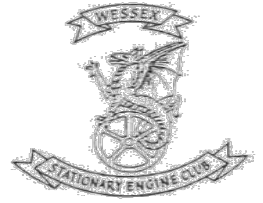


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Another month passes us by, rather uneventfully! Things still seem to be heading in the right direction though, I'm even off to my first show of the season at Organford on the weekend of 22nd-23rd May, I'm reliably told that it's a nice little do, so looking forward to venturing that way for a day out. As the event will have happened by the time you read this, I've shared some details for the show on the Club Facebook page, so I might see one or two of you there.

Most of us will have had our first vaccinations, with many more having had their second ones – with the further lifting of restrictions just before this issue comes out, which we have become accustomed to, we can look forward to some events and gatherings taking place. Hopefully, the Club will be looking to organise something in July, so watch this space. Hopefully you are putting the finishing touches to your engines and exhibits, fingers crossed they perform faultlessly on their first outings!

Take care, until next month, *David*

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

It was a long time ago when I last visited the village of Ston Easton, this was to take part in a vintage event held in the village, it was a happy time. When I came to Ston Easton again it was not a happy time at all, I was there on the 21st of April to attend the funeral of our dear friend, long-time member and President of WSEC, Roger Joseph Pike.

Many members of the Club and the Committee attended the service at the Church, with limited numbers allowed within the church, the surrounding churchyard was filled with Rogers friends, Club members and family members. It was a very sad day having to say goodbye to Roger after knowing him for so many years, I know all who knew Roger will want to express your sincere condolences to Linda and all of Roger's family at this sad and tragic time.

The first engine I ever owned, and I still do after over 50 years was in need of a little TLC.

I had acquired a replacement cylinder head a few years ago and I decided to fit this. Why?...Well the original had a small piece of cast iron broken from the flange that joins the water hopper and the hopper wanted a repaint.....well the job was done, now on with starting. Now the PT always started on the second swing, never failed, but not now, not a pop or a splutter not nothing! Out came the welder, small repair made to original head, repaint, refit and on with the starting handle, second swing and one running PT!

I cannot find any fault with the replacement head but the engine would not start or run, just goes to prove if it ain't broke then don't fix it.

Now I wonder if anyone in the Club can help me, I have a very nice WD voltmeter that is in need of repair, would any Club member be able to help or put me in touch with any company that may be able to help. If you can please give me call on 01225 754374.

Committee meetings are still being held on Zoom and this will carry on until we can hopefully get back together at the Old Down Inn, it will be great to see you all at the end of the month meetings and to be able to hold face to face meetings with the committee.

Till this happens, to all of you, keep safe, keep well. *Eric Gay – Chairman WSEC*

OBITUARY

It is with sadness we hear of the death of Liz Hibbs. I received a call from Arthur to say Liz had passed away at a Bristol Hospital on Saturday 15th May. As many will know Liz had been poorly for some years and had braved her illness with so much courage. Liz had such a lovely bubbly personality, it was always a pleasure to be in her company. I'm sure all who knew her will have their own fond memories and will share Arthurs and Liz's family's sorrow at this very sad time. *Robin*

ROGER PIKE

Thank you all so much for your kind messages, cards of sympathy and those who attended the funeral, on the passing of my beloved husband, Roger.

He was very well known to many members of the Club and was our President for the last 3 years, a role which he took with great pride.

Roger's passion for engines was a big part of our lives, joining the Club in 1978, our first rally outing being at Cranmore.

Roger restored two pumps during the recent lockdown and unfortunately will never have had the chance to rally them.

I am hoping to carry on his legacy by rallying his Leek Engine in the future – (I am sure I can rely upon our many friends to help me!)



*Church of St Mary The Virgin
Ston Easton*



In Loving Memory of

Roger Joseph Pike

18th November 1950 - 2nd April 2021

Funeral Service on Wednesday 21st April 2021
at 11:00am

Conducted by Rev Howard Latty

Roger lived life to the full even after being diagnosed with bone marrow cancer some 18 months ago. Unfortunately, the disease got hold of him in early March and he couldn't fight it anymore. He was one very brave man and never complained. Rest in Peace Roger and enjoy your 'Cranking' in heaven.

Your loving wife Lin

TAPPETS TEA-TIME TEASERS

1. What is the chemical symbol for silver?
2. When was the Tower Bridge built in London?
3. How many stars and stripes are on the American flag?
4. What is the greatest recorded distance for riding a motorcycle in 24 hours?
5. Which celebrity chef has recently published a book called Cook, Eat, Repeat?
6. What is the collective noun for a group of penguins in the water?
7. What are the three basic types of water pumps?
8. What is the name of the UK's leading gardening charity?
9. When was first modern internal combustion engine created and by whom?
10. What is the formula that links Amps, Volts and Watts? How many amps would a 60-watt lightbulb use, on a 240v and a 12v circuit respectively?

Answers on page 4

SAVE THE DATE! - WHADDON CRANK-UP

The next Whaddon Crank-Up will be on Sunday 11th July and will follow the usual format, namely drinks and snacks including Paula's apple crumble. Certainly something to look forward to after what seems a very long time! More info in the next issue of Cranking. *Gordon*

SOMETIMES BRUTE FORCE DOES WORK!



Recently a Wessex member brought me a Wolesely WD that had a stuck piston, he'd tried several remedies, diesel, Coca-Cola, WD40, you name it, he'd tried it, without success. Why he thought I could do better I'll never know.....however armed with a suitably sized lump hammer I proceeded to attack the piston. After a few sharp 'whacks' the piston began to move down the bore! After finally extracting said piston complete and undamaged, the owner proclaimed "I wouldn't have been brave enough to hit it that hard!" – "Nor would I, if it were my engine" I replied!! *Brian Baker August 1995*

EVENTS CALENDAR 2021

19th - 20th June Bicton Gardens Father's Day Steam and Vintage Fair

https://www.bictongardens.co.uk/index.php?route=information/information&information_id=14

July 2nd, 3rd & 4th Morwellham Lister-Petter Rally

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2921922568064367/?ref=share>

July 11th Club Crank-Up at Whaddon – More info next month

Aug 7th - 9th Bicton Gardens Crank Up

https://www.bictongardens.co.uk/index.php?route=information/information&information_id=14

Aug 7th - 9th West Somerset Railway Association Steam Fair, Taunton

<https://www.wsra.org.uk/2021/02/01/update-on-2021-steam-rally/>

Aug 14th - 15th Bridgwater Classic <http://www.classicshowsuk.co.uk/classic-car-show-event-information/classic-car-show-by-date.asp?id=1187>

Aug 22nd Club Crank-Up, Sweets Tea Rooms – Further info in this issue

Sept 25th – 26th Somerset Festival of Transport 25th – 26th Sept

<https://www.facebook.com/somersetsfestivaloftransport.co.uk/>

Please note this list is not exhaustive and I cannot take any responsibility for the events running or not – please check with the relevant links to check whether the events are running or not. Pre-booking your exhibit in will be essential if you are showing. Ed

SHOW REPORTS FROM YESTERYEAR – Yesterday's Farming, 6th & 7th Sept 1986

Good weather, a marvellous site, plenty of well-sited exhibits and good organisation made this rally one of the highlights of the year, certainly one of the best rallies I have attended for a good while.

There were over 200 engine entries, well over 100 tractors, steam, horse and tractor ploughing, together with crafts and stalls which made for an excellent show.

Among the engine exhibits were such rarities such as Brian Verrall's Wallace, made under Burt & McCollum Patents in respect of it's sleeve valves and Mr Geoff Cox's huge Pool engine, made at Chipstable, near Taunton.

There was a tiny ½ hp Maytag and similarly an Amanco X type. Phil Harris was displaying his Blackstone and the South Somerset Club were displaying their Sundial – there was plenty of raw material for getting it to tell the time but apparently it was set for GMT!!!

Another engine that interested me was a 5HP Kerosene Victoria Engine owns by Mr Harris from Ilminster – I haven't seen this one before but it was nicely restored & painted in green and black.

There were also a couple of Norman twins, a Norman SC single and, as a complete contrast, a couple of Coventry Victor twins.

Messrs. F & J Thorne exhibited Blackstone & National Gas engines.

Well done SSAPC for a first-class rally and to their engine steward for an excellent layout of the engines – I even brought a programme! *Eric Brain*

CLUB CRANK-UP!

WSEC has arranged with Sweets Tea Rooms to hold a small crank-up on Sunday 22nd August. The tea rooms are between Wedmore and Glastonbury on the B3151, postcode BS28 4UE

The crank-up will be between the hours of 9am and 4pm and will be for Club Members only.

We will have space for 30 engines due to social distancing requirements. To enter, please contact Herb or Wendy Gane on 01749 674402 on or after 22nd July with your details, we will then send out a pass and entry number. If no answer, please just leave a voicemail with your details.

On the day, please provide a clear info sheet on your engine so people can read about and understand your exhibit.

There will be no raffle but a donation to the Alzheimer's Society would be most welcome.

Please do keep an eye on the Wessex Facebook page for updates due to COVID or inclement weather.

Any problems do call us on the number above.

The Club cannot accept any responsibility to illness due to the pandemic.

The tea rooms can supply all manner of tea, coffee, cake and take-away food, I'm sure they will be glad of your generous support during these hard times. Herb & Wendy Gane – 01749 674402

TAPPETS TEA-TIME TEASERS

1. **Ag** - Silver is a chemical element with the symbol Ag and atomic number 47. A soft, white, lustrous transition metal, it exhibits the highest electrical conductivity, thermal conductivity, and reflectivity of any metal.
2. **1886** - Tower Bridge is a combined bascule and suspension bridge in London, built between 1886 and 1894.
3. **13 stripes and 50 stars** - The 50 stars on the flag represent the 50 states of the United States of America, and the 13 stripes represent the thirteen British colonies that declared independence from the U.K and became the first states in the U.S.
4. **3406.17 km** - The greatest distance on a motorcycle in 24 hours (individual) is 3406.17 km (**2116.5 miles**) and was achieved by Carl Reese (USA) at Continental Tire Proving Grounds in Uvalde, Texas, USA on 26th February 2017.
5. **Nigella Lawson** - the author of several bestselling cookbooks and the host of various successful television shows, produced this book in conjunction with her latest television series.
6. **Raft** - A group of penguins in the water is called a 'raft', a group of penguins on land is called a 'waddle'. Other collective nouns for penguins include rookery, colony, and huddle.
7. The three basic types of pumps: **positive-displacement, centrifugal and axial-flow** pumps. Pumps can also be classified by their method of displacement into positive-displacement pumps, impulse pumps, velocity pumps, gravity pumps, steam pumps and valveless pumps.
8. The **Royal Horticultural Society (RHS)**, founded in 1804 as the Horticultural Society of London is the UK's leading gardening charity.
9. **1876 (Otto)** - The first commercially successful internal combustion engine was created by Étienne Lenoir around 1860 and the first modern internal combustion engine was created in 1876 by Nicolaus Otto.
10. **Power = Current x Voltage**. Converting watts to amps can be done by rearranging the formula, so that $\text{Current} = \text{Power} \div \text{Voltage}$, where the current in amps is equal to the power in watts divided by the voltage in volts. Hence a 60-watt lightbulb, on a 240v circuit would use **0.25 amps**, and on a 12v circuit would use 5 amps.

FOR SALE



The matching one you have been waiting for, electric motor slide rail, overall length 20½", Width 2½", Slot Width ½". £10
Gerald Atherton 01934 852670

PHOTO COMPETITION

The Club has decided to run a monthly photo competition, which will be judged by the members. Please send any engine related photo of yours to info@wessexsec.org with 'Photo Competition' as the Subject line and we will add them to the website and encourage members to vote for their favourite photo – you will need to login to the members area on the Club site to view them - <https://wessexsec.org/photot6-competition/>
This is very much member-driven, where the winner will then be able to pick the next month's photograph.

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Deadline for copy submissions is always 20th of the month