



# CRANKING



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## FROM THE SUMP

A bit of a slim issue this month I'm afraid – with very little input from the memberbase, it can be a struggle to fill Cranking some months. Please....if you've been to a rally or a crank up, be it a good one or a bad one, send me a few lines and a couple of photos – you don't need to be an eloquent writer or a David Bailey with a camera! The same goes for an engine acquisition or restoration or indeed a fault you've overcome, please share it with us.

I've been busy with a few events, both good and bad, with a few more to come – the one event I am most looking forward to is the West Oxon Club event at Ducklington in mid-July – maybe I'll see some of you there?

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

## WESSEX MIDSUMMER RALLY REPORT

The Wessex Midsummer Vintage Show is over for another year and what a strange year it has been. The last show we managed to put on was 2018, then we were all set for 2019 when the rain came and washed us out. The following two years were washed out by the pandemic, so we were determined to go ahead with this one.

Planning was well under way when we got the news that permission for us to use the site we had used for many years had been withdrawn. Fortunately, we had been invited to the White Horse Country Park in Westbury last year so knew it was a good site and the landowner kindly agreed to let us have it at a very favourable price. Not all members of the team were able or willing to meet at the usual venue so all planning was done by phone and email up to about a month before the show, when we met on site to work out details.

Setup began on the Wednesday and by Friday, the hottest day of the year, we were extremely busy and feeling the heat. By contrast Saturday was a lot cooler and by midday we had suffered quite a heavy rainstorm, followed by much colder weather and a stiff breeze with drizzle. Nevertheless, people continued to come in and everyone remained cheerful.

Sunday was better; quite a bit milder and dry except for the odd spot until about five, by which time we were starting to clear up. Most of our visitors came on Sunday afternoon and the atmosphere began to be quite show-like at last. It is a big area and easy to lose quite a few people so it was good to see it looking busy. I must make mention of the Melksham Rock n Rollers who kept up a continuous fare of period music, keeping us on the gate entertained.

My pleas for volunteers hadn't fallen on deaf ears and quite a few people stepped up to do a stint on the gate, or do odd jobs around the field. Special mention must be made of "Norman" whose full name, to my shame, I failed to get. Taking up his place on the pay gate he stayed there for most of the weekend, also helping me by parking the few disabled visitors and occasionally lifting a heavy litter bin. Thank you Norman. Also worthy of note was Linda's youngest helper, Shannon, whose infectious grin cheered us up while she was handing out tickets, opening and closing the gate and helping Linda with the IT. Finally Ray, who helped me with the more prosaic tasks of setting out pins and ropes and taking the ropes down at the end of the day, as well as other less glamorous but nevertheless vital jobs. Thank you all - *Ted Edwards, Secretary*

## ROGER PIKE MEMORIAL RALLY

Thank you to all who came to Roger's memorial rally yesterday, Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> June.

The sun shone although it was a tad windy. The Roger Pike Memorial cup for most popular exhibit was won by Mike Snook with his lovely display of working models, the grand sum of £255 was raised for Dorothy House.

Many thanks to Paula and Gordon for hosting this enjoyable event.

## 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 4<sup>th</sup>**. More info to follow in future issues.

## UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

September 4<sup>th</sup> – Sweets Tea Rooms Crank-up – More info next month

October 1<sup>st</sup> – Cranmore Sale at East Somerset Railway – 8am start

## 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*

## UNUSUAL ENGINE – COVENTRY VICTOR MIDGET

Saw this interesting compact engine at the Morwellham Rally, owned by Club Member Glen Box (Moses). It was running well and sounded in very good condition.

It is apparently a Coventry Victor Midget engine, possibly of military origin.....do any members have any further information or ideas? Please get in touch, details below.



## FOR SALE

For Sale: Circular Saw Bench. Galvanised angle construction with a 40" x 28" steel plate table, 24" dia. saw blade. V-belt drive from a Brooks single phase, 240v 2hp motor, 1420rpm. The motor is mounted on sliding tensioners, with 40ft of heavy-duty cable. Good working order although blade needs sharpening. Buyer collects from Midsomer Norton. £45 bargain! Tom Randall 07856 730 612.

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