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FROM THE SUMP

The first frosts are upon us – I hope you've all drained your engines that are in cold areas.....nothing more disheartening than coming to recommission an engine in the spring to find a hairline crack and water seeping out....

Into November and we are still seeing some events cropping up – there is a weekend Crank-Up at the Tuckers Grave Inn on 20th and 21st November – unfortunately this event will have come and gone by the time you read this, but there do seem to be a good number of Club members booked in. The easiest way to hear about such events these days does seem to be Facebook (like it or loather it!) so if you can, it is worthwhile joining up and at least joining the WSEC Group, where most events are publicised well in advance.

We plan to enclose a flyer in the December edition of *Cranking* detailing all the events we know to be going ahead in 2022, one for the fridge door to remind yourselves of what's going on and when. Hopefully, it will be a near-normal year, with these events going ahead and the organising committees putting a few pounds back into the coffers securing the shows for the foreseeable future.

That's all from me.....until next month.....*David*

WELCOME to our new members who have recently joined the Club, we hope you enjoy your membership, hope to see you at some Club events in the future. Don't be shy, we're a friendly bunch!

Jon Fear & Susan Anderson

Glenn Box

David & Lynne Hayes

David Foxwell

James Hael

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Well another month passes by and I have yet again to start with very sad news.

I learned that on Saturday the 30th October of the very sudden death of Suzanne Edwards, the beloved wife of our secretary Ted.

My thoughts and the thoughts of many others are with Ted at this very sad time and I know that all of us on the Committee of the Club would like to express our sincere condolences at this time to Ted and all of Suzanne's relations and friends.

I have also just been informed of the sudden death of the curator of the Breamore House Museum, near Fordingbridge, Hampshire. Many of you who attended the rallies at Breamore would have known Phil.

I know that you would want to pass on your sincere condolences to all Phil's relations and friends at this time.

Now on a happier note the sale at Cranmore, this was very well attended, with a large number of stalls, many buyers and lots of goodies changing hands. After paying the railway, the Club had an income of just over £350.

To all those that gave their support to this event may I express my sincere thanks on behalf of the Club.

I have arranged with the railway for another sale in 2022, the date for our next sale will be March 19th 2022, giving you lots of time to find more goodies to sell and make lots and lots of money.

I must admit that I went home with more money than I had when I arrived, one other bonus was that a very nice club member found me a working coil for a Villiers flywheel magneto! Thank you Michael, I have not yet found the time to fit this but it is on the list of things to get done.

It will be nice if I can get the British Amsami outboard engine running as it was given to me and I do like things for free.

With the date now fixed for our next sale please may I ask for a volunteer or two who may like to come along and help out with gate duties for a couple of hours, it would be a great help and give a little relief to those that have manned the gate for many years, if you can help please let me know (01225 754374)

Now I must do an advert for S E M, Vintage Spirit and Old Glory along with any other magazines I can think of. I am desperately looking for speakers and the like for 2022 - I know I have asked before but please if you know of anyone that may be able to give a talk or any other form of evening entertainment (keep it clean!!! *Ed*) for our club members at the Old Down Inn, please let me know. I, myself have been approached by two clubs to give talks on guess what? That's right.....Stationary Engines and steam engines later in 2022, I have never done this but they say there is a first time for everything so I am willing to give it a go, I can only try.

With the dark nights now upon us and it being too cold or dark to get out in the workshop and sitting in front of the TV is boring you to tears why not give our magazine editor David a surprise and write an article for our newsletter, I know he would be thrilled to receive an article for Cranking, so get writing, why not?

Well, that's it now for another month. Take care, stay safe. *Eric Gay*, Chairman WSEC 01225 754374

TAPPETS TEA-TIME TEASERS

Here is a twist on our normal tea-time teasers. The following are all anagrams of famous scientists with clues given of their notable inventions in the brackets underneath. See if you can identify all 8 names.

1. Demo Astonish
(Light Bulb/Motion Picture Camera)
2. Oil Gale
(Made improvements on the Telescope)
3. Jolt Hurtle
(Seed drill and horse-drawn hoe)
4. Uncle Will Mail
(Basis of first refrigerator)
5. Tamest Jaw
(Improved on Newcomen's Steam Engine)
6. Breaches Lab Gab
(First mechanical computer)
7. Blend Ale Relax
(First practical telephone)
8. Natural Gin
(Computer science pioneer)

Answers on page 4.....

SHEPPYS CIDER – MUSEUM EXHIBITS

Sheppy's Cider Farm at Bradford-on-Tone near Taunton are currently looking to reduce their museum space and need to dispose of some of their exhibits. In particular they have a binder which they need to dispose of as quickly as possible.

All items are in good order and have been stored in the museum for probably 40 years.

If you are interested in discussing any of these items, please do get in touch.

There are photos of all items on our website - <https://wessexsec.org/sheppeys/>

Do get in touch with Sheppys if you are interested in anything 01823 461233 or louisa@sheppycider.com

EVENTS CALENDAR 2022

Below are dates gleaned by myself and others for events that are going ahead at this point in time for 2022. Let's hope we can get back to a near-normal season of rallying and great events such as The West Bay Rally can go ahead.

Dec 29 - Club Crank-up at Whaddon Farm, Hilperton, Trowbridge BA14 6NR 9am – 4pm
Jan 1 – Junction 24 Bridgwater Livestock Market New Year's Day gathering of cars, trucks, tractors etc
Jan 29 - 30 Somerset Tractor Show
March 19 – Club Cranmore Sale
April 29 - 2 May Abbey Hill, Yeovil
May 21 - 22 Three Okeford, Shillingstone Show
May 28 - 29 Castle Combe Steam Rally
May 28 - 29 Organford Classic
June 11 - 12 Rainscombe
June 11 - 12 Wiltshire Steam and Vintage
June 18- 19 Club Rally at Semington
June 25 – 26 Morwellham all-makes Engine Rally, Tavistock, Devon
July 9 - 10 Sedgemoor Vintage Show TA9 3RH
July 9 - 10 Pilford Heath
July 16 – 17 Ducklington
July 16 - 17 Durrington Vintage Show
July 22 - 24 Netley Marsh Steam Rally
July 22 - 24 Boconnoc, Cornwall
August 5 – 7 West Somerset Railway Association Steam Fair, Norton Fitzwarren, Taunton
August 5 - 7 South Cerney Steam Rally
August 5 - 7 Purbeck Rally
August 13 - 14 Somerset Festival of Transport
August 20 - 21 Yesterday's Farming
August 25 - 29 Great Dorset Steam Fair
August 28 - Wallop Gathering, Andover
September 10 - 11 Longstock Rally
September 24 - 25 Somerset Festival of Transport, Frome
Sept 9 - 11 Swanage Railway
Oct 1 - 2 Burley Steam Gathering

This listing is for guidance only, please verify the show details before travelling. If you have any information to add to this listing, please do get in contact. *More info to be added as time goes by. Ed*

EVENT REPORT



Last weekend (Nov 20-21) there was a late-season Crank-Up/Engine Show organised and hosted by others at the Tuckers Grave Inn Campsite and Pub near Radstock, what a fab location! Not the nicest place to get to, but once there, there was plenty on offer from the pub, a warm welcome, a roaring fire and some pretty decent beer.....took me a few pints to come to that conclusion though!

With the weather being so settled well into November, it was a good excuse for a weekend away with a couple of engines. I took my 6hp Petter M direct-coupled DC generating set (which looked and sounded fab well into the evening) and a tatty old Blackstone engine.

The Saturday was quite poorly attended as I guess many have other commitments on Saturdays with work etc but we had fun running our engines and chatting as you do, the weather being pleasantly warm.

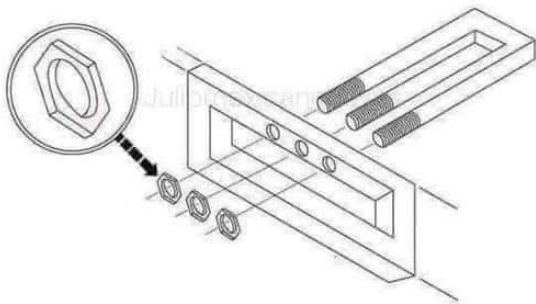
Sunday was much busier but boy, did the wind blow up over and across the site, it made for a very chilly day indeed. But we stayed pretty dry throughout and a good day was had by all.

Good to see more than a few Club members there – running an event this close to winter is always a gamble but this one paid off. Hopefully a decent sum of money was raised for the Paediatric Ward at the RUH. *David Lacey*



Here's a teaser for you.....

It gets worse the longer
you look at this.



TAPPETS TEA-TIME TEASERS – ANSWERS

1. Thomas Edison
2. Galileo
3. Jethro Tull
4. William Cullen
5. James Watt
6. Charles Babbage
7. Alexander Bell
8. Alan Turing

OPEN DAY

I'm having an Open Day on Saturday December 4th 10am-3pm or so at my industrial premises in Wellington, where I'll get as many engines out as possible and run them, you are more than welcome to bring one of yours to run should you wish. More than a few Club members are coming along, please pop along if you like. I might be able to stretch to free tea and coffee, maybe some biscuits too. Unit 4 Tonedale Industrial Estate, Milverton Road, Wellington TA21 0AN. *David Lacey* - 07927 794342 or editor@wessexsec.org

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