

THE SARUM MODEL TRACTION ENGINE CLUB

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Welcome to the Sarum Model Traction Engine Club newsletter.

Your Committee members are:

Pete Parrish, Chairperson.

Charlie Warne, Treasurer.

Roger Melton, Committee member.

John Findley, Committee/webmaster.

Martyn Jones, Secretary/Newsletter Editor.

Forth Coming Events.

- 25th August.** **Wallop Vintage Gathering and Car Boot Sale** at the Over Wallop Sports Field, Salisbury Lane. 10.00am-4.00pm. Sarum Club has been invited to attend. Entry forms from club secretary.
- 26th August.** **Newton Tony Steam Up and Road Run** (Bank Holiday Monday, Newton Tony Village Feté) Coal and water supplied, details Pete Parrish.
- 7th 8th September** **Model Railway Exhibition**, Village Hall at Woodgreen near Fordingbridge (same venue as our May event) our club members have been invited to attend with their engines to display/steam outside the hall. The format for this non club event is similar to our own held during May, food, coal and water will be supplied, overnight camping is available, optional road runs through the forest. If you have any further queries please give Charlie Warne a call on 01725 512805.
- 6th December.** **Christmas Meeting**, venue Idmiston and Porton Village Hall. 7pm for 7.30pm start. Christmas fair and raffle prizes most welcome.

The Bristol Model Engineering and Hobbies Exhibition is on from the 16th to the 18th August 2013, again at the Thornbury Leisure Centre near Bristol post code BS35 3JB for those with sat navs. Admission prices are adult £9.00 senior £8.50 and junior £4.00, queue hopper tickets are available and may be purchased online at www.bristolmodelengineers.co.uk.

Sherborne Steam and Waterwheel Centre has given an open invitation to anyone who would like to take a miniature engine to their open day on the 6th October. Contact details and further information can be found on their web site www.sswc.co.uk.

Don't forget this month's two club events on the 25th August, Wallop Vintage Gathering and Car Boot Sale at the Over Wallop Sports Field, Salisbury Lane from 10.00am - 4.00pm and on the following day the 26th August (Bank holiday Monday) at the Newton Tony Village Fete, please be on site by 10.00am for this event in the past years we have always had an excellent line up of steam powered models. Details from Pete Parrish (01980 610346). No boiler testing will be carried out at these events.

14th July Brown and May Day.

With temperatures hitting 30°C it was a glorious very hot summers day and the first time that a gathering of Brown and May products and memorabilia had ever been assembled together this century. The event was staged at the Devizes Trailer Centre about a mile up the road from where the Brown and May Limited foundry and iron works was originally sited, the site is now a Morrison's Supermarket.

On show there were a varied collection of items including several portable engines, some fully restored and in steam to others in as found and restorable condition. Smaller items such as a circa 1900 1¼hp water cooled oil engine, saw bench, well head gear, sack scales, hand operated agricultural equipment, archive drawings, works literature and photographs, all were displayed in the cool of the showroom.

The star exhibits were the only two surviving road steam engines made by Brown and May left in this country, namely 6nhp Showman's Engine "General Buller" no. 8742 built 1912 and the last Showman's engine built by the company, this was delivered new to J Cook of Warrington and travelled with a set of gallopers, now owned by John Rundle and Sons from New Bolingbroke.

The second road steam engine was a 4nhp Steam Tractor no.8130, built 1909 this was delivered new to a J R Baker of Kirdford, later converted to a roller in 1923 and converted back to a steam tractor in 1999 and now also owned by John Rundle and Sons.

Brown and May models being exhibited comprised of a 1½" scale portable steam engine, a 1½" scale agricultural steam engine and in steam a very well built and newly finished 4" scale steam tractor.

The event was extremely well support by the general public with a mix of steam enthusiasts and local Devizes residents marvelling at the many diverse items manufactured by the towns biggest employer from over 100 years ago.



Brown and May Showman's Engine "General Buller" owned by John Rundle.



4" scale Brown and May Steam Tractor

Durrington Show.

In contrast to last year the Durrington Show and Vehicle Gathering was held in glorious sunshine and the miniature steam exhibitors were glad to be sited under some trees in the shade. Fourteen engines were present, three on our display stand and the rest in steam, some slowly driving around the site giving rides to eager children and their parents alike while others remained stationary but running for the public to view up close, as usual much interest was shown and many questions asked including the usual "How much is that worth?" shortly followed by "How much!". Two engines of interest entered by non club members were a very well presented Ruston Proctor Farm Tractor in 4" scale and based on an actual engine that only weighed 3½ tons made this a small engine for its scale. The second engine was a 3" Marshall Traction Engine modelled on a 6nhp general purpose engine, again well built and hauling its owner around the site with ease.

Because of the weather most classes of exhibits doubled in size from the programme entries, for example 106 cars were listed but in excess of over 300 turned up, over 70 motorcycles arrived from the 38 listed, commercials and tractors followed a similar pattern, I think they call it the "Sunshine effect". Trade stands and car boot sales reported a "very good day" with many already booking for next year's event, and the word from the massive public support was the best Durrington Show so far.



A line up of some of the engines that attended the recent Durrington Show and Vehicle Gathering.

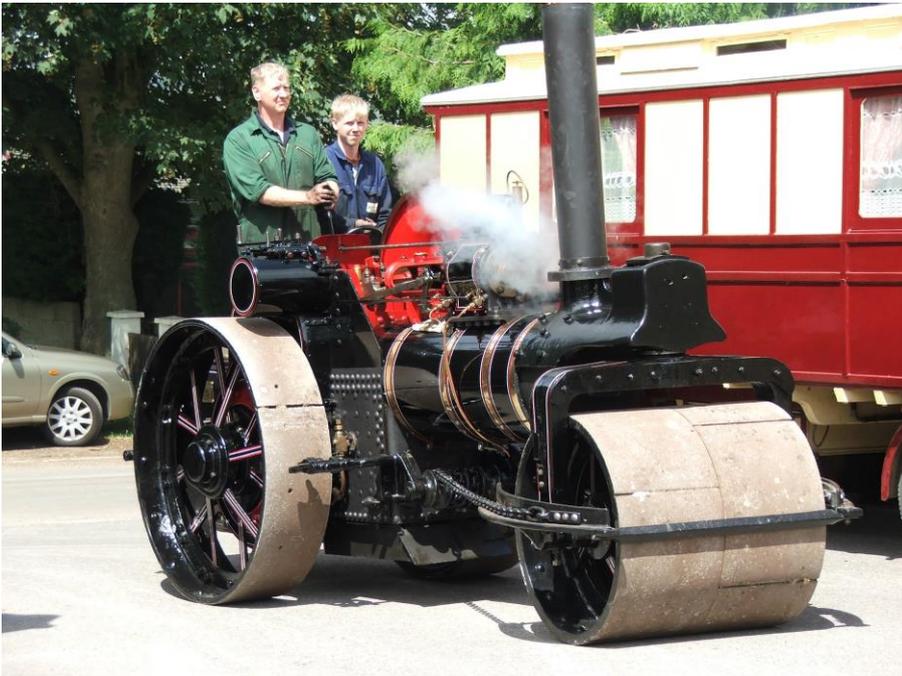
4th August Steam Up and Picnic. Once again we had some dry weather for the steam up, sadly the numbers of participants were well down on last years event, those taking part with engines included Andy Rogers and grandson Elliott with their Burrell, Tony Taylor driving his Foden wagon, Steve Anderson with his Burrell, Peter and George Hounslow sharing the drive on the Foster and Graham Hunt with his Fowler. Most of the morning was spent getting up steam and driving around the site before stopping for lunch and a coffee, during the afternoon there was a road run up to Wyke Down with a few of the engines taking part, Steve Anderson's Burrell working hard on the return journey towing his trailer and Tony Taylor's Foden wagon that was having trouble raising enough steam pressure.

Back in the yard a freshly restored full size steam road roller was being put through its paces, painted in high gloss black with polished brass banding and fittings it looked a picture, a lorry mounted fairground organ supplied some very pleasant background music most of the afternoon to add to the atmosphere.

Our thanks to Derek Marder for his continued hospitality and the use of his ground.



Tony Taylor (behind the smoke) with his Foden Wagon at the Picnic and Steam Up.



Newly restored roller being road tested at Jubilee Farm.

A Life Time Passion for Steam, by Mike Penny. (will continue in the October Newsletter)

For Sale and Wanted

Large quantity of "Old Glory" and "Vintage Spirit" magazines, FREE, yes free!
(Martyn Jones 01980 653385)

For Sale, Cast iron fire grate suitable for a 4 to 4½" engine, size 6½" x 7" x ¾" with tapered fire bars, (could be trimmed to fit smaller fire box). Donation to club funds. Details John Gardner 02380 783079

"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.

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