



CRANKING



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FROM THE SUMP

I hope this issue finds you all well during these still troubling times – having suffered from a bout of C-19 myself and a week off work - which was really inconvenient and frustrating as we are so busy – it gave me time to spruce up the workshop a little with some modern LED strip lighting, after I accidentally brought down one of the fluorescent tubes with the exhaust pipe of a Petter Atomic as I wheeled it around. The result is a much brighter light and cheaper running costs, so a worthwhile upgrade indeed.

Depending upon how you receive Cranking, the excellent Abbey Hill Steam Rally may have been and gone. I expect many Club members will be either exhibiting or visiting the show. I think it will prove to be a busy show, being one of the first of the season after a long break. Let's hope everything runs smoothly for the organisers.

It is pleasing to see one or two shows reaching exhibitor capacity in some classes; Market Lavington being one – but it is also concerning to see other shows with smaller than anticipated numbers. Perhaps people are a little unsure as to how things are going to pan out, what with fuel costs and some shows charging to exhibit, which is always a contentious issue, but given the huge cost increases the organisers have suffered compared to previous years, this isn't altogether a surprise. A £10 fee to exhibit (if you agree with it or not....) isn't a whole lot of money for a family to camp, have access to the show and use of the welfare facilities for a weekend.....Anyway, enough from me.....until next month....*David*

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

It is again that I start this newsletter with the sad news that yet again the Wessex Stationary Engine Club has lost yet another valued member, not only as a club member but also as a valued member of the two committees of the club.

Roy Sanford passed away suddenly at home in Potterne Nr. Devizes. Roy had been a club member for many years, a dear friend to myself and after a little persuasion, he became a committee member.

Roy was laid to rest at Potterne cemetery on April 20th with a grave side service. I know that Roy had a huge number of friends spread far and wide; he will be greatly missed by all of us who knew him and called him our friend. I for one will miss him greatly as we spoke at least three times every week on the phone, putting the world to rights along with many more things and oh yes many cups of tea and biscuits were consumed at Rutland Crescent!

Goodbye dear friend, rest in peace and to Roy's family we send our sincere condolences at this very sad time.

At the end of March we held a club evening at the Old Down Inn, it was great to be back at the Inn after so long away due to the pandemic, sadly the virus is still with us but we may have to learn to live with it. The meeting was well attended and it was so nice to meet up with many club members once again. The talk was one of the best we have had for a long time even before C-19 struck and put a stop to activities at the Old Down.

The evening talk was given by the owner of a company called Scale and what fabulous models did he bring along, they filled a Transit van! The work that was done on the evening to load, unload then reload again for our benefit was more than I could believe. The company does a great deal of work for F1 teams and the scale models of some of the cars brought along was breath-taking, one large scale model of a Williams F1 car which was for sale.....I just wish that I had the £7,000 in my back pocket to pay for it.

Not only did we see models of racing cars, how about a Harrier jump jet, small models of Lorries and Russian tanks built for the MOD to be used for training, the army uses special glasses and they make the scale models look full size (very clever) many more models made by the company were on display. When the firm was started most models were made using hand tool but with modern technology, a lot is produced by laser printing, hand skills being replaced by so called technology.

It was a wonderful evening's entertainment and my thanks to Ted Durbin for finding this speaker for us.

The entertainment for you all at the end of April will be talk on restoration of small powered engines and a small display of the same.

Now please don't forget the Vintage day at Tuckers Grave Inn at Faulkland on the 15th May, it's a Sunday so you will all have to go to the early service that day, Entry will be free to visitors but I will hold a collection for Dorothy House.

I would love to fill our milk churn with money for such a wonderful cause, so if you can please come along to Tuckers Grave and let's put on a good show, so that we have a good day together.

I would like to tell you all that at the funeral of my late wife Maureen, 86 people attended, many of them members of the two Clubs I am a member of; due to their kindness and generosity, donations to Dorothy house came to £961.00, to all my dear friends that attended, may I thank you one and all.

The Rally at our new site should be a good one - we have a very good entry now right across the board engines, cars, commercials, displays, military, steam train rides, live music, motor cycles, steam exhibits both full size and miniature, along with trade entries and for our evening entertainment we just had to have with us once again, Mustang Sally. So, if you have yet to enter, please do so, bring your friends and let's make our event one to remember.

Well, that's all for this month hope to see you at the Old Down on the evening of Monday 25th April, until then keep safe and well. *Eric Gay* WSEC Chairman

TAPPETS TEA-TIME TEASERS – Answers on page 4

1. Opened on the 27th of April 1828 and still open today, in which city was the world's first scientific zoo located?
2. Since 1572, which countries flag is the oldest tricolour flag in the world?
3. Which popular quid pro quo economic expression today once meant smuggling?
4. What is the name of the foreboding island in King Kong?
5. "Samhain", literally means "end of summer" and is a Gaelic language word. What is it's direct English equivalent?
6. Matilda of Flanders was the wife of which King of England, bearing him a grand total of eleven children, including two kings?
7. What was the name of the beguiling gypsy dancer in The Hunchback of Notre Dame?
8. Franz von Werra was apparently the only German to do what?
9. Miranda, Ariel, Umbriel, Titania and Oberon orbit which large object?
10. The Scoville scale, which is quoted as a number from 0 – 16,000,000 SHU, is a measurement of what?

ROGER PIKE MEMORIAL RALLY

Sunday June 26th - Whaddon Farm, Hilpertons, Trowbridge BA14 6NR 10am - 3pm

Following on from the success of the first, The Roger Pike Memorial Rally will take place for the second year in 2022. It is open to all members and non-members, as long as you hold the correct insurance cover.

There will be a Cup presented for the best exhibit, this Cup was donated by the Club celebrating Roger's long association with the Club over a number of years, serving on the Committee and ending his time as President. Do come along as see if your exhibit enables you to take the Cup! As last year, the ballot will be private, with everybody putting their votes in a ballot box.

Why don't you ladies do a 'Car Boot' whilst the men enjoy their mechanical things? If you do have anything to sell, do bring it along.

The Carnival Club will put on a BBQ, tea, coffee and cake will be available, donation buckets for the Carnival Club and Dorothy House will be on show, so please give generously.

Due thanks to Gordon for allowing the use of his barn at Hilpertons.

For more details contact Linda on 01761 233028 PS.....Cake donations would be most welcome!

Could you please let either Linda or Gordon know if you are coming along so we have an idea of numbers?

DATE FOR THE DIARY! SWEETS TEA ROOMS CRANK UP

A little advance notice from Herb and Wendy Gane that the popular Club Crank Up at Sweets Tea Rooms near Wedmore on the Somerset Levels will take place on **September 4th**. More info to follow in future issues.

TUCKERS GRAVE VINTAGE DAY & CRANK-UP

I am pleased to announce that we will be running a Vintage Day and Crank-Up at the excellent Tuckers Grave Inn & Campsite at Faulkland, near Radstock BA3 5XF on **Sunday 15th May** between the hours of 10am and 4.30pm, with exhibitor arrivals from 9am please.

Free entry, donations gratefully received, all proceeds in aid of Cancer Research and Dorothy House, both very deserving organisations.

Any queries, please contact Eric Gay, Chairman WSEC, 21 Rutland Crescent, Trowbridge, Wiltshire, BA14 ONX
Tel: 01225 754374

CROSSLEY FOLLOW-UP

Well following on from Eric Gay's information about the Crossley car in last month's issue of Cranking - the Crossley car I saw was at Arthurs Bridge Garage about 50 years ago and then it was considered very rare. We met up with some friends recently and his project during lock down was restoring a Hornsby car - this vehicle is a tourer. So, what else can we uncover?

The link between the stationary engine manufacturers often crosses-over to vehicles of various types, for example, when Lister at Dursley first opened at their large factory at the bottom of the town, there was not enough production at the time and part of one of the lines was rented out to a bicycle designer! This was in 1908 and he designed and made the Dursley Pederson. This will be on display at the Abbey Hill Steam Fair. The other thing of interest is that John Deere also made bicycles and one will be on display at Abbey Hill so the next time you find yourself at a rally look laterally and see what else you can find.

Have a great summer - *Mary Chapman*

WELCOME TO ALL OUR NEW MEMBERS!

A warm welcome to our new members who have joined and supported the Club recently. We also must thank those who have renewed their memberships. There are too many new members to list for fear of missing someone out, we look forward to seeing you with your prized exhibits at one of our events this coming summer. *David*

FOR SALE

In first-class working order, S Corbett & Sons The Plymouth Grinding Mill
£360 ono Steve Aldred 01747 841556 - Wiltshire



FOR SALE

Stuart Marine R3M Engine complete with gearbox and Prop has been stored for past 2 years. It does turn over and starts. Open to sensible offers over £450
Contact Dave Sprinks – 07989 435701

FOR SALE

1911 2hp Root & Vandervoort Open Crank engine, low tension on trolley.

Runs but needs work to run nicely **£950**

Cast iron vintage sawbench made by Coward Engineering Ltd of Stoke Gifford, Bristol, 13" blade driven by vintage electric motor, total size 20" x 14" **£35**

Atco lawnmower, kick start Villiers engine with flywheel mag **£35**

Bentall chaffcutter **£30**

Contact P Marshall 01761 471461 Timsbury, Nr Bath

ROGERS PRIZED POSSESSIONS

Linda Pike is offering some of her late husband's engines and associated things for sale.

Roger would love for them to stay in the Club, if possible. Contact Linda on 01761 233028 or 07814 619846

ENGINES

1916 Amanco Choreboy £1600
Petter W1 Lighting Set with dynamo £700



PUMPS

Weeks Sprayer Pump £300

Argosy Pump, single cylinder £125 – Restored in lockdown, unfortunately never got to use it.

No 2 Amanco Gear Pump £250

OTHER ITEMS

Stuart Turner tank £10

Various Oilers £70 or £100 for the job lot

Ruston Hornsby Starting Handle £20

Clarke Generator £150

Kohler Engine 2kVA Generator Set £150 ono



SERVICES

Amanco ignitors – I'm very quiet at the moment with nothing coming in for me to look at – so now is the time to get that troublesome ignitor or magneto looked at before they are needed to work at a rally this year.

I also have numerous Stationary Engine leaflets and handbooks, too many to list, so if you're after anything, give me a call....I might just have what you're looking for! *Kerwin Harris* 01872 273388

PLEA FOR HELP!

I have a Lister Type 2L, 76L, 5HP, RPM450, No-47366.

I am looking for a Parts Book for my stationary engine. I have an instruction Booklet for it, but I cannot for the life of me locate a parts book for this engine, would you have one or do you know where I could possibly obtain one? I live in New Zealand, and there is not much info on these engines down here... I have bought this engine as a do up, it was running, but it now will not go, I'm picking it possibly has Magneto issues now? Any help or info would be greatly appreciated. In the first instance, please contact Ted Edwards – secretary@wessexsec.org or 07751 918283

TAPPETS TEA TIME TEASERS – ANSWERS

1. London
2. The Tricolour of the Netherlands
3. 'Fair Trade'
4. Skull Island
5. November
6. William the Conqueror (William I of England / Guillaume II de Normandie)
7. Esmeralda
8. Escape from a prisoner of war camp in WWII. 'The one that got away'
9. Uranus
10. Spicy heat (or piquance) of a chili pepper. (Scoville Heat Units)

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