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FROM THE SUMP

At last....the show season is upon us. After a two-year absence we have all missed the rally field hustle and bustle, the smells of various engines working, the smell of cooking bacon in the early mornings, the social scene both at our exhibits and in the beer tent – we've missed it all.

Abbey Hill Show, which both I and many other members displayed at or visited was a great success for the organisers and exhibitors alike – I'm sure other shows this summer will be as busy too. I certainly hope so, after a two-year break, many shows will need the money into their coffers to ensure they can run again in future years. Many shows have reached class capacity quite early on, the Three Okefords Show which is on as I write this is an example, so be sure to get those entries in promptly if you want to exhibit at your favourite event.

PLEA FROM THE EDITOR - If you are attending an event, could I ask you a favour? Would you mind putting a few words together for me as an event report? It doesn't need to be word perfect, don't worry about your grammar etc, I will sort all that out, but just a few lines telling us what the event was like, what engines there got your attention, what they did well, what they didn't do so well.....and maybe a few pictures? My contact information is at the foot of page 4 – many thanks!

I'd like to take this opportunity to welcome our new Club members, from near and far – I hope you enjoy your time with the Club.

Anyway.....until next month....*David*

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

It was with great sadness that I learned of the sad passing of one of the last great characters of the stationary engine movement namely Aunty Ben Stiles.

I first met Aunty many years ago at the Kemble rally when I was next to her in the engine line, we passed the time of day as one does, but it was not long until she looked at me saying "What's up we you boy you're all bent up" - this is when I learned that Aunty was an expert in herbal medicine and very soon Aunty had the shirt of my back and the horsetail oil was being applied. A bottle was given to me for future use and yes it did help, I could use some right now as my poor old back is very bad.

We then met at other events such as Rainscombe Park and of course the Great Dorset Steam Fair, when Aunty would take off on her half penny farthing riding it around the show ground. I did not know until recently that Aunty Ben gave talks to various groups about her herbal treatments. I did ask her one day how she had learned the craft of herbal medicine "By watching me goats and seeing what they do eat when they be poorly" was the reply.

Aunty was born in Herefordshire sometime in the late thirties so I am told but she would never let on how old she was, poor Aunty died suddenly and was found in her garden by a neighbour. I know that she will be greatly missed by all that knew her and we will not see a little lady with a red floppy hat any more - R.I.P Aunty Ben.

Now on to a happier subject just a couple of weeks ago I went to my first rally for over two years, this was Keith Millard's event at Bratton and was very enjoyable

Meeting up with lots of old friends, not quite so many in attendance as usual but this could be due to the fact that the show was not going to be staged this year, but Keith had many enquiries, so it was all done by word of mouth with no forms sent out but still a good weekend was had by all.

My next adventure was a little further afield at Lambourn; a one-day country show but they get crowds of people coming along, to see not only stationary engines but all sorts of vintage and classic vehicles, rare breads, auto jumble, heavy horses, steam and so much more, never been? Well make the effort next year you will not be disappointed.

Next it was a trip down into Hampshire to Breamore House, the sun shone and a great weekend was had by all, the miniature engines were a bit thin on the ground this year, but I was told that they had lost a lot of entrants due to the pandemic.

Well along came the weekend of the 14th & 15th of May, the Tuckers Grave Inn Club Crank-up.

Herb Gane and myself went along on Saturday to put in the rope pins and nearly suffered from sun stroke, Sunday well this was a different matter, some of us clearing up got very wet, I cannot work out how our weather can change so quickly.

It will only be a few weeks until our own club rally on our new site at the White Horse Country Park in Westbury, we need some willing hands to come along the week before the event to give us a hand setting up. Please if you can spare a few hours please come along we need YOU, if you want to know more just give me a call on 01225 754374.

Well.....that's it for this month from me, hope you all enjoy this year's events, I am off to Shillingstone this weekend I hope the sun shines. *Eric Gay* Chairman WSEC

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE WESSEX STATIONARY ENGINE CLUB LIMITED

Will be held at the Old Down Inn, Emborough BA3 4SA on Monday 27th June at 8pm.

All members are invited and encouraged to attend but postal voting forms will be sent out shortly for those unable to vote in person. There are vacancies on the committee for anyone willing to help shape the future of the club, anyone wishing to be included on the list of candidates should contact me as soon as possible although nominations can be taken from the floor on the night.

TAPPETS TEA-TIME TEASERS – Answers on page 4

Can you work out what these sweet treats are?

1. A tint treat
2. See ace heck
3. A mack dearie
4. Elm lie flu lie
5. Open at ten
6. He tackle cocoa
7. Press outfit
8. Is it a rum
9. Seems not
10. Mean trowel

ROGER PIKE MEMORIAL RALLY

Sunday June 26th - Whaddon Farm, Hilperton, 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 Hilperton.

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.

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

June 18th – 19th Club Midsummer Show, White Horse Country Park, Westbury

June 26th – Roger Pike Memorial Crank-Up – Whaddon Farm, Trowbridge

September 4th – Sweets Tea Rooms Crank-up

October 1st – Cranmore Sale at East Somerset Railway – 8am

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

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

FOR SALE - Lister D 1.5hp engine number 4527 DH4 for sale in Cumbria. No price given but it is a runner on a wheeled trolley. Please contact Ted Edwards 7751 918283

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. Tarte Tatin
2. Cheesecake
3. Maderia cake
4. Mille-feuille
5. Panettone
6. Chocolate cake
7. Petits fours
8. Tiramisu
9. Eton Mess
10. Watermelon

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