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## The Wessex Stationary Engine Club's Monthly Newsletter

### Editors Note

Hi here's August's newsletter, hope everyone is enjoying the beautiful weather. Apologies if not all the things you have sent me appears in the newsletter, I have had quite a lot sent to me this month and will add more in Sept. If you have anything to add to the newsletters in the future, please contact me: Sacha Swinden-Pride, 10 Radstock Road, Midsomer Norton, Bath, BA3 2AJ BA3 2AJ 01761 415517, [swin28.ss@gmail.com](mailto:swin28.ss@gmail.com)  
Sacha Swinden Pride

### ITEMS FOR SALE

Lister-D with 1+B311/2 kw alternator, mounted on Steel frame with Lister start-o-matic control panel and starter battery. Spec plate reads No 1/56108, spec28DH, HP1.5, RPM700. £240 ono all in working order, buyer can see it working before dismantling, **Jeremy Adams, Taunton**  
**01823 443000** [Jeremy.adams150@btinternet.com](mailto:Jeremy.adams150@btinternet.com)

Lister starting handles 11/4" (one and quarter inch) 2" and 2 1/4" (two and a quarter inch) shafts  
Petter starting handle 17/8 (one and seven eights inch) shaft £10.00 each. **Tom Randell, 01761 418926**  
[tomrandall@icloud.com](mailto:tomrandall@icloud.com)

Lister water pump, ideal for connecting to a stationary engine. It was used by my father for watering the garden and has not been used for a few years. It spins freely but would need some TLC to get pumping again.

**Dave Turner, Tetbury Wells, Worcestershire**  
**07773 923090** [tdaveturner@aol.com](mailto:tdaveturner@aol.com)

### Club Events 2018

- 9th September West Wilts Society of Model Engineers, Gala Day, Details 01225 754374
- 24th September Mr Paul Barnett, The Severn Bridge Disaster, Old Down Inn
- 6th October The Wessex Cranmore Sale, East Somersetshire Steam Railway, Cranmore, Nr Shepton Mallet, A361, BA4 4QP Details, 01225 754374
- 29th October Mr Chris Bigg, Aircraft of WW2 Old Down Inn
- 26th November The Wessex Grand evening Quiz (supper and Raffle)
- December to be announced

### Birthday Wishes

Would like to wish Club Member Roly King a big Happy Birthday as he has now reached his Seventh Decade and he had to miss the Cornish Rally owing to mass celebrations at Congresbury.  
Jackie

Ken from Midsomer Norton had his recent new hip joint pop out, it happened while bending to pick up a nail (moral here is if you have a new hip joint and see a nail let someone else pick it up or ask the good Lady!)  
Ted Edwards

Les from Winterbourne is hopefully on the mend after getting scorched, when a pocket of gas ignited in the rear of his van. Get well soon Les.

Dear Members

Club Membership Renewals - Please note that your insurance covers runs from the 1st January to the 31st December each year. If you renew later in the year you will only be covered from that date until the 31st December next. Not from your renewal date for 12 months, you will be covered only for the number of months until the 31st December.

Eric

### **Beaulieu Rally 30th June & 1st July**

I find it hard to believe that this event has now been going for six years, how time flies when you are enjoying ones-self. This is the only event that we take our engines to that we have to make a contribution towards the camping facilities that are laid on here, but with the huge support this rally gets you can pull in on the Thursday and leave on the following Monday morning if you want to. I should point out that Exhibitors have access to all that is on offer here including the fantastic car museum, the monorail, vintage bus rides around the estate, on Saturday and Sunday evenings two Prom Nights take place in the restaurant with the youngsters arriving in all models of transport including stretched limos and JCB Digger with a sofa in the loading bucket, you name it and they arrived in it.

Lots of our club members were exhibiting here including Colin from Cheddar with his Lister driving a large flyball governor most likely off a lift mechanism, and we even had a club member from Weymouth who was a day visitor here so now he's seen what its all about next year may be exhibiting.

Our own Carol was once again doing a great job selling Raffle Tickets while husband Kevin played with their Generating set and on Saturday night as darkness fell around 20 Gen sets started up for a night glow and looked great doing what they were designed for. Dennis & Chris their wives and helpers do a grand job organising this event, nothing is too much trouble for them, if you want a hand unloading they have trucks with Grabs on and a Mini Tractor for shunting things around and pull the water tank. I almost forgot to mention this year the AM Engines were those that were powered by Hot Air which was just up our street and with around thirty on display included makes by Robinson, Heinici, Ryder Enoson and unusual engine from Americal that stood about seven feet all and looked like a skeleton !!..

Robin

### **Out and about with Jackie & Robin**

#### **Perbeck Rally 10th, 11th and 12th August**

It was to be our first time exhibiting here although I had fair idea of the Rallies location, just off the Wareham by pass) as many years ago I had tramped through the adjacent fields doing Power Line Inspections for the SEB. Around 70 SE were in the line up with several of our Club members in attendance. It was nice to meet up again with lots of the Dorset Exhibitors who attend many of the Events in our area.

One superb and outstanding Exhibit was a 1910 Hornsby Oil Engine that ticked over like a watch and next to me was a Petter 'M' that had been converted to run on Propane Gas apart from one hiccup, ran smokeless all day long, a clever conversion by its owner. I have always had an interest in commercials and plant and while walking around with Jackie

stopped to take a few photos of a brand new lorry that had one of the biggest lifting arms I have ever seen it was a pallfinger, similar to a Hi-Ab mounted on the rear end of a three back axle truck with a single front axle steer and around six knuckle arm extensions that must have had a 50 foot reach.

What also caught my eye was that it was supplied and most likely fitted by TH White who have a depot in Frome out home town.

All the usual vintage vehicles were here as in most shows with lots of ring events taking place. The rally field is a gradually sloping site, large in size but has a tendency to be a bit on the rough side the further you venture down the hill. We did enjoy our first time visit here although we had to leave for home Saturday night and missed out on the Sunday, but our two days were most enjoyable and would like to do it all again next year.

Robin

## Out and About with Linda & Roger

This year has been one of the busiest for us. We have all been to a number of shows and enjoyed them all.

July 13th we headed off to the revived Rally at Market Lavington, not having held this Rally for a number of years everyone wondered how it would go. In our opinion it was a great success. We arrived on a very hot weekend and were directed along a hedge with a great number of trees. These proved there worth as the weekend just got hotter. There was approx 18 engines at the Saturday with a few less (day trippers) on Sunday. A fun fair kept the young amused also a fixture on the lines of a tight rope walk (wooden) was erected by the local scouts who also had a BBQ going all weekend. The display of army vehicles and memorabilia was brilliant as were the display of confederates. Stalls were dotted around with a beer tent and food arena. Entertainment from brass bands to Morris Dancers went on in the ring all day with a competition tug of war, if you felt strong enough! The entertainment was excellent at night. A group of 4 that sang everything from country to pop music. Because of the location it all stopped at 10pm with the bar closing at 9.30, most people went back to their vans and we all sat outside chatting till late like the old days. The committee handed out comment forms to fill in and place in a box. John Allen got picked out and received a bottle of Champagne through the post. A draw took place with many prizes. We left on the Sunday Evening having had a lovely friendly & hot weekend.

August 11th took us too the Swindon and Cricklade rally which is held at Blunsdon Steam Railway. This event is another friendly small rally. The weather was not so good for us this time. Saturday remained dry and sunny until the evening when it poured and was dismal on the Sunday. There were 12 stationary engines, 3 full steam traction engines, 2 steam rollers and a steam boat, vintage fire engine and 1 miniature steam. A large fair and stalls with vintage cars, tractors, lorries and the "VESPA" Scooter Club (remember them well) filled the field along with a display of confederates. 1960's music played throughout the weekend on the Tannoy, stopping when live music played in the beer tent, which was situated on the station, train rides were free all day/weekend for the rally exhibitors with it being approx hour trip from end to end.

War memorabilia was on the station with a museum. A well stocked café with a train carriage as the restaurant was also on the platform serving meals most of the weekend. If you would like to visit, exhibit at this venue and help them make it a success we would truly recommend it. We cheated this year and spent the night at the Premier Inn, about 5 mins away, it saved towing the caravan and was a bit of a treat!

Sunday 19th August saw us at Shepton Show (Mid Somerset), The day turned out to be another lovely day. We thoroughly enjoyed this mini Bath & West. It spanned many fields and by midday the crowds packed them all. We still have Coleford rally, fun day, on Sunday 26th August and Burley Rally in the New Forest on 29th/30th September. Then comes the time to pack the engines away for another year.

Linda and Roger

### Chairman's Report August /September 2018

I start this report with the fact due to thoughtlessness and unnecessary pressure brought to bare by members on our long serving treasurer, I have been informed that Karen has been forced by these actions to tender her resignation. Karen has served this club with unswerving dedication and professionalism as as I have made clear in previous reports Karen not only looks after the day to day finances of the Wessex Stationary Engine Club Ltd., but also has her own business to look after. **This now means that the Club will need not only a new treasurer but also a distributor of the news letter.**

If no one comes forward to take on these posts, by February 2019 your committee will have no other course left open to it than call an extraordinary Annual General Meeting, at which there will be only one item on the Agenda The disbanding of the W S E C and the closure of the club.

This matter is now in the hands of the membership and if you want our club to survive it is up to you the members to come forward and take on the vital task of treasure and news letter distributor.

I never thought when I took over a Chairman I would be called upon to have to write such a tragic report, I wanted to see the club grow and be a success but actions of others are putting my chairmanship at risk.

Well now on a lighter note, I have just returned from five days at the greatest show on earth, The Great Dorset Steam Fair, at Tarrant Hinton.

After last months talk at the Old Down Inn by guess who, most of you will know that I visited the second Great working Steam Engine at Stourpaine Bushes and that is partly how I got hooked on old iron. As you must all know this year was the 50th Great Dorset Steam Fair, and what a show it was, to Martin Oliver and everyone that worked on and off the show ground to get the event up and running we the exhibitors owe you all a debt of gratitude, thank you one and all.

Now to get everything right at an event is never going to happen, I should know even staging our Semington rally causes me sleepless nights. The biggest complaint I heard over the week was the state of the toilets. I arrived on Tuesday at around 11 o'clock and in need of a loo I visited the first disable loo near the engine line, one could tell this had not been used but it was in a foul disgusting state and remained so for the whole event. In the campsite one had trouble even finding a toilet over a 1/4 mile walk and most in a shocking state. I was told that it was a new company supplying the toilets for 2018, all I can say is that they just could not manage an event of this magnitude.

The rest of the event at Tarrant Hinton in my opinion was a first class how they work it all out is a marvel, anyone from the Great Dorset want to give a hand at Semington, please ring.

The last meeting at the Old Down Inn, was poorly attended which was a pity as we that did attend had to eat all the supper that was laid on, I hope I don't get complaints that people put on weight.

Well that's all for this month I just hope and pray that I will have a happier report for you all next month.

Eric Gay, Chairman

All information given will be as accurate as can be, for any errors or omissions I apologise in advance. Please note that opinions may or may not represent club policy.

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