

# 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.

- 13<sup>th</sup> September. West Wilts Society of Model Engineers (Westbury). All engines in steam invited plus static display. (further details please contact Pete Parrish)
- 11<sup>th</sup> October Steam Up and Road Run, Derek Marder's Jubilee Farm, Ox Drove, Andover SP11 6ND, (further details please contact Pete Parrish)
- 4<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Meeting. Porton and Idmiston Village Hall. 7.00pm for 7.30pm start, guest speaker, films, food and raffle. Further details to follow.

**Steam Up and Road Run,** On the 11<sup>th</sup> October at Derek Marder's yard, please park in the field opposite the yard entrance, full size and miniature engines in steam and taking part in the optional road run. Club members who require a boiler test on the day can be accommodated by prior arrangement with Peter Parrish, please bring all your boiler paperwork with you.

**Club Secretary,** this is a reminder that the club secretary/newsletter editor is standing down at the next Annual General Meeting in April 2016 after five years in the post. The role is not too onerous and if need be could be split between two volunteers one carrying out the secretarial role which covers general club correspondence, membership details, taking minutes of committee meetings etc, and the other volunteer producing the successful monthly newsletter either in its current form or a completely new format, the choice is yours. If there are any members willing to take on these roles please let the Secretary know so that there can be a smooth transition next year, any help, assistance and guidance to the new post holders will be readily available from the outgoing club secretary.

**On a new note**, would the club membership like to have its OWN ground to do yearly boiler testing? If there is enough interest there is some where the club could have, but it will need some tidying up and maintaining i.e serious gardening and grass cutting . All this would have to be done on a regular basis and NOT left to just a couple of members, the club would have to insure the site for public liability just in case there are any accidents on the property, but this site would not be open to the public only members and invited guests. The site has vehicle access and is locked and secure. If the club is to get involved in this venture you must ring the chairman ( 01980 610346 ) with your views and I will put it to the committee . The site is near Salisbury but will be kept secret until the club makes a decision! SO COME ON YOU GARDENERS.

### **Newton Tony Steam Up and Fete. 31<sup>st</sup> August.**

The weather for the Newton Tony Village Fete was pretty dismal. It was raining quite hard when we arrived and Mike Penny and a few helpers hurriedly erected the gazebo, the next task was to light up the gas cooker for the first refreshing cup of tea. Club members Tony Taylor and Rod Southern were first on the scene closely followed by Simon Seago, Dean Palmer, Phil Edney, Steve Anderson, Trevor Clay, Roger Melton, John Berry, David Simons and Ken Brown all with their engines.

With the rain easing an invitation from the organisers to collect our exhibitor's free bacon roll and tea from the village hall kitchen witnessed a temporary mass exodus across the show field.

"The Colonel" informed us that we were due in the arena at 13.30hrs sharp so it was agreed by all that as the rain had eased and when the time came we would assemble next to the arena ready for the parade, after some gentle persuasion Peter Parrish agreed to do the commentary on the engines which was well received by the fete visitors. The damp air and some dodgy coal didn't help getting the fire going for Roger Melton who was unable to raise steam pressure in time for the parade.

With the parade finished some members decided to go on a short road run around the village returning at about 15.00hrs for our usual prize giving for the most desirable engine, third prize was awarded to John Berry with his Atkinson steam lorry, second prize went to David Simons and his Ruston Proctor steam tractor and first prize (Engine Cup) to Dean Palmer with his Fowler Showman's engine which was generating power for it's fairground organ most of the afternoon.

Thanks go to Mike Penny for organising the club stand gazebo, coal and water, club members helping on the day and not forgetting the members who brought their engines out in such poor weather.  
(Martyn Jones)



Dean Palmer's Fowler Showman's Engine and Organ



John Berry with his Atkinson Lorry



Steve Anderson with his Burrell Tractor

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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.

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