HEDIINGTON & 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 then 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 of bought the engine, which turned out to be a JAP industrial unit, with a carrifugal clutch and gearbox with three forward and one reverse gear. I 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.

Larteen 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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TITE CHOD MEETING. OCCODED 25 CH.

This months meeting at the Old Down Inn, Emborough, attracted over fifty members. After the usual Bachanalian activities at the bar, and the distribution of newsletter to all members present, the main event of the evening commenced.

Tom Randall - minus gong and leopardskin - announced the J.Arthur Rank of Market Lavington, John Kyte, of Blackstone fame, who entertained us magnificently for almost an hour with his cine films.

In between the stationary engines we saw hilarious snippets of John and his family and friends on holiday in Wales with the Albion FT37 lorry, at times

threatened ominously by a golden eagle!!

We were also amused by a demonstration of 'how to cut down a tree, starting at the top' and most of all, a film of John's patent 'shed-warmer' undergoing trials. Before all you winter engine restorers rush off to deepest Wiltshire to place your orders, it would be only fair to point out that this device produces more smoke than a certain R & H at the last Camerton Rally!

After a short interval for filling tanks and draining hoppers, some slides were shown of the I000 Engine Rally at Longleat, with the emphasis on Club Members doing 'their thing'.

After announcements were made, exho ting people to collect jumble for the forthcoming jumble sale, and to purchase tickets for the Dinner and Dance on December 8th., the meeting closed around IO-I5pm.

Emerson Brantingham.

TIPS FROM THE TRADE.

- Lining Out. For those members wishing to reproduce 'coach lines' on their engines, the following peice of equipmeant has been recommended as indispensible:-The Rolls Paint Liner, complete with I/I6", 3/32" and I/8" heads. Price: - £8.00 plus 30p postage & Packing, plus VAT. Available from: - Messrs Hogley Bros., Sowgate Lane, Ferrybridge, Knottingley, Yorks.
- Trailer Building. Anyone building trailers this winter would be well advised to write for a parts catalogue to:-Towsure Trailers Products Ltd., 29-31, Holme Lane, Sheffield, S6 4JP. Their parts prices include VAT and post and packing, and are much cheaper than similar items in the Indespension trailer book. They also sell complete trailers. A Wessex member recently posted his order on a Monday at 7.30a.m. and the parts arrived by Securicor delivery from Sheffield the following Thursday, at II.00a.m.:

Anyone who has any tips on materials or how to overcome the odd problem encountered on engine restoration or associated field, or who has received particularly good service on obtaining parts etc. and feels that the information may be of help to other members, please send in the details.

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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.

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 hi 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.

1980 DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES.

FROCESTER MANOR.

25th. & 5th. MAY.

MARKET LAVINGTON & EASTERTON FOOTBALL CLUB RALLY.

Organised by John Kyte & Co. Entry forms available already at Wessex Club meetings.

ABERGAVENNY RALLY.

It is about time that I980 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.

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, Malcdm 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.

MEWSLETTER ITEMS. Send all contributions, articles, adverts., etc., to Tom Randall, Welton Hill Cottage, West Road, Midsomer Norton, Bath, BA3 2TL.

POMOPARY LIFE MEMBERS.

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