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The Wessex Stationary Engine Club's Monthly Newsletter

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From the Sump

Wessex is still the largest stationary engine club in the country, I believe. Just look at the calendar of events for next year – none could say that we are inactive! I am ever the optimist, especially in the affairs of men. Whenever you really need someone in club life, someone can be found who didn't run away fast enough to do the task at hand. The trouble is that the old guard who have been deeply committed to keep Wessex SEC going over the years are feeling our age, I'm afraid. I'll not echo Brian's comments, but – well – something must be done.

We are going through a difficult patch at the moment and I'm sure it is only temporary with new members joining and younger people coming into the hobby. It is to these new members that I speak now. Guys, we need you. First and foremost, we need a Secretary to answer the occasional letter and generally deal with the day to day running of the club. It is not an onerous task and one that could be done by anyone who can read and write reasonably well. Bonus if you can use a computer! Frankly, it is a job capable of development and an enterprising person could make both the job and the club a much more vital organisation. There will be many who are shy of putting their hand up and themselves forward, but I do assure you that a very warm welcome awaits anyone with the initial nerve to do so. Like I said – guys, we need YOU.

Peter Harris (the ex museum owner from France) is restoring a Petter A1 with a Sykes pump. circa 1940/50. He is looking for the brass instruction plates on top and side of the engine. Can any members help (perhaps transfers instead) Black and white Diamond shape "Petter". You can get hold of him most easily by e-mail - pnpharris@yahoo.com

Jackie & Robin Lambert have a new e-mail address Jackierobin66@gmail.com

Putting your stuff away for the winter? I'll remind you of my favourite thief deterrent – put the biggest engine you've got across the entrance to your store and take the wheels off.

With modern fuels liable to attack rubber and the copper in your fuel systems, I'd drain them all out, spraying a good whoosh of Duck Oil into the petrol tank before dropping in an oily rag on a string.

Moving the Metal

For sale

Ruston Hornsby P.B. 1.5 hp. Restored. £190.
Norman SC. Good Spark. Needs some TLC. £70.
Pair of strong aluminium runners. 5'10" X 5" £25.

Phone John Emery 01761451665

Flat bed braked trailer with headboard. Low load bed 4ft 6ins wide by 8ft long. With ramps, winch & rear steadies. Nearly new 165x13 8 ply tyres & spare. Sufficient for Lister L type on a proper trolley! £200.

More details, phone Graham. 07843 583855. Trowbridge.

Lucas SR1 magneto. Good sparking condition. £55 ono
Phone Steve on 01749 670379

Allen Sythe Almost new cutter £90

Phone Frank on 01373 832678

Nissan "Cargo" vanette. 1996, 2.3 Deisel. 203k, Recent tyres, service, cambelt. MOT March. £800 ono. I have various mags – give me a ring.

All the above - Eric Gay 01225 754374

International, M type, LT, 3HP, 1920, £450. Tel John: 01225 340432 or email wjohnfire@virginmedia.com.

Slate switching board by Nevill, 38" by 28". 6" brass cased instruments. In totally unmolested and unrestored condition. Photos available by e-mail. £400 ONO.

WW2 Lauson engine driving small compressor. Unusual little unit with underslung petrol tank and diaphragm pump. Restored. On steel frame ready to rally.

Both above. phone Kim Siddorn 0117 964 6818

WANTED

No. 52 Steel Detachable Chain as used on conveyors. Looking for 10 yards, but any quantity will do.

Phone Gerald Atherton - 01934 852670

Stuart Turner R2Ycylinder side plate with "STUART" cast into it.
Phone R. Champion 01275 892944

Vincent industrial engine powered compressor.

Pultra lathe or parts. 1510 Or 1710 considered.

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 **Electro-Dynamic Corporation** dynamo. PLEASE look under your bench for one!

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PLEASE NOTE

- **In future I'll run ads for TWO months. If you want to run it again, you'll have to phone me.**
- **I'm prepared to print a SMALL photo of your engine etc in this column IF I have space.**
- **The picture must be clear and contrasty .**

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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