

## WESSEX STATIONARY

### ENGINE CLUB Ltd.

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NEWS LETTER.

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#### CHAIRMAN'S REPORT.

The meeting held at the Old Down Inn Emborough, on Monday 25 January was a illustrated talk by Mr. Chris Witts (The Severn Bore) Now being January I was wondering if many members would turn out, well I must say this meeting was a great success, and that was DOWN TO YOU THE CLUB MEMBERS THAT CAME ALONG. Thank you all very much it makes all the hard work by the committee worthwhile when we get such a great crowd at an evening meeting, thank you all once again. I received a letter from Tony & Diana Davis just the other day, it made sad reading as Tony and Diana will not be rejoining the Club this year as Tony can no longer drive due to him having contracted Parkinson's desies Tony and Diana have served this club for many years, Tony on the committee, Diana arranging and running our Christmas skittle's match for many many years, along with me I know you will all want to wish them both well for the future, and both of you know that you will always be welcome at our evening meetings, you may not be club members any more but you will both be remembered by us all and always be welcome. I just wonder who is now going to sell the raffle tickets and give me grief, and get on at me when I get things wrong, now we have not got Diana.

A phone call from Francis Armstrong came just a few days ago, Rob eye's are not to good and very soon Rob goes for operation to remove a cataract again I know you will all want to wish Rob a speedy recovery, and I hope it will not be long before both of you are back with us at The Old Down and our other events in 2016.

It was great to see Linda Pike back with us on the 25th soon Linda will be up and running, her new knee will be soon be in full working order, until then Rodger has to do all the house work, clean the cars, and do the cooking, that should keep him out of mischief and stop him getting bored now he is a man of leisure.

The following was first sent to Kim before his sad death. It is a report sent by Robin Lambert, I hope Robin will not mind me editing it a little.

Lots of fellow Engine Enthusiasts and Wessex Members attended the funeral of **ANDY VINCENT** at St. Marys Church Bruton on Friday 30th October to say farewell to Andy and remember him as a really special man, always smiling and it was always a pleasure to be in his company.

The Church was huge and filled to capacity which showed what high esteem he was held in. At only forty-six years of age he was only halfway through his life span such a loss to his family and all that new him.



I recently had a lengthy chat with **Brian Baker** who is getting on very well, he told me he had a good deal on a mobility scooter which he is putting to good use and it has a high gear for using on the roads so if you are in the Shepton Area and can recall some of his motor cycling tales beware as he could be burning rubber.

It was good to see him back with us at the Christmas Party along with his grandson Oliver.

I also had a nice chat on the phone with **Percy Newton**, he lives on the edge of the mendips and ask to be remembered to you all he's 87, now but thoroughly enjoyed his 12 years with the club. He especially enjoyed the crank ups, he is going on quite well and his time is taken up with grass cutting and gardening.

It is hard to believe that next year will be our 40th year of enjoying our hobby, I think I caught the bug at Stourpaine Bushes during the 1970s (how strange thats what happend to me at the second great working of steam engines at Stourpaine Eric) when walking around the show I found I was being left behind watching all the stationary engines wheezing away and getting constant reminders to keep up with the family.

Then it dawned on me that I must have looked at hundreds of these machines over the years, many in situ and not used and lots on scrap heaps as my work took me to farms and remote locations. Well the first engine had to be a Lister D purchased for £12 (a lot of money then) and having brought it back to life one of our first events was Doddington House, Whilst there a young man and his lady got chatting with me and said they were producing a magazine for S/E enthusiasts and would I like to subscribe and from that moment I was drawn into an entirely new world. Next to me in the engine line was a small built man along with his wife, and a yellow transit Crew Bus. they had brought five engines, and not until later did I learn that they only lived two roads away from me, this was the start of a 30 year friendship, with Marg and Bill Appleby.

The steward for the S/E was Derrick Hardwick and to this day we still meet up and enjoy each others company, at the event were committee members of a newly formed club, just a few months old they meet each month at the Old Down Inn and the rest is history. Now when I look around the room on club nights, still attending are past committee members, past secretaries, treasures & chairman who over the many years have helped steer the club to this date in time. So what's in store for the future?, maintaining what has been built up over nearly four decades is not going to be easy, many of us have matured gracefully and the slowing down process is begining.

At many events looking down the engine line half the exhibitors are in their retiring years and most of the other half getting close to it with not many youngsters involved with our hobby, we must have in the back of our minds

"What's in Store For The Future". **Mr. Robin Lambert**

WHATS ON/EVENTS 2016.

MARCH 19th VINTAGE SALE AT EAST SOMERSET STEAM RAILWAY

MARCH 21st MIKE CHIPPERFIELD (ACROSS AMERICA BY MOTOR CYCLE)

APRIL 10th WESTBURY VINTAGE DAY. (WHITE HORSE COUNTRY PARK  
A350 TROWBRIDGE To WESTBURY Rd. 10 O-CLOCK ONWARDS  
WITH WEST WILTS SOCIETY OF MODEL ENGINEERS.

APRIL 25TH CHRIS SPEERING (OWL'S of ENGLAND.

MAY 23rd TO BE ANNOUNCE

JUNE 18th & 19th THE WESSEX MIDSUMMER VINTAGE SHOW, SEMINGTON  
VILLAGE A361 TROWBRIDGE TO DEVIZES ROAD. OTHER DETAILS, ERIC  
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JUNE 27th THE OLD DOWN INN EMBOROUGH 8PM  
Mr. DAVIS, A TIME TRAIL THROUGH THE MENDIP HILLS.

JULY 25th THE OLD DOWN INN EMBOROUGH 8PM Mr MIKE ROWLAND (BRUNELL.

If you have any events , for sales, write ups, news, reports wanted or stories, articles or anything else send them to me. I will do my best for now.

BUT I WILL NOT BE PRODUCING A NEWS LETTER ON A REGULAR BASIS.

The Wessex Stationary Engine Club Ltd needs a **NEWS LETTER EDITOR** could this be you, we do have some very nice ladies in our club how about a nice lady editor, **BUT** this does not stop all you male members coming forward to take on this post. **SOMEONE PLEASE HELP.**

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HILMAN HUNTER OWNERS HAND BOOK  
£5 00 ono

HILLMAN AVENGER OWNERS HAND BOOK  
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THE BOOK OF THE BSA 1936 ONWARDS  
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#### MORE ON ETHANOL,

If you leave pump fuel in your metal tank, for a month or two, you may wish you had not as it will eat your tank because of the corrosion  
Oh dear my paint is coming off, well tiss the wonderfull effect of  
ETHANOL.

Glas Fiber Tanks, I know we dont use them on our old engines but just in case you just might have that old bike in the garage with a glass tank  
DONT USE IT AS IT WILL DESTROY the tank.

Now have you fitted rubber fuel pipes, O rings or even plastic parts to your fuel system, if so beware Ethanol will make the squidgy and they will decay. So Take Care drain that fuel if you are not going to use the engine for some time.

NOW DONT FORGET THE WESSEX IS NOW IN THE ELECTRONIC AGE =====

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