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The Wessex Stationary Engine Club's monthly newsletter

From the Sump

I hope you all had a Happy Christmas and are looking forward to an interesting new year. No doubt many will be feeling the first stirrings of getting back into the workshop & fettlin' the beasts for the season. I wandered in amongst my Iron Charges yesterday on pretext of looking for something & got quite twitchy – bit cold yet though!

I'm always rather surprised by the good attendance we get at our crank ups. I remember thinking when I first joined that it seemed like a lot of trouble to go to for one day, let alone a couple of hours of an evening, but I was soon hooked and now you'd not keep me away. This holiday, I attended the Wessex do at the Old Down Inn and also went to Frog Farm for the Bristol & SGSEC winter event. There were equivalent numbers at both, around fifty people & eighteen engines. Both clubs supplied hot food & it was interesting to see different engines on two days close together.

Quite a few members live in the Bristol area and I suggested to the committee a while ago that it might be welcomed if we had a crank up in the Bristol area. Therefore, I'm arranging a crank up for Wessex at the Avon Valley Railway at Bitton Station. I've already done a site visit, met with the operations manager & you will notice the new addition to our Calendar of Events. We shall be in the top car park & event details will follow as appropriate. You can learn more about the site here:- <http://www.avonvalleyrailway.org/>

You must all have noticed that this newsletter is substantially written each and every month by myself, Eric Gay and Robin Lambert. There are regular contributions from Brian Baker & Jackie Lambert keeps me up to speed with social news like birthdays and things like that. There are occasional features from Tony Davis and others. I am not at all fazed by this, as it is usually the case with club newsletters that the same people do all the work! I am especially grateful to them all for their continuing help. Therefore, it is especially pleasant that we have a "Featured Engine" by Andy Vincent and an excellent visit write up by Michael Jennings.

Please do contribute something yourself. It is not a test and there are only Brownie points for your efforts! Go on, you know you want to!

Moving the Metal

For sale

Lister D. Two near complete engines & many spares - £100 ono. **Amanco** mag bracket & gear £60 ono. **Magnetos**, Lucas RS1, a/c, gwo £40 each ono. EIC, gwo £80 ono. **Blowlamp**, large USA made brass lamp & soldering iron £30. **Draper** 140 amp fan cooled welding plant, good order £40. **Grease gun**, old, iron & brass £5. **Brass oil can** by Eagle. Rare £150, no offers. **Well hand pump** as found £50 ono. **Old Glory** Magazines, large quantity, good condition £30. **Model boats.** An RAF rescue launch, plus another launch, good condition - £100 each. Tug, needs some work £50 ono. **Greenhouse**, 8x6, stripped & ready to move £45. **Kitchen scales** with brass weights £25. **Sewing machine**, shuttle bobbin, cased. Good condition £15 ono. **Vauxhall Vectra.** Top of the range, ring for details For all above ring Eric on 01225 754374

Lister D, Class 3/4. Chain drive mag, no date. Mostly complete & sound. As found & requires work. No trolley. £30 ONO. **Richmond** 01 horizontal mill with power feed and vertical head. **Alba** 1A shaper. Half a ton each & cheap - buy 1 get 1 free! Buyer to collect from Newton Abbot area. Both above phone Dave Ashwell on 01626 355019

WANTED "Stationary Engine" Magazine. Now only need 16,17,18,19,24-34,36. Have early copies to swap! phone Kim Siddorn 0117 964 6818

Official Notice of AGM

You are hereby notified that the club's AGM will be held at The Old Down Inn at Emborough, Somerset, BA3 4SA on the evening of 25th February 2008. The meeting will commence at 8.00pm. Officers will stand for election, club business be decided & it is your right and privilege to attend & have your voice heard. This year, the Executive Committee have exhaustively discussed and updated our Constitution & it will be put forward for ratification at this AGM.

Remember, decisions are made by those who turn up!

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. The editor reserves the right to change, edit, augment or lessen your Deathless Prose and asks all to note that opinions expressed in this newsletter may or may not represent club policy

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