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OBITUARY

John Brooks, 1932 – 2011

Brian Baker, Chairman. It is with sadness that I announce the death of long serving member John Brooks. John died from a recent illness on Sunday 24th April. He was hoping to get out of hospital in time to exhibit his engines at Mells, but unfortunately he died the day before Mells took place.

John was a Wessex club member for longer than I can remember. He was an avid collector of all things to do with engines and machinery, anyone who has been to John's house can vouch for this as there were engines, vehicles, spare parts etc everywhere. He could always be relied on to supply that elusive spare part that members required to complete a restoration project for a very modest cost. He always spoke his mind and if he had anything to say he'd let you know, as he did to me on many an occasion about club matters.

He attended all our events with a variety of different engines; his biggest joy was attending auctions where he invariably bought numerous lots. At the auctions we put on in the past, where I was auctioneer, John was a big help as he started the bidding for nearly every lot, the only draw back was he opened each bid at £1.00, which gave me a lot of work to reach the eventual selling price.

John will be sorely missed, he was a stalwart member of the club. No longer will members have a vast stock of spares to draw from, and I will miss his banter and advice.

It was only recently the club made John a life member, such was the regard we had for him, it is a pity he did not live long enough to take advantage of this accolade. Our consolation and sympathy goes to his wife Jean and family for their sad loss.

Kim Siddorn. He was a well known, long term member of our club, a very knowledgeable man and a great character. Like me, he liked to bargain to & fro & it only irritated him if you accepted his price straightaway! I shall miss him.

Brian Baker. The Funeral of John was held at Bath Crematorium on the 16th May at 1pm. Eighteen members of the Wessex Stationary Engine Club attended to pay their respects to John. The members present were, Brian Baker, Eric Gay, Jon Ivens, Kim Siddorn and Brian Verrall (all from the committee) and members Paul Chant, Adrian Grant, John Hancock, Robin and Jackie Lambert, Ken Lines. Phil Marshall, John Paget, Don and Christine Rogers, Mike and Anne Snook, Brian Taylor and Trevor Ware - if I have missed anyone out, then I apologise. The crematorium was packed to capacity with standing room only for many of the 75 or so mourners present. It was a sad time for all those present who had known John for a long time and had many dealings with him. **R.I.P.**

Moving the Metal For sale

Home built "one man" caravan. Ideal to take your engine to a two or three day rally. Bed, gas cooker etc. 7' x 4'6" wide, Front caravan window & two rear doors. I'm sure most of you have seen it with me at the rallies in the past 4 or 5 years. If interested come and look at it and make me an offer. Phone Glen James 01458 253391. Langport Trailer 6' x 3' x 16" deep. With winch & on Ford Fiesta wheels. Phone Tony on 0137 346498

Lister D, running, not on trolley - £80 ONO. **Lister generator** 50/75 Volt 17 Amp, nice bit of kit. £250. RS1 Magneto £60. ML CK type1 magneto – good spark £60. ML CK 1 requires overhaul £15. I have other mags for sale – give me a ring. Eric Gay 01225 754374

Steerable wooden trolley, heavy duty, 4'8" long, 1'10" wide. Matching 6 spoke 14" wheels. Needs a little TLC. £65ono. Phone Ed Carp on 01458 210929

Length of steel shafting, 2½" diameter, 9ft long with 2 plumber blocks. A bit rusty but a lot of useful steel for only £5. Buyer collects. Tel. Tom Randall 01761 418926

Detroit 2.5 HP vertical, circa 1913. £750. **International Titan** 1HP horizontal £1,050. **International,** M type, LT, 3HP, 1920, £450. Tel John: 0122 5340432 or email wjohnfire@virginmedia.com.

WANTED

8" or 10" iron wheels – can you help? Eric Gay 01225 754374

Four to five inch **flat belt pulley.** Petter A1 starting handle. Phone R. Champion 01275 892944

ABC engine. Particularly 1915 250cc Firefly but anything considered. Good price paid for right engine!

Stuart Turner flat twin generator complete. Alternatively, I just need the (apparently!) special dynamo. PLEASE look under your bench for one! (photo 2)

Both above, phone Kim Siddorn 0117 964 6818

Engines wanted

Southwick Scouts event 18th June (only)

Tony Davis runs this small event every year and is looking for a few engines. Contact Tony direct on 0137 346498

Please note that the West of England rally at St Stithians Cornwall has a new stationary engine steward. If you are intending to attend PLEASE phone David Roskilly, 14, St Aulvurns Estate, Praze, Camborne, TR14 0LE 01209831856 or 07967 175874 to ensure you get your passes – even if you have applied in writing.

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 should be preferably typed or word-processed or even handwritten, (if brief), - 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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