

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.

- 16th August.** Wessex Fair. Wilton House, Wilton, Nr Salisbury
All invited, Pete Parrish for details.
- 24th August.** Wallop Vintage Gathering and Car Boot Sale at the Over
Wallop Sports Field, Salisbury Lane. 10.00am-4.00pm.
Please see note below. (Just turn up)
- 25th August.** Newton Tony Steam Up and Road Run including static
model display. Coal and water supplied, details Peter Parrish.
(Bank Holiday Monday, Newton Tony Village Feté)
- 7th September.** West Wilts Model Engineering Society Exhibition. Westbury.
Details Peter Parrish.
- 13th -14th September.** Berwick St James Steam Fair, details Peter Parrish. (Limited entries)

Wallop Vintage Gathering and Car Boot Sale 24th August at the Over Wallop Sports Field, Salisbury Lane. 10.00am-4.00pm, our club has been invited to attend this event, the organisers are expecting us, no entry forms are being issued just turn up on the day.

Durrington Village Show and Classic Vehicle Gathering 20th July Once again this event was very well supported by exhibitors in all classes, the event began at 10.30am in glorious sunshine and was opened by BBC South Today transport correspondent Paul Clifton. Vehicle sections included model steam, classic cars, commercials, fire engines, stationary engines, tractors, motorcycles and military vehicles. The craft and model tent along with the trader section and car boot sale ensured that there was something for everyone to enjoy, this year there was an animal village with small livestock and rare breeds of poultry and the chance to hold a bird of prey for a photo opportunity. As in previous years the exhibit judging was carried out by the exhibitors and the most desirable model steam engine went to club member Tony Taylor with his Ruston Proctor steam tractor. The event was well support by club members including Pete Parrish, Steve Anderson, Andy Rogers and Trevor Clay all with Burrells, Paul Cosens and Ted Austen with the Minnie, John Towle with his full size steam boat "Sarah Jane". The club stand with a static display of models was manned by Brian Wiltshire and his wife while Mike Penny supported the engines under steam ensuring there was always water and coal available. My thanks to all club members for their help after the event dismantling the club stand and enclosure.
(Martyn Jones)



Durrington Village Show, pictured left to right, Tony Taylor, Ruston Proctor, Pete Parrish, Steve Anderson and Andy Rogers with their Burrells.

Newton Tony Steam Up and Road Run including static model display. 25th August.

There are a few notable changes from previous years for this event, there has been a change of organisers for the Newton Tony Show and they will only allow us to exhibit our engines statically, we are under strict instructions there is to be **NO** driving or passenger hauling around the show field. We are permitted to drive to the arena for the parade under steward control and escort and we can leave and return to the field for the road run, again under steward control and escort.

The Sarum Steam and Classic Transport Gala 2nd - 3rd August

After months of preparation and a few stressful weeks the gala was a great success, the rain on the Saturday morning did limit some of the exhibitors from turning up but the show went on. As planned the Salisbury Mayor arrived at 10:30am and was chaperoned around the site by Ted Taylor from the rugby club and Martyn Jones for Sarum Steam visiting all areas and talking to many of the exhibitors and traders. The local paper had a quick photo shoot of the Mayor and our chairman Pete Parrish next to the full size Foster that Pete was looking after for the weekend. During a short dry spell the Mayor was asked if she would like to steer the Foster around the site and aided by John Findley she was up on the foot plate and away. On return it was a quick wash of the hands and on to the exhibits in the rugby club function room before returning to the craft tent to purchase a few presents before leaving.

Only one arena parade took place on the Saturday and that was the model steam as we didn't want to cause any un-necessary damage to the rugby pitches, commentary was provided by John Todd, organiser of the Durrington Show. The Morris Dancing demonstration kept the spectators entertained midday even more so when volunteers from the public were invited to take part, luckily no body got hit with the wooden sticks.

By contrast Sunday was a brilliant day, dry with plenty of sunshine and the site soon filled to capacity, classic car and commercial numbers exceeded expectations, trade stands trebled from the day before and the craft tent was having a much better day. The line up of model steam engines of all types and sizes was very impressive and their owners were kept busy all day answering questions from the enquiring spectators. The arena was fully utilised all day first with a demonstration of rugby skills by the Salisbury Rugby Club Juniors, followed by model steam, classic commercial, motorcycles and classic cars again with an excellent commentary by John Todd. Visitor numbers increased ten fold with a steady turn over of spectators through out the day and it was good to hear positive feed back from the departing public.

Sarum Steam Gala.. Cont....

Next month we should have details of how much money was raised for the local charities and when the presentations are taking place. Our thanks go to all the exhibitors and traders who made this event a success and finally the stewards and helpers, Bill and Chris Geddes and family, Ted Austen, Paul Hudson, Brian Wiltshire and his wife, Sharon Staton (event secretary, media and press officer), John Findley, Mike Penny who kept all the steam guys fuelled and watered throughout the weekend, Pete Parrish, Roger Melton, John Todd commentator, Bev and Mark Barwick and our hosts and co-organisers the Salisbury Rugby Football Club without them all there would not have been a show. If there is anybody I have left out please accept my apologies and thank you.

Martyn Jones

For Sale and Wanted

4½” scale Plastow Burrell parts.....

Excentric castings 3 off (cast iron)	£5.00
Burrell steam chest name plate 90mm x 97mm	£5.00
Set of drawings for 4½” scale Plastow Burrell. New	£10.00
Ground Stock (gauge plate) ½” x 10” x 18”, new still wrapped.	£25.00
Foster lubricator (4”scale size) spring set.	£2.00

Books,

Building and Running of Steam Traction Engine and Roller Models. By H R Plastow. Reprint £3.00

Steam in the Village by R A Whitehead. £10.00

Fairground Engines in Focus by John Crawley. £20.00

Please contact the editor (Martyn Jones) for further details on the above.

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