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## The Wessex Stationary Engine Club's Monthly Newsletter

### *From the Editor*

One thing that was missed at the AGM - (and I confess it was something in 3 years I have not seen done), was the presentation of the Editor's Cup. Apparently this is for the current Newsletter Editor (that will be me then !), to give to someone who they feel has made in anyway an exceptional contribution to the 2016 newsletters. This is difficult, Eric along w' ole Deadly have provided some good comic routines. I found the 'Making of the Chair' submitted by Jeremy Adams very well written and an interesting item. However (wait for it..) I feel that the Cup has to go to Robin Lambert, I know once a former Editor, but for volume of pieces submitted and also being a constant support and help to me during my first year, when he is very busy himself. So thank you Robin and I hope to see you soon and present said Cup in person !

**Karen Gumm**

### *Club Events 2017*

KEY:- CN - CLUB NIGHT EV - EVENT

CN Held at Old Down Inn, Emborough

April 9th	EV Westbury Vintage Day
April 17th	Mell's Daffodil Day
April 24th	CN Judi Grant - Native American Costume and Artefacts.
May 7th	EV Wedmore Vintage Day and Crank Up
May 22nd	CN Hugh Hewitt-Sore - The Traditional English Long Bow
June 17/18th	Wessex Vintage Show Semington, Nr Trowbridge
June 26th	CN Penny Deverill - Two Penneth of Poison
July 31st	CN Mr John Blackford -A talk on engineering models etc.
Aug 21st	CN Fractional HP Engines brings yours along and tell us about it.

### *Wedmore Vintage Day and Crank Up*

Wessex Stationary Engine Club is holding a Vintage Day and Crank up at Sweets Tea Rooms, near Wedmore. Also on site is the Sweet's Peat and Science Museum. The rally will be held on Sunday 7th May, gates open at 9am. The tea room will be open for breakfasts, lunches snacks and drinks throughout the day. It is situated on the B3151 at Blakeway between Glastonbury and Wedmore, postcode BS28 4UE. Open to members and non members as long as you are insured. Donations taken on the day will go to the Alzheimer's Society. For further details/queries contact Herb Gane on 01749 674402 or Bryan Coles on 01749 677297

### *Lambourn Spring and Country Show*

A lot of our Club members exhibit at the Lambourn Spring and Country Show (7th May). This is a nice well supported show situated at Lambourn Woodlands just off the M4 by the Hungerford junction. Sadly last year this was cancelled due to the fields being too wet and boggy, so lets hope this year is kinder to the Show. There is a large Vintage Jumble sale with the sort of stuff we all like to look through and pick over. I don't think the Organisers send out entry forms to past exhibitors but they are available to download with all the information you would require:- [lvms.org.uk](http://lvms.org.uk)

## ***Chairman's Report - March 2017***

I should very much like to start with a copy of a letter that the Committee has received from Sylvia Gregory reproduced by kind permission of the writer :-

Addressed to the Chairman - For the Attention of the Committee

It is unlikely that we have met as yet, so I am putting words to paper to thank you for the beautiful bouquet of flowers received yesterday by way of a 'thank you' gesture for sending out your Club's monthly Newsletter, I enjoy being of help to the club so I am rewarded in knowing it is appreciated. Since retiring aged 61 years in 2006 from my bookkeeping position with Security Guarding Ltd in Seend, I enjoy working on my various crafts at home and pottering in the garden. I also assist my daughter Karen ( your club treasurer) in her own business from time to time in addition to dealing with the Newsletter distribution for your club, so I still keep quite busy.

Hoping to make an appearance at your Semington Rally this year - then would be a good time to put a few 'names to faces'.

Many thanks once again and I wish the WSEC every success for the future.

Kind Regards Sylvia Gregory

At the Annual General Meeting the subject of giving to another charity was raised 'as the Club has plenty of money'. This matter will be dealt with at Committee, If the outcome is positive before any monies are given to any Charity it is my duty to tell you all that this must not just be agreed with the Club committee but also the Committee of the Wessex Midsummer Vintage Gathering Show, as this was agreed by the Committee of the WSEC. I would respectfully bring members attention to item 3.1 of the constitution :- ' The management of the WSEC shall be vested in the Executive Committee that shall consist of the officers of the Club and of item 3.9 of the constitution :- 'All committee discussions are of a confidential nature'.

**Finance** - The fund of the WSEC shall be applied solely to the stated objects of the Club, save for such charitable purposes as an AGM approves.

Moving onto other matters , two of your Committee Members have been approached by the Parish Council of Market Lavington, with the object of resurrecting the Market Lavington Vintage Rally. This event was run years ago by our great friend and long time club member John Kyte. We have a meeting with the Council in the very near future. I will let you know how we get on and whether this will be a new event for you all in late September, so watch this space.

**Now please remember the White Horse Country Park Vintage Day Sunday April 9th 2017** - no entry forms this year ( poor old sod in hospital). Just turn up and enjoy yourselves, remember the bar and restaurant will be open and our friends at the model engineering club will be running train that day, lets hope it will be a bit warmer than 2016.

An event to remember and put in your diary is the Westbury Transport and Vintage Gathering, to be staged over the weekend of April 22nd & 23rd at Top Field, Flowers Farm, Bratton, Wiltshire. Would you like to go ? Well why not give Will or Keith a ring on 01373 864166.

With the help of our Gordon and Paula I was kindly given a ride down to wild Dorsetshire, to Gillingham for the historic commercial vehicle gathering. It was cold as it usually is at Gillingham, in all the years I have been going I have never found it warm, but it was well attended , though I have known it with a good few more exhibits, but I gave out quite a few entry forms for Semington. I hope we get a few come along to boost the commercial exhibits. We are looking for exhibitors/traders for the Craft marquee, so if you know anyone in this line ask them if they would like to attend or ask them to give me a call on 01225 754374.

Well that is about it for now, just one other thing do not forget to put pen to paper with an article for the newsletter, or you may find you have more empty pages and no one wants that, so please give Karen YOUR SUPPORT and write a little for your newsletter.

***Eric Gay***

## ***Report on the Annual General Meeting of the Wessex Stationary Engine Club Ltd - Monday 27th February 2017***

The Annual General Meeting of the WSEC took place on the 27th February 2017 , at the Old Down Inn Emborough.

The meeting was called to order and opened by the Club's president Roger Pike at 8 o'clock.

The written details of the minutes of the 2016 AGM were read by the members present, time was allocated for this purpose, with no matters arising from the minute's they were accepted by the meeting.

Our president then called on the Chairman to make his report to the members present.

My Chairman's Report stated that 2016 was yet another good year for the Club, beginning with our evening meetings at the Old Down Inn, we have been made most welcome by our host Maxine, since our return from the Court Hotel. The meetings have been well attended throughout the year, even when I had my doubts about holding a meeting in August. I need not have worried as this meeting was very well attended with a great selection of models and other attractions on the evening.

The March and October sales at Cranmore did well and made money for the Club.

The new event at Westbury, at the White Horse County Park engine running day was again well supported by Club members, lets just hope it is a bit warmer this year.

The rally at Semington was again a well attended event and without this event and the income earned from it , the Club would not be in the sound financial state it is today and thanks must go to all those who work so hard to make the show a success.

Thanks was given to John Emery for his help in supplying a booklet of names and contact numbers so as we could find a variety of speakers for 2017.

The visit to the workshops, stores and display of working steam engines at Bromham was a great day out and we were made most welcome by the Goddard family.

White Horse Country Park was the venue again in September, when we joined with the West Wilts Society of Model Engineers, at their Gala Day. This was well attended by members of the WSEC and yet another good day was had by all those that attended.

The Christmas Party at the Old Down Inn saw 50 members and friends gather for a fun evening ,with entertainment given to us by Oliver Baker, grandson of our late Chairman Brian Baker. Our host Maxine along with her staff once again supplied a wonderful buffet supper.

The Club owes a great debt of thanks to the dedicated team of both the WSEC and Vintage Gathering committees.

The conclusion of the Chairman's report was followed by the Treasurer's Report given by Karen.

This showed the Club was on a sound financial footing and the full finalised figures will be published in a future newsletter.

Presentations were then made to Jackie Cole honorarium for Club Secretary, Karen Gumm honorarium for Club Treasurer, Wendy Gane gift for Membership Secretary. Gifts were to be sent to Maxine the landlady at the Old Down Inn and Sylvia Gregory the newsletter distributor.

Item 8 on the agenda was the Election of the Officers, All of the executive members of the committee agreed to stand for election once again, and all were re-elected to their posts on the Committee.

All other members of the Committee were re-elected as they also had agreed to stand for re-election.

There were no votes received or cast at the meeting against any serving member.

Item 9 being the President's address, Roger made his address to the members present stating that the Club was in a very good condition and it had a very good year in 2016.

Item 10 was AOB and open to the floor. The matter of the Club giving to other charities was raised at this point. This is a matter for the Committee to discuss and it will be on the agenda for the next Committee meeting.

With no other matters arising the meeting was closed at 9.15pm

### ***A Grand Day Out by Jackie and Robin Lambert***

To steal a phrase from the Wallace and Gromit movie, it wouldn't be possible to describe any better what was in store for all those who attended the Sunday get together and Crank up at Paula and Gordon's farm near Hilperton. The day had a miserable start with heavy rain the night before, some of which was still lingering on Sunday morning. Jackie and I were lucky in having our guide Mary with us for directions to this tranquil area of Whaddon. Others who were not so fortunate would look for the ample yellow direction signs along a very very long lane to the farms remote location. We were one of the last to arrive and around 20 engines were all merrily chuffing away in two neat lines inside a huge barn. I have been to a similar venue before and all you could see was a blue haze of choking exhaust fumes but not here as there was a huge air gap above the barn walls, expelling all the fumes instantly. At the far end of the Barn was the refreshment and seating area all neatly laid out and I must say Paula and her helpers must be congratulated on what was on offer. A choice of two soups Leek and Potato or Vegetable, Cheese rolls, fancy cakes and slices of cake the size of doorsteps and Apple Crumble with custard or cream , all washed down with tea or coffee. Paula must have been slaving away in her kitchen for days preparing for what was on offer. We had Club Members all the way from Cheddar to Bristol to Shaftesbury and even fuel tank maker, John Hedges came down all the way from Newbury to pay us a visit ( Karen gives him a plug every month in the N/L). Some of his handiwork was in the Barn on Pete's oil engine. So not to harp on any more this really was a grand day out and thanks to Gordon and Paula and all their helpers there was obviously a great deal of preparation involved so well done everyone !

Last Date for Submission in the May Newsletter Sunday 23rd April 2017  
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Fuel Tanks and Crank Guards Made  
Tel :- John Hedges 01635 268359 or  
Mobile :- 07831 410473

Spark Plugs |  
[www.sparkplugs.co.uk](http://www.sparkplugs.co.uk)  
Tel :- 01244 679903

Horse Hair Combing Machine ( a real museum piece)  
made by Gauntlets of Yerbury Street, Trowbridge.  
This is something different for the rally field  
£ 300.00 ONO, part exchange for anything old and  
mechanical as long as it is not too large and heavy.  
Contact :- Eric Gay on 01225 754374

**Wanted** :- A small Drip feed oiler suitable for  
fractional HP engine 1" to 1 1/4" high by 3/4" wide  
Please call Eric :- 01225 754374

Do you own a John Deere Model 'E' engine and  
want an instruction and parts list ?  
Got a Crossley Gas or oil engine , want to re-line  
the white metal shells, I have the instructions.  
Interested in something different for the bookshelf,  
I have a 1904 Illustrated Catalogue, showing  
products by Christy & Norris, Bloomfield Road Iron  
Works, and Clemsford showing milling machinery,  
steam and oil engines and electric motors.  
For any of the above call Eric on 01225 754374

4HP Apple Top Petter M with generator, Mechanical Hacksaw and Bandsaw, lots of spares, pulleys and  
wheels and all the stuff in my workshop must be cleared. Please contact Bill Coombs on 01749 841220

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