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The Wessex Stationary Engine Club's Monthly Newsletter

From the Editor

Just a note I am now using the Club's email for newsletter correspondence - so it does not get lost in the rest of my daily 50 odd emails !
So with immediate effect this address is :-

wessexsec1@gmail.com

We are also now accepting payments direct to the Club bank account for new subscribers - this option will be on the renewal forms for 2018 members wishing to renew.

Karen Gumm

Coalpit Heath Rally 2017

The Bristol and South Gloucester Club have moved their Rally at Coalpit Heath to a later date. It is now on Sunday 17th September at the usual location Frog Lane Farm.

Information by calling 01454 773232 or

www.bsgsec.co.uk

Robin Lambert

Club Events 2017

KEY:- CN - CLUB NIGHT EV - EVENT

CN Held at Old Down Inn, Emborough

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 Mr John Blackford -A talk on engineering models etc.

Aug 21st CN Fractional HP Engines brings yours along and tell us about it.

Sept 10th Model Engineering & Railway
Gala- White Horse Country Park

Sept 25th CN Stuart Burroughs - Stationary Engines made in the Bath area

Mells Daffodil Festival 2017

This years Festival was in total contrast to last year, dry and not too hot and the ground very firm. As mentioned in a previous newsletter the engine section was smaller than previous years owing to the restriction from the landowner, only 40 instead of the normal 60. The organisers plan was to fill the extra space with classic cars. Ha ha this did not happen as only 2 rows turned up about 30 cars. This left a large vacant space next to us, but not to worry the engine section was well supported with an interesting selection of engines on show, most driving a selection of pumps etc. As in previous years engine pens are set up on the Sunday thanks to help from our Chairman Eric Gay, and Committee members, Herb Gane and Gordon & Paula Guley. It did not take long thank you all very much. As is usual at this event much interest was shown by the visiting public which makes it extremely worthwhile. To all those who exhibited thank you for helping to make this such a successful event.

Brian Verrall

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President :- R Pike, H Gane, G Guley, G Sainsbury, B Coles, R Sanford, T Lawrence

Chairman's Report - April 2017

The evening meeting at the Old Down Inn on the 27th March saw 22 members gather for a very informative presentation covering the history and development of the Bristol aero engine by Mr Chris Bigg.

From the early days before World War 1 onwards through World War 2 these engines were fitted to a great many different aircraft from the humble bi plane to the bombers of 1939-1945. Many differing models were built from 9 cylinder to 16 cylinder versions, from poppet valve to sleeve valve, horse power grew as development progressed from around 300hp right through to the latest piston engines producing over 1000hp. Sadly this great engineering company is no more, washed away by the stride of progress, at least that is what we are told, Rolls Royce being the only aero engine maker left. I wonder for how much longer, when Chris showed us a photograph of the Rolls Royce works and pointing out that only 1 small building on the site has any machining facilities. The evening came to a close but not before Anne and Roger ran the raffle. Well done both and thank you for taking this job on, I find it gets more difficult as time goes by to keep trying to find different types of prizes. To all those that came along I hope you had a good evening and that you may have noticed that we had two guests with us. This is due to Jackie placing adverts in the local papers advertising our monthly meetings, lets us hope we get a few new members this way.

Now I know you will want to join me in wishing a speedy recovery to Kevin Phillips, after his major operation, six hours on the operating table, get well soon and hope to see you on the field. John Paget has been fitted with a new knee, he tells me that he has a great deal of stainless steel in his leg with a long rod going right through his leg bone, get up and running soon John we would all love to see you back with us at the Old Down Inn and at some of our outdoor events.

I spoke with Frances Armstrong just a few days ago and sadly she told me that Rob is not at all well. Frances was very pleased to learn that the Club will be giving support to the Alzheimer's charity. We will be taking collections at our outside events, except the Wessex Midsummer Vintage show as this event was started not only to help finance the Club but also to help the life limited children of the Children's Hospice Southwest.

Now on to other matters, you may have noticed that it is the Club's 40th birthday this year and the 10th year we have been staging the show at Semington. Why not make a special effort and come along to the Semington Rally this year. I know we have a lot of members scattered right across the West country and beyond, lots of you good people we never see, so why not come to our main event of the year and help make this years event even more special.

Now don't forget our next outside event. This is something new for you all, and is being run by Bryan Coles and Herb Gane. This is the crank up at Wedmore, Sweets Peat and Science Museum. This will be on May 17th, this a Sunday so you will have to go the early Church Service so you can get there on time.

Eric Gay - Chairman

Westbury Transport & Vintage Gathering - 22 -23 April 2017

Situated right under the Westbury White Horse hillside Keith and Bill Miller once again put on one of their Vintage Gatherings. Always a welcoming and laid back event, park up to the rear of your exhibit and enjoy your time here. Perhaps a little light this year on Vintage cars and stalls but a nice cosy event with something for everyone including the children. There were some fine looking and cherished commercials including a nice AEC six wheeler from the Dilton Marsh stable brought by Phil Gumm (Karen's other half) and strapped on the lorry bed for sale was a tall S.E. with what looked like a large Dynamo covered over but not for the faint hearted was this as it most likely weighed half a ton !! Also in the line was our Club member Geoff Davis with his immaculate ex BRS four wheeler flat bed looking grand in bright red livery with artist painted logos on each door. Several military vehicles were here including an armoured Personnel Carrier (no doubt a fuel drinker like galls to the mile). Close by this was a

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a Bomb Shelter set up complete with sand bag entrance. The S.E line was again well supported with some nice exhibits including Don and Will Rogers with their recent acquisition, an Independent Harvester engine of about 4hp , which after a bit of fine tuning by Will was ticking over like a pocket watch. Adrian and Richard Grant were in the line up and the local press photographer was busy snapping them so watch out in the local press. Nigel and Don from the Shaftesbury area brought some nice exhibits including a magneto magnetiser recently made by Don. He gave me a demonstration, when switched on for a few seconds it snatched an iron bar from your hands. To sum up we a nice few days here, well done to the organisers.

Robin Lambert

Vintage Day at White Horse Country Park - Sunday 9th April 2017

What a great day this was, the sun shone on us, a great deal better than last year when we nearly died of frost bite. The engines on show were very high class, thanks to all those that came and gave their support to this event. It was a shame that not more of our members came along as this event has all the facilities one could want. This year we even had a tombola run by the West Wilts Society of Model Engineers. The model club ran their small gauge trains but this year we did not have any 7" scale running as we clashed with a large event up north.

Wessex members made good use of the restaurant and bar at the Golf club, it is most kind of them to let us use their car park for our event each year. I hope that we may be able to make this into a larger event next year, with tractors , motorcycles and other vintage exhibits. We did have one unusual exhibit come along, this being a fire warden's Austin 7 with all fire fighting gear from World War 2 with its owner in authentic costume. We held our raffle at around 3pm with young Tommy Gear pulling the first ticket and would you believe it , it was his own. Tommy went home with a large Easter egg (save a bit for me Tommy !). That brought the day to a close and my thanks to all those that helped me set up on the day and to transport the ropes, stakes and water to the show.

Eric Gay

Club Jumble Sale Cranmore - 18th March 2017

The morning weather forecast was as predicted drizzle, fog and high winds so in my mind's eye I began to think how can I possibly keep our wares for sale dry ? We turned off the main road towards Cranmore Railway Station around 7.30am and an early bird had already put signs out. Passing through the gateway into the car park I was amazed to see so many stalls setting up early ! Our favourite spot was filled up so after a wave from Carol at the far end of the site we set up next to her and Kevin with the van and the trailer acting as a wind and rain break to keep our bits dry. This worked very well and then the rain cleared up and our problem was solved. I would think our Club did very well with lots of stalls and visitors despite the wrong date in the S.E. magazine but regulars would know we don't have this event on a Thursday ! It was great moving our redundant bits onto others as we have learnt a lesson if you can't sell them for 50p and don't want to keep lugging them around just flop them on a sheet with "Help Yourself" as the next stop will be the skip. We had visitors from Barnstaple to Salisbury with all the regular folk supporting the Jumble, which even if they never made a purchase, it got them out to put the World to rights ! I often reminisce how this all started as an idea from our late Chairman Brian Baker and late Treasurer Keith Nash plus a food van on site, which was later replaced by the on site Café, opening as no doubt they could see the potential. To sum up we started to pack up around 11am as the rain started up again, we had a great morning jawing and seeing our old friends and I must say I travelled home a lot lighter than on the outward journey.

Robin Lambert

SALES AND WANTED

Fuel Tanks and Crank Guards Made
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Horse Hair Combing Machine (a real museum piece)
made by Gauntlets of Yerbury Street, Trowbridge.
This is something different for the rally field
£ 300.00 ONO, part exchange for anything old and
mechanical as long as it is not too large and heavy.
Contact :- Eric Gay on 01225 754374

Wanted :- A small Drip feed oiler suitable for
fractional HP engine 1" to 1 1/4" high by 3/4" wide
Please call Eric :- 01225 754374

Do you own a John Deere Model 'E' engine and
want an instruction and parts list ?
Got a Crossley Gas or oil engine , want to re-line
the white metal shells, I have the instructions.
Interested in something different for the bookshelf,
I have a 1904 Illustrated Catalogue, showing
products by Christy & Norris, Bloomfield Road Iron
Works, and Clemsford showing milling machinery,
steam and oil engines and electric motors.
For any of the above call Eric on 01225 754374

4HP Apple Top Petter M with generator, Mechanical Hacksaw and Bandsaw, lots of spares, pulleys and
wheels and all the stuff in my workshop must be cleared. Please contact Bill Coombs on 01749 841220

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split reducing bush to fit 1.75" dia. shaft - £ 25.00
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5 spokes, 1.375 dia. bore Partial crack to face - £ 15.00
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4 curved spokes, brass bush to 1.125" bore - £ 20.00
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bore. This is a Lister part ref 392-42000 - £ 5.00
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end turned to 1" diameter to take 2.5" wide wheels
and drilled for cotter pins, Unused, overall length
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Drive belt leather 2' wide x 15ft approx, used but
good condition - £ 40.00
Drive belt heavy duty Balata with friction coating
green, 2.875" wide x 13ft long , used but very
good condition - £ 35.00
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member award what !! - Ed)

Approx 40 gallons of vaporizing oil - proper Kerosene
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Andrew Howard - deeleighfrfc@yahoo.co.uk

Wanted :- John Deere Model E engine, any
condition considered. Please contact Craig on
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Wanted :- Parts for a Bamford No 0 Corn Mill
or even a scrap mill Please Call Eric :- 01225 754374

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