



# CRANKING



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## The Wessex Stationary Engine Club's Monthly Newsletter

### From The Sump

I see August is living up to its renowned weather, wet and unsettled from the beginning to end! Usually as soon as the schools go back, the weather brightens up! So, let's hope for a decent spell of weather towards the end of the month and the Bank Holiday. (Early indications from the weather girl tonight are promising....)

I hope you've all kept well from this virus, hopefully most of you will now have had your second vaccine, ready for the booster vaccine in the winter!

Hopefully see a few of you at the Sweets Tea Rooms Crank up this coming weekend.

Well, that's enough from me for this month, take care, until next month. *David*

### CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Well, it is nice to be able to start this report with a little good news for a change, just a few days ago I visited the Old Down Inn and had a chat with Maxine. You'll be glad to know as from September we will be staging all our meetings once again at the Inn.

Our first meeting will be the Committee meeting on the second Tuesday of the month, followed by our monthly club nights. I am at this moment looking for a speaker for that evening – any help in this matter would be much appreciated. Give me a ring and I will do the rest.

I have spoken to a nice lady at Potterne and hopefully we may be able to hold a crank up on her land in October, more on this as soon as I know - I hope that will be very soon. Now don't forget the 9<sup>th</sup> of October, the sale at Cranmore, sell all those goodies and make a fortune. Anyone willing to give a little help on the gate would be again much appreciated on the day.

The engineering books advertised in this edition are donated and all the proceeds will be passed to Club funds. They were given to me by our motorcycle steward and some I have in my collection. I hope we can find a good home for them.

I have spoken with the landowner for our Semington Rally in 2022 and this will be fine....so you will have plenty of time to polish up your pride and joy for next year's rally. Not only that but of anyone knows of anyone with an exhibit that may be an added attraction for our event, please do not keep it to yourself, let me have details and I will do my best to get them along to our show.

We as a Club have not had any income for the last three years, we rely on the Semington Rally to help keep the Club afloat. The event in 2022 must be a success and we must put on the best show we can so any help or advice any club member can offer would be a great help.

I have been given a contact for advertising and printing which may be a great saving on what we have paid in past years, also some working exhibits, so hopefully things are underway for 2022.

I am informed that the Club has some new members, so as Chairman I would like to welcome you to the Wessex Stationary Engine Club. I hope you have a long and enjoyable time with us and if you can get along to our club evenings you will be made welcome.

One event that is to be staged next month is the Vintage & Classic Vehicle Show at The White Horse Country Park, Westbury Wilts, on the 5<sup>th</sup> September. This is a great show, I am sure young Ted has the details on the club website, I very much hope that I may be able to get along to this event for a couple hours. I may see some of you there.

Well, that's it for another month, keep well and keep safe everyone. *Eric Gay*

## TAPPETS TEA TIME TEASERS

Time to enjoy delving into the depths of your knowledge again! This month's quiz is all to do with Summer.

1. Which British seaside attraction is 158 metres tall?
  2. When does summer officially start?
  3. Can you give the first line of Grease's 'Summer Nights' lyrics?
  4. Which feast day falls on July 15<sup>th</sup> every year?
  5. Which novel is told partly by its heroine Esther Summerson?
  6. The "dog days of summer" are named after the Dog Star; what is the better-known name of this star?
  7. What was the first name of Clegg in the sitcom Last of the Summer Wine?
  8. 'In the Summertime' was a debut single and big hit for which British rock band?
  9. Castel Gandolfo is famous for being whose summer residence?
  10. Name the cities which hosted the following Summer Olympics: (a)1952, (b)1960, (c)1972, and (d)1988?
- Bonus question: For this year's Summer solstice, how many daylight hours did we actually have?

## EVENTS CALENDAR 2021

Aug 29<sup>th</sup> Wallop Vintage Gathering, just turn up - <http://www.wallopvintagegathering.org.uk>

Sept 5<sup>th</sup> White Horse Classic & Vintage Vehicle Show <https://www.whitehorsevehicleshow.org/>

Sept 11<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Railway Rev-Up – Railway Inn, Meare – More info – Ivan 07891 939055

Sept 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> – Morwellham Quay Crank-Up, all makes welcome. <https://fb.me/e/11b3dEKCm>

Sept 25<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> Somerset Festival of Transport 25<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> Sept

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

Oct 9<sup>th</sup> – WSEC Sale at East Somerset Railway, Cranmore. More info to follow.....

*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*

## SERVICES

**Amanco Igniters** overhauled, Magnetos checked, overhauled, re-coiled and repaired

I also have quite a few stationary engine booklets, instructions, spare parts lists – too many to list so if you are looking for one, do give me a call. I also have quite a few bits and pieces for magnetos so do give me a call if you are looking for something, you never know your luck!

Kerwin Harris, 30 Hillcrest Avenue, Truro, Cornwall TR1 3NE 01872 - 273388

**Parts made**, parts repaired, turning, milling thread cutting studs made and much more. Contact David on 01225 755357

If you are in need of any grinding operations, anything from precision grinding, to cylinder head skimming. Contact Martin Thrower, PDQ Precision Ltd. Lufton Trading Estate, Yeovil. BA22 8RR 01935 424976.

**WANTED TO BORROW FOR COPYING** - Service Manual/ Instructions for a Scammell Ultra Lightweight Fire Pump. If you can assist, please contact Graham Drew on 01225-314128

## TAPPETS TEA TIME TEASERS – ANSWERS

1. Blackpool tower
2. 21st June
3. Summer loving had me a blast
4. Saint Swithins
5. Bleak House
6. Sirius
7. Norman
8. Mungo Jerry
9. The Pope
10. (a)Helsinki, (b)Rome, (c)Munich, and (d)Seoul

Bonus answer - In the northern hemisphere, the summer solstice, or longest day of the year, takes place between June 20 and 22 each year. This year it fell on Monday, June 21 - when the UK enjoyed 16 hours and 38 minutes of daylight.

## **FOR SALE**

Oil engine manual (industrial, rail and road transport) £3

Traction engines past and present (good cond.) £6

Cornish mining £3

The Amateurs Lathe 1949 £6

Dynamo & Motor £3

Fuller & Johnson 11/2hp N type hand book £5

Christy & Norris 1904 catalogue (as new) £8

The Amateurs Lathe late edition £8

A-Z of Stationary Engines (soft cover) vol 1 + 2 £10

Manual of gear design. Section 1, 2, 3 & 4 – 1944. In excellent condition, 4 hardback books £10.00

Nonferrous metals 1963. Interesting book. £3.00

Bearings, All Types 1963. Interesting book. £3.00

Design news data. Many, laws of physics, electrical data, kinetic energy, super strength alloys and a huge amount more. £5.00

Operation and care of Petter A1, A2, W1 & W2 engines. £5.00

J.A Prestwich Industries Ltd, Model 2A handbook. £3.00

J.A Prestwich a Practical Guide covering JAP stationary engines by A.C Fenner. Reprinted by D.W Edgington. £5.00

Applied Mechanics 1907. Interesting old book £5.00

All of the above are open to offers. Please ring Eric on 01225 754374

## **FOR SALE**

1 large three leg puller, ex / WD legs adjustable though 360 degrees. Used for the removal of hubs from battle tank drive axels. Wonderful for removing flywheels. £40.00 01225 754374

7ft of 11/4" black iron bar (trolley axels etc) £15 01225 754374

Wanted good coil for Villiers flywheel magneto, small size = 2/1/2" in length ring Eric on 01225 754374

## **FOR SALE**

1 two wheeled trailer 5ft x 4ft approx. with winch and electrics. Good condition £350 ono

1 small JAP engine £35

1 WD gen/set battery charging set £35

1 swan gen/set 14v x 21 amp charging unit in carrying frame very nice condition £60

2 Norman air cooled twins (around 1943) in restored condition, very nice £350

1 J.A.P minor dynamo unit very nice condition. Kick start £60 ono

2 small hand winches as new £15 each

1 air min generator 24v x 350watt £25

Electric motor 230/240 volt 3.7 amps £25

1 Clarke work bench (metal) good condition £25 ono

1/2 ton chain hoist good condition £45 ono

Phone David on 07968 735 880 Somerset

## BRIDGWATER CLASSIC VEHICLE SHOW



Club Members doing what Club members do best - enjoying the sunshine and great atmosphere at the excellent Bridgwater Classic Vehicle Show on the weekend of 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> September  
It was unfortunate that although some 60 engines were booked into this event, with organisers worrying where to site everybody, only around 30 showed up!  
Maybe there were good reasons for this, positive tests, illness but perhaps being a show that was entered quite a while ago, many might have simply forgotten that they'd entered.  
Great to see many well-presented exhibit information boards up, telling passers-by about our engines and what they did.

### STOP PRESS! SWEETS TEA ROOMS CRANK-UP

Thank you to all members who attended the crank up at Sweets, the weather Gods answered our prayers and we were blessed with sunshine from start to finish, with a lovely varied selection of engines.

I think I am right in saying there was £300 or so raised for Alzheimer's Support.

Many thanks to Herb and Wendy Gane plus their wonderful helpers for setting everything up.

A full report to follow next month.

## NEWS FROM THE WSEC FACEBOOK GROUP



Member Chris Peters had trouble with the large diameter threads on this Lister water pump, hopefully sorted in good time for the Sweets Crank-Up on the 22<sup>nd</sup>.....



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