

THE SARUM MODEL TRACTION ENGINE CLUB

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Welcome to the Sarum Model Traction Engine Club newsletter.

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Forth Coming Events.

- 26th August.** Wallop Vintage Gathering and Car Boot Sale at the Over Wallop Sports Field, Salisbury Lane. 10.00am-4.00pm. entry forms from Martyn Jones (Sec).
- 27th August.** (Bank Holiday Monday). Newton Tony Village Fete. Sarum Club steam event. Details Pete Parrish 01980 610346 (entry forms from Pete Parrish)
- 15th, 16th, September.** Bi-Annual Berwick St John Country Fayre, club have been requested to support this charity event, further details to follow.
- 7th October** Wyke Down road run.
- 2nd, 3rd, 4th, November** Model Engineering Exhibition at Sandown Park, Esher, Surrey, more details www.modelengineersshow.co.uk

Don't forget this months club event on the 27th August (Bank holiday Monday) at the Newton Tony Village Fete, in the past years we have always had an excellent line up of steam powered models and exhibits for the model tent. If you are attending or if you have any models for the model display please let Pete Parrish know (01980 610346).

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Bi-Annual Berwick St John Country Fayre, to be held on the 15th and 16th of September, our club has been invited to support this charity event, it has been proposed that we have several engines attending along with the gazebo and club display board, vehicle passes and exhibitors passes have been applied for along with camping passes. Any member who would like to attend and is not already booked in with the organisers please contact myself or Pete Parrish.

Summer BBQ and Steam up 5th August.

Where did all the engines go? The Club Road Run and BBQ only attracted six engines. Roger Melton's Fowler, Tony Taylor with his Foden and Four Burrells with Pete Parrish, Martyn Jones, Trevor Clay and Andy Rogers.

Only three engines set out on the road run due to a malfunction with The Linnet, Tony having a bad back and Andy staying behind to give his grandson a driving lesson round the yard, young Elliot did very well. a credit to his teacher

The only problem on the run was Pete's engine shedding a tyre again, after everyone returned an excellent BBQ was cooked by Martyn and Dave Watts who should have a gold olympic medal for catering and another for Anne Parrish for supplying us with her special cakes.

Other members attending without engines were Ted Austin, Paul Hudson, Paul Cosens, Charlie Warne and John Gardener, my apologies to any one that I might have missed.

A special Thanks to Derek Marder for allowing us to use the yard.

By Heather Taylor



Andy Rogers leaving the yard with his 4" Burrell at the Summer BBQ and Steam Up.

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

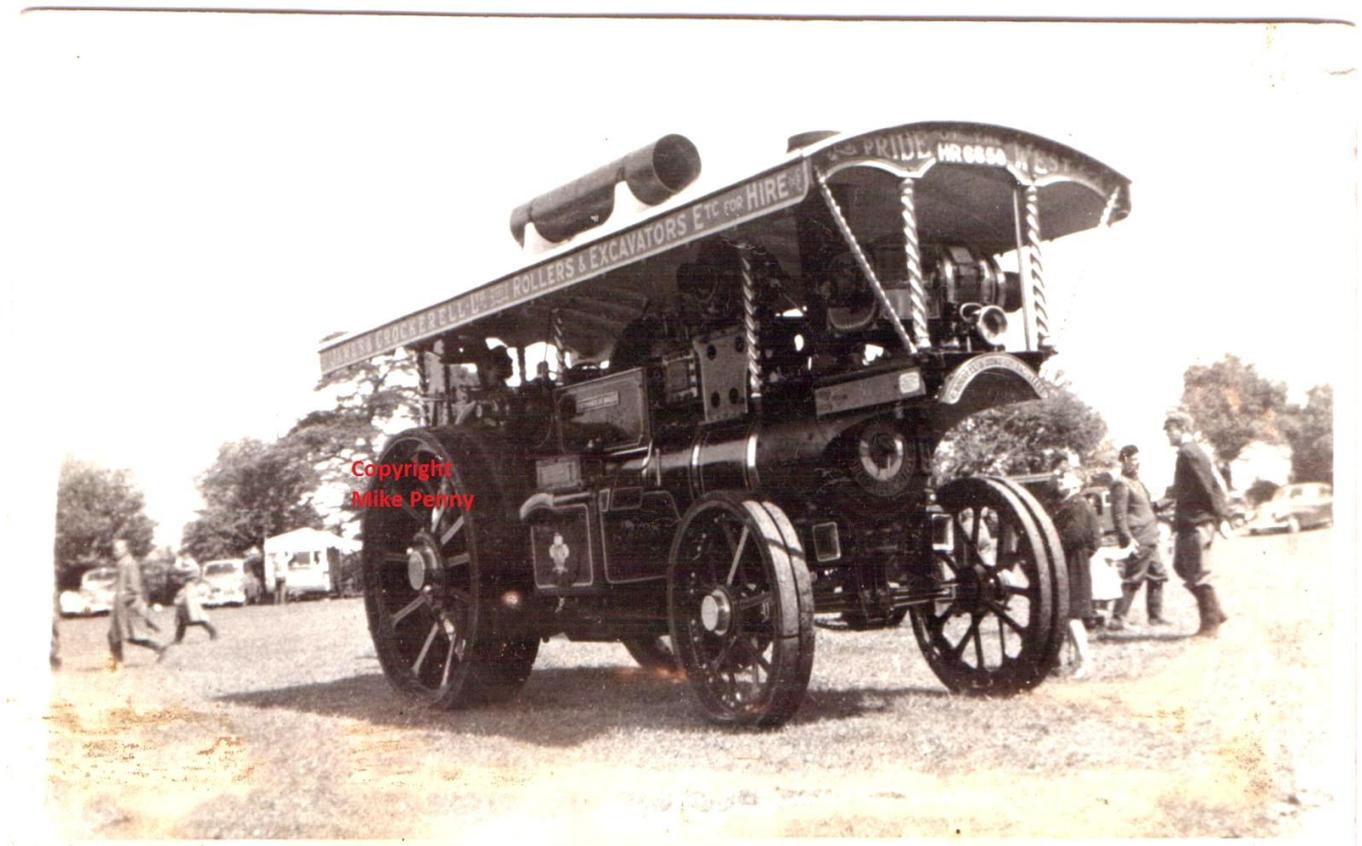
I start this month by referring to a saying I am sure most of you must have heard over the years, the one that states "ones memory is never as good as one thinks it is" and I am sorry to say mine is worse than most. I have in my possession photos taken at the Andover Rally I believe in 1957 and 1958 they were obviously taken with my old box camera but I cannot remember taking them or even being there so I cannot go into any detail about either rally. I have checked with the Andover programmes for both years and some of my photos check with the engines listed the most obvious one is the scenic showman's engine "Prince of Wales" this was her first time out in 1957 after the overhaul and re-paint the previous winter, if one compares this photo with the one in last months newsletter it can be seen the exciter dynamo that was up on the front is now in its correct position behind the chimney and the outer casing of a Mather and Platt is in its correct place upon the front, also the canopy sides have been sign written with the firms name.

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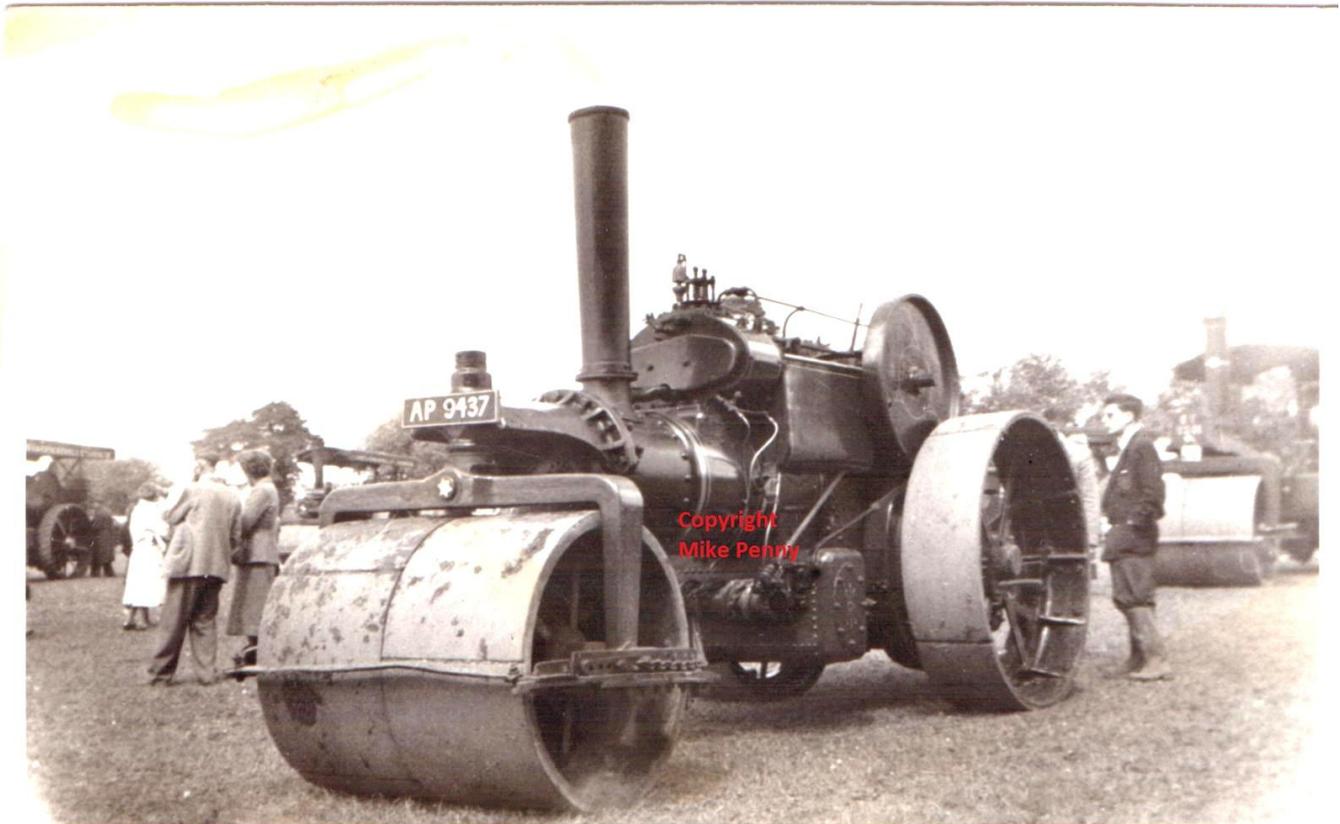
Another engine at the 1957 rally was Aveling and Porter 5 ton roller (convertible) works number 9382, new 1920 and owned at this time by Mr Derek Marder of Andover. A month after the Andover Rally the Appleford Rally was due on the 8th June and it was decided to drive the Prince up to attend, the journey would take place on the day before and I was asked to go along, once again I do not remember much detail about the trip or the actual rally but I will tell you what I remember, considering this was my first trip on the road with an engine it should be imprinted on my memory but I am sorry to say it is not. We must have left the Durrington yard quite early on the Friday morning, behind the engine was a small heavy duty trailer loaded with bags of coal and I believe this trailer was purpose built in the yard, hitched on behind the trailer was a touring caravan about 20ft long, this was our living quarters for that night and the next day. The engine was crewed by the two Dobson brothers these were two old time steam men who had worked with engines all their lives, Don drove and Frank steered, and me, my place was up on top of the bags of coal on the trailer. My main job was to check the back wheels every time we stopped, the tyres were in several curved sections of rubber vulcanised to thick steel backing plates which were bolted to the rims, I had to check all the bolts and make sure they were still tight, and help where I could with what ever needed doing.

We must have gone through Bulford Camp then across the ranges to Tidworth on towards Marlborough and stopped at Hosiers yard in Collingbourne Ducis, alongside the buildings down one side of the yard were some big galvanised steel water tanks which collected the rain water of the roofs of the buildings, we pulled alongside and filled our tender and belly tanks right to the top then pulled out and went on towards Burbage, the village had not been by-passed at this time and we drove straight up through to the far end and instead of taking the left turn to Marlborough went on the road to Durley then through the Savernake Forrest and came out on the A4 about halfway between Marlborough and Hungerford.

We turned right towards Hungerford and after a few miles stopped in Froxfield to pick up water from a stream alongside the road. This is all I can remember about the journey to Appleford, we obviously got there set up the caravan and retired for the night. One thing I do remember clearly is having to cook breakfast next morning and not being used to a gas cooker I burnt the bacon, later during that afternoon Mr Barber came to the caravan with several more gentlemen and I was asked to make tea for everyone, we did not have any fresh milk and had to use the sweetened condensed tinned type, I remember thinking how awful this was to give to the guests but I think they drank it. That I am sorry to admit is all I can remember about the Appleford rally and the rest of 1957 in general and 1958 is a total blank, but I have quite a few stories to recall about 1959.



Andover Steam Rally 1957, “The Prince of Wales” after overhaul and repaint, note the exciter and main dynamo are now in their correct locations and the sign written canopy. (photo copywrite Mike Penny)



Andover Steam Rally 1957, Aveling and Porter Convertible 5 ton, built 1922 works number 9382, owned by Mr Derek Marder at this time. (photo copywrite Mike Penny)

For Sale and Wanted

Please send/email/ phone your adverts to the editor.

Graham Hunt who regularly attends our club activities with his 4” Fowler B6, is offering his services to members if required, Graham has a very well equipped workshop including turning, milling, welding, fabrication, fitting and years of experience. Please make contact via the club chairman Pete Parrish.

“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.

If you have any further ideas to add or would like to see in this newsletter please contact me.
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