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The Wessex Stationary Engine Club's Monthly Newsletter

From the Editor

Short and sweet this month as we are a little light on your contributions at this time. Remember to get your renewal forms in to Wendy. Your Insurance card will only be sent out on renewal. Any member not renewing their subscription by 31st March will not get the newsletter from April 2017.

There have been a number of pleas for help for both Committee and Rally work - I am sure it seems a bit constant but I think it is fair to say without more help both the Rally and the Club could be in jeopardy. It could be a job as small as buying a few raffle prizes but will make a difference so please shout if you do have some time.

Karen Gumm

*****Mells Daffodil Day - Update***

Due to the adverse weather conditions at Mells Daffodil Day last year and the damage to the show field, the landowner has imposed some restrictions on the organising committee. Some have been passed on to WSEC, the number of exhibits has been cut to maximum of 40 instead of 60.

Thus when the entry forms go out, acceptance will be allocated on a first come basis as I feel this will be the fairest way to do it.

I apologise to anyone who misses out this year but if we want to continue to carry on and exhibit at Mells we have to co-operate with the organisers.

Brian Verrall- Rally Co-ordinator

Club Events 2017

KEY:- CN - CLUB NIGHT EV - EVENT

CN Held at Old Down Inn, Emborough

Feb 27th	CN Annual General Meeting
Mar 12th	EV Early Year Warm Up - - Hilperton
Mar 18th	EV Vintage Sale Cranmore at the East Somerset Steam Railway
Mar 27th	CN Mr C Bigg - Power of the Gods History and Building of the Bristol Aero Engine.
April 9th	EV Westbury Vintage Day
April 17th	Mell's Daffodil Day see note **
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 John Blackford - A talk on engineering models.
August 21st	CN Fractional HP Engines
Sept 10th	EV Model Engineering & Railway Gala
Sept 25th	CN Stuart Burroughs - Talk on the stationary engines of Bath
Oct 7th	Cranmore Vintage Sale
Oct 30th	CN Tony Coverdale - Presentation on engineer John Padmore of Bath.
Nov 27th	CN Photographic & digital image evening.
Dec-17	To be announced.

Chairman's Report January 2016

Well Christmas and the New Year is over, I am looking forward to 2017. My first great adventure will be my trip to Peasedown St John, The Circle Bath. The nice people are going to give me another new hip and by the time you read this I shall be running around as good as new I HOPE.

As you see from your programme for the coming year we have a good list of events planned and the evening meetings at the Old Down Inn in 2016 were very well attended, and thank you all for giving them your support. Please keep it up in 2017 and we shall have a cracking years entertainment.

I will have some entry forms for Westbury soon and they will go out with your newsletter but if you do not get one please just turn up we will have plenty of room.

I have just had it confirmed that we will have steam train rides at Semington in June , and other entries are beginning to arrive, the committee of the rally have worked very hard over the last nine years to stage the event at Semington. The income from this keeps the Club going and gives you all a Christmas party each year but, (and there is always a BUT), we desperately need more of you to come and join the running Committee. Now I can see you all throwing your hands in the air and saying I can't do that, well you don't know till you try. We of the rally committee had to start and try to get the show up and running and though we were told we would never succeed, we have, but now we just need more help so if you feel you would like to come and join us give me a call.

Now our Annual General Meeting is almost upon us, and we would like to get some more members to join the Committee and help run the Club. Our Treasurer Karen, not only does she keep the accounts in order, she runs her own business and on top of that collates, lays out and prints your newsletter. I would like a club member to take on a small job once a year to relieve Karen from yet another job that she is doing at this time. That is to undertake the preparing of the agenda and the postal voting forms for the AGM in 2018. This is not rocket science as the Agenda remains the same year on year and, the only change is to the voting forms. Please let me know if you could take this once a year job on .

Now I hope you have not been sitting around in the warm watching TV or similar as remember the Sale at Cranmore is not far away. You should all have been out in the workshop finding all these goodies that you can make loads of money from, so I hope to see you all at Cranmore on March 18th with your pockets full of all the money you have made !

Well that's it for now, hope to see you at the AGM.

Eric Gay

Spark Plugs Anyone ?

On many occasions I have struggled along with other people to find correct spark plugs for old engines, the following company have helped me out many times. This company are able to supply modern equivalents to old plugs that do not have resistors, so they will work fine with magnetos.

They are called Sparkplugs.co.uk and they can be contacted online at :-

www.sparkplugs.co.uk

or by telephone on :-

01244 679903

They are able to cross match plugs quickly and if time is needed they will ring you back (and they always ring you back !)

Pete Gear

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