

THE SARUM MODEL TRACTION ENGINE CLUB

Affiliated to the Southern Federation of Model Engineering Societies.

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Welcome to the Sarum Model Traction Engine Club newsletter.

Your Committee members are:

Pete Parrish, Chairperson
Charlie Warne, Treasurer
Roger Melton, Committee member
John Findley, Committee/webmaster
Martyn Jones, Secretary/Newsletter editor

Forth Coming Events.

- 21st July.** **Durrington Village Show and Classic Vehicle Gathering.**
Coal and water supplied. Details. Martyn Jones 01980 653385.
- 3rd,4th August.** **Club 2 day steam up and road runs,** overnight camping etc, non club members welcome with engines at the club house, Andover. Further details from Peter Parrish, tel. 01980 610346, (coal and water supplied).
- 25th August.** **Wallop Vintage Gathering and Car Boot Sale** at the Over Wallop Sports Field, Salisbury Lane. 10.00am-4.00pm. Sarum Club has been invited to attend. Entry forms from club secretary.
- 26th August.** **Newton Tony Steam Up and Road Run** (Bank Holiday Monday, Newton Tony Village Feté) Coal and water supplied, details Pete Parrish.

Date for the Diary 14th July, "Brown and May" Day, Devizes, Wiltshire. Brown and May Ltd was a well known firm in its day, whose works were the North Wilts Foundry, Devizes.

Don't forget to send your entry form in for the **Wallop Vintage Gathering and Car Boot Sale**, The organisers are supplying coal for the engines and entry forms are available from the show secretary Mr Tony Macey (tel. 01264 781571) or our club secretary.

The latest Chairman's report.

First of all there are still a few members who have **NOT PAID** their subs. PLEASE send your subs in this month or those who have not will no longer receive a news letter . Its only £7 per year!!!
Club steam up and road run on the 3rd and 4th August I hope to see many members. Those wishing to attend both days can camp on the grass near the club house. Toilets and water will be available and the club house will be open for refreshments.
Club member Mike Penny has had his hip replaced and is making a good recovery.
A few club members attended the annual open day at Twyford pumping station near Winchester on the 7th July while other members played at other events. The club stand was on display at Twyford which caused some interest with three new members joining us.
I have attach a couple of photos. *Pete Parrish*



Steve and Jackie Anderson's 4" Burrell and Tony and Heather Taylors 4 1/2" Burrell also the appearance of a new member of the family Edward the dog.



New member Richard Upton's 3" Burrell Traction engine, he is also building a 2" Fowler



The third picture is an up to date view of my ploughing engine.

A Life Time Passion for Steam, by Mike Penny. (continued from the June Newsletter)

Appleford 1959 The Rally. The morning after our journey I awoke about 6.30am, it was of course daylight and I wondered for a moment where I was in this long narrow tent, Bob was there still asleep but Ted was missing, I got up and went through the flap, Ted was behind the van and had the back doors open lighting the Primus stove, he got it going put the kettle on then said "we had better find some milk". The rally was of course held on Arthur Napper's Bridge Farm and we could hear somewhere close a milking parlour engine running, we reckoned it had to be that this early in the morning, we followed the sound and soon found the dairy, the man doing the milking was willing to help us and filled a bottle Ted had brought with him. When we got back to the van Bob was up, Ted then made tea and while we were drinking it Bob said "did you chaps take any notice of where we slept last night" we said we had not and both went to look, what we thought was the back wall of the tent was actually a partition running up the length of the tent forming a corridor, this partition had a number of openings with doors on along its length and further inspection revealed an elongated cubical behind each door and at the far end was a box with a hole in the top, we assumed there was a bucket inside the box, we did not investigate any further because by this time we realised that the tent was set up ready for the rally's ladies toilet, we had a good laugh about where we had spent the night while we had breakfast, as soon as we had finished we loaded all our night gear etc. back into the van and drove back down to the village. Bob started on all the drivers jobs and soon had the fire going, Ted and I took out all the lamps, took the belt off and rolled it up then started cleaning, The Prince was still quite hot from the previous late evening so Bob soon had enough steam to move, Ted drove the van back up the rally field Bob and I ambled along behind with the Prince. Ted and I carried on cleaning and we had everything finished just before midday we were washing our hands and Bob climbed up on the footplate to check the fire, looking in the box he could see water running down the tube plate, a couple of tubes in the top row were leaking, of course just at that moment Mr Barber arrived. The farmyard was next to the rally field and a way into it just in front of us, we took the Prince into the yard and parked next to a water trough, Bob raked out the fire dropped the ash pan and fire bars then turned on the injector to fill the boiler, we uncoiled the lifter pipe put it in the trough and filled the tanks, this was to use as much steam as possible, we had about 180lbs on the gauge when the leak was spotted Bob left the steam turned on to the injector and when the pressure was eventually down to 20lbs on the gauge he took a large piece of cloth soaked it in water and wrapped it around his head and shoulders, then taking the tube expander he crawled in under the firebox stood up inside inserted the expander and rolled the tubes until they stopped leaking, fortunately they sealed quite quickly and Bob was soon out looking as though he had been in a sauna, which I suppose it must have been like in the box only much hotter and with a lot more steam. We soon had the fire bars back in and the ash pan bolted in place, the fire was relit and the pressure soon quite high again we washed our hands again climbed aboard the Prince and drove to the beer tent where Mr Barber bought us all a drink, we then took part in the Parade at 2.00pm which opened the rally, I was invited to take the regulator and drive in the parade the only time I ever drove the Prince. From this point on I cannot remember much about the rest of the day I think we probably parked somewhere in full view put the lamps in and belt on and generated till the rally ended, we would have then shut down, sheeted up, loaded the belt and lamps, cans of oil and our other bits in the van and drove home. On the way back I am sure Bob said something about not picking up water from ponds it can make the tubes leak, he had heard some where back in the past years whether true or not that couple of days were two we would not forget for a long time.

The Southern Federation of Model Engineers have a new web site, constructed for the benefit of its member clubs and associations it contains a host of useful information relative to model engineering and running a club or society. www.southernfed.co.uk

The Bristol Model Engineering and Hobbies Exhibition is on from the 16th to the 18th August 2013, again at the Thornbury Leisure Centre near Bristol post code BS35 3JB for those with sat navs. Admission prices are adult £9.00 senior £8.50 and junior £4.00, queue hopper tickets are available and may now be purchased online at www.bristolmodelengineers.co.uk .

Another date for the diary is the 7th and 8th September, a local model railway society are staging an exhibition in the Village Hall at Woodgreen near Fordingbridge (same venue as our May event) and have invited our club to attend with their engines to display/steam outside the hall. Further details will be published as they become available but in the mean time if you have any queries please give Charlie Warne a call on 01725 512805.

For Sale and Wanted

Large quantity of “Old Glory” and “Vintage Spirit” magazines, FREE ! (Martyn Jones 01980 653385)



For Sale, 4” Garrett traction engine recent boiler test, sound reliable engine, sensible offers around £13,000. further details, contact Ken Brown, tel. 07900024312

For Sale, Cast iron fire grate suitable for a 4 to 4½” engine, size 6½” x 7” x ¾” with tapered fire bars, (could be trimmed to fit smaller fire box). Donation to club funds. Details John Gardner 02380 783079

“Just The Ticket Engineering Supplies”, Roger Melton (club member) can supply from stock tools and materials for the model engineer and the light engineering industry. Typical stock includes drills, reamers, taps and dies, various lathe and milling cutters, BA nuts, bolts and washers, rivets, paints, steel/brass stock and much more. Catalogues are available so please give him a call on 01980 610058.

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