

# 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.  
Charlie Warne, Committee member.  
Roger Melton, Committee member.  
John Findley, Committee/webmaster.  
Martyn Jones, Secretary/Newsletter editor Tel.

## Forth Coming Events.

**13<sup>th</sup> -14<sup>th</sup> September.** Berwick St James Steam Fair, details Peter Parrish. (Limited entries)

**12<sup>th</sup> October.** Derek Marder's Steam Up and Road Run. Ox Drove, Picket Piece, Andover. SP11 6ND.

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

## Newton Tony Steam Up. 25<sup>th</sup> August.

In contrast to the Wallop Vintage Vehicle Gathering held the day before the weather for the Newton Tony Village Fete was pretty dismal. It started raining when we arrived and we hurriedly erected the gazebo, then the first task was to light up the gas cooker for the first refreshing cup of tea and a piece of cake courtesy of Anne Parrish. Tony Taylor, Pete Parrish and myself sheltered in the gazebo surveying the situation debating whether to wait until it stops raining to unload or pack up and go home. Next to arrive was Mike Penny closely followed by Phil Edney and his wife and then Steve and Jackie Anderson so by now it was getting rather cosy in the gazebo but by erecting Phil's shelter in front of the first one it doubled the "dry" area. Ken Brown and Chris Street were next on the scene just in time for the next brew and an invitation from the organisers to collect our free bacon roll and tea from the village hall kitchen.

The debate and much banter continued, including shall we fire up or not, "The Colonel" informed us that we were due in the arena at 14.00hrs sharp so it was agreed by all, raining or not to give it a go. The damp air and some dodgy coal didn't help getting the fires going both Tony and Ken had trouble at first raising steam pressure. With the rain still pouring down we continued to re-arrange the time of our arena appearance until everybody had steam up so at 15:30 hrs we made it into the arena for the parade, Chris had Ken and his Foster on tow behind as his fire was still reluctant to produce any heat but there was plenty of smoke.

The parade finished it was quickly back to the gazebos for more tea and cake and a small raffle for attending club members, the Engine Cup (decided by lucky dip) going to Tony Taylor with his Foden wagon and the raffle prizes to Chris Street, Mike Penny and Phil Edney.

With the fete drawing to a close and the rain still beating down it was time to pack up wet gazebos, clothes, chairs, engines and so on, thanks to Anne Parrish for keeping the tea, coffee and cakes flowing all day, Mike Penny for organising the coal and water, not forgetting the club members who brought their engines out in such appalling weather.

(Martyn Jones)



Engines just lit up and sheltering from the rain, left to right, Fosters of Chris Street and Ken Brown, Phil Edney with his 2" Fowler A7, Tony Taylor's Foden Wagon, Pete Parrish's Burrell under the cover and to the extreme right and out of sight is Steve Anderson's Burrell.



Steve Anderson (left) and Charlie Warne (centre) discussing the finer points with two interested visitors.

### **Over Wallop Vintage Vehicle Gathering. 24<sup>th</sup> August.**

The club's attendance at the Over Wallop Vintage day saw a very fine and sunny day. This must have been the best event ever held here. There were over 200 vehicles, countless car boot stalls, tractors by the score and trade stands.

The club was represented by members Tony Taylor with his 6" scale Ruston, Pete Parrish with his 4" Burrell, Roger Melton 4" Fowler road loco and Julian Young with his 4" Garrett now running well. Dave Watts arrived late after his van failed once again. Dave's traction world 4" Burrell road loco was in steam but still having regulator trouble. This seems to be a fault with this model which needs careful attention. Not to be missed was club member John Ratford with a selection of exhibits from his collection including a scale model of a Scammell Scarab, Lambretta scooter, MGB sports cars, Ferguson tractor and a small single speed scooter.

Club member Mike Penny enjoyed the day brass cleaning the chairman's engine which he's very good at and can be hired at a good rate of pay!

(Anne Parrish)

### **West Wilts Society of Model Engineers. 7<sup>th</sup> September.**

Our Club was invited to attend the White Horse Model Engineering and Hobbies Show at the White Horse Country Park near Westbury, space was limited so it was agreed that our club stand with static models and display board would be present supported by a few 4" engines in steam. The West Wilts Society is predominantly railway locomotive oriented and their club site is equipped with two elevated railway tracks, one dual gauge and one suitable for smaller gauges, a club house/station and toilets, the ground is also suitable for portable smaller gauge layouts. Our club stand was situated inside of the large elevated track with plenty of public access and a fair amount of interest was shown with the display of models provided by Brian Wiltshire, Pete Parrish and Martyn Jones. Engines in steam were based in the adjoining car park and provided by Steve Anderson with his 4" Burrell and Team Seago with their 4" Foster.

(Martyn Jones)



Club stand at the White Horse Model Engineering and Hobbies Show

### **The Sarum Steam and Classic Transport Gala 2<sup>nd</sup>- 3<sup>rd</sup> August**

With the finances and balance sheets now complete and verified the money raised at the gala can be presented to the various charities. The Salisbury Rugby Club will be donating their share into trust funds for two injured former players and The Sarum Model Traction Engine Club will be presenting our share, a cheque for two hundred pound to "The Stars Appeal", a local hospital based charity.

### **For Sale**

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.	£20.00
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 £2.00  
Steam in the Village by R A Whitehead. £10.00  
Fairground Engines in Focus by John Crawley. £20.00  
Burrell Style 1900 – 1932 by G F A Gilbert. (second edition, as new) £60.00  
The Steam Engine Builders of Norfolk by Ronald Clark. ( with dust jacket) £25.00  
Please contact the editor (Martyn Jones) for further details on the above.

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Old motorcycles or just parts, any thing 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.

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