

THE SARUM MODEL TRACTION ENGINE CLUB

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Welcome to the Sarum Model Traction Engine Club newsletter, the committee would like to wish all of our members and families a happy new year.

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. PROVISIONAL, (first 6 months)

- 1st March.** Film Night, venue Idmiston and Porton Village Hall. 6pm for 6.30pm start. (Open to the public, small admission charge, refreshments plus small raffle, more details next month).
- 23rd March.** Spring Steam Up and Boiler Test Day at the club house, Andover.
- 25th April.** Club AGM, venue Idmiston and Porton Village Hal, 7pm for 7.30pm start.
- 3rd 4th 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).
- 20th July.** Durrington Village Show and Classic Vehicle Gathering. Coal and water supplied. Details. Martyn Jones 01980 653385.

If you are in Salisbury during January check out the club display in the Library window on the pathway from the market square to the central car park.

December 13th Club Christmas Event.

There was a very good attendance of members at the Christmas meeting held in the Porton and Idmiston Village Hall, Peter Parrish opened the meeting by welcoming members and discussing a proposed new two day event for 2014 to be held at Salisbury Rugby Club. Members were asked to consider whether to proceed with the event or dismiss it, at the end of the evening a vote to proceed was received. (More details will follow as they become available).

Members were then entertained with a film of the Whissendine Miniature Steam Weekend before the buffet and tea was served, the raffle was well supported raising over £60, most attendees winning a prize or two, our thanks to Joan and Paul for organising the raffle and to Pat, Joan and Charlie for their help in the kitchen not forgetting club members who kindly brought seasonal food for the buffet and items for the raffle.

A Life Time Passion for Steam, by Mike Penny. (continued from November 2013)

The Prince was to be driven back to the yard at Durrington the next day and Bob picked me up next morning as arranged before he dropped me off the night before. On reaching the recreation field in Barford Lane we found we were the only participants in the carnival still there, we un-sheeted the Prince Bob lit the fire and oiled up, I did a bit of cleaning Bob also tightened the steering chains while waiting for pressure to come up, this of course did not take long as the engine was still warm from the day before.

Earlier during the morning two boys turned up on bicycles I thought they were local but Bob knew one of them, as soon as the Prince was nearly up to full pressure the van was hitched up to the engine all our bits loaded in the back including the two bicycles, the boys sat in the two front seats of the van Bob and I climbed on the engine and took her out of the field, down through the village and on to the main road. What I remember best about that journey back was the first few miles from Downton to Britford, any one who knows this stretch of road will remember it is fairly flat with several long sweeping bends between the straight sections, Bobs tightening of the steering chains made such a big difference to her handling, better than I had ever known before, we flew along those few miles with the regulator open further that I had ever seen it during my time on the engine doing the steering. I think we must have got to the yard in record time, remember there was not so much traffic on the road then as there is now. The boys came right back to the yard with us then cycled back to Salisbury where they lived, we put the engine away and I was taken home. The Garrett was brought back home soon after but I was not needed to help with this, and who were the two boys, our chairman Pete Parrish and his mate, I did not know him at this moment in time, I had just had my nineteenth birthday and Pete would have celebrated his thirteenth in the coming November, little did I know at that time how well we would get to know each other during the next fifty four years, or how much time we would spend together and the miles we would travel roading various engines to and from rallies in our local area.



The Garrett being readied for the Downton Carnival

The January 2014 edition of “The Vintage Spirit” magazine has a very good coverage of the eight steam engines parading through the streets of Salisbury for the annual carnival, Steve Aldred gets a mention for leading the parade and also for winning the trophy for the best engine while the Mayors Award went to the Farwell family’s K7 Ploughing Engine, no 15279 *Neville*. There are five pictures taken by Peter Hammond who reported on the event including one of Pete Parrish driving Clifford Dibbden’s Wallis and Stevens traction engine no 7102.



Steve and Pat Aldred at a wet New Years Day Parade in London

For Sale and Wanted

Book... The Design and Construction of Flying Model Aircraft by D A Russell, printed 1943, cover a little torn, 250 pages. £5.00. (Martyn Jones 01980 653385)

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