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The Wessex Stationary Engine Club's Monthly Newsletter

Editors Note

Your enclosure this month is the voting form for our AGM for those wishing to vote who are not able to attend on the 26th February 2018.

Please return these as soon as possible.

The Club's website and Facebook page are undergoing some updating. All of the forms for membership and events should be available for download from the website site and all our events should be being posted on both the website and Facebook. Please check them out and let us have any feedback you think may help improve or progress them.

We appreciate that not all our members wish to or have access to the internet and it is still our intention to use paper communication - (as long as someone steps forward to take on the Editor job !)

Karen Gumm

Club Events 2018

29th Jan	CN - Battle of Rorks Drift by Mr Peter Lamb
26th Feb	CN - Annual General Meeting
17th March	Cranmore Vintage Sale - East Somerset Railway , Somerset BA4 4QP.
18th March	Whaddon Lane Crank Up - Nr Trowbridge 01225 755448/344710
26th March	CN - Giant of the Air (the Brabazon) by Mr Chris Bigg
15th April	Crank Up and Vintage Day - White Horse Country Park BA13 4LX
30th April	CN - The ships of the Vikings by Mr Tim Bowly
May 13th	Wedmore Crank up - Sweets Peat and Science Museum, Nr Wedmore
May 21st	CN - Out of the earth, Bath's mineral wealth,stone,clay & coal by Mr S Burroughs

Annual Christmas Party

On Friday 15th December I went to the Old Down Inn, where the Wessex Stationary Engine Club held its annual Christmas Party. It was very enjoyable because of the pleasant atmosphere and the friendly people. The buffet of delicious food was provided by the staff of the Old Down Inn. It has some of my favourite snacks such as sliced ham,mini sausages and a really scrummy chocolate cake. Everyone tucked in and really enjoyed the food. Afterwards Eric auctioned off a wonderful woodcarving of a fox holding a gun, that was donated to the club. This was to raise money for the Children's Hospice South West. We then had a raffle with hand-made hampers kindly made by Phil and Karen Gumm. These were a sight to behold and I was really disappointed not to win one, but fortunately Santa delivered one to my door a few days later. I would really like to thank those members that organised it , I had a really great time and I hope that everyone else did too !

by Tommy Gear

Chairman's Report January 2018

Well here I am again writing the first report for 2018, times goes by so fast it seems like yesterday I was writing my last report.

It was so very nice to see so many of you at our Christmas party at the old Down Inn on the 15th December. We had a good evening and I hope you all enjoyed yourselves. Maxine once again excelled with lovely food more than the hungry hoards could eat, and our Karen along with Phil worked their magic with a fantastic array of raffle prizes, thank you both sincerely for your hard work and effort. It was a great turn out for our Christmas party. We have a very full list of events for the coming year, with lots of interesting talks at the Old Down Inn. May I ask you all to attend as many of the events as you can as this will help the Club keep this valued venue.

The Wessex Stationary Engine Club will welcome new members, so if you can all do a bit to help attract new blood please do so. We need to keep the Wessex Club at the forefront of the vintage movement.

On Thursday 18th of December Gary, Robin and Jackie and myself along with other members of the Club attended the funeral of long time Club member and friend to many of us, John Kyte. I had known John for over 40 years, he helped me with my very first engine and Maureen and I attended many of John's renowned garden parties at the cottage in Market Lavington. Later he also ran the rally on the outskirts of the village and this rally is now being reinstated for July 2018. If you want to be there contact Colin Osbourne 44 The Spring Market, Market Lavington, Wiltshire, SN10 4EB or download the form from the internet <http://www.marketlavington.org.uk/Links.html>

Jacquie Coles has started her long fight back to full health after her recent operation and I know that you all want to wish her a speedy recovery and to wish her and Bryan a very Happy New Year,

Now our first engine event is in March at Gordon's Whaddon Lane Farm. Give Gordon or Pete a call and they will give you all the details 01225 755448 or 01225 344710 respectively.

March is also the month for our sale at Cranmore on the 17th. Please note the new start time - Sellers 9am buyer 10am please.

Moving on to our next engine event at the White Horse Country Park on April 15th. We will be on land adjacent to the West Wilts Society of Model Engineers, who will be running steam trains and other railway models, miniature traction engines will also be in attendance. Tea, coffee, cakes and other goodies will be available and if we get a good turn up we will have a **FREE BBQ**, but this is up to you. I need a good turn out of all types of vintage exhibits, stationary engines, cars, commercials, motorcycles, bygones and anything else, (fancy chickens always goes down well). If we get a good turn out with lots of entries this could become a two day event in future. Entry forms were sent out with the December newsletter but please **ring me** on 01225 754374 for more copies, I need to know how many exhibitors to cater for.

No one has come forward to date to take over the Editor position for the Wessex newsletter. After February unless some nice member comes forward there will not be newsletter. We also need a Club member handy with a camera so we can get pictures of our events in the vintage press. So if you are a bit clever with a camera why not take on the job and help promote the Club.

In a few weeks time will be the Annual General Meeting on February 29th February at the Old Down Inn. Please let's have a good turn out of members at this the most important meeting of the year, **TISS WHEN YOU CAN HAVE YOUR SAY**, so please come along and give support to your hard working committee.

That's about it for now, spring is just around the corner, so we can all get the engines ready for the coming year, may I take this opportunity to wish all members and friends a very Happy and Peaceful New Year.

by Eric Gay

Bits and Bobs

I was not able to get out and about recently in the workshop as her indoors was worried that I might hurt my nice new hip. Well like a good boy I obey her that must be obeyed, I did my exercises and then I got bored. It is no point trying to watch the television as the only thing on that are repeats of repeats and if not most of the rest is a load of unwatchable rubbish.

So finding myself bored to the back teeth, I took a look in the book case, yes we be a proper job in Rutland Crescent we do have a book case, old and made from oak. So after a rummage through my collection of books I thought I would give you all a list of books that are all well worth having and reading. I know that like many of you, like me, had a motorcycle when we were young and in our prime. Even when the prime was past, I carried on riding my A7ss until only a couple of years ago and would not have stopped then if it were not for the worn old hips. For most of us that had a bike most of us got interested in racing and thus the first book I can recommend is one of the best books you will ever read on the British Racing Motor Cycle, easy to read a huge amount of detail and containing superb photographs- it is :-

1. Classic British Racing Motor Cycles by Mick Walker, Osprey Automotive Press.

Now we have all done a bit of metalwork over the years but if you want a book that tells you how to do it, how to use certain tools, lathe work and milling and a great deal more the next book on the list is the book for you. It is the best book I have ever read on the subject.

2. The Theory and Practice of Metal Work by George Love , Longman Press.

Now what would we do without a book on stationary engines,

3. Beautiful Engines, Treasures of the Internal Combustion Century , available from Camdon Books at Rode near Frome.

Interested in traction engines and would like to know how they were built along with the works drawings and details

4. Traction Engine Design and Construction by C F A Gillbert
5. Burrell Style - this book shows the design and construction details of Burrell engines

Both of these books are available from Camdon Books at Rode near Frome.

This book is a must for anyone interested in times gone by or steam ploughing and is a wonderful book that you will not want to put down.

6. A life With Steam by Joe Challis , Finial Publishing.

This is just a few of the books in this book case, I might just have another rummage later and see what else I can find.

by Eric Gay

Committee Members :- Chairman E Gay, Acting D Chair :- T Lawrence, Secretary :- J Coles,
Treasurer:- K Gumm, President :- R Pike , H Gane, G Guley, G Sainsbury, B Coles, R Sanford, P Gear

Mells Daffodil Day, Easter Monday 2nd April 2018

Entry forms are not being sent out to previous exhibitors. If you would like to bring your engine and have not been before please contact Herb Gane on 01749 674402 , (please leave a message if we are out).

Numbers for this rally are restricted due to limited space but if there is room we will fit you in.

Herb and Wendy Gane

Wedmore Rally 2018

We are pleased to say that the Wessex Stationary engine Club is again holding a Vintage Day and crank up at Sweets Tea Rooms near Wedmore. The rally will be held on Sunday 13th May, gates open at 9am. The tea room will be open for breakfast,lunches,snacks and drinks throughout the day. The Peat and Science Museum will also be open (small entrance fee payable).

The rally site is on the B3151 at Blakeway Between Glastonbury and Wedmore, post code BS28 4UE.

The event is open to members and non-members as long as you are insured. Donations and raffle proceeds to the Alzheimer's Society. Entrance is free and for more information contact Herb Gane on 01749 674402 or Bryan Coles on 01749 677297

Herb and Wendy Gane

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For Sale :- 3hp Petter 'A' driving turntable all on Trolley £ 65.00 Phone Percy on 01373 812461

WANTED :- Stuart Turner R3 Head Please phone Rob Champion on :-01275 892944

Last Date for Submission in the February Newsletter Sunday 14th February 2018

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