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EDITORIAL

I wonder if any regular clubnight attendees initially thought that they had forgotten the April meeting when this newsletter arrived in the post. Fear not – they have all been posted early this month for a reason.

Members attending the March club night arrived to find the car park full and all the floodlights on. Not only was there a football match taking place, but it also meant that our room was required for the post-match period. It was also in use on our arrival, but that was soon resolved and made available to us, although we agreed that our meeting be over before the match finished – which in the event it would have been anyway. I can not recall a double booking before, it being most unusual for a Thursday evening match to be played. We were initially unsure if this was to become a regular thing and some members had left soon after the meeting ended and before the situation was resolved, therefore not knowing the outcome. In the event it was decided that that we would in future start all meetings at 7.30pm to overcome this possibility, as it could happen again if a backlog of match fixtures build up and be difficult to inform club members before hand.

To let everyone know in advance, the cost effective way was to bring forward the newsletter printing and post every copy before the April meeting, rather than have the additional cost of a separate mailing just to notify. This does highlight the need for the club to have an e-mail contact list of members where possible, for use in such circumstances, therefore we will have a log sheet available at the next meeting if you wish to record any e-mail details, or these can be e-mailed to the editor at ken44austin@yahoo.co.uk. This would not be used for routine purposes but available for use if any future important short notice changes need to be notified.

Members attending meetings will have noticed that the room has been redecorated and has had an area of the wall made into a projection screen. This will save the need for a separate screen to be brought along, but as it is located on the wall on the opposite side of the door to where we normally place it, some members may need to adjust their customary roosting place.

BEES & PEES.

The club's old toilet trailer which was used at many past rallies before being replaced when it became un-roadworthy, had been stored out of use ever since. This situation had been left un-addressed for too long and we now have to arrange for it's prompt disposal from West Bergholt, where Pat Culham had kindly allowed storage. To compound matters, squatters – actually a swarm of Bees - have taken up residence and will need evicting before this can happen. This whole operation is beyond our resources so the committee had no option but to get it done professionally. We were shocked when provided with a quote for both tasks that came to over £1000 but had no option, so reluctantly agree that we would have to bite the bullet on this. We were relieved to then have an offer from Jim & Carl Roots to do the job at cost, so saving about 2/3 of that.

HERITAGE PARK PROPOSAL

I see in the local press that the proposal for a new multi-million pound Heritage Park to be built on a former Nursery site at Great Horkelesley has been resurrected. As usual, opponents are looking to object even before they have seen the plans. If it goes ahead it is planned to include a Farming Yesteryear exhibit dedicated to East Anglia's agricultural and cultural heritage on the 117 acre site. Time will tell if it comes about.

COACH TRIP OFF

The response to our propose coach trip has been disappointing. Only 19 indications of intent were received by the time we needed to confirm with the coach company and with a quote of £425 just for the coach it would not have been viable. Once again insufficient interest sees us without our yearly excursion.

CLUB WEB SITE

It was over a year ago when it was noticed that an "unofficial" NEETEC Web site under development had appeared, giving some details about our club. This was not instigated by the committee, but thought to be worth investigating with a view to it maybe being taken up officially. Initial contact with the site proved difficult, but we have now resolved this and now hope to see some progress in the coming months in conjunction with Terri Honeywood who started up the site. www.neetec.co.uk

WATCHING THE STEAM TRAINS. Steam trains planned to pass through our area.

Britannia class 70013 *Oliver Cromwell* runs from Liverpool St via Colchester to Norwich and back on Thursday 23rd April, run by Steamdreams.co.uk.

LivSt1023, MT1135, Col1144-1202, Ip1225, Nor1322. Nor1715, Ip1833, Col1855-1918, Wit1935-52, Liv2041. Another tour by the same loco will see it's first run over the East Suffolk line on Saturday 16th May hauling the *Easterling*, starting from Norwich at 0830, going via Lowestoft, to Liverpool Street at 1215, returning 1645 via Stowmarket to Norwich 1950. Stopping Colchester for water. Final timings later from railwaytouring.co.uk
There may be other viewing opportunities for it's positioning at Norwich beforehand and departure afterwards.

ALDHAM RALLY NEWS

Sunday Working morning. The yearly bash to get the field into shape has now been arranged for 10th May. This will entail the usual removal of any bits of tree, dead sheep, ground repairs and the like. If you can lend a hand please turn up at the field for a 10.00am start, armed with useful tools like spade/shovel, wood saw.

Rally field set-up evening Thursday, 5th June

The usual set-up evening will take place on the Thursday just prior to the rally. Please come along to the field and lend a hand. Newer members may not know the location near White Colne on the A1124 main road to Colchester, below the power lines. As usual, there is no June club night meeting at Wivenhoe.

We still require someone with vehicle and trailer to assist late afternoons at the rally as detailed in the last newsletter and also someone to assist with marshalling on both days.

Raffle. Enclosed with this newsletter are Rally Raffle Tickets, please return to Bob Starling or hand in stubs and money or unsold tickets to the Scouts raffle tent at the rally. Have you something suitable for donation as a raffle prize? If so, please bring it along to the May club night where Bob can collect and pass it on.

Auction form. You will find an auction booking-in form with this newsletter. This reduces time and queuing when booking-in Lots on the Saturday morning if completed before arrival. Please leave the left and right hand columns blank, where the auctioneer will enter Lot Number and Hammer Price. Book-in from 9.00am.

Newsletter collection at the rally. Remember that you can collect yours from the Stationary engine tent.

FORTHCOMING CLUB EVENTS

APRIL CLUBNIGHT Thursday 2nd **Note - 7.30 pm**

History of Colchester - Part 1, By David Austin (no relation to Editor).

CLUB CRANK-UP AT LT. TEY. Sunday 3rd May.

Alan and Pauline Mattin invite members and friends to their yearly Crank-Up in the meadow in Church Lane, Little Tey. The format will be the same as in previous years, with all exhibits and collection displays welcome. The usual BBQ for your own food with hot drinks will be available and there will be a road-run with Pub stop. From mid-morning. All welcome. Booking is not essential but a call to help indicate numbers helps.

MAY CLUBNIGHT Thursday 7th **Note - 7.30 pm** "YAK Chat" Don't miss it.

Nigel Willson is a Display Pilot and Instructor who operates his ex USSR YAK-52 out of Earls Colne airfield. I saw this presentation last year and can thoroughly recommend it. A competent speaker with all the audio-visual gear to make this an excellent evening. You do not need to know much about aircraft to enjoy this, but if you know someone who does then feel free to bring them along as your guest.

RALLY FIELD SET-UP EVENING Thursday, 4th June. See details under Aldham Rally News.

ALDHAM RALLY. Weekend of 6th & 7th June. See details under Aldham Rally News.

TENDRING SHOW. Saturday 11th July. We will have our usual club display at Tendring this year. If you wish to exhibit please contact Dave Culham soon, so that passes can be obtained and sent to you.

2009 THURSFORD CONCERT

We have been allocated seats for a later concert this year, on the afternoon of **Saturday 19th December.**

Going by past experience, reverse logic should ensure that by going later we avoid any snow this year!

Despite their ticket prices rising yet again we have held our inclusive price to those of last year.

Booking now via Pauline Mattin, all-in cost £35 for members, £40 non-members.

Do not delay as there were only 15 places left when I last checked.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

The 2009 Membership Directory is included with this issue.

It was a close call, only fixing a programming problem just in time when it insisted on printing out of date information, not just for the Directory but also for the Address Label run and Checklist.

We welcome one new member this month, Andrew Edmonds from Ipswich.

NON-CLUB EVENTS

The Monks Eleigh Bygone Collectors Club have asked us to publicise the following events -

For further details contact Paul Goodchild

40's weekend Exhibition & Dance. 16th -17th May 10-5. Location British Legion ,as above.

Rally at Gt Waldingfield Airfield. 13th & 14th June.

Colne Valley Railway Vintage Vehicle Weekend. 18th & 19th April.

Free entry to the railway for exhibitor +1. All types of vehicles and stationary engine exhibits welcome.

Overnight camping available. Saturday evening social event.

Request a form from cvrshop@googlemail.com or Mrs A Stabler, Colne Valley Railway, Castle Hedingham, Essex. CO9 3DZ.

REPORT ON RECENT EVENTS

FEBRUARY CLUBNIGHT -

Alick Barnett from the Ipswich Transport Museum presented his illustrated talk *Switched ON*.

This covered the development of electricity supply in the east of England, including power stations, National Grid, Operation Round-up which connected farms to the supply - resulting in the loss of stationary generating engines, specialist vehicles and mishaps, the formation of Eastern Electricity at nationalisation in 1948 and the changes to that organisation and it's successors over the following 60 years, including showrooms selling domestic electrical appliances.

MARCH CLUBNIGHT -

James McGinty's talk on *DIY Diesel - Making Your Own*.

I was pleasantly surprised by the turnout for this talk, expecting it to have limited appeal.

James was speaking from experience, having been running his own car on this stuff for some while, after having bought the commercially available equipment needed for the process. Freely admitting that it was not the cleanest of undertakings, he went through the process in a clear and entertaining way. He recalled some of his experiences, gave tips on how to obtain free supplies of used cooking oil from local chip shops and where to buy the other necessary ingredients. I remain unconvinced as to the overall gain, which there clearly is in cost, but when taking into account the time, travel, hassle, mess, space requirement and initial set up costs, I will stick to begrudgingly paying for my fuel at the filling station - but then mine runs on petrol anyway.

MEMBERS MARKET PLACE (*Send or telephone your free adverts to Ken Austin on 01473 747007*).

FOR SALE -well, Free in this case. (*This does not mean there's a quick buck to be made at Aldham Auction*).

We have been contacted by a non-member who has a Stationary Engine to dispose of without charge, but would prefer that it went to a young member or son of a member as an introduction to our hobby.

This is a Stuart Turner Generator Set which he removed from a boat some years ago with the intention of restoration, but never got around to it. He says that it is complete with control board, all controls and base unit, although the board wiring (coil?) needs attention. It is water cooled by pump (not hopper) and the 12v generator can also work as a motor for starting.

The man to contact is Duncan Selby

CARAVAN FOR SALE. Abbey Devon, 4 Berth, 14 ft. All working, good condition, with awning. £300 ono. Coggeshall.

SHED CLEAR-OUT SALE. Ransome plough parts: Head for Ford Super Major; Large qty Brake Liners for lorry, tractor ,bus, car - all new old stock (ex Barnets); Volume oil bucket: jerry cans, 2 gallon petrol cans. Coggeshall.

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EVENTS DIARY *Any omissions do not imply an event is not taking place.*

CLUB NIGHTS ARE HELD IN THE WIVENHOE FOOTBALL CLUB SOCIAL CLUB, LOCATED NEAR THE ESSEX UNIVERSITY, COLCHESTER. Normally held on the first Thursday, **7.30pm**.

Directions - Leave Colchester on the A133 towards Clacton. Turn right at the top of Clingoe Hill (University towers seen on right) onto the B1027 signposted Alresford & St Osyth, then at next traffic lights go left (still 1027) towards Alresford (not Wivenhoe). In half a mile, at cross-roads (near the floodlight), turn right; within a 100 yards the entrance gate is seen on your left. Use door on the end of building seen to your left as you enter car park. **MEMBERS GUESTS ARE WELCOME** at normal clubnights.

LISTING CLUB MEETING DETAILS WELL IN ADVANCE MEANS THAT SOME CHANGES ARE POSSIBLE LATER.

Thu	2 April	Clubnight. 7.30 History of Colchester Part 1, By David Austin.	
Sun	5 April	Thursford Annual Founder's Day	
Sat	18 April	Ipswich Transport Museum, Transport in Miniature	01473-715666
w/e	18,19 April	Vintage Rally at Colne Vally Railway, Castle Hedingham	01787-461174
Thur	23 April	Steam Train. Liverpool St – Norwich & return. 70013 <i>Steamdreams.co.uk</i>	
Sat	25 April	Cheffin's Vintage Auction	01223-213777
Sun	26 April	National Drive Your Classic Vehicle Day	
Sun	26 April	Club Coach Trip. CANCELLED – insufficient response	
Sun	3 May	ITM Ipswich - Felixtowe Road-Run.	01473-715666
Sun	3 May	Club Crank-up. Mattin's Meadow, Little Tey	01206-210307
Thu	7 May	Clubnight. 7.30 YAK Chat. By a display pilot from Earls Colne Airfield.	
Sun	10 May	Rally Field work morning. See details in this issue.	
Sun	10 May	Amberley Stationary Engine Day	
Sat	16 May	Steam Train. <i>The Easterling</i> . Norwich-Lowestoft-Liverpool St. 70013	
w/e	16-17 May	Monks Eleigh Bygone Collectors Club 1940's Day. New Farm, Cornard Tye.	01787-372478
Sa-Mo	23-25 May	Strumpshaw Steam Rally	01603-861555
Su,Mo	24,25 May	Southend Air Show	
We-Th	27,28 May	Suffolk Show	
w/e	30,31 May	Woolpit Steam Rally	01359-241886
Thu	4 June	Club Field set-up Evening.	
w/e	6,7 June	Aldham Rally	01206-393836
w/e	13,14 June	Monks Eleigh Bygone Collectors Club Rally. Gt Waldingfield Airfield	01787-372478
w/e	27,28 June	Wings,Wheels & Steam, Rougham Airfield, nr Bury St Ed.	01359-270524
Sun	28 June	Old Buckenham Airfield open day	
Thu	2 July	Club Visit. To Argent's Farm at Waldingfield. 7.00pm	
w/e	4-5 July	FMPS Melford Hall Rally	01787-269214
Sat	11 July	Tendring Show – Club display, see Dave Culham.	01206-393504
Fr-Su	17-19 July	Weeting Steam Rally	01842-810317
Sat	18 July	Cheffin's Vintage Auction	01223-213777
Th,Fr	23,24 July	Lowestoft Air Show	
w/e	25,26 July	West Bergholt Vehicle Rally	01206-271253
w/e	1,2 August	Thurlow Steam Rally	01799-530246
Thu	6 August	Club Visit. To Clark's collection, twix Braintree & Dunmow. 7.00pm	
w/e	8,9 August	Steam at East Anglian Rural Life Museum, Stowmarket	01449-612229
Tu,We	11,12 Aug	Duxford Flying Legends Air Show	
w/e	15,16 Aug	Rougham Airfield. Air, Cars & Military Vehicles	01359-270524
w/e	22,23 Aug	Lincolnshire Steam & Country Show	01507-605937
Th,Fr	27,28 Aug	Clacton Air Show	
We-Su	2-6 Sept	Great Dorset Steam Fair	01258-860361
w/e	5,6 Sept	Duxford Main Air Show	
2ndThu	10 Sept	Clubnight. Bob Clow's Train Journey from Parkeston.(<u>note</u> - 2 nd Thursday)	
w/e	12,13 Sept	Haddenham Steam Rally	01487-842771
w/e	12,13 Sept	Barleylands Essex Country Show	01268-290228
w/e	19,20 Sept	Elmsett Airfield Open Day	01473-824116
w/e	19,20 Sept	Bedfordshire Steam & Country Show, Old Warden.	01462-851711
w/e	19,20 Sept	Henham Steam Rally	01502-578956
w/e	26,27 Sept	Strumpshaw Museum Working Weekend	01603-861555
Thu	1 October	Clubnight. Brian Dyes talk on <i>Made in Ipswich</i> .	
Sat	3 October	Great Chesterford Steam-up, Safron Walden	01799-530246
w/e	3,4 October	Rougham Ploughs to Propellers	
Sun	4 October	ITM. Come and ride on the buses day	01473-715666
Sun	11 October	Duxford Autumn Air Show	
Sat	17 October	Cheffin's Vintage Auction	01223-213777
Sat	17 October	Wheels by Lamplight	01473-715666
Thu	5 November	Clubnight. Simon Gallup, National Trust talk on <i>Flatford - Before & After</i> .	
Thu	? December	Clubnight. AGM & Buffet – Possibly 2 nd Thursday.	
Sat	19 Dec	Thursford Christmas Concert. Club Coach	01206-210307