

THE MONTHLY MEMTING. March 31st. at the Old Down Inn. Imborough.

This meeting was the Third Annual Engine Drive. The game was originally devised to perform three functions, namely, to get our members to get to know each other better, to keep the younger members amused and to teach Mum what a crankshaft and piston are!

Before the 'Drive' started, Eddie may of South Bristol Technical Collegs, together with George Poucher, reminded us about the South Bristol Rally on Bristol Docks on May 17th. and 18th. They showed us all a lovely shield presented by the Institute of Plant Engineers especially for this rally in perpetuity, to be known as the Chairman's Trophy. It will be presented to the owner of the best engine in the rally, in a way to be decided by the Club. Eddie would like a few more entries please, so fill in those forms on the back of the February newsletter, or simply send details of your engine entry to:- E.T.May. Engineering Dept. South Bristol Technical College, Marksbury Road, Bedminster, Bristol. Free fuel will be provided for engine running.

Amongst much hilarity, especially from our new members, the Engine Drive got underway. A few problems arose, such as one table with only three players, but everyone soon got the hang of it. Much variation on the engine design was soon evident. However there were no high scores and only one completed engine. The first round was finally won by Julia Masters (in spite of Nicholas Dring's alleged super score - but his pocket calculater had had its chips, so to speak!) with Fric Brain a close second, only one point behind.

During the half-time break, our new 'Raffles' Herb Gane, sold raffle tickets and members took the opportunity to examine the South Bristol Rally trophy more closely.

Round two was perhaps even more exciting with a few late-comers (shame!) joining in, somewhat reluctantly at first. Our arch-student of Zoology, Ivor Yeo, designed a phallic crankcase, much to the amusement of Mrs Chairman, whose tremulous giggles almost stopped one game whilst Fddie May was busy calculating the chances of his wife beleiving what he had been doing all evening! Bill Appleby was a contented low scorer because it meant that he did not have to move away from the gas fire. His son also proved the game to be 'beyong our Ken' as his low dice throws prompted him to draw a Pickfords Scammell rather than an engine. Phil Wookey was heard complaing that his piston had gone all funny - must have been all that Mendip Ale!

Eventually the round came to an end and the excitement died down as the final results were announced. The champion of the evening was Mrs Elizabeth Steele who won the diecast model Lister D kit. Second place was taken by Ian Skuse, who won a large pair of pliers. The third prize, a wire brush, was won by Julia Masters, much to the delight of Ian Cradock, owner of numerous rusty tractors! Fourth prize was taken by Eric Brain who received a hacksaw, suitable for all manner of 'engine surgery'.

The raffle first prize winner was Marg Dring, who won a bag of spuds, and second prize, a tin of Swarfega went to Adrian Stride.

As other years have been before, so this one was equally a most bizarre, inane, totally relaxing and most enjoyable evening.

HARBRIDGE (near Fordingbridge) March 23rd. 1980.

After a morning of sleet and rain, we arrived at Harbridge at noon.

About twenty enthusiastic barn engine owners braved the wintery weather to run their exhibits. Keith Reader came all the way from Gwent, but Marjorie and Bill Appleby were prevented from attending, owing to their being snowed in:

A variety of engines, Petter, Lister, Blackstone, and Amanco were on show. John Kyte was there, next to yours truly. We were showing for the first time a radiator cooled Lister D Type driving a 110 volt dynamo.

The weather got so bad that soon after 4p.m. we packed up, hoping that this first rally of the 1980 season would be the worst as far as thw eather was concerned!

Rene and Len Fry.

WILF ANDREUS.

It is with much regret that we announce the death of Club Member Wilf Andrews, from Wedmore. Wilf was one of our very early Club Members and a keen rally-goer. His untimely death, on April 9th., has taken from us a well known character with an ever-ready sense of humour and good spirit. He will be missed by all his stationary engine enthusiast friends from a wide area. The Club sends its deepest sympathy to his widow, Vi, and to his family.

His funeral was attended on behalf of the Club by Bill Appleby, Rob Lambert, Bric & Ann

Brain and Philip Harris. A wreath was also sent.

CLUB EVENTS FOR 1980.

MAY 27th.

PLEASE NOTE THAT MAY 27th., IS A TURSDAY. At this meeting, Mike Cannon will be giving a talk about the TANGYE Company and their engines and pumps etc.

JUNE 14th/15th.

CLUB RALLY. It is realised that this is fairly short notice to run the Clubs Annual Rally so much earlier in the year, but the fixing of a suitable date and site have presented many problems. It can be seen from the list of rallies below that in this region June is surprisingly devoid of rallies. If there are any, then no one has bothered to let us know about them. Entry forms are attached to this newsletter, and must be returned by May 31st. if your entry is to appear in the programme. The site this year is Yatton Rugby Club, North End, Yatton, which is between Bristol and Weston-super-Mare, and very handy for the M5, access from Junction 20 South onto the B3133. There will be a social gathering on the Saturday evening in the licensed club premises. Caravans and tents are welcome and both drinking water and clean toilet facilities are immediately to hand on the site. The rally is open to entries from members and non-members alike, and each entry will receive a plaque. There will be the usual Club Awards for members entries and the special visitors plaques as introduced last year. This is the most important Club Event of the year, please give it your full support.

JUNE 30th.

AUGUST 31st.

ANNUAL CRANK-UP in the car park of the Old Down Inn, Emborough. Bring an engine, as well as the wife, out for an evening: TOUR OF SEDGEMOOR PUMPING STATIONS commencing at 2.00p.m. at Aller Moor Pumping Station. Full details are to be announced nearer the day. \$\frac{1}{2}\frac{1}{2

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES.

SOUTH BRISTOL RALLY. See Club Meeting Report on page one. Get your entry MAY 17/18

MARKET LAVINGTON & EASTERTON F.C. RALLY. Entry forms from John Kyte. MAY 25/26

FROCESTER MANOR RALLY. MAY 25/26/27

Vintage machinery auction sale at Chilbolton, near Stockbridge, Hants.

MAY 31 MAY 31/JUN 1 Steam Rallies at Abergavenny and Andover.

HEDDINGTON & STOCKLEY RALLY. JULY 5/6

BRISTOL STRAM, Ashton Court, Bristol: Also LECKFORD HUT, nr, Stockbridge. JULY 12/13

NETLEY MARSH, Southampton, also ROSS-on-KYE RALLY. JULY 25/26/27

ALDERHOLT RALLY. AUGUST 2/3

YEOVIL FESTIVAL OF TRANSPORT.

AUGUST 9/10 FAIRFORD RALLY, also Somerset Club Rally at Langport.

AUGUST 16/17 WILTS NVTEC RALLY, Neston Park Estate, Atworth, near Corsham. ** AUGUST 24/25

STOURPAINE BUSHES.

SEPT 19 - 21 SODBURY VALE PLOUGHING MATCH. SEPT 27/28

ILCHESTER, one day only. JUNE 21

** Entry forms for these rallies are available at Club Meetings. Also anyone wanting more Club Rally entry forms, please send s.a.e. to newsletter Editor stating how many.

Two LISTER D Types; one petrol only, one petrol/paraffin, the latter being seized. £40 o.n.o. the two. Derek Maybee, Tel. Blagdon 62795. FOR SALE.

APRIL CONTITUENT MOTING MODES.

Most of this meeting was devoted to discussion the Club Rally, details of which have already been set out in this newsletter. The other main topic of discussion was centred on the Club Constitution. The point was raised that the Constitution allowed for a committee of only ten members, whereas there had been thirteen nominated and elected at the A.G.M. It was felt that there was a possibility that the March committee meeting had therefore been unconstitutional. However there was unanimous agreement that we should not allow this to present any major problem. The point was made that, since there had been unanimous agreement on all decisions made at the March committee meeting, the actual number of people involved in those decisions was not relevant. A proposal that the size of the committee be increased to thirteen by a unanimous decision met with no opposition and it was agreed that the constitution be ammended accordingly. Two further ammendments were made to the Constitution, as follows: Clause 6b to read, The Committee reserve the facility to co-opt any additional numbers as may be required. Previously, the number had been limited to 3, but it was felt that where additional persons may be needed to cope with the organisation of Club functions, it would be easier to involve them temperarily on the Committee rather than set up sub-committees as separate bodies. Clause 8 was also officially ammended to move the A.G.M. from January to February. This move was in fact made two years ago but no revision had been made to the Constitution at that time. The final item briefly discussed was this years 'Annual Dinner& Dance. Unfortunately the Ster Hotel at Wells is not taking advance bookings due to a forthcoming change of cunerating. It was agreed that enquiries should be made elsewhere and progress be reported at the May Committee Meeting.

CLUB RALLY - CLUB STALL.

Once again, all contributions of saleable items for the Club Stall at the forthcoming Club Rally will be gratefully received. Fruit, vegetables, cakes and other 'home-mades' ere cleays popular items. Useful tools, books, bric-a-brac, etc are always good fundraisers and usually we can make up a few good raffle prizes out of the items that come in. Any items left over can usually be held over for the Autumn jumble sale, provided that they are not perishable of course! In the absence of the Camerton Rally this year, this will be the only Club Stall this year probably. So lets have a good effort.

A FEW MORE DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES.

Rallies at ABERGAV-NNY and ANDOVER.

MAY 31/JUNE 1 MAY 4 (Sunday)

LAMBOURN Vintage Machinery Society Spring Working of Heavy Horses, Tractors and Stationary Engines. Lambourn Woodlands, Berks. 11 a.m.

MAY 24 (Saturday) BERNICK St. JOHN Grand Show. Details from R.J. Pocock. Manor Farm,

Berwick St. John, Shaftsbury, Dorset. Tel: Donhead 272.

KERNOW OLD VEHICLE CLUB Annual Relly at the Royal Cornwall Showground, JULY 12/13 Wadebridge. Details: - Barrie Thomas, 72, Lanyon Rd., Playing Place,
Truro, Cornwall. Tel: Devoran 862046.

Sankey spoked vehicle wheels & tyres. 4.50 x 19, 2off. 8.00 x 19, 1 off. FOR SALE (5 hole fixing). 29 x 5, 1 off. (3 hole fixing). 23. each. Tom Randall. (address on back page)

YET ANOTHER DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES!

AUGUST 30/31 CRAMBOURNE FRETIVAL Steam Rally & country Fayre. In aid of the Cranbourne Church and Firebrigade Denevolent Fund. Stationary engine entries to F. Prince. 17, Salisbury St., Cranbourne, Timborne, Dorset. Tel: Cranbourne, 480. Entry Forms also available at Club meetings. Closing date June 30th. Later entries accepted but cannot be in the programme.

Rod Dring......Chairman.
Adrian Stride.....Vice-Chairman.
Diana Emery.....Secretary.

Eric Brain...........Assistant Secretary & Newsletter Postal Distribution.

Stuart Ashman.....Treasurer.

Tony Jones.

Ivor Yeo.

Herb Gane.

Rob Lambert.

Bill Appleby.

Ian Skuse.

Steve Norwell.

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Tel: - Chew Magna 2655.

SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Joint Membership (Engaged/Married Couples)....£2.00 per year. Individual Membership (18 years and over)....£1.50 per year. Junior Membership (Under 18 years).....£0.50 per year.

THIRD PARTY LIABILITY INSURANCE.

The Club offers a Third Party Liability Scheme to its fully paid up Members, affording cover up to a maximum of £250,000. It covers the use of stationary engines on the insured's own premises as well as on the rally field and it neets the full requirements for insurance cover now usually a condition of rally entry. The premium payable is £1.00 per paid-up member per year and a certificate of insurance is issued upon receipt of that premium. It is not available to individuals under 18 years of age, or non-members. If your membership lapses, so does your insurance cover. Send an s.a.e. to the Treasurer for full details.

CLUB METINGS.

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 of each month as far as is practical. Any deviation from this is announced in the newsletter. Meetings usually start about 8.00pm.

CLUB BADGES & TEE-SHIRTS.

The Club's red & green on gold metal badge is obtainable for £1 plus a s.a.e., from Adrian Stride, 100, Marshfield Way, Fairfield Park, Bath. Blue tee-shirts printed with the Club's flywheel motif & Club name are available from Tony Jones, 59, Marsh Road, Trowbridge, Wilts. Send s.a.e. for available sizes and prices.

NEWSLETTER ITEMS.

This is YOUR Newsletter. Please support it with articles, news snippets, engine information, restoration tips, rally reports, rally dates, etc., plus your sales & wants published free as often as you like, by sending them to Tom Randall, Welton Fill Cottage, West Road, Midsomer Norton, Bath. BA3 2TL. Tel:- Midsomer Norton 418926.

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS.

David Edgington. Club President and Editor of 'The Stationary Engine.'
Bill Foster.
Tom Randall. "

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	PALLY STIR.
	Yatton Rugby Club, Northend, Yatton, between Bristol and Weston -super-Mare. $\mathcal V$ Access from the M5 via Junction 20, turning South onto the B5133.
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	For entries to be in the Rally Programme, the Closing Date is May 31st. Postries after that date will be welcome, even on the day, but cannot be
	printed in the programme.
	ACCONTODATION.
	Tents and caravans may be set up on the site. Drinking water and toilets are avaiable. Sunday morning milk cannot be guaranteed available. PLACUES.
	Each entrant will receive one plaque.
	CONDITIONS OF ENTRY.
	1. Each entrant must hold a valid certificate of Third Party Insurance, having a limit of indemnity of not less than £250,000 any one accident. 2. No engine or machinery is to be left running unattended. The Relly organisers reserve the right to stop any engine found so running.
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	SIGNED DATE
	FULL NAWE & ADDRESS. (Capitals please.)
	Please send this form fully completed and signed to:-
	Mrs D. Biery, Secretary, W.S.E.C.
	'Odstax,' Wells Road, Halletrow, Bristol.