



# CRANKING



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## The Wessex Stationary Engine Club's Monthly Newsletter

### Editors Note

Here it is the 2nd Newsletter, I'd like to say its getting easier but still finding my feet, hopefully I will get there.

If you want anything added to the newsletter I will be happy to do so. Please send to 10 Radstock Road, Midsomer Norton, Bath BA3 2AJ, [swin28.ss@gmail.com](mailto:swin28.ss@gmail.com)

Regards

**Sacha**

### Club Events

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| 30th April   | CN - The ships of the Vikings by Mr Tim Bowly                                      |
| 13th May     | Wedmore Crank up - Sweet Peat Science Museum, Nr Wedmore                           |
| 21st May     | CN - Out of the earth, Bath's mineral Wealth, stone, clay & coal by Mr S Burroughs |
| 16/17th June | Wessex Vintage Show - Semmington Near Trowbridge, Details 01225 754374             |
| 14/15th July | Market Lavington Vintage Meet  |

I had a nice chat the other day with Christeen Rogers regarding how her husband Don was progressing in hospital, and she gave me some great news that he has learned to walk again and with the aid of a stick his mobility is recovering and in the not too distant future he may be returning home. What good news after all that Don has been through during the past six months spent in three different hospitals ther is at last some light at the end of the tunnel. Well done Don and the NHS for getting our old friend back on the road to recovery.

Regards **Robin**

## CHAIRMANS REPORT FOR THE WESSEX STATIONARY CLUB LTD

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A bit of doom and gloom this month as outside events go, our first major event of 2018 being our sale at the East Somerset Steam Railway, at Cranmore. Last year my helpers and myself got soaked to the skin with the rain, this year in March we got absolutely frozen, I had put a fair few layers on but this did not get the cold getting into the old bones it was not only me but Brian and Tony suffered the same.

As you all know the committee decided that the sale should have a later starting time, not the crack of dawn as in years passed, 9 o'clock for sellers and 10 o'clock for buyers, it was thought that this may put a lot of people off from attending, but on the day it may make no difference as we did better take wise on the gate and with stalls than our last sale in October 2017. We will be keeping to this arrangement for future sales, it means that I don't have to jump out of bed at 5.30 to be at Cranmore by eight. But if anyone would like to run the event early please give me a ring.

March 18th the day after Cranmore, it snowed on Saturday it snowed Saturday night, Whaddon Lane crank up at Gordons Farm, well the weather did not help this event, and I told that only a few brave souls managed to get along to Whaddon Lane, a great shame as Gordon Pete and their helpers put a lot of effort into this event.

Easter Monday, Mells Daffodil Day, well in all the years that I have attended this show, I have never known it having to be abandoned, the street market went ahead but the display of our engines in the field had to be called off because of the condition of the ground, when will this rain stop?

One good bit of news was that our club meeting on 26th March was very well attended, for the talk by Chris Bigg on the Brabazon aircraft, built in Bristol. A huge aircraft with its eight engines driving four propellers. By the time it had been tested and developed it was out of date and never put into service, being scrapped in around 1953/54. For its great size it would have only carried 100 passengers, and the first jet airliners were already crossing the Atlantic, do you remember the comet, I can, a great looking aircraft.

Now on the 30th April we have a talk by Mr Tim Bowly, "The Ships of the Vikings" should be an interesting evening.

By the time you read this report our event at Westbury will have come and gone I am keeping my fingers crossed that we get a dry day for this event.

I have had a few phone calls asking for the address of our new News Letter Editor, well here it is, SACHA SWINDEN, 10 RADSTOCK ROAD, MIDSOMER NORTON, BATH, BA3 2AJ

Well that's all for now, let's just hope for better weather for our events to come.

Eric Gay

Chairman

### ITEMS FOR SALE

**For Sale** - 1951 PETTER A1 ZHP at 1000 RPH, stored for many years, now restored and repainted. Many new parts, good compression and spark, mounted on hardwood trolley and 5" Car iron wheels £145.00 ono, weymouth 01305 773250

Four cast Iron whhels fine spoke 2 x 12 $\frac{1}{4}$  x 2" x  $\frac{3}{4}$  bore. 2 x 12" x 2" x  $\frac{3}{4}$  bore, repainted and in good condition £60.00 for the set. Weymouth 01305 773250

Two cast iron wheels 9  $\frac{3}{4}$  x 1  $\frac{7}{8}$  x  $\frac{3}{4}$  bore four spoke repainted and in good condition £30.00 weymouth 01305 773250

Petrol tank 14"  $\frac{1}{2}$  long x 5"  $\frac{1}{4}$  wide x 4"  $\frac{1}{4}$  high flat bottom with filler hole centred on rounded top  $\frac{1}{4}$  BSP outlet on bottom of tank. £25.00. For more details please contact John on weymouth 01305 773250

**For Sale** - 1924 Crossley Model 1060 (approx 5hp) Open crank, single flywheel, twin sideshafts with built in compressor mounted on nice Lister Trolley. Reluctant sale as a bit too heavy for us to manage now, a nice smart Exhibit that needs a new home. £1750.00. Contact Robin on 01373 463526.

**For Sale** - 1931 Ruston Homsby 3hp PB Dry stored for the last 14 years, with the unusual Wico Ex Mag (no spark) A complete early restoration £225 ono Tel 01761 471461 Phil Marshall

**For Sale** - 1936 Lister A, 3  $\frac{1}{2}$  HP, Spec A65, 650rpm, Tank Cooled, Skids, Tank & Tank Support all original, wheel mounted, very good runner, all restored, never rallied £275 ono Tel 01761 472461 Phill Marshall

**For Sale** - Ruston Hornsby pb 3hp. Restored 3 years ago, on a well made steerable trolley. I need the space, looking for around the £350 mark ono. I live in Paulton, Tel 07815 517184 Nick Cross.

### NOTICE

The Lambourn Vintage Machinery society Rally on Sunday 6th May. The organizers have sent out letters to intending Exhibitors that the event will not take place this year as the ground is still too wet even after all the lovely weather we have had and looking at the Society website they are looking at alternative sites for next year. This is an Event we always look forward to, so yet another one we have missed out on.

**Robin**

If you didn't know already there was a WESC crank up held at Whaddon farm on Sunday 18th March. Despite the snow, a couple of people came along with brilliant engines. There was a cut away Villiers, a Bernard Moteur, a Norman, a Lister L type running a mill, a Blackstone (my dad's engine) and a Lister D type (my engine).

I enjoyed the cakes that were made and the delicious apple crumble that was cooked as well. In addition, the two soups's kept everyone warm. Many thanks to the cooks who prepared it all and everyone who supported the event.

**By Tommy Gear**

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