

For a colour chart, telephone Mike Branch at I.F.Ltd., on Bristol 556957.

The choice of rally site this year must have been one of the best yet for Selwood Steam, judging by the crowds of people who arrived on Sunday. The field was just off the Beckington/Trowbridge Road and could be seen clearly by passing motorists.

I am told by those arriving Friday evening, and Saturday morning, that there was some confusion where to set up their engines, but it seems that it was eventually sorted out by the event steward who let exhibitors find their own pitch and then gave them their numbers, so that those who travel together in groups can be together.

With 135 engines entered, the few that did not turn up were hardly noticed. The weather on Sunday was very good, except for a small 'scud' later in the afternoon, this only lasted 5 minutes and helped to keep the dust down from the "Flour Graders" at the top of the field.

Steve Norwell's Lister Diesel ran a bit longer than at the Club Rally, but I think he's getting to the root of the trouble. Keep at it Steve!!

Wessex members were well represented, and I believe we may have gained one or two new ones.

This is always an enjoyable Rally, with lots to see, including Horses, Tractors, Model Tents, and train rides for all. Also a very nice lunch laid on for the exhibitors.

Rob. Lambert.

National Vintage Tractor & Engine Club. Sodbury Vale Group.
LITTLETON DREW VINTAGE WORKING & PLOUGHING MATCH. Sept. 29th. & 30th.

Saturday's sunrise brought a fresh and dewy start to the day, which was soon followed by sunshine. The Sodbury Vale Group assembled a very good selection of engines totalling one hundred and eleven, in which the Wessex Club was very well represented.

Some of the makes shown were:- United, Amanco, Sundial, Fairbanks, Ruston, Bradford, Petter, Lister, Bentall, Jameson, Stuart Turner, Villiers, Hartop, Teles, etc. Some of the outstanding outfits included a square hopped, 12hp. Petter M Type, owned by Mr. Stokes of Bridgend, the Sundial given to Mr. Thomas of Worcester by Australian engine enthusiasts, Terry Heath's Hartop and pump, K.Reader's Teles and pump, and Peter Steele's Lister sheep shearing outfit from Devizes.

Saturday's ploughing match brought a silver rose bowl into the hands of Wessex Club Member Ian Craddock from Trowbridge, driving his Fordson Standard with Ransomes plough, for the best finish. Congratulations Ian! Saturday finished with a barbecue and a general chit-chat around an enormous bonfire.

Sunday turned out to be dull and rather cool, but the quiet of the morning was soon disturbed by the enormous roar of a gas torch which was under a pan of sausages in Rob Lambert's camp!

The crowd turned out to be about average, considering the weather, and I must thank the Sodbury Vale Group and particularly Ann and Rob Woolford for a real friendly and enjoyable weekend.

Tony (Wheatcroft) Jones.

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THE CLUB MEETING. September 24th. 1979.

The evening meeting commenced promptly at 8.00pm. but was disappointingly attended by only 30 members - 20% of the membership! The reason for this decline in attendance is difficult to analyse; can anyone please enlighten us? It cannot be the cost of petrol as a number of members came quite good distances(perhaps they drained their engines tanks to do so now the rally season is over!). Perhaps it is the Old Down Inn's heating system, or the "Fish-net" decor!

Anyway, 130 or so Wessex members missed a first class professional, slide illustrated talk by Paul Elkin, curator of Bristol Industrial Museum. He held our attention with his fascinating account of Bristol's industrial history, how, from being a port, many industries grew up, such as paper, cotton, glass, tobacco, etc. Also, Bristol being on a coalfield, and having other mineral resources closeby, such as iron ore, calamine, etc., engineering and ship building industries developed rapidly in the 18th. & 19th. centuries, strongly linked with the name of I.K.Brunel. The selection of slides showed Bristol to be historically one of the country's most interesting cities, both industrially and aesthetically, even though it has been rather thin on stationary engine manufacturers!

After the interval when most glasses and mugs had been refilled, Paul spoke about his own work at the museum, its exhibits, (and Fred, the restorer of ancient machinery!), and his future plans. From this we could see that there is more to running a museum than just filling a large building with old bits and pieces and opening the doors to the public each morning.

He concluded by offering the Club a conducted tour one evening, including parts not open to the public. From the names of manufacturers of some of the items in store and in the workshop, this offer sounded most attractive. This should be something to look forward to next year.

The evening was concluded around 10.30pm. and we all dispersed after thanking Paul for a most interesting and informative evening.

Emerson Brantingham.

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STOURPAINE IN DEVON?

We arrived at the Honiton Hill Rally site on Saturday evening, where we were greeted by helpers and MUD very similar to Stourpaine! Say no more! We soon settled for the night and the next morning we spent a couple of hours watching the other exhibitors and market traders arriving, the sun shining brilliantly by that time!

The usual familiar faces were Margery and Bill Appleby, Cyril Bird (from Yetminster -Ed.), Stan Andrews and us.

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The weather remained good and the next day - Bank Holiday Monday - was glorious
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The best weather for a couple of weeks at least. 180 barn engines, over 100 tractors, 100 veteran and vintage cars and motor cycles gives some idea of the size of this increasingly popular Bank Holiday Rally.

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FOR SALE..Cast Iron base plate, approx.18" x 36". Was on a Lister pumping set.Has fixing slots & cut-out for fly-wheel cast in. Slightly damaged. Worth £3 if only for scrap! E.Brain. Temple Cloud 52633.

WANTED... For a Lister D Type, a water pot cover with sloping hose take-off, suitable for radiator cooling. Rob Lambert. Frome 3526.

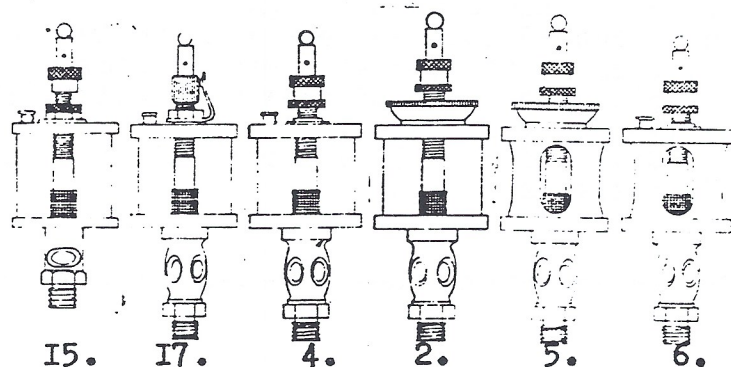
WANTED... Suitable for radiator cooling. As above. Also, Small voltmeter, 4" diameter with 0-50 scale, or thereabouts. Also, Small engine, preferably Stuart Turner, or any engine up to 1½hp considered, ALSO small petrol tank for Lister D petrol/paraffin type, with fittings (pipe, connections, etc.) Tony Jones, 59, Marsh Road, Trowbridge, Wilts. Tel. Trowbridge 5351.

One of our members, Gordon Jones from Blackwood, Gwent, recently told us about this company which still produces drip-feed oilers of the parallel-sided variety as illustrated below. When we contacted them for further information, we learned that they still carry a stock of oil cup glasses for the old bowl-shaped oilers. The types that they have are listed here, so if you are interested, please contact J.B.Treasure & Co.Ltd., with the appropriate reference number, and they will quote you their current price.

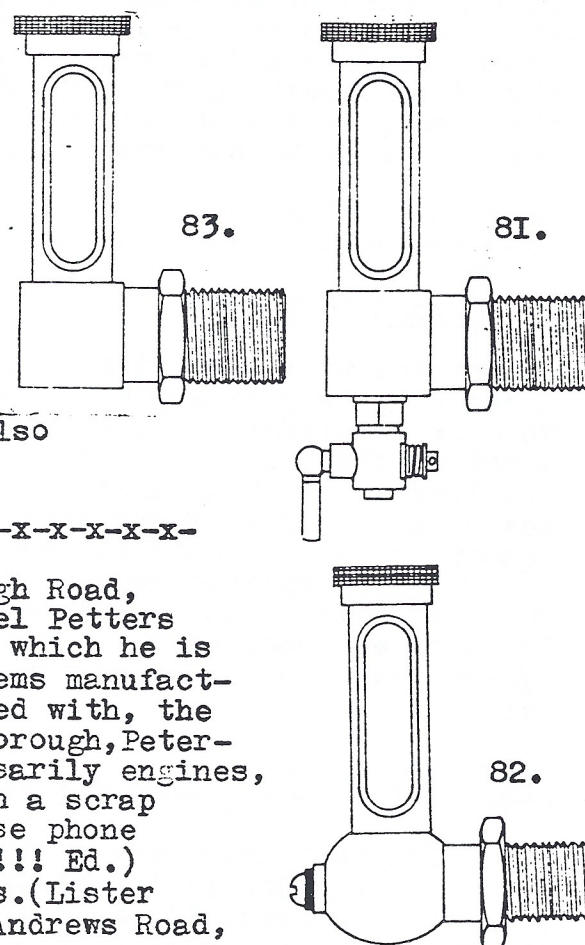
OIL CUP GLASSES

Reference No.	Diameter		Length over all	External Diameter of Neck	Internal Diameter of Neck
	Inches	Mm.			
50	1½	31	1½	1½	7/16
53	1½	40	1½	1½	1/8
54	1½	44	1½	1½	1/16
57	1½	47	2¼	1½	1/16
64	2½	53	2½	1½	1/16
65	2½	60	2½	1	1/16
76	2½	70	3½	1	1/16
77	2½	70	3	1½	3/4
78	2½	70	3	1½	3/4
89	3½	85½	5½	1½	3/4
90	3½	85½	3½	1½	3/4
92	3½	88½	4	1½	3/4
96	4	100	4½	1½	3/4

If you are interested in the straight sided types then we can let you have a list giving all the different sizes available. Send me an s.a.e. quoting the type number as shown below and then you can order direct from the



OIL LEVEL GAUGES.



manufacturers. Similarly for the oil level gauges shown on the right. Spare glasses are also available for the oilers and gauges shown.

Tom Randall.

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FOR EXCHANGE....Bill Robertson, of 1, Marlborough Road, Yeovil, has some original enamel Petters engine-room instruction plates which he is willing to exchange for any items manufactured in, or genuinely associated with, the town of Yeovil (but not Loughborough, Peterborough or Hamble!), not necessarily engines, but what-have-you? (Anyone with a scrap Westland Whirlwind-cheap- please phone ~~Tempex~~ Midsomer Norton!!!! Ed.)

LISTER SPARES.. Available from Saville Tractors.(Lister Agents). King Road Avenue, St.Andrews Road, Avonmouth.

MAGNETO REPAIRS and RE-MAGNETIZING... West of England Electrics(Bristol) Ltd. 250/I, Coronation Road, Bristol 3. Tel. Bristol 661224.

AMANCO non-return valves (fuel line) can be made from a CRANE D 71 1/4" BSP needle point globe valve body. Just remove the valve assembly and replace with a suitable size ball bearing. Plug the top with a standard CRANE square headed plug and washer.

CLUB EVENTS.

- November 24th. CLUB JUMBLE SALE. St. Peter's Church Hall, Westfield, Radstock. Please bring any jumble you have along to the hall after 11.00am. on the day, or give it to any member of the committee to be passed on. We will need help setting up tables, manning the stalls and generally coping with the onslaught of the jumble-hungry residents of Norton-Radstock! If you can help, please come along. The sale starts at 2pm.
- November 26th. ENGINE PICTURE QUIZ. Engine photographer and Quizmaster Eric Brain will be testing your memories with slides of familiar engines (and Club members!) from unfamiliar angles. Lots of useful engine restorers prizes to be won!
- December 8th. Club Dinner & Dance. Star Hotel, Wells. This important social event in our Club calendar has the usual attractions; a free, welcoming glass of sherry, free draw for a Christmas turkey, dancing to a (not too loud!) disco with a broader than average repertoire, plus a little light after dinner entertainment from local historian Chris Howell who will be relating a few comic and curious tales about some of our more colourful local characters. The menu will be:-

Home-made Vegetable Soup, or Grapefruit Cocktail.

Roast Somerset Turkey, with Savoury Stuffing, Cranberry Sauce, Seasonal Vegetables and Roast Potatoes.

Christmas Pudding with Brandy Sauce.

Coffee.

7.30pm. for 8.00pm. Dress optional. Tickets £5.00 per head.

I think you will all agree that our Dinner & Dance is very good value for money in spite of the fact that the ticket price has increased this year. So please get your booking in as soon as possible. We have to let the hotel know the final number to be catered for by the end of November, so the deadline for ticket sales has been set at November 26th. Please fill in the form at the bottom of this page and send it in as soon as you can.

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- January 28th. First Club meeting of the New Year. Details to be arranged.
- February 25th. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. Agenda will be circulated with the January Newsletter. This is an important date and should be the best attended meeting of the year!

FOR SALE...4 solid cast iron wheels, 4" dia. x 1½" wide. 7/16" bore. £1.00.
Tel. Midsomer Norton 418926.

W.S.E.C. DINNER DANCE. STAR HOTEL, WELLS. DECEMBER 8th 1979

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

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Adrian Stride
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Secretary:- 'Odstax,' Wells Road,
Hallatrow,
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Chew Magna, Bristol.
Tel:Chew Magna 2655.

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
Details available from the Treasurer. Members under 16)

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,
Midsomer Norton, Bath, BA3 2TL.

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS.

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