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## The Wessex Stationary Engine Club's Monthly Newsletter

### FROM THE SUMP

A slimline edition this month, with very little to write about as very few events etc happening and nothing forthcoming from the membership, so this issue is pretty much an AGM write-up and a brief report from the recent Whaddon Lane Crank-Up which was a very enjoyable day out in some lovely weather. Many thanks from myself and those who attended to our hosts Gordon & Paula, the hospitality and the crumbles were wonderful, I even went back for seconds! *David*

### CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

With the Club Rally not taking place in 2023, it has been a case of what can we do for the club members, we cannot let them just sit at home with no Club events to attend. Yes, we have had the sale on March 25<sup>th</sup> at Cranmore, Gordon has run one of his now famous crank ups at Whaddon Farm, with other events as listed in the newsletter by David.

Well Ted and I have been busy we spent last weekend going on Saturday to Bradford-on-Avon to see a site suitable for a two-day vintage gathering. I am pleased to say this will be staged over the weekend of September 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>

That was Saturday taken up; Sunday was a trip we both took to the deepest darkest Somerset, Westonzoyland Pumping Stationary, a crank-up at the Station on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June, but you are welcome to arrive on the Saturday.

Entry forms for both events will be ready in the very near future

I hope to see many of you at these two new events. I just hope we can have some good weather and all have an enjoyable time.

With the Annual General Meeting out of the way, the Wessex Stationary Engine Club is in dire need of a Treasurer & Vice Chairman, without these posts being filled we will be struggling to carry on. With the Club having some 150 members, there must be some nice person that is willing to take on the job of Treasurer and a member that would like to be Vice Chairman so that the Wessex Stationary Engine Club can survive for many more years.

The speaker that should have been with us at our last club evening failed to appear which was a great shame as we had the room at the Old Down quite full with club members, Mr Dando had phoned me on the Saturday previous to the meeting confirming that he would attend on the Monday, well that did not happen, so we were left to talk among ourselves for the evening I hope that things turn out better at our next club evening at the end of April.

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### WHADDON FARM CRANK UP – MARCH 19<sup>th</sup>

Thank you to everyone for attending the Crank-Up at Whaddon Lane Farm and putting a good show on. We were blessed with some fine weather meaning many engines could go outside and run. Thank you for your kind donations which totalled £125.53 and £59 on the raffle totalling £184.53 total raised for Alzheimer's. *Gordon & Paula Guley*

## CLUB EVENTS 2023

April 16	WWSME Open Day and crank-up, Westbury
April 24	Club meeting, Model Night
May 22	Club meeting, John Dando, All That Jazz!
June 3	Sweets Tea Rooms, Wedmore – Crank Up
June 10	Collett Park crank-up
June 17/18	Wessex Midsummer Vintage Show
June 26	Club meeting, Quiz Night
July 31	Club meeting, Eric Reminisces
Aug 21	Club meeting, John Dando, The West Country Carnivals
Aug 26	Roger Pike Memorial crank-up at Lilleys Cider
Sept 17	Bradford-on-Avon crank-up (Possibly could be a 2 dayer....)
Sept 25	Club Meeting, Eric Gay. That Poor Apprentice

## WESSEX STATIONARY ENGINE CLUB AGM REPORT

The AGM was held on the 27<sup>th</sup> March at the Old Down Inn, Emborough. There were six members of the Committee plus twelve ordinary members present. The Chairman, Eric Gay, reported that 2022 had been a bad year, seeing the loss of his wife and long-time members Roy Sandford and Christine Rogers and maybe it was a year best forgotten.

On the other hand we had a good programme of events arranged for this year and although we were unable to secure a site for the show we would be back in 2024 with a new venue. The Treasurer's report showed that Club membership was slightly down but Club finances were healthy and the Annual Show had made a modest profit despite the inclement weather. The Committee was re-elected unopposed apart from Pete Gear who had decided not to stand for re-election. The President, Ted Durbin, said that he didn't think he had been able to do the post justice so was standing down in favour of Steve Francis.

## SERVICES

I am still quiet with repairing and reconditioning Amanco Igniters.....but wait until the rally season is again upon us.....then it will be "Can I have it back for the weekend?"

I also have numerous handbooks and literature for a wide variety of engines...I could have that odd manual you have been looking for! Just give me a call. I also have some igniters for Amanco and other engines. I also have a base for a shaft drive Lister D engine together with couplings to suit. I look forward to hearing from you!

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## EDITORS NOTE

Apologies for the slight late appearance of the newsletter this month, wife in hospital but better now, thank you for your kind messages over the past couple of weeks. *David*

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