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The Wessex Stationary Engine Club's Monthly Newsletter

From The Editor

We got it wrong - the date for the August meeting was in for 29th August but was actually 22nd of August, because of the bank holiday.

I do hope this did not inconvenience anyone.

We are setting the dates for next year at the next Committee meeting, I will go armed with the Bank holiday 2017 calendar and we will do better next year!

Best Wishes

Karen Gumm

Calendar of Events

Key CN= Club Night, E=Event

CN Held at the Old Down Inn Emborough at 8pm

Sept 26th CN - An illustrated talk on Cross Manufacturing & Engineering - Mr Rodney Cross

Oct 8th E - Vintage Sale at Cranmore - East Somerset Steam Railway

Oct 31st CN - Quiz Night Anne Kempson

Nov 31st Model Evening (alternative hobbies)
Eric Gay

Dec To be announced

Oct 2016 :- Last Date for Submission 19th Sept

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Out and About with Jackie and Robin

11th & 12th June saw us at the West bay Rally, but only by a stroke of luck. The Organisers stood down around 30 intending Exhibitors this year as they were so oversubscribed with entries and we were one of the unlikely 30. But by a stroke of luck I was telling a chap my sad tale at Shillingstone Rally and he said why not bring your Exhibit and place it in the display area as I have a few spare spaces allocated to me and your display would not look out of place. So we attended, we missed some old mates but made some new and have been invited to attend another event in August. Blessed with great weather the show went off very well with so much to see and with Bay only a 20 minute walk one way and Bridport half an hour the other, it's a great location.

2nd and 3rd July we were at Beaulieu, a grand location for our type of event. Held in conjunction with an Austin Seven Rally Club Rally and with the Museums vast collection of vehicles plus all the outside attractions, a day visitor here would be hard pressed to take it all in. Exhibitors can pull in to this venue on Thursday, which is nice as you can have Friday at leisure or pop off somewhere for the day as we did and had a nice time exploring Lymington.

I must say a big thank you to Chris and Dennis and all their helpers for all the hard work they put into the weekend and looking after us all and a special thank you to Carol, who got Jackie to walk round with her while selling Raffle Tickets and then took her on a walk around the Gardens and on the vintage bus and Monorail, well done Carol, a true friend.

Chairman's Report by Eric Gay

With the Rally at Semington over it was time to take stock, again the main event of the year has made a profit for the Club. By running the event each year it enables the committee to stage events for you, the committee members at no cost to yourselves. For example the Christmas party and this years day out at Bromham, along with I hope some better evening entertainment at the Old Down Inn at our monthly meetings.

It was time for me to take a holiday, so Maureen and I with two friends (yes I do have one or two !), set off for the Isle of Skye. Never been there I hear you cry, well if you have never been give it a try, it has to be God's own country , It is really great with breath taking scenery .If anyone wants an address just ask, we stay at Storr Loch Lodge just below the Old Man of Soria even get fishing rights with the cottage and it works out cheaper staying there for a fortnight that going to Dorset for a week.

Over the years we have been going to the Isle we have been blessed with marvellous weather, it was not to be this time, 14 days of rain with only 3 days when the rain shone some of the time. There is always an upside in life if you look for it and we did have an upside, the waterfalls in the mountains were truly spectacular, so it was not all doom and gloom. It is not far to drive just 614 miles from door to door, travelling times 14 hours, take out around 3 hours for food ,drink and comfort stops so all in all around 11 hours driving. I shall be looking forward to my next visit and all donations to this would be most welcome !

It was back home and back to reality, with our Club Meeting at the Old Down Inn, a talk and film presentation on the life and history of Isambard Kingdom Brunel, by Mike Rowland. This was a very interesting evening, well attended and I hope all that were there enjoyed the evening and maybe learned a thing they may not have known about this great engineer. I feel that we could do with a few more like him at the moment and then maybe we could start to climb back to the top of the tree in engineering terms.

The next thing to happen was the Club's day out at Bromham, this was at the workshops and steam engine collection which is a part of the Brown and May Trust, belonging to the Goddard family. Vintage cars, steam traction engines, Brown & May portable engines, a very large Marshall twin cylinder steam engine, a showman's engine, a large Ramson Simms & Jeffries portable engine, many steam engines being rebuilt, fire boxes being rebuilt, boilers being rebuilt and much more were on display. There were vintage and modern motorcycles, a military vehicle plus two Rolls Royce vintage cars and a Lagonda. The Lagonda was built by a member of the West Wilts Model Engineering Club along with other vintage cars he has restored and built. One other engine worth mentioning is the huge beam engine laying in the yard awaiting restoration, I very much hope this will one day be back in running order. The Club was fortunate to get an invite to Bromham and my sincere thanks must go to Michele and family for their kind invitation. I am sure all who attended had a very interesting and pleasurable time, thank you all for showing up.

We now turn to future events- run every other year it is the Berwick St John Country Fayre on 17th & 18th September. If you have never attended this event make sure you go this year as you will not be disappointed. I have attended everyone right from the start and best of all it is free to get in if you are just visiting and not exhibiting.

Please remember our Club meeting on 26th September at the Old Down Inn, An Illustrated talk on Cross Engineering by Rodney Cross, we may be lucky and have some of their motorcycles as well !

Making a Windsor Chair- Part 2 - - - By Jeremy Adams

There are two components that require bending in this design. A bow at about waist height when sitting , and a second piece that supports the chair back. The bending is done by placing the wood components in a steam box (polystyrene wall insulation box) and to generate steam (wallpaper stripper) for several hours. The wood used is ash as it has a straight grain and won't split when bent. At the process leaves the wood damp for some days, the ones we bend are kept for the next class, and we used the ones from the previous class in our chairs. The bending is done on a jig a bit like a crossbow. The ash blank has to be just the right length to fit the jig before bending, a steel band is in contact with one side of the blank and each end goes via ropes to a trailer winch. As the winch is tensioned, the wood is gradually bend round a former, and as the curve is formed, G clamps are applied to hold the bent timber tightly to the former until it is dry. The chair back and the sides consist of vertical spindles inserted and glued into the jig drilled holes in the seat top and the bent pieces. I thought the blank spindles were bought in and just cut to length but no, they were off cuts left from making the ash bows and fed through a giant pencil sharpener using an electric drill.

There were 2 final turning jobs to do before we started assembly, and that is the 2 small front turnings which are a matching pair, to my design, After much scraping and sanding with finer and finer grades of abrasive paper, the moment for assembly arrived. At each stage if assembly the components are put together dry in case any minor adjustments are required, only then is the assembly broken down for gluing. Firstly the legs and leg braces are fitted to the underside of the seat and by stepping back you can gauge if the legs are equally splayed and the whole things look symmetrical. This is the last chance to tweak things before the glue sets. Next the waist bow is fitted using the side spindles to connect to the seat top. Once again the assembly can be adjusted until it looks right. Finally the back spindles , after dry fitting, are glued in position.

I made a chair ! A beautiful chair! It's finished and it's 4 o'clock on Friday. It goes home and is proudly displayed. I am dying to sit in it but for the moment a webbing strap is keeping the back in position until the whole things dries. Tomorrow I will sit in it. After more rubbing down at home , 4 coats of finishing oil are applied with cotton pads. Each coat is applied, then after 10 minutes or so any excess is wiped off and left to dry. The next day another coat can be applied.

I can thoroughly recommend this course, it was great fun ,using the right mix of modern tools and traditional hand tools and jigs where necessary, and it was delivered by three expert craftsman. For details of this and other Skill Centre wood and metal working courses call 0800 9751905, or website www.Axminsterskillcentre.co.uk or in the back of the Axminster catalogue.

Many Thanks to Jeremy - for this - I am not at all practical or good with my hands but I found this really interesting - Editor

Social News by Robin Lambert

Way back in the April newsletter we read how Club Member Joe Davis was invited to take his huge collection of Fuel cans all the way to the Shetlands Islands. What a mammoth task and talking to Joe at South Cerney he told me bad luck struck on the epic journey, at Carlisle he was involved in a collision , which wrote off his van and his vehicle had to be recovered all the way back to Bristol. He has since found a replacement van and is back up and running again , well done Joe.

Sales		
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