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The Wessex Stationary Engine Club's monthly newsletter

## From the Sump

Welcome to your new look newsletter. My first action must be to extend a profound vote of thanks to the retiring Editor, Brian Baker, who has kept the Wessex flag flying with dedication and enthusiasm for twelve years. Bryan will continue to write for the newsletter and I look to him in particular for social news as he knows the membership much better than me.

I think that a regular newsletter is a very important thing, not just to keep us all informed, but also to keep us all together. A well-informed club is an active club.

I've no intention of changing things for the sake of change and the features you know & like will continue – Event Reports, the Market Place, Events, New Members etc. Naturally, I've one or two ideas of my own I'd like to introduce and these I'll sneak in when no-one's looking!

One of these is **Featured Engine** and I've started off with one of my own. Chances are that if you own a particular breed of engine or machine, you know a fair amount about it – so let's have a couple of photos and some words. They can be about your engine in particular or about the breed in general, but some of both would be good.

Photos and line drawings will be especially welcome. If you send one in, please make sure it has your name & address on the back so we can return it.

I've seen articles from time to time written by people who operated engines and other machinery when both they and the engines were a good deal younger. I think this is a very important part of our heritage and would especially welcome more of this sort of thing. It might be a working experience or adventures in Service life – anything to do with antique engines & the mechanical contrivances they drove will find a welcome here.

In conclusion, I've arranged that each WSEC newsletter in future will be available as a PDF from the Society's website (URL top right) They will build into a useful archive and hopefully encourage new members to join us.

**Keep 'em running – Kim.**

## Moving the Metal

### For sale

**Ruston Hornsby PB.** 1.5BHP, July 1939. Has the sought after Villiers flywheel magneto. Turns smoothly, good compression. Needs float, needle & cap. £100.00. Kim Siddorn – 0117 964 6818

**Lister D, Petter A 2 x, Villiers Diesel.** All except one Petter are dismantled but complete. They were all "roundtoits" but now the owner finds himself without the incentive to finish them. He wishes to encourage young engine enthusiasts and they are free to suitable homes. **WARNING!** They will need collecting from Brighton! *Further details upon application to the Editor.*

### Wanted

**Triumph WW2** generating set. The one based on the Speed Twin engine. Kim Siddorn – 0117 964 6818.

**Desperately Seeking....**whereabouts of **Lister D11** S/No 81802 with a view to repurchase if possible please. Last seen mounted on mahogany coloured trolley in Somerset area. Eric Brain, 01761-452633

**Three drawer metal filing cabinet.** 18" wide x 25" deep x 40" high. Slightly tatty but serviceable & free to collector. Phone David Griffiths on 01373 464898

### Information please

**Norman SC gen set.** A friend has an SC & would like to hear from the Wessex member that owns the complete unit I saw at a crank up last year. Please contact Mark Howard on 07739 380708 [mark.howard10@ukonline.co.uk](mailto:mark.howard10@ukonline.co.uk)

The big two stroke Reid engine seen at Astle Park this year. Sounded like a field gun firing!



Articles, cartoons, photos etc are always very welcome – this is not a one-man band, but an expression of all our thoughts and experience. Submissions can be handwritten, (if brief), typed or word-processed - it is the content we're after, not the grammar or spelling, so please don't feel your efforts will be ignored. Opinions expressed in this newsletter may or may not represent club policy

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