

THE SARUM MODEL TRACTION ENGINE CLUB

Affiliated to the Southern Federation of Model Engineering Societies.

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Welcome to the Sarum Model Traction Engine Club newsletter.

Your Committee members are:

Pete Parrish, Chairperson.
Sharon Staton, Treasurer.
Peter Hounslow, Committee member.
David Watts, Committee member.
John Findley, Committee/webmaster.
Martyn Jones, Secretary/Newsletter editor

Forth Coming Events.

- 19th July Durrington Village Show and Classic Vehicle Gathering. Coal and water supplied. Volunteers required to man the club stand, please bring a suitable table for the display board. Further details from Martyn Jones
- 15th August Hospice Garden Party. Wilton House, Wilton. Further details Pete Parrish.
- 30th August. Wallop Vintage Gathering and Car Boot Sale at the Over Wallop Sports Field, Salisbury Lane. 10.00am-4.00pm. Sarum Club invited to attend.
- 31st August. Newton Tony Steam Up and Road Run including static model display. Coal and water supplied, details P Parrish.
(Bank Holiday Monday, Newton Tony Village Feté)
- 13th September. West Wilts Society of Model Engineers (Westbury). All engines in steam invited plus static display. (further details to follow)

Club membership subscriptions are now due, please send a cheque payable to the "Sarum Model Traction Engine Club" to the value of £7.00 to the club treasurer, Miss Sharon Staton, 25 Kickdom Close, Amesbury, Wilts, SP4 7XB

A Life Time Passion For Steam by Mike Penny. (Continued from last month)

In July 1960 my sister left school she had a big interest in horticulture and got herself a job with Hilliers, she eventually worked in several of their nurseries but the first one was at Chandlers Ford and she got lodgings close to the nursery, she was able to come home at weekends by train on Friday evenings and we would take her back on a Sunday evening. By this time the old Seven needed some work done on her after just over a years use and we decided the money would be better spent on a new car. I decided on another Austin and bought one from the main dealer in Salisbury, it was an Austin A55 MkII with the Farina body, black of course with chrome bumpers and stainless round the windows, the cost £860, dad kindly lent me £400 for the deposit and I paid off the balance over three years. The garage took the old Seven off me and allowed me £5 against the new car, if I had had somewhere to store it in the dry I would have kept it and in time rebuilt it, would probably still have it and use it for rallies.

The new car was put to good use and kept opposite the house across the road against the wall of the mill garden where we kept the old Seven, a few months into 1961 we decided we needed a garage alongside the house, we applied for planning permission and got it, started work just after mid summer the garage was up and roofed by the end of the year, all the final bits of finishing off took until Easter 1962 but as soon as the building was usable I had a bench up across the end got the Triumph in and started stripping it down, the car had to stay outside but at least it was off the road. After about six months the bike was back together again and in July I got a friend who had a Ford Thames van to take it to a bike garage for an MOT these had come in for all vehicles by this time, it passed and then to 1976 I took it to all kinds of rallies, Andover Steam Rally in May 1963 being one and to Beaulieu many times for various rallies starting and ending at the museum after a run around the New Forest. In June 1973 I let myself get roped into run a vintage motorcycle display at our village church fete I managed to get a good number of different bikes to turn up but also there that afternoon was the Salisbury and District Model Engineering Society, they had bought their own tent and put on a display of model engineering with them was our chairman Pete Parrish and his father showing their models. This is not the first time we had met since 1959 we had bumped into each other at various steam rallies over the previous years which I had attended as a spectator, also a couple of years earlier 1967-71 I was working behind the bar in our local pub and Pete used to come in occasionally with his young lady for a quiet drink. I think at the fete we must have had a talk about steam and models in particular because a few weeks later Pete came to my home and told me of an old engineer at Southampton who was making a 3" scale Burrell general purpose engines, had one almost finished and was looking for a buyer and would I be interested, would I! I could not believe my luck this was something I had wanted for a very long time I did not hesitate, I said "yes please" and within a short time I had joined the ranks of cheque book modellers, but I had my own coal burning steam engine. (Mike Penny)

A Club member volunteer is required to help Pete Parrish steward the club display and visiting engines at the Durrington Village Show and Classic Vehicle Gathering on the 19th July, duties only involve the tidy parking of steam exhibitor's vehicle, maintaining the water supply from the on site fire engine and readying steam exhibitors for the arena parade.

Your help would be very much appreciated, for further details please contact the editor

As promised in last years April newsletter, I have just finished restoring the Triumph motorcycle that I purchased in a very sorry state. Many years of make do and mend, abuse and the fitting of incorrect ill fitting replica components have all been replaced, repaired or corrected. The catalogue of mechanical problems would fill this page so I will not bore the no-motorcyclists amongst the club membership with that so here is a picture of the finished bike. (editor)



1964 Triumph Trophy TR6SS 650cc

Bisterne Steam and Tractor Rally. On Saturday 30th May the Avon Valley Young Farmers Club ran their first steam and tractor rally at Bisterne Nr Ringwood, the show was small, but with some thirty vintage tractors and three full size traction engines including timber sawing. The Sarum club was invited at the last minute to help out and five club members came along to support the event and in all twelve models attended including those from other exhibitors. This was a very good day ending with a barn dance in the evening. The clubs new gazebo was used and the club stand was manned by Ted Austin and Mike Penny.

By Pete Parrish



Some of the exhibits lined up in front of the club stand.



Charlie Hardy's 4" Fowler B4 driving his bailer.

For Sale.

Material

Copper tube suitable for boilers, 4¼" OD x 0.0150" wall x 35" long.
5¼" OD x 0.165" wall x 14" long.
4" OD x 0.150" wall x 17" long.

open to offers, further details from Pete Parrish 01980 610346.

1½" Allchin Traction Engine. Complete set of castings, complete boiler kit including flanged end plates, front and rear wheels started but not fully finished, complete drawing set and build manual. All for £375.00 yes £375.00. please ring Mike Herron 01935 420086.

3" Burrell Traction Engine and driving trolley, copper boiler, on rubbers, finished to a high standard and very clean. £6750.00 ono. Tel. Bob Thomson 01722 322778.

3½" scale Minnie Traction Engine. Built 1987 with current boiler certificate, complete with two passenger trolleys and vehicle box trailer with 12 volt winch fitted and ramps. £11,000 ono. Tel. Paul Cosens 01264 394107

Books.

Steam in the Village by R A Whitehead. £10.00

Fairground Engines in Focus by John Crawley. £12.00

Burrell Showman's Road Locomotives by Michael Lane. No dust jacket. £25.00

Great Dorset Steam Fair programs from years past, please enquire.

The Traction Engine Archive, volumes 1,2 and 3, as new £10.00 each.

Traction Engines in Colour by Barry Finch. With dust cover £5.00

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

Wanted

Old motorcycles or just parts, anything considered, realistic prices paid. Contact the editor.

Items for the news letter, short write up and a picture will do fine. Please send details to the editor.

"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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