

# 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.

- 23<sup>rd</sup> March.** Spring Steam Up and Boiler Test Day at the club house, Andover.
- 25<sup>th</sup> April.** Club AGM, venue Idmiston and Porton Village Hall, 7pm for 7.30pm start.
- 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)

**Don't forget the AGM.** Next month **25<sup>th</sup> April Club AGM**, 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.

**Update -New two day event for 2014. The Sarum Steam and Classic Transport Gala.**

The dates for this event are now confirmed as 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2014 with the site being open to exhibitors from Friday afternoon (1<sup>st</sup> August) for those that wish to arrive early and camp. The categories for exhibitors cover miniature steam, classic cars, classic motorcycles, fire engines, classic commercial vehicles, tractors, model and craft exhibitions all supported by associated trade stands and local organisations. An entry form is included with this news letter please feel free to copy it and pass it to any friends who may like to exhibit in any of the categories. All trade stand inquiries can be made to ([info@salisburyrfc.org](mailto:info@salisburyrfc.org))

**Spring Steam Up and Boiler Test Day.**

At the club house, Jubilee Farm, Ox Drove, Andover, SP11 6ND on the 23<sup>rd</sup> March, if you require a hydraulic or boiler test please telephone Peter Parrish or myself, so that we can organise ourselves and please remember to bring your engine/boiler paperwork with you.

**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.

**March Film Night**

Attendance was down on last year with approximately fifty people through the door, club members were very thin on the ground but all those present enjoyed an interesting variety of short films before the interval. The main feature film "The Iron Maiden" was up next and enjoyed by all. Our thanks to John and Sharon on the projector, Paul on the ticket desk and the "kitchen crew" who helped with the tea, coffee and most of all the washing up!

**Club member** Len Toghill has recently been admitted to hospital with a heart problem, we wish him well and a speedy recovery.

**A Life Time Passion for Steam,** (by Peter Parrish) Mike Penny had become a very good friend over the next twenty or so years, in which time he had obtained a 3" Burrell, become a member of the Salisbury Model Engineers and attended many rallies and shows and it was at one of these rallies that we meet up again. The 1986 Alderholt Rally, I was privileged to take Arthur Thomson's Foden Traction Engine, Arthur by the way was on holiday in Scotland so the engine was left to me and Anne (my wife). Well the weather was rather damp and the field had got very sticky so when it came to parading the engine in the arena Anne was not too keen as it is hard work steering on wet soft ground, Mike was there with his model so I went and found him and asked if he would like to help me out and steer in the parade, at first he was a bit hesitant because this was the first time he had the chance to steer an engine for some 26 years. Little did he know this was going to be the start of another chapter in his life of becoming crew with me for Arthur Thomson .



Pete Parrish and Mike Penny on board the Foden “Wattie Pollock” at Alderholt 1986.

### **For Sale and Wanted**

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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