

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

## Forth Coming Events.

- 11<sup>th</sup> April.** **Club AGM, venue Idmiston and Porton Village Hall,7pm for 7.30pm start. Revised date.**
- 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> May.** Annual exhibition and model steam rally at Woodgreen, Nr Fordingbridge. Coal and water supplied plus light refreshment. Camping will be available, details from Charlie Warne 01725 512805 (note two day event this year).
- 14<sup>th</sup> June.** Amesbury Carnival and Show. Entry forms from Martyn Jones.
- 20<sup>th</sup> July.** Durrington Village Show and Classic Vehicle Gathering. Coal and water supplied. Details. Martyn Jones 01980 653385.
- 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> August.** The Sarum Steam and Classic Transport Gala. Salisbury Rugby Club Castle Road, Salisbury SP1 3SA. Entry forms/details from Martyn Jones 01980 653385.
- 16<sup>th</sup> August.** Wessex Fair. Wilton House, Wilton, Nr Salisbury more details to follow when they are available.
- 24<sup>th</sup> 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. Entry forms from club secretary.
- 25<sup>th</sup> 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 Fete)

**Please note change of date for the AGM.** Due to unforeseen circumstances and a mix up with the hall booking clerk the **AGM has had to be brought forward to Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April**, please accept our apologies for any inconvenience this may cause, same venue, Idmiston and Porton Village Hall, 7 pm for 7.30pm start. A chance to have your say, bring any new ideas or volunteer for any of the committee positions and to pay your subscriptions. If you are unable to attend the AGM you can still send a cheque for £7.00 payable to The Sarum Model Traction Engine Club, to Mr M J Jones, 6 Westfield Close, Durrington, Wilts. SP4 8BY.

### **Amesbury Carnival and Show.**

The club has been invited to attend and display at the Amesbury Carnival and Show on the 14<sup>th</sup> June it is proposed that we exhibit engines under steam and if possible powering any suitable equipment, if you wish to take part in the carnival procession which is about two miles round trip see the details on the entry form. The gazebo will house the club display board and any static engines not under steam (similar to Durrington and Wallop events). Entry forms are available from Martyn Jones and the organisers are prepared to supply some coal and position us near a water supply. Any further updates will appear in the newsletter.

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

Arrangements and the organising for this event is on going, we are applying for a grant from the council to help with the funding but it is a long drawn out process and a nine page application form to get your head around. Trader forms should be available soon from either the Salisbury Rugby Club or from me (Editor), entertainment, free for exhibitors has been booked for the Saturday night in the rugby club. Any members that would like to help with this event please step forward as any assistance no matter how big or small will be much appreciated there is a lot to do!

### **Boiler Test Day**

Five club members braved the cold but bright weather for their engines annual boiler test and for some a hydraulic test as well. Most passed with flying colours but a couple needed a little bit of fettling first, Julian Young was having trouble with a reluctant water pump on his Foster but Pete Parrish soon had it working after a partial strip to free off the balls and to fix an air leak. Bill Gedes's Burrell had a successful hydraulic test but the steam test had to be abandoned as the fire refused to produce enough heat, even assistance from Chris Street and Charlie Warne with supplies of more dry wood and coal the fire refused to burn, so it was shut down and try again at a later date with some different coal and may be warmer weather. Other members attending with their engines for test were Simon Seago with the family Foster, Trevor Clay with his Burrell which has been treated to new piston rings and Chris Street with his ever reliable Foster.



Don't be fooled by the sunshine, an hour later there was a thunder and hail storm!

### **Now for some thing Different**

Some members may have other interests as well as steam so below is a picture of my '73 Norton Commando I restored last year. A brief history of the bike is that I first owned it in 1990 and sold it in 1997, I have always had a passion for motorcycles and I managed to track it down and purchase it from the guy I sold it to. It had been used for a year, "customised" with clip-ons and rear sets etc and then laid up from 1999 in a damp brick building as the owner had lost interest. I purchased it in January 2013 in a very sorry state but now fully restored it's ready for the summer (if we get one). On the stocks now is a 1964 650cc Triumph Trophy (sorry not steam powered) so this time next year may be another picture. (Editor)



'73 850 Norton Commando Interstate.

### **For Sale and Wanted**

**For Sale.** Peugeot 206, turbo diesel, 1.4, Silver, 52 plate £30/year tax, 60mpg, new MoT, £950 ono, further details Pete Parrish 01980 610346.

**Wanted** 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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