

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.

Sharon Staton, Treasurer.

Peter Hounslow, Committee member.

David Watts, Committee member.

John Findley, Committee/webmaster.

Martyn Jones, Secretary/Newsletter editor.

Forth Coming Events.

- 9th -10th May Breamore House Steam Working Weekend.
The club has been invited to attend this event on the 9th and 10th May 2015, club stand and engines static or in steam are welcome. The roads around the estate are ideal for model steam road runs including a road run to the local pub. Further details from Pete Parrish.
- 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)

AGM 10th April Just over half the club membership attended the AGM and your new club officials can be seen at the top of this page, some of the other points raised were, Pete Parrish urged more club members to come forward and assist with event organizing and supporting events, further discussion on this subject will be carried out at a future club committee meeting. The purchase of a club Gazebo and table for use when attending events was discussed and it was agreed to go ahead with the purchase, a custodian for the items has yet to be identified.

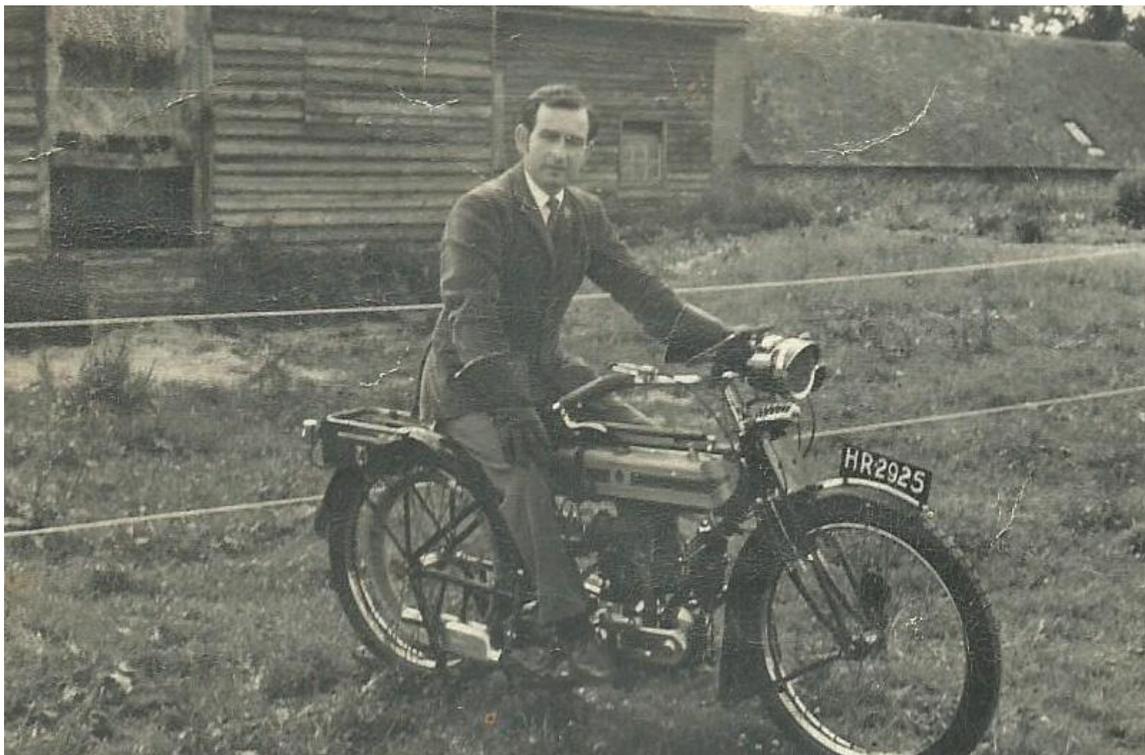
Club membership subscriptions are now due, please send a cheque payable to the "Sarum Model Traction Engine Club" to the value of £7.00 to the club treasurer, Miss Sharon Staton, 25 Kickdom Close, Amesbury, Wilts, SP4 7XB

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

Just after I put the Triumph back on the road I had the chance to purchase another vehicle. A good friend of mine worked at the local garage and told me the proprietor had just bought in a car from a customer, and wanted to move it on. I went to have a look and found it was a black Austin Seven Saloon from 1933, my friend said it was in quite good condition mechanically but the body work was a bit shabby but not too bad for twenty five years old, he himself owned an old Ford Model Y which he used every day so suggested that the old Seven would make a good first car for me, something to learn in then have a bit of fun with before hopefully moving on to something younger. Of course with him being a mechanic maintenance would not be an expensive item so I decided to buy the car for the princely sum of £15. The garage owner let me keep it on his land to one side away from his business where we were able to work on it, we checked all the mechanical side then rubbed down all the bodywork, starting early on a fine sunny Sunday we painted the old lady from end to end with Parapan Black Enamel put on with brushes, The end result was quite pleasing she looked so much better.

As soon as it was ready I put the car on the road, the road tax and insurance were £12.50 each if you think of the purchase price and the figures just mentioned it seems very little compared with today's costs, but at that time my weekly wage was about £5, I put up L plates and my friend took me out a couple of times to get familiar with the controls, then dad sat alongside and we drove to work every day quite an improvement from the cycle journeys of the previous three years.

Late spring 1959 I took a driving test and failed I put it down to over confidence as by this time I was used to the old seven and could probably handle her a little to well for that occasion, I re-applied and passed in July. We had a lot of good times using the car our whole family of four and the dog used to pile in and go off for the day, I never thought of breaking down and always carried a few tools and a gallon of water and the same amount of oil to top up the radiator and engine if our journey was very long, we always managed to get home again.



Mike Penny with his restored 1915 triumph at the Andover Steam Rally (May 1963)

A Club member volunteer is required to help 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.

Annual Exhibition and Model Steam Rally at Woodgreen near Downton organised by Charlie Warne and his family was again very well attended by club members and visitors alike with different engines attending both days. Inside the hall were several working model train layouts of a high standard to entertain the general public with refreshments available both days to keep everybody fed and watered. The line up of engines outside the hall satisfied every taste as displayed were engines in steam from George Hounslow's 1" scale Burrell, 2" scale and 3" scale engines, a variety of 4" scale engines of different types up to the full size Wallis traction engine crewed by Pete Parrish and Mike Penny kindly on loan for the weekend.

Charlie Warne would like to thank everybody that helped and attended this event for making it another success.



Club members Simon Seago, Dave Watts and Andy Rogers (rear view) waiting for steam up.

Wilton Model Engineering and Hobbies Exhibition. Pictured below are Pete and Anne Parrish (1st and 2nd from the right) presenting a cheque for £1000 raised at their recent exhibition to the Stars Appeal at the Salisbury and District General Hospital.



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.

Books,

Steam in the Village by R A Whitehead. £10.00

Fairground Engines in Focus by John Crawley. £15.00

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 £15.00 each or £40.00 the set.

Traction Engines in Colour by Barry Finch. With dust cover £6.00

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.

Please send/email/ phone your adverts 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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