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## The Wessex Stationary Engine Club's Monthly Newsletter

### Editors Note

Hi I'm Sacha Swinden-Pride and will be your new Editor for the foreseeable future, unless you get fed up with me. My phone number is 01761 415517 email [swin28.ss@gmail.com](mailto:swin28.ss@gmail.com), address is 10 Radstock Road, Midsomer Norton, Bath, BA3 2AJ, if you need to contact me or have anything you wish to put into the Newsletter.

I would like to say thank you to Karen for passing over information that I require to hopefully do the job as well as she did. Thank you.

Regards

**Sacha**

### Congratulations

Many congratulations to Anne and Roger Kempson who celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary (50 years) on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2018.

Also many congratulations to Diana and John Emery who will be celebrating their Emerald Wedding Anniversary (55 years) on 30<sup>th</sup> March 2018.

We are sure that all members of the WESC will join in sending our very best wishes to these "Happy" couples. Diana and John have been involved with the WESC for many Years.

Many Thanks

**Hazel and Gerald Atherton**

### Club Events 2018

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| 26 <sup>th</sup> March   | CN – Giant of the Air (the Brabazon)<br>By Mr Chris Bigg                           |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> April   | Crank Up and Vintage Day – White Horse Country Park BA13 4LX                       |
| 30 <sup>th</sup> April   | CN – The ships of the Vikings by Mr Tim Bowly                                      |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> May     | Wedmore Crank up – Sweets Peat Science Museum, Nr Wedmore                          |
| 21 <sup>st</sup> May     | CN – Out of the earth, Bath's mineral Wealth, stone, clay & coal by Mr S Burroughs |
| 16/17 <sup>th</sup> June | Wessex Vintage Show – Semington Nr Trowbridge. Details 01225 754374                |

### Market Lavington Vintage Meet 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> July 2018

Market Lavington Parish Council are resurrecting their Vintage meet, helped along by some of our committee members. They would welcome exhibitors of the smaller nature, stationary engine, miniature steam classic cars, vans and motorcycles etc. There will be provision to camp overnight and evening entertainment provided.

Please contact: - 01380 812450 Evenings Only  
For more details or download a form on  
[www.marketlavington.org.uk/Links.html](http://www.marketlavington.org.uk/Links.html)

**Chairman's Report to the Annual General Meeting  
Of the Wessex Stationary Engine Club Ltd  
February 26<sup>th</sup> 2018.**

2017 was yet another good year for the Club as a whole, most of our evening meeting was well attended, not only by club members but since we now advertise our meeting here at the Old Down Inn, this has attracted visitors to our evening meetings.

By doing this it helps to keep this room. I have been asked why we have done this so hope this clears up the subject.

Our membership is now lower than in years past but it seems all clubs are suffering in this way. In the last few months we have gained a few members. The stationary engine hobby is not dead but we all do our best to encourage anyone we meet that seems to be interested in our engineering past.

We the committee took on board the request from club members to get better speakers at the Old Down and this was done for 2017 with 2018 following the same with better speakers.

Our outside events were on the most well supported, the first at Whaddon Lane proved a great success and thanks must go to Gordon, Pete, Paula, Sue & Beckey. The event at the White House Country Park was not the success that we hoped for but those that did attend and stick the cold weather had a good time. (We have a large entry for 2018 even birds of prey.

Mells Daffodil day was another well attended event and thanks must go to those that turned out to help set up the engine area for the Monday.

Herb & Brian arranged the new event at Wedmore on May 7<sup>th</sup>. This was well attended and again a success, (note 13<sup>th</sup> May Wedmore).

The sales at Cranmore, March 2017 was very good, but I can't say the same for the event in October. The weather was against us and we all got very wet.

Semington Rally in June was yet again a great weekend, making once again a good profit, with a donation of £700.00 paid to The Childrens Hospice South West. Without this event the club would not be in such a sound financial state as it is. The event deserves all club members to give it their full support as it is without doubt this event that keeps the club financially sound.

As your chairman I am happy to receive any request for other events or trips, or activities that you may like.

Our Christmas Party here at the Old Down Inn was again well attended and I very much hope all that attended had an enjoyable evening, suggestions for this year if you want anything different.

Now to finish my report, you all know by now that we are losing our newsletter editor, our Karen has prepared, set out, edited and had the letter printed, not only this Karen asked her mum to take on the distribution of the newsletter. We owe Karen a great deal of thanks for all she does for this club as not only has she edited our newsletter but keeps our accounts in a first class order. Thank you Karen so very much from all the committee and members

By Eric Gay

### **Chairman's Report March 2018**

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2018, great excitement as this was the evening of the Club's Annual General Meeting, well perhaps excitement it a bit of an exaggeration. The meeting was opened at 8pm by the Club president Roger Pike, this was followed by my own annual report to the members, Karen gave a report on the club's finances with details of accounts held and expenditure plus income, a full report will be made available and printed in a forth coming issue of the Club's News Letter.

Presentations were made to Karen and Maxine. Karen for all the work put into producing your news letter for the last two years, and Maxine for looking after us so well at the Old Down Inn, not only letting us use the Inn for our club meeting's at the end of each month but also our two committee meeting's each month. We would be very hard pressed to find such a venue as the Old Down Inn.

Karen made the presentation of Editors Cup, this year it went to our youngest member for his very nice report on the Christmas Party, well done Tommy, and may we see some more reports in the future.

Now as you all know by now we have a new News Letter Editor, but without you the club members sending in reports on events, restoration projects, social news and news of anything that may be of interest to your fellow club members along with hints and tips that may be of help in restoring, repairing or even running a vintage stationary engine.

Your for sales and wanted advertisements will be most welcome, so whatever it is you want to put in the newsletter please send to Sacha Swinden-Pride, 10 Radstock Road, Midsomer Norton, Bath, BA3 2AJ. Tel: 01761 415517, email [swin28.ss@gmail.com](mailto:swin28.ss@gmail.com)

April will soon be with us if you want to come along to the Vintage Day at the White Horse Country Park, at Coach Road, Westbury, A350 (next to the old cement factory) please let me know, we have a very large entry this year so with luck and fair weather it will be a great day, hope to see you there on April 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Eric Gay, Chairman**

Two Events we very much look forward to were for both of us thwarted by the weather. We made our way to Cranmore around 8.30am and followed Chairman Eric from Holwell to Cranmore Station where half a dozen Vans, Cars and Trailers had already pulled into the car park with their owners clad in extra layers of clothing and hats as the bitter East Wind cut across the car park. Whether to unload or not was a decision that must have crossed everyone's mind as it did for me, I decided it was just too cold for us to set up and after a brief chat we had to head back home, such a shame as to stay I am sure we would have paid a penalty. To deviate from this sad tale for a moment an old retired railway man friend of mine way back in time when the station was in its working heyday. He used to work the signal box here and the location was known by the Rail Staff as "little Siberia"! and they used to chalk on the loaded Wagons leaving here "Return to little Siberia" and they always got them back!. So historically always known as a cold location.

Returning home it took half an hour to unload the van and store away for the next sort out in October, then load up a small Hot Air Engine for Paula and Gordan's Crank Up at Hilperton next day. Well no explanation needed here as we all know the White Stuff fell and unless you had a four wheel drive vehicle for you this wasn't going to happen, I did ring Gordon to see how things were and he said if things improve a bit later in the day come on over as there is a loft of food needs eating up. What a shame after all the hard work put in by them.

Robin

### **Model engineering exhibition at Radstock Museum**

Radstock Museum are planning an exhibition of model engineering to run from February 1<sup>st</sup> to April 28<sup>th</sup> 2019. If any club members are interested in participating in this by loaning materials such as models and model-making tools, or would be willing to give a display of model-making techniques in any area on a Saturday and/or Sunday afternoon – date to be mutually agreed, then we would like to hear from you. Please contact Tom Randall on 01761 418926 or [tom.randall@dsi.pipex.com](mailto:tom.randall@dsi.pipex.com) for a chat and for further information.

Thanks

**Tom Randall**

**Wessex Stationary Engine Club Ltd  
Treasurers Report, February 2018**

The club has increased its profit from £29.00 in 2016 to a projected £1175.00 in 2017.

The balance of funds held in the actual bank account as at 31/12/17 was £14831 an increase of £1300. We hold a separate deposit account now as we have a debit card and use internet banking. We keep the current account at a low balance and this is a safety measure against fraud.

The Rally made a good profit this year of £2957 an increase of £1139 on last year. Both the money taken on the gate and traders income increased and the costs decreased due to the marquee use being donated. Donations received at the rally and the sale of the carved fox totalled £209.00 and the Wessex Club added £511.00 so that a donation of £720.00 to the Children's Hospice South West was made for 2017.

In addition, at Club events held at Sweets Museum and Whaddon Lane a total of £250.00 was raised by member donations and given to the local Alzheimer's Society Charity.

Subscriptions and raffle income were slightly up this year. Club events profits were down by £186.00. This was mainly due to paying increased costs for speakers at the members monthly meeting. However, this was an issue raised by members at the last AGM, who felt that the money in the account should be used to improve the events held, so hopefully this will be in line with the member suggestions.

As discussed in last year's report we planned to advertise the club on social media and printed matter and an additional £209.00 was spent on this in 2017. We decreased printing costs by buying a printer and Tony Lawrence is now kindly printing all the normal forms that we need, saving on professional printing costs. We are also going to have the £300.00 per year accountants fee as he has now given approval for me to be able to file the accounts using my business software, with the option of assistance if we need it.

With postage costs likely to increase this year the area of discussion in 2018 will be the possibility of raising membership fees in 2019 as the total subscription income did not cover the cost of insurance and newsletter subscription by around £230.00

The actual figures will be confirmed in the newsletter, later once filed.

As always if any of the members require any further details at any time please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Karen Gumm, 26<sup>th</sup> February 2018  
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**For Sale**

**For Sale - Victorian horse hair combing machine, built by Gauntlets and sons, Yerbury Street, Trowbridge, Wiltshire. Something different for the rally field, £350 ono.** I would be interested in part exchange for something interesting to drive from 11/2hp Alamo ring Eric on 01225 754374.

**For Sale 1929 Generator & Electric Motor** test unit, used at a university , generator would make a great rally exhibit (110 volt) to clear my workshop £60 ono Ring Eric on 01225 754374

Magneto points sets @ £15 per set on black plates, left & right hand sets, Eric 01225 754374

Lister wooden tool box (made by Lister) complete with 16 Lister spanners, £160 Eric 01225 754374

WANTED – Lister “D” early fuel tank flat bottom must be a good condition with central filler, also Lister D silencer and exhaust pipe. Eric 01225 754374

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