

SEPTEMBER 1981.

"What a good evening," someone was overheard

Soon after 7.30 p.m. , a good number of "stalls" had been set up in a variety of ways, ranging from car boots, hatch-backs, estate cars and trailers. Of course our usual semi-professional stallholder (well known throughout the South-West as "Randall's Rubbish!") was using a combination of trailer AND boot, and doing a roaring trade too!

Our Secretary, Diana Emery, was selling home-made jam, plants and plums - rumour has it that she had to buy plums from a neighbour next day to finish her jam making!

A quick trip around the stalls revealed three engines for sale, two Suffolk Colts and one dismantled Lister D. There was a multitude of Two-gallon petrol cans, stone jars, v-belts, lamps, flat belt pulleys, small generators, tools, brass pipe fittings, cast iron wheels, a few magnetos and many other items.

As darkness fell, about 9.06. p.m., Robin Lambert produced his Petter Lighting plant (courtesy of The Frome Electric Lighting Co.) and helped extend the evening twilight using a number of bulbs on extension leads. This engine soon was seen to have a £1.00 price tag on it, which was quickly removed by its horrified owner!

Due to the non-presence this month of Herb (Raffles) Gane, Judy Godfrey was forced into volunteering to sell raffle tickets, a task which she performed with due efficiency. Her shouts of, "10p a ticket, 50p a STRIP!" had all the lads queuing with their 50p pieces. Ian Skuse wanted £1.00's worth, but he is Vice-Chairman after all!

When the raffle was drawn, the first prize, a nice Vernier Caliper Gauge, was won by Robin Lambert. Second prize, a box of chocolates, was won by Judy's fiance, Pete Kite! Diana Emery won the third prize, a packet of notelets.

Due to holidays, a number of our regular attenders were not present. This new venture proved to be so popular that perhaps another time we should hold it again, but earlier in the year, away from a holiday period. I'm sure that many other Wessex members would like to clear their garages too!

Emerson Brantingham.

W.S.E.C. PUBLIC LIABILITY INSURANCE, or, "What does your Insurance Certificate really mean?"

Wessex Members have Public Liability Insurance Cover for a limit of indemnity of £250,000.

This is with the PHOENIX Insurance Co., through our brokers, Stewart Wrightson(Western) Ltd.

The policy at present indemnifies the Club, its Committee, and its members, but the Club has never been able to include Junior members in this insurance on the grounds that they are minors and not at an age of civil responsibility. Recently the Committee has made an effort to change this situation and from its discussions with John Bolt, of Stewart Wrightson, he has informed us that the Phoenix have said, "Persons over the age of 18 should be responsible for their own actions, but they (the Phoenix) would not be prepared to indemnify persons under 16."

Discussions will continue, but at present any Junior member rallying an engine is the responsibility of his or her parent or guardian, who should be a member of the Club in order to gain the protection of the Club's public liability policy.

Stuart Ashman, Hon. Treasurer.

DEVIZES VINTAGE RALLY , August 8th. & 9th.

The wife and I arrived at Devizes football ground on the Saturday morning, under grey clouds. There were the usual stalls, etc., a Fairground organ, the Pewsey Fire Pump and Kooky the clown, who gave two shows to the children.

We were also entertained, as usual, by "Cyril Smith" and his Indian motor bike, with tales of his love life!

The field was a bit cramped because Pete Steele, the rally organiser, had been promised the whole football field, but due to a match between Dvizes and Ledbury United, we had to make do with the area behind one goal, so we had to duck a few times and make a few saves as the footballs came flying towards the engines!

In the evening there was apig roast which was very well done by Devizes Vintage Club. The drizzle stayed off long enough for us to enjoy a very pleasant evening around the fire listening to the fair organ until 11.30 p.m.

On the Sunday, we woke up to much better weather. Wessex members present included Tony (barbecue)  
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Devizes Vintage Rally.(cont'd.)

Jones, the Butler family, G.Escott, Mark Tilley and his better half, Janet, Lee Chandler, Pete Steele (rally organiser and prize winner at Beaulieu), Bill Trott, Harry Champion (nice to see him around again) and several more whose names escape me.

Forty Two (The answer to life, the univers and everything! Ed.) engines were present, out of which, 23 were Listers including 13 D's, a few Wolseleys, one Crossley, two Rustons, one Jameson diesel and one Amanco with a pump, There were also two Petters, one owned by Mark Tilley and the other, which was parked about half a field away, was a pear topped Petter displayed by Mark's girl friend, Janet. A lovely little engine , this and Mark, the rotter hid her starting handle, poor girl , she was in a tiz!

The afternoon brightened up and the crowds turned up to support a very entertaining weekend. I would like to thank the Devizes club for everything on their first rally.

And may it rain for ever more on the moaning householder who took down all our vehicle registration numbers to give to the local council because he caught me digging a hole to dispose of waste water!!!

Brian (Sausage machine) Munt.  
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UFFINGTON RALLY. August 30th. & 31st.

This rally, which is held in the Vale of the White Horse between Swindon and Wantage, always attracts an enormous crowd and this year was no exception. People were seen flowing through the public entrance six abreast continuously from 9.00.a.m. each day.

The events taking place over the weekend included an aerobatic display by a Pitts Special aeroplane, a Tug o' War between local pubs and clubs, model aircraft flying displays, the Army Cadet Force, a working sheep dog demonstration, the Old Berkshire Hounds, an art exhibition, caber tossing, archery, punch and Judy, the New Forest Axemen, the Warwick Corps of Drums - a girls marching display band, gymkhana, a heavy horse show, vintage cars and motor cycles, tractors, over 90 trade stands and stalls, and a funfair.

The stationary engine display amounted to about ninety engines which included a giant Robey compound steam engine of 45 h.p. which was driving a large dynamo and owned by John Bracey. Wessex members were Eric Brain (1920 2½h.p. Amanco), Mike Cannon (1917 Tangye), Reg Butler (JAP pumping set), the Lamberts from Swindon (Lister A Type with an oat crusher and kibbler, and a D Type with a Lister water pump), J.Miller (a lovely smooth pot Wolseley driving an elevator gearing and a generator). Other stationary engine exhibits worthy of mention were a nice 6½ h.p. Lister with a Wrekin mill, all trailer mounted and owned by G.H.Scrivens, a 1927 1½h.p. International owned by M.Bone, and a really nice Buzacott open crank engine of 2 h.p. manufactured by the Roseberry Engine Works Ltd., Sydney, Australia, in 1925, and now owned by Pat Malin of Broadway, Worcs.

Also nicely restored was an Avon horizontal engine of 3½ h.p. built in 1930 and owned by D.R. Carr. Lastly I must mention the superbly restored 2½ h.p. Bamford and pump owned by W. & B. Harvey of Swindon and built in 1941.

Both Saturday and Sunday evenings were spent nattering and devouring sausages and beefburgers and anything else that happened to fall into Mike & Jane Cannon's barbeque, the power and lighting being supplied by you-know-who's thumping Crossley (famous for its wandering flywheel). Some of the alcoholic mixtures that were flowing did not seem to suit everyone, Ann Brain was actually found asleep in the loo tent!! (not by me!)

Manday evening came all to soon and John Clarke, our engine steward, presented us with our plaques and thanked us all for coming, which left us to pack up and return home with the memories of yet another superb Uffington show.

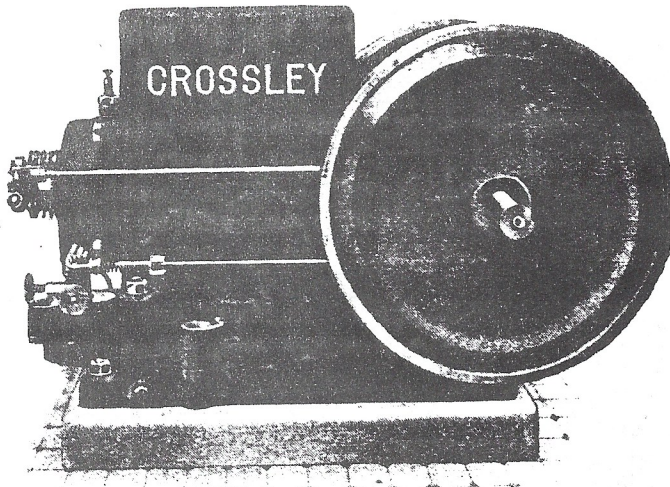
Generating Jones.  
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LISTER D TYPE GRAND MARATHON

On October 10th. the Devizes Club are to hold a Lister D Type petrol Marathon at the Fox & Hounds, Nursteed Road, Devizes. It is a competition to find out how long a Lister D Type will run on one pint of petrol, so blow the cobwebs off your old D Types and bring them along - the prize for the owner of the engine which runs for the longest time is a BOTTLE of WHISKY and a SHIELD for your mantelshelf.

Entries will be accepted on the day and the contest will operate in accordance with a strict set of rules which can be obtained from Pete Steele, (Tel:- Devizes 4820) who will be at the September W.S.E.C. meeting.

This should be a good afternoon out, please give it your support.



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NEW SMALL

**ENCLOSED TYPE OIL ENGINE**



OCTOBER 26th.

MEMBERS NIGHT. Here's a chance to let us all see your photographic/filming efforts from the last, or even earlier years. Please bring along any film, slides, photographs, etc. for projection. The old epidiascope will be available for photo's, post cards, etc. (post card size is about maximum for projection). An added attraction will be a film featuring stationary engines in New Zealand.

NOVEMBER 21st.

ANNUAL JUMBLE SALE to be held at our usual venue of St.Peter's Church Hall, Westfield, Radstock, on the A367. The hall will be open from 11.00 a.m. to receive jumble and to set up the stalls. Any member not able to come can give any jumble to any committee member. All help, as usual will be most gratefully received. Sale starts at 2.15 p.m.

NOVEMBER 30th.

HIGHLIGHTS of the LONGLEAT RALLY. A slide show presented by Eric Brain.

DECEMBER 5th.

CLUB DINNER & DANCE at the Masonic Hall, North Parade, Frome. (A map will be printed in October's newsletter.) Arrive at 7.30p.m. for dinner at 8.00 p.m. The menu will be soup, followed by Roast Turkey with Savoury Stuffing, Chipolata Sausages (NOT by courtesy of Mr.Munt!), Roast and Creamed Potatoes with two other vegetables. The sweet will be followed by Cheese & Biscuits, Coffee & Mints.

We are pleased to announce that we have a guest speaker for our entertainment after the meal. Engineer, Roy Mathew, from Westbury and well known to engine enthusiasts for his key fobs, etc., (see S.E.Mag.) will be giving us a glimpse of the stationary engine world as he sees it! Also, for your delight, Fromes biggest disco fan, Bill Appleby, has secured the musical services of the one and only CAPTAIN HIPPO DISCO! All this, the usual glass of sherry upon arrival, the famous free draw with prizes of a turkey, decorated cake and a bottle of scotch (all other donations welcome) for only £5.00 per head, the same as last year! The closing date for tickets will be NOVEMBER 14th. and a booking form is printed on the back page of this newsletter. Please book early.

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JANUARY 25th.

Stuart Ashman & Tom Randall team up to present a vintage slide & picture show.

FEBRUARY 22nd.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

MARCH 29th.

THE GREAT WESSEX ENGINE DRIVE, back in spite of\*/ by\* popular demand.  
\* delete as applicable!

A visit to Eastwood Manor Farm will be arranged again for sometime in May and will be in addition to the May Club Meeting. The June meeting will probably be a Crank-up, and it has been proposed that we hold a club barbecue, but details have yet to be worked out. Any other suggestions for meetings, events, etc. are always most welcome.

LANGPORT RALLY, August 15th. & 16th.

This rally was held amidst the glorious Somerset hills on a really hot weekend. Many Wessex members were present and one enterprising member even showed his girlfriend the engines at 11.00p.m. on Saturday night!(That was his story and I promised not to name him but several others were seen looking for a torch!) It was a large rally with many craft stalls and demonstrations such as jewellery making, corn-dollies, knitting from raw sheeps wool and a cooper from Taunton cider (sorry, no free samples!) Many traders, from sweets to fridges, and a fair with gallopers ensured that the whole family was well catered for. Both days saw parades of Showmen's engines - there were several of these lovely machines there, together with tractors and cars. Everyone there had a lovely weekend and it was a great effort for us all to make a move for home on the Sunday evening, especially as the Trowbridge contingent were staying on till Monday as it was the start of their holidays.

Marian Wilson.

WANTED.....AIR VESSEL for a LISTER H2 or H3 series water pump. The Part Number is 42 (That number again! Ed.) Please contact Gerald Atherton, Mill Farm, Flax Bourton, near Bristol. Tel:- Flax Bourton 2393.

All contributions for October's Newsletter will be gratefully received by October 7th. Thanks to all contributors whose articles have not yet been included, they will all be used in the next newsletter, so keep them coming in. We are a bit light on adverts this month, perhaps everyone sold up at the August Club Meeting! All items for publication to the Editor, Tom Randall, Welton Hill Cottage, West Road, Midsomer Norton, Bath BA3 2TL. Tel:- Midsomer Norton 418926, evenings only please.



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