be arranged.
- February 25th. Annual General Meeting. The Agenda will be circulated with the January newsletter. This is an important date, so please make a note of it in your diaries now.

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Special Announcement.

It is with much regret that the Club Committee has accepted the resignation of Mike Harris from the Committee. As most of you may know, Mike runs his own business near Wootton Bassett, and has recently embarked on an expansion programme that has put many more demands on his time. Whilst he is no longer able to take an active part in the running of the Club, he is keeping up his membership and we may see him back in circulation next rally season. Meanwhile I am sure that we all wish him the best of luck and success in the future.

Tom Randall.

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1980 DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES.

- 3rd., 4th. & 5th. MAY. FROCESTER MANOR.
- 25th. & 26th. MAY. MARKET LAVINGTON & EASTERTON FOOTBALL CLUB RALLY.  
Organised by John Kyte & Co. Entry forms available already at Wessex Club meetings.
- 31st. MAY, 1st. JUNE. ABERGAVENNY RALLY.

It is about time that 1980 rally dates were being circulated. Rally secretaries and others in the know are asked to let us have their rally dates and also how entry forms can be obtained so that we can circulate our membership.

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FOR SALE. Cast Iron base plate, approx 18" x 36". Was on a Lister pumping set. It has fixing slots for engine & pump (or w.h.y.) and a cast-in recess for a single flywheel. It is being sold by Eric Brain, but is at present in Tom Randall's yard, so if you are interested, phone Midsomer Norton 418926. Slightly damaged, but a bargain at £3.

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The advertisement on the right appeared in the Bristol Evening Post on November 13th. Some of you may recall that we reproduced a similar advert last year, the result of which was that one of our club members, Malcolm Cooper, is actually working for this firm. So here is an opportunity for another Wessex member perhaps.

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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,  
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David Edgington.(Club President and Editor of  
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Bill Foster.