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The Wessex Stationary Engine Club's Monthly Newsletter

From The Editor

Mainly a note from me as the Treasurer this month. Just to confirm to all Members that the accounts for 2015 have now been filed at Companies House. The profit for the year did not change from the draft given at the AGM in February of £ 3528.00, an increase of 183% on the 2014 profit.

A gentle reminder that anybody wanting to go to the social event near Devizes on the 31st July, must ring Eric.

The Annual Rally was successful once again - thanks to all those volunteers who make it possible.

Thank you for all the inserts you have given me to help collate the newsletter, I have had to run some over to next month but they will go in.

Until next time

Karen

Social News by Robin Lambert

Get well soon Christine Rogers, who has been laid up for a few weeks with a poorly leg and has missed out at some of the family's favourite events. Get well soon Chris we are all missing you.

One of our Clubs founder members Stuart Ashman is in St Martins Hospital Bath, following a stroke. He is undergoing therapy to help his mobility and we all wish him well and a speedy recovery. It was nice to see some club members at the Selwood Rally not exhibiting but visiting. Phil Riley and Ian Skuse were taking in all that was on display and it was nice to catch up on old times.

Around two dozen club members attended the funeral of our Club President Brian at Shepton Mallet to say our goodbyes, which showed what high esteem he was held in. Last month's obituary by chairman Eric was a fitting tribute to Brian, who will be missed by all that knew him.

Calendar of Events

Key CN= Club Night, E=Event

CN Held at the Old Down Inn Emborough at 8pm

July 25th	CN - Isambard Kingdom Brunel Talk by Mr Mike Rowland
July 31st	E - Special event see May Newsletter
August 29th	TBC
Sept 11th	E Model Engineering and Railway Show - White Horse Country Park, Westbury
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

Aug 2016 :- Last Date for Submission 18th July

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**Obituary - David Edgington
by Robin Lambert**

It is with great shock and sadness we learn that David Edgington has passed away. David was amongst the founder Members of our Club back in 1976 and for a long time was our Club President. Around this time he was producing a magazine called The Stationary Advertiser, which as we all know is now called the Stationary Engine Magazine and is distributed worldwide. We are all indebted to David for his help and encouragement in our hobby and sorting out and helping with all the information we so often required. For many of us he laid the Foundation Stone as to how our lives were to progress through the last four decades, determining which types of machinery we would restore, the places we would visit and above all the friendships that have been made, many carrying on to this very day. David was a very private person, always researching and feeding information to those in desperate need. He occasionally turned up at events, Beaulieu and Rangeworthy come to mind. He did come to our Club Event at Mells Daffodil Day a few years ago and made me smile when he said it was the only event he had been to and there was no one at all by their Engines, all the Exhibitors were in their vehicles as it was one of the coldest Easter's on Record ! We are all going to miss David but we all have our own fond memories of a very nice helpful man, who will be much missed. Our thoughts go out to Doreen at this very sad time

**Traction and Stationary Engine
Workshop Visit
31st July 2016**

I wont be around for a bit to take your calls telling me you would like to come to the steam and stationary engine workshops near Devizes on the above date. To date the response to the event is poor and if we don't get more people the event may have to be cancelled. However even though I will be away please leave a message if you want to attend and I will reply.

Directions to the event :-

The venue lies just off the main A342, the main road from Devizes to Chippenham Road. At the village of Bromham take the A3102 Melksham Road 1/4 mile turn left, Nonsuch Nursery, Westbroke Bromham, Devizes SN10 2ED You have arrived. I will have some sign boards out on the road. The event will run from 1pm til 5pm Sunday 31st July. PLEASE PLEASE DO NOT come unless you have let me know in advance.

Thank You
Eric Gay

Chairman's Report - June 2016 by Eric Gay

I will start this report with my trip down into Dorset, we were going to one of my favourite shows ,the Three Okefords Rally at Shillingstone, and as no doubt most of you know it was spoilt by the rain. We arrived and all was well but within a short space of time down came the rain. It was about lunchtime when I got the engine out of the trailer. It had stopped raining but it was only waiting for me to do that, I started the Alamo and within less time than it takes to say Alamo , down came the rain again. Maureen and I spent the afternoon sat with Pete and Nikki in the caravan, putting the world to rights and drinking TEA, no we did not have anything stronger. Well around 4pm I loaded the engine still in the rain and started for home , rain all the way right until we reached Westbury. We did not return on Sunday, I got a call from Pete & Nikki saying that it was a good job we stayed at home as it rained for most of the Sunday. What a shame for it really is a truly great Rally, I only hope they can recover from the loss this year and they get much better luck in 2017.

My next outing was to Rainscombe Park and poor weather struck again and we did not return on the Sunday, as when I got up around 6.30am the rain was very heavy. However around 10.30am we had a clear sky and a fine day in Trowbridge, but sadly another one day show for me.

Now that our rally is over I am going to take a holiday , on Friday 1st July I am heading for the Isle of Skye, I have just packed my kilt and bagpipes so that I will be able to entertain the good people of Skye !!

Chairman's Report - Wessex Midsummer Vintage Show 2016

Well now I was getting worried about the weather and you can all no doubt see why. The weekend of the 18th & 19th June was fast approaching, the weekend of the Club's main event the Wessex Midsummer Vintage Show. Thank our lucky stars we were blessed with dry weather right up until late afternoon on Sunday. Most exhibitors had started to pack up and head for home before the rain came down really hard. It was only the workers that got wet, loading 100 panels of Harris fencing and helping to take down the marque. At this point my thanks must go to Anne and Roger Kempson, two club members that gave up their time to help us, thank you both very much.

This years event was the largest show that the Wessex Stationary Engine Club have ever staged, and congratulations have been received from other rally organisers, traders and the general public. The field was filled to capacity with all manner of exhibits, with our working section attracting many favourable comments. My sincere thanks goes to Gary Sainsbury for once again working his magic in getting most of the exhibitors for this section, Not content with this he had the bright idea of getting a working area for the horticultural section and the exhibitors there all had fun digging in the dirt.

Pauline once again got our craft marque filled with all sorts of crafts from beads to walking sticks, wooden bowls to horse drawn model wagons. Apart from this she also sorted out our programmes, posters, flyers, car stickers and arranged our medical cover. Thanking you both is never enough, I for one do not know how we could survive without you !

Tony and Dale both did a great job on organising their sections. Tony also worked all weekend looking after the exhibitors entrance, this is no easy job and tis main hectic at times so once again thank you Tony.

It was a case of every committee member covering more and more jobs, Roy Sandford trying to keep the tractor and horticultural exhibitors happy, working all week with the rest of us without a break, putting in posts, roping up, loading and unloading and erecting the Harris fencing and then helping take everything back down after and packing away back on the farm at Whaddon.

All the haulage, erecting of posts, delivering of water and coal etc. was done by Gordon with his tractor. Said tractor only arrived back at the site on Thursday after having had many thousands of pounds spent on it after the pump controlling the transmission failed. Without Gordon's help and hard work we would be hard pressed to run the rally. Cups of tea and help from Paula, along with her display of poultry all add up to a lot of work, so to both I express my sincere thanks.

To our Brian for the work running the motorcycle section, for covering most of all the ring events and standing in for me when I was late getting to the ring parade of miniature and full size steam, (well I thought it would give him a change from talking motor bikes and what's better than a nice steam engine to talk about along with their owners !)

My thanks must also go to Karen for making sure we had everything we needed for the gate, change and a float so it would have been possible to make any payment that may have become necessary.

To our two ladies that spent most of the weekend sat taking money at the payment gate, Linda and Ruth. Without their non stop work and with only very shorts breaks on Saturday and Sunday we would have had no help on the gate , as it was at one time I had to beg help from members of the general public so as to give them both a short break.

Now I have left until last Mr John Martin. John saw my request for help in the S E M and was kind enough to give me a call, offering to help with the setting up of the event. We agreed a start on Wednesday morning and on Wednesday morning John arrived and at once started to work, that help never stopped until Monday afternoon. Without your help John we would not have been able to cope. I and the team cannot **THANK YOU ENOUGH** for all your hard work and the friendly manner that you showed to us. We all owe you a debt of gratitude and our thanks does not cover the help you provided over the weekend, once again John **THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH.**

by Eric Gay

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