

## THE MONTHLY MEETING. MAY 27th.

The average number, for an evening meeting, of forty members gathered at the Old Down Inn, Emborough, to hear Michael Cannon's talk on the history of Tangye Ltd., and its products.

Before the slides started, newsletters were distributed and insurance certificates purchased. Announcements were made about various rallies, including Chippenham Chamber of Commerce Rally and the Lions Wings and Wheels at the Bath & West Showground on June 28th., & 29th., respectively.

Michael then got underway with a modified version of a talk that he has previously given us, illustrated with many slides in both colour and black & white of the "Cornwall Works", its products and some of its brochures. He traced the history of the engine products from the Cameron designed engine, through the Pinkney Patent era and right up to when engine production ceased, the company now producing hydraulic jacks.

We were then treated to a selection of slides of Mike's own engine, from as it was found, to the restored condition with which we are all familiar today.

The remainder of the evening was spent swapping stories of the previous weekend's rallies, and Herb Gane ran the raffle. The first prize was won by Ann Brain who said, delightedly, "That's just I've always wanted!" The mind boggles a bit as to what use she had in mind for a large galvanised funnel! The second prize, a tin of Plus Gas, went to Adrian Stride, and the third prize, a junior hacksaw, went to Bill Appleby to help him dismantle his Victoria to stow it away in the Transit perhaps!

During this period, Mike Cannon produced the first engine ever to be allowed inside the Old Down Inn. It was his latest find, a pretty little unrestored 2hp Tom Senior in very fine and complete condition. Unfortunately there was not enough time to disconnect our landlords' gas fire to see if we could get the engine to run, but we all hope to see it on the rally field soon. (It did put in an appearance at the Club Rally, conveniently sheltered from the rain by a golf umbrella! - Ed.)

Emerson Brantingham.

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## SOUTH BRISTOL RALLY. MAY 17th. & 18th.

The job of reporting on this year's rally has fallen to me simply because I was lucky enough to win the new Institution of Plant Engineers Chairmans Trophy, with my 5hp. Challenge.

On arrival at Bristol Docks, all exhibitors were given a box of tissues and a 'GULF' sun-hat, courtesy of Gulf Oil.

I was unable to attend on the Saturday and I understand that the engines were a little thin on the ground. Sunday, however, saw a nice selection of engines on display, including Ruston & Hornsby, Bamford, Massey Harris, Amanco, several Listers and Petters, the latter group including Gordon Jones lamp-start Handyman. Last, but by no means least, was the Merryweather steam pump, exhibited by South Bristol Technical College.

The weather was dry and warm and brought many people to the docks who were surprised to find our stationary engines on display and judging by remarks and enquiries made to me they found the rally very interesting.

Rod Dring and his family sold raffle tickets during the rally and the prize, a gallon of oil donated by Gulf, was won by ticket number 136, held by none other than Rod himself! I have been reminded of the number every day since the rally because the ticket has been in my pocket and every time I put my hand in there, it somehow always gets stuck to my fingers!

One of our members, who came up from Minehead (sorry I did not make a note of your name) originally intended to spend Saturday night in his car, but was made welcome aboard the 'Pascual Flores' which was moored nearby undergoing restoration, where I hear he spent an extremely comfortable night. (Watch the next series of The Onedin Line to see this fine vessel.-Ed.)

Finally, thanks must go to Eddy May for all his efforts in organising a first class rally.

Alan Barratt.

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7th. DODDINGTON STEAM & VINTAGE FAIR. May 17th. & 18th.

We arrived on Friday evening and set up the van and our exhibit in the lovely grounds of Doddington House, and on Saturday morning we had a look around, renewing our friendships with fellow exhibitors.

Over 100 barn engines were on show, the majority driving some equipment, which makes an exhibit all the more interesting. Apart from the well known names of Lister, Petter, Amanco etc., Adrian Stride showed his Conord 1½hp. (NOT Concord, as printed in the programme!) driving a Lister water pump, and Mike Cannon was there with his Tangye AA 2½hp. driving a Tangye pump. John Kyte's 5hp. Blackstone was powering an air compressor, Tony Jones' 3hp. Petter M Type was running a 24/30 volt generator, the Saunders' Lister Junior 3hp. was fitted with sheep shearing units and the Crouch brothers 1½hp. Lister was driving a dynamo and lights. An interesting exhibit which attracted a lot of attention was a 49hp. Ruston & Hornsby model 8HR of 1941, which is owned by Mr. N. Stevens of Bath. The weather on both days was hot and sunny.

MARKET LAVINGTON & EASTERTON F.C. WHITSUN FAYRE. May 25th. & 26th.

Wessex Club Member, John Kyte, organised this small but very friendly holiday 'do' which has become a regular 'must' for about 50 barn engine enthusiasts from far and near.

We arrived on the Saturday about dinner time, to make a long week-end of it.

Margery & Bill Appleby, Ann & Eric Brain, and Sid Wilson, not forgetting our vice-chairman, Adrian, supported John.

a comic football match and various stalls added to the enjoyment of a fine holiday week-end. Eric was also able to purchase an engine with Ann's approval!

3rd. ANNUAL STEAM ENGINE AND VINTAGE RALLY, ABERGAVENNY. May 31st. & June 1st.

After a 3½ hour run to Bailey Park, we were made welcome by Ivor Trotman, the Event Sec. A five-minuts walk brought us to a fish & chip shop and we ate our supper whilst walking around the shops before returning to our van for the night. Rain fell during the night and continued for most of the Saturday.

Margery & Bill Appleby, with their Victoria 5hp., Rob Lambert, with a Petter M 1½hp., Harry Champion with a 5hp. JAP, Steve Norwell, with his Lister CA Diesel 3hp., Terry Heath with his 6½hp. open-crank lamp start Blackstone and Ray Saunders with his Lister 3hp., were our Club members out of over 100 barn engines on show, covering a variety of manufacturers. Salad rolls, cake, fruit and a cup of tea were provided each day for exhibitors each day. On Sunday morning, a road run of Showman's engines, cars, coaches and model engines attracted a large crowd. The weather improved and amongst the evnts, a mass display by 5 teams of Majorettes and a model helicopter display held the crowds. A 'walk-about' by Ivor Trotman, with a hand-microphone, interviewing engine owners and stall holders was something new. Engine names not often seen on the rally field included Detroit, Alt Solo, Tom Senior, Briggs & Stratton, Arthur Lyon, Pelapone, Brownwall and Cobourn.

We received a triangular brass plaque, then made our way home after a very enjoyable weekend and we are looking forward to returning to Wales next year.

Rene & Len Fry.

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WEST DORSET VINTAGE TRACTOR & STATIONARY ENGINE CLUB 5th. ANNUAL RALLY, PUNKNOWLE.

This nice little rally, which is held on the hillside of a beautiful Dorset valley less than a mile from the sea, was worth every penny of the 50p. entrance charge, children & O.A.P's having to pay only 20p!

Programme entries included 110 stationary engines, 40 tractors, 13 lawn mowers and 12 vintage vehicles, plus models and various exhibits and stalls.

Although I was not there on the Saturday, I am told that a good crowd turned up for the vintage auction held on the field, and a very nice social evening was held again at Litton Cheney village school.

About a dozen Wessex members exhibited at this rally, including Terry Heath with an unusual and very early Petter which was probably the fore-runner of the M Type range. Many ring events took place during the day and it was nice to see the local traction engine, 'Duke of Windsor' in action on the field.

Rob Lambert.

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FOR SALE. LISTER D Type, petrol only. £20. o.n.o. Ivor Yeo. Tel: West Harptree 604.

FOR SALE. JAP 3hp. with Wico A mag. Suitable for spares. }

FOR SALE. Open crank engine, incomplete -flywheel missing, }  
as seen in S.E. magazine No 43 page 11.

Offers to Mr. Reg Cook.  
Darshill, Shepton Mallet.



A beautiful sunny and warm Friday evening greeted the early arrivals at Yatton R.F.C. ground, the campers and caravanners seemingly all set for a glorious weekend. The thunder and lightening that broke in the early hours of Saturday morning disturbed everyone's sleep and the wind and rain set the trend for the rest of the weekend. By mid-day Saturday, with only a light drizzle, about two-thirds of the entrants had arrived and the indefatigable Lister D's were the first engines to chug into life. A rain-free afternoon saw pretty well all engines running, but the return of heavy showers and a stiff breeze brought the afternoon run to an end about 4.30pm. The Rugby Clubhouse, which had been open for most of the day, certainly came as a welcome retreat from the cold and wet. Several engines were seen to share their owners tents for the night. The evening meal of ham, pork pie and cheese with salad had been prepared in the afternoon by our hard-working ladies and by 7.30pm., almost everyone was gathered in the bar and the social evening was underway. One unfortunate member had to leave rather hastily following a phone call from his wife informing him that their garden was being invaded by pigs on the loose from a neighbouring small-holding!

By Sunday morning only 10 of the 97 programmed entries failed to arrive, but 22 late entries brought the field up to 109 engines, and, apart from a short shower around lunch-time, the finer weather saw all engines running and we had a good full field. The superbly restored and maintained Wallis & Stevens single cylinder traction engine, owned by Mike Lawrence and driven by Derek Maybee, was in steam on the Sunday and attracted a lot of visitors to the field. Public attendance was quite good considering the weather and £58 was collected on the field towards The Cancer & Leukemia in Childhood Trust. This, together with £25 donated by the Club made a total of £83 to the charity.

At 4.00pm. on the Sunday, following a brisk voting session conducted by Eric Brain and Tom Randall, David Edgington presented this years winners with their trophies and last years winners with their commemorative plaques, made by Rod Dring. This years winners were:-

MEMBERS.  
Best horizontal engine, for the Cranmore Cup, Alan Barrat, from Colyton, Devon, for his Challenge 5K 5hp.

Best vertical engine, for the Stationary Engine Magazine Cup, Tony Jones, from Trowbridge, for his 1937 3hp. Patter M Type.

Best Junior Entry, for the W.S.E.C. Junior Shield, Andrew Burdge, of Neston, Corsham; for his Lister D Type with a Climax pump.

#### VISITORS.

Best horizontal:- J.Thorne, of Bridgwater, for the 1912, 2½hp. lamp start Blackstone & pump.

Best vertical:- E.Thorne, of Bridgwater, for the 1912, 1½hp. Lister H with pumping set. Each received a special W.S.E.C. visitors plaque.

A donation of £12.50, plus a specially mounted plaque has been given to Yatton R.F.C. in thanks for their generosity in allowing us to use their field and club premises.

In spite of the weather, all those that I talked with said what a good rally it had been, and thanks must go to Rod Dring and his committee and assistants for the organisation of such an event in so short a time.

#### Jethro Tool.

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FOUND on the field - a SIXON light-meter. Owner contact Rod Dring, Bristol 692922.  
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#### LETTER to the EDITOR.

Sir, I wish to protest most strongly over the publication of a cartoon in the last newsletter, depicting a boy and girl in a state of undress. I am sorry to see that the Wessex Stationary Engine Club has adopted gutter journalism in order to try and win the "Newsletter of the Year" award.

Yours etc, Mrs. Mary Whitehouse Mk2.

The cartoon was contributed, as is all newsletter material, by a fully paid up club member. Upon checking our membership list, I find that no subscription has been received from you, Mrs. Whitehouse Mk2, and I have forwarded your letter to our treasurer for attention. Ed.(!)

FOR SALE: Two 110 volt 45 amp generators, ex G.P.O. £100 each o.n.o. Jerry Hamlin, Locks Yard, Parson St. Bedminster, Bristol. Tel: Bristol 661889 - ask for Jerry.

FOR SALE: French engine and various horse-drawn farm implements. Peter Chapman, Parkhouse Fm., Parkhouse Lane, Queen Charlton, Keynsham. Tel: Keynsham 68213.

And Finally:- Thanks to all newsletter contributors. Those items not printed this month will certainly be in next month, when I hope to do six pages again. Next month:- more rally reports and comments on the closure of Bamfords of Uttoxeter after over 100 years in business.



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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 meets 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 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 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.

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HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS.

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

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LATE NEWS.