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The Wessex Stationary Engine Club's Monthly Newsletter

Editors Note

Hi here's Octobers newsletter,

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Sacha Swinden Pride

Club Events 2018

26th November The Wessex Grand evening Quiz
(supper and Raffle)
December to be announced

From the Treasurer - Club Notes

We enclose with this months newsletter a separate sheet which shows a detailed account of the last three years filed accounts, on one side a detailed account of the Rally profit for the same three years.

As you are aware as a bookkeeper by trade and with my own company I am regulated by HMRC. I have to be very transparent and honest in all my work, even if, as in the case of the Wessex work - not done for a paying client

I did not want to publish draft figures - but actual ones which avoid unnecessary queries and double the work. It was also something that was never done prior to my joining and is not actually a requirement in our Club Constitution, but we felt it gave the members full disclosure.

It has taken some time these past two years for two reasons:-

- A) The combination of ill health issues in my family and trying to run a small business.
- B) Trying to work with an accountant to get to a stage where I can file these myself.

When I took over in 2014 the Club was paying nearly £800.00 a year in accountant fees, this has reduced

dramatically over the last few years to zero this year, a substantial saving.

I am happy to explain any of these figures to any members but I work with 60 companies/individual finances, I cannot remember things off hand, - so please ask the question but expect to wait a couple of days for an answer.

Karen

A Reminder of Wessex Committee Members

Chairman - Eric Gay, **Vice Chair** - Tony Lawrence, **Secretary** - Ted Edwards, **Treasurer** - Karen Gumm, Rob Stanford, Herb Gane, Gordon Guley, Gary Sainsbury, Brian Coles, **President** - Roger Pike

Chairman Report September/October 2018

Although through the pages of our newsletter I appealed for someone to take over the role of Treasurer of the club, because of the resignation of our Treasurer Karen. Over the past few years Karen has saved this club many many hundreds of pounds in removing us from an tax liability and through her expertise saving us having to have our accounts audited this would have added a huge amount to our costs.

It is with my deepest regret that I now find that without someone coming forward to take over important position I have to tell you all that it is in doubt that the Wessex Stationary Engine Club Ltd., will be able to carry on in its present form. The members of the executive committee cannot possibly take on any more work that we do not, so once again I appeal to you the club members to come forward and take on the role of club treasurer.

It is not only the role of treasurer we have to fill but we need someone to take over the job of newsletter distributor, fold them, place in envelopes and post them, please can anyone take on this job, I am sure it would not take up more that around 2 hours of your time.

I have been asked about a Christmas party, last year I only had a response from a very few people, I had to ring club members and friends to make a Christmas party viable, it cost me around £30 in phone calls, Herb Gane also rang many people again at his expense, **SO IF YOU WANT A CHRISTMAS PARTY, RING**

ME NOW do not leave it, do it now.

It was on the 6th October that members of the committee set out for the East Somerset Steam Railway, Cranmore, it was sale day, will we never get a warm dry day? It rained and rained very very heavily and we got very very wet, it was so bad that we had to call of the event by 9.30 and it was not long before we were heading back home, wet, cold and with very little money for the club funds to help with next years rally.

I have been to a meeting with the land lady of the Tuckers Grave Inn, this will be a new venue for a Sunday event and hopefully we will also stage an auto jumble as well to help raise funds.

The last meeting held at the Old Down Inn being a talk and film presentation by Paul Barnett, on the Severn Bridge Disaster was well attended and it was a very interesting evening, I think all those that attended had an enjoyable evening, the downside it was terrifically expensive, one never knows until one gets the bill.

I am now preparing a programme of events for you all for 2019, keeping my fingers crossed that we are still running the same format as now, I need a Treasurer.

Our next meeting at the Old Down on the 26th November will be the great Wessex Quiz Night, so you must all put on your thinking heads, and remember we will have a supper and raffle (bottle of whiskey most welcome) so come along and join us at the last meeting of the year.

Tony has been very busy printing all the forms for the coming year, renewals, voting forms for the AGM and all the forms for the rally by doing this it is again saving the club from huge printing costs.

Now if there is anyone willing to join the committee and help run the club just give Tony or myself a call and we can make sure that your name goes forward at the AGM.

The early part of last year I ask if any club members would be interested in a visit to Miles Stone Museum at Basingstoke. I had not one reply, I have been asked again to try and arrange this, I am informed it is a great day out. I am willing to try again but dear club members it is up to you all to let me know if you would like to go, just give me a call I will do the rest if enough people want to come along.

Well that's about the lot for this month, I hope I write with much better news in the November newsletter.

Eric Gay, Chairman WSEC

All information given will be as accurate as can be, for any errors or omissions I apologise in advance. Please note that opinions may or may not represent club policy.

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