

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.

15th, 16th, September. Bi-Annual Berwick St John Country Fayre.

14th October. Derek Marder's Steam Up and Road Run. Starting from Derek Marder's Yard, Picket Piece Andover.

7th December. **Christmas Meeting, venue, Idmiston and Porton Village Hall.
7pm for 7.30pm start, Christmas fair and raffle prizes most welcome.**

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.

"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.

For Sale and Wanted

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

A Life Time Passion for Steam, by Mike Penny. (will be continued in the October newsletter)

If you have any further ideas to add or would like to see in this newsletter please contact me.
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Wallop Vintage Gathering 26th August by Heather Taylor

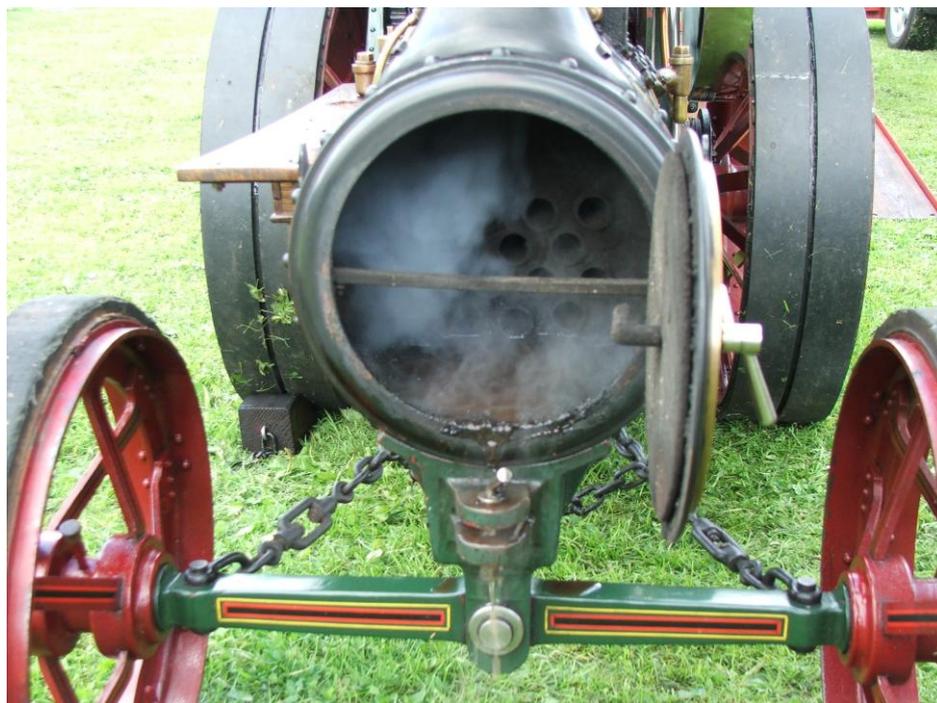
The Wallop Vintage Gathering is an excellent event for all the family, with a good selection of classic cars, stationary engines, tractors, agricultural machinery, miniature steam and a thriving car boot sale and auto-jumble which is very popular with the public.

Considering the amount of rain the day before the ground was amazing, so firm we never left a mark on it.

This event was very well supported by the club and members attending with engines were Pete Parrish, Tony Taylor, Martyn Jones, Roger Melton, John Gardner Paul Cousens, Simon Seago and family, Steve Aldred and John Ratford who had his engine advertised for sale.

Pete had some bad luck with his engine after having it re-tyred since his previous outing it suffered from a boiler tube failure, so he went home with another job to do, that apparently is what steam is all about, you always have something to do.

The club would like to thank John Ratford for very kindly donating the steam coal for this event.



Pete Parrish's Burrell with a failed boiler tube, and a smoke box full of water.



John Ratford's Clayton and Shuttleworth engine.

Newton Tony 27th August (Bank Holiday Monday)

Well what a change in the weather from the day before at the Wallop Vintage Gathering where we had glorious sunshine and light winds.

Typical Bank Holiday weather, cold, drizzle and strong gusting winds, first task of the day was to erect the marquee, not very easy considering the force of the wind so much so we had to use two vehicles to secure the guy ropes to just to be sure it didn't blow away.

Once up we could set out the club display board and static models and then get the tea and coffee started in an attempt to warm up. Pete Parrish had twenty four engines booked to attend but the weather forecast put a few off but we did have a show of fifteen engines in steam or on static display.

As usual the engines always provide a great deal of interest to the general public both young and old and members were kept busy during the afternoon talking and demonstrating their machines to them. Two engines of note were exhibited by Paul Hudson who brought his recently acquired 3" Fowler and Dave Watts with his nearly complete 4" Burrell DCC Road Loco, this is a big impressive machine and expected to be very powerful.

During the afternoon the wind was getting even stronger and the sides of the marquee were removed to save them from further damage, a sudden gust of wind saw a stall holder's gazebo cart wheeling towards our engine line up and members were quick off the mark running towards it bringing it under control before any damage could be done.



Ted Austin keeping a watchful eye on the water and pressure gauges.

Late afternoon Pete and Anne Parrish presented the awards for the most desirable steam vehicle voted for by those present, as usual a very close run thing saw in third place Paul Hudson with his 3" Fowler, second place Dave Watts 4" Burrell DCC road loco and first place Martyn Jones 4½" Burrell.

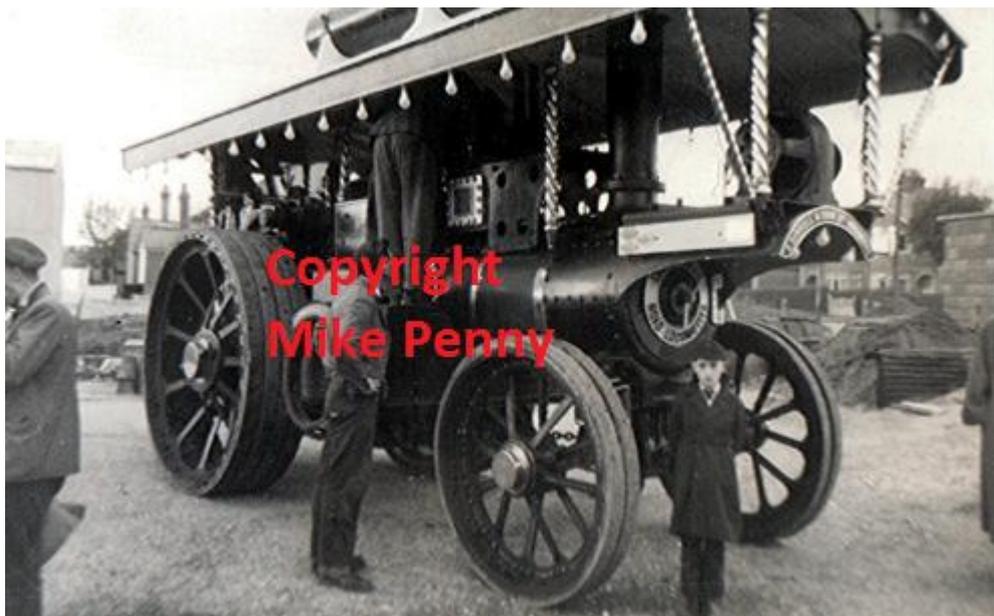
Our thanks to Pete and Anne for organising the event and to all those who braved the weather to attend.

Newton Tony continued.....



Graham Hunt's 4" Fowler complete with a scale timber trailer at Newton Tony

Can you identify the smart dressed school boy standing in front of the engine? (no prizes for guessing, the answer will be in next months newsletter)



Burrell Scenic Showman's no. 3887 "The Prince of Wales" when owned by Mr Peter Barber at a private party in James and Crockerell's yard Durrington (October 1956)