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# RESTORER

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This month I am saved from writing an editorial, using this space for some words from our Chairman.

## **MUTTERINGS FROM THE CHAIR** *by Martin Stubbins*

I thought it was about time that I put pen to paper. The Rally season is fast approaching and Christmas seems a distant memory. I now have a stack of rally entry forms to fill in, and the light evenings are getting longer.

The new monthly meeting venue seems to have been well received by all those who attend, at least the heating is on and the facilities appear to be to everyone's liking. So far this year we have had 3 really good evenings with some interesting talks. The January evening was a bit ad hoc as we had not arranged a speaker, but those who attended have asked for a similar evening later in the year. I will bear this in mind

This year we are hoping to have a club tent at the rally, I would like to use this as an advertising vehicle for the club. It would be nice to have somewhere to show off some of our projects and make the public aware that NEETEC is not simply a name on a rally sign. Ideally I would like a couple of exhibits within this tent and some pictures of past and current projects. We intend to man the tent to try and present a public face and hopefully gain some new members. So, if anyone has any photographs they would like us to display then please either contact me, or another committee member. With your permission I will scan the pictures and return the originals, please remember to add contact details with all your pictures though.

Also, if you fancy helping out, either in the club tent or with anything else on the rally field then please contact Bob Starling or me.

Following John Thompsetts' decision to give up his position of video library custodian we find ourselves with a vacancy. At present John is still holding all the videos and the catalogue. I would like someone to take this position on, but you will need a bit of space to house the tapes!!! If there is a volunteer out there, please make yourself known.

The official club website has been running for about a year now, and Terri Honeywood has done a sterling job to maintain it. She is now asking for members contributions to add to the site. After all it is a club site so the membership should have a say about its content. Please have a look next time you are browsing the net, and let Terri know if you want anything specific on it. You can either contact Terri via the website, or alternatively you can pass your comments via the monthly meetings. The web address, in case any of you needed reminding is [WWW.NEETEC.CO.UK](http://WWW.NEETEC.CO.UK)

Ken Austin will have probably mentioned coach trips somewhere else in this issue, so I will not go into the technicalities again. But after several failed attempts to arrange a trip it was decided that a safe bet would be to arrange a coach only trip to London and let people find their own entertainment. There is plenty to find and see after all, and you can even go shopping if you really want to!!

I am in the process of enquiring about a brewery trip for this year. This would be an evening trip so watch this space for information. Not too sure about the transport, as we may have to take some designated non drinkers with us to help us all home!!

It has been mentioned to me that some years ago, we used to put on a display once a year at Chappel Railway Museum. As I have a foot in both camps I thought it would be good if that was resurrected. It is another opportunity to get ourselves known and watch some trains at the same time.

Well I think that's about all from me for now. I think I have got the balance right between grovelling for help, and keeping you all informed.

Hopefully this rally season will be a good one for you all.

Martin.

## **FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

### **CLUB CRANK UP** - Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> May from 10am.

Alan and Pauline Mattin will again be hosting a Crank-up in their meadow in Church Lane, Lt Tey. Club members are invited to bring along all sorts of exhibits or collections to this very popular event. As usual there will be a road-run to a local hostelry in Great Tey and a BBQ fire available for your use, with hot drinks available. Although not essential, Alan and Pauline like to know if you are coming so as to plan things. Members may like to bring a few things along for their own Bring & Buy.

### **MAY CLUB NIGHT** - Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> at 8.00pm.

A presentation on Colchester's Dutch Quarter by Roy Walters.

### **ALDHAM RALLY.** 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> June

**The rally field preparation morning.** Please come along and lend a hand, from 10am on **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> May**, armed with suitable tools to make good the site from whatever the winter - and land owner - has done to it. Additional copies of the entry form are available from [www.neetec.co.uk](http://www.neetec.co.uk)

**The rally field set up evening** will as usual be on the **Thursday prior, 10<sup>th</sup> June**, so please try to come along and lend a hand with erecting ropes etc.

Although the **Newsletter** is now normally produced to co-incide with club nights on the third Thursday, it is intended to have the June issue ready for the rally. This can be collected on a self-help basis from a box placed beside the field intersection gate on the Thursday evening, or over the weekend from the Stationary Engine enclosure tent.

We decided against sending raffle tickets out with the newsletter, so do not forget that they are available on site from the stall near the field intersection.

Volunteers are still need for such jobs as sign erection, both on and off site, camp site marshal, craft marquee and future stall section organiser.

The auction book-in starts earlier this year from 8.00am.

**Please remember to return any trophies** that you won last year an advance. Arrange with Alan Mattin.

### **TENDRING SHOW.** Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> July. We have our usual invite for tractors & engines.

Contact Dave Culham to book.

### **COACH TRIPS**

Not having a lot of success with venue choices, we decided on a safer option of a **coach to London**, with drop-off points allowing members to do their own thing. With a date later in the year on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October, this gives good advance notice. This is open to MEBCC Members. More info in next issue (lack of space here). Our **coach to Thursford** Christmas Concert is on 18<sup>th</sup> December this year. Places are £37/£42. Book Pauline.

## **OTHER NON-CLUB EVENTS**

### **GT OAKLEY AIR RACES.** 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> April.

A change from our normal interest, these Royal Aero Club Air Races can be viewed from anywhere along the circuit, not just at Great Oakley Airfield. The airfield is open to the public with free admission (but £5 car parking). A course map is shown on the [www.greatoakleyairfield.co.uk](http://www.greatoakleyairfield.co.uk) site. From the airfield the course runs south to the tip of Hamford Water at Beaumont Quay; Holland Haven; Walton Pier Head; Naze Tower; Harwich Breakwater; Levington (just E of); Gt Oakley Airfield. Race start times are 15.00 Saturday, 12.00 Sunday. You should see 25 frequent fast low flying aircraft executing turns over several race laps at these points, the sharpest turns being at Holland Haven and Levington. Alternatively, watch from outside the pub at Shotley Point Marina as they cross the harbour. There are also practice flights from noon on Saturday.

### **TATTINGSTONE TRACTOR RUN.** Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> April.

From the Wheatsheaf public house at Tattlingstone, 11.00 start. Designated marshalled route on and of road. Subsidised lunch back at the pub 13.00 included in £5 entry fee. Pack up by 15.00.

Event Organiser John Fuller.

See [www.tattingstonetractors.com](http://www.tattingstonetractors.com) for entry form.

### **MONKS ELEIGH BYGONES COLLECTORS CLUB EVENTS.**

MEBCC are holding their 1940's Weekend at New Farm, Cornard Tye on 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> May; also their rally on 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> June at Gt Waldingfield Airfield. Details on [www.MEBCC.co.uk](http://www.MEBCC.co.uk) or from Paul Goodchild

### **MALDON DISTRICT VINTAGE TRACTOR & ENGINE CLUB WORKING DAY & RALLY.** 5<sup>th</sup> September.

We have been asked to announce this event at Joyces' Farm at Mayland.

Expect to see some spectacular 'Big Iron' with articulated tractors at work in the same field with heavy cultivation equipment, lots of other big tractors at work, both modern and vintage and a ploughing match. Another field is set aside for those just wishing to 'Play with dirt' - but watch out as there is also a Muck Spreading event! A Farmers Market is planned for the meadow, also a beer tent from the on-site brewery.

Entries invited for static Tractor and Stationary Engine line ups, anything old, mechanical or farm related.

Contact Mathew Swan

or for ploughing match Terry Stinson

Entries required by 1<sup>st</sup> July to ensure programme entry.

**WATCHING EVEN MORE STEAM TRAINS.** Steam trains passing through our area.

No less than five additional outings were planned – two on the same day, **Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> April using 70013.** Advertised on the *Railwaytouring.co.uk* website, both starting from Liverpool Street, the first at 1020 going via Cambridge to Bury St Edmunds, returning via Colchester to Liverpool Street at 1610. The second tour to Parkeston and back later on the same day, setting off at 1840, back at 2115. **If** this all goes to plan, the Parkeston (2010-2115) trip is planned to be diesel hauled back from there to Manningtree triangle to reverse the whole train, not just the loco, to position the steam loco at the front end for the remainder of the tour. This should make interesting viewing as it turns north towards Ipswich and stop on the River Stour bridges to reverse, even if it is getting dark. Any of this could change as there are private doubts expressed over using the London terminal at a peak time when little, if any, spare capacity is available, so best to look on their web site in advance as exact times were not available at time of printing but should soon be on their web site.

**STOP PRESS- BURY TOUR NOW 8TH MAY.** News broke just as about to print. Not sure re Parkeston.

The other two tours using 70013 are advertised as **17<sup>th</sup> July & 18<sup>th</sup> September** provision times of Liverpool St 0940; Colchester 1100-25; Norwich – Lowestoft - Ipswich – Colchester 1944-200?; Liverpool St 2140.

Before then, however, there is also advertised a Liverpool St – Norwich tour with the new A1 loco 60163 *Tornado* on **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May**, run by a new company called Amethyst Experience Ltd. If this comes about we should see this locally, but only on the return leg. In the morning it runs via Cambridge to Norwich, but returning from Norwich via way of Ely then Ipswich and Colchester back to London.

Their web site [www.amethyst-experience.com/tornado-east-anglia](http://www.amethyst-experience.com/tornado-east-anglia) is still not giving much away about times yet, so check nearer the time (or contact me).

**MEMBERSHIP NEWS**

The 2010 Membership List is attached to this newsletter.

We have one new members to welcome this month – John Hutchby from Beaumont.

**REPORT ON RECENT EVENTS**

**FEBRUARY CLUB NIGHT.**

Richard Carr's presentation on The 75 Years Development of the Paxman Diesel Engine.

The title of this presentation alone led us to expect a more technically detailed talk than normal.

This was eagerly awaited by the surprisingly high number of members that had either past connections with Paxman's or else worked with diesel engines in the course of their occupation. Of course, where a topic is of specific interest to some, the reverse can be the case for a few others, but Richard did not confine himself to just the technicalities, so helping to avoid this. Judging from the response afterwards, it was well received, but any new members new to our meetings can be assured that most topics are of a broader nature.

A reminder of Richard's web site address - [www.paxmanhistory.org.uk](http://www.paxmanhistory.org.uk)

**MARCH CLUB NIGHT.**

David Austin returned with part two of his talk on The History of Colchester. To me this had more appeal than part one, relating nearer to times with which we could associate, providing another entertaining evening.

**MEMBERS MARKET PLACE** (Send or telephone your free adverts to Ken Austin on

**WANTED**

Flat belt pulley for Petter M, 3hp, bolt-on type. Also cooling tank for same (item for sale below too big).

Rod Hayward

Colchester

**FOR SALE**

Galvanised cooling tank, 4' high x 2' wide. Looks sound, but not extracted for close inspection. £15. Editor.

Clifford Mk1 Rotary Cultivator. £250.

Kenny Ling

Gt Horkesley

Engine Trolley, very big. 4 wheel, steerable, will take engine 4 – 6 tons. Sand blasted & painted red oxide. Good condition. £325 ovno.  
Workshop Manual, Rootes Ltd. For Hillman Minx saloon, convertible, Californian, Husky and Commer Cob van. 200 Pages hard back. Good condition. £15.

Ferguson Cultivator Frame, sand blasted and painted red oxide. Good condition. £55.

Old Model Engineer books from 1970. 32 in total. £6.

2 Small tractor tyres and wheels 6x12, plus stub axles and lugs, as new. £125 ovno.

Horse Harness, woodwork all there but not great, all metalwork ok. 2 sets + 1 spare. £25.

Blacksmith Leg Vice, 41" high, good condition. £45 ovno.

Generator, petrol, portable, 240V. Good working order. £95 ovno.

Oil tank, 50 gallon. Hand pump with glass gauge and dip stick. Excellent condition. £175 ovno.

Oil pump gear box and back axle filler. All original good working order. £45 ovno.

Gas cooker, two rings and grill plus regulator, four tables. All folds flat, ideal for rallies. £35 ovno.

Old pillar hand drill 24" high. Good condition. £30 ovno.

Welding accessories. Flashback arrestor, oxygen, 4 total. Gauge to hose, 1 new. All good cond. £15ea or £45

Old grinding wheel, foot operated. Good condition. £30 ovno.

Old Wade shaving mug with Aveling steam roller on, 1893. Good condition. £15 ovno.

Leg Vice. Small 18" high. Good condition. £15 ovno.

Concorde Memorabilia, all embossed "Concorde". Writing paper, envelope, brochure, in-flight entertainment, winter schedules, hand baggage label, timetable, folder, BA High Life magazine. £45 ovno.

For all above phone Geoff

for details 9am-9pm any day.

## ON THE BOX

The allotment site at Castle Hill in Ipswich where I am site warden has been chosen as the location for an 8-part Anglia TV series which started this week, broadcast during the lunchtime and evening news programmes including weather. I shall be kept busy cutting the grass (and keeping out of the way) but they were eyeing up the vintage machines used for this – probably concerned at the noise they make and being unsuppressed!

## EVENTS DIARY

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

**MEMBERS GUESTS ARE WELCOME** without charge at normal Club night meetings. Some club event details could change later.

Thu	15 April	<b>CLUBNIGHT</b> Air Ambulance Talk	
w/e	17-18 April	Royal Aero Club Air Races. Routemap on <a href="http://www.greatoakleyairfield.co.uk">www.greatoakleyairfield.co.uk</a>	
Sat	24 April	Cheffins Vintage Auction	
Sat	24 April	Tractor Road-Run around Tattingstone, from Wheatsheaf. <a href="http://www.tattingstonetractors.com">www.tattingstonetractors.com</a>	
w/e	24,25 April	Colne Valley Railway Vintage Vehicle Weekend. Form from Pauline or <a href="mailto:cvrshop@googlemail.com">cvrshop@googlemail.com</a>	
Sun	25 April	Amberley Spring Industrial Trains Day	
Sun	2 May	<b>Club Crank Up.</b> Mattins Meadow, Church Lane, Lt Tey.	
Sun	2 May	ITM. Ipswich - Felixtowe Road-Run	
Su,Mo	2,3 May	Stradsett Park Vintage Rally, Nr Downham Market	
Sat	8 May	Otley Collage 40 <sup>th</sup> Aniversary. Require Tractor & SE entries. Mark Crosby	
Sun	9 May	<b>RALLY FIELD PREPARATION.</b> 10 am on the field at White Colne.	
w/e	15,16 May	Royal Gunpowder Mills Steam & Country Show, Waltham Abbey	
Th,Fr	20 May	<b>CLUBNIGHT</b> Colchesters Dutch Quarter. Talk by Roy Walters	
w/e	22,23 May	MEBCC 1940's Weekend, New Farm, Cornard Tye, Sudbury.	
Fr-Su	28-30 May	Dordt in Stoom – Dordrecht Holland. 250,000 visitors.	<a href="http://www.dordtinstoom.nl">www.dordtinstoom.nl</a>
Sa-Mo	29-31 May	Strumpshaw Steam Rally	
w/e	30,31 May	Southend Air Show	
We,Th	2,3 June	Suffolk Show	
w/e	5,6 June	Woolpit Steam	
Sun	6 June	Amberley Stationary Engine Day	
Thu	10 June	<b>CLUB Rally Field set up evening</b>	
w/e	12,13 June	<b>ALDHAM RALLY</b>	
w/e	19,20 June	Monks Eleigh Bygones Collectors Club Rally Gt Waldingfield Airfield	
w/e	26,27 June	Wings, Wheels & Steam at Rougham Airfield, Nr Bury St Ed.	
w/e	3,4 July	FMPS Melford Hall Rally	
?	July	<b>CLUB VISIT</b> Harwich Guided Walk. Date to be confirmed.	
Sat	10 July	<b>Tending Show</b> Book with Dave Culham	
Fr-Sun	16-18 July	Weeting Steam Rally	
Sat	24 July	Cheffins Vintage Auction	
w/e	24,25 July	West Bergholt Vehicle Rally	
w/e	7,8 August	Thurlow Steam Rally	
Th-Fr	12,13 August	Lowestoft Air Show	
?	August	<b>CLUB VISIT</b> E A Railway Museum guided tour. Date to be confirmed.	
w/e	14,15 August	Air Display at Rougham Airfield, Nr Bury St Ed.	
w/e	14,15 August	Stowmarket East Anglian Museum of Rural Life Rally	
w/e	21,22 August	Lincolnshire Steam Rally	
Th-Fr	26,27 August	Clacton Air Show	
We-Su	1-5 Sept	Gt Dorset Steam Fair	
Su	5 September	Maldon District Vintage Tractor & Engine Club Working Day & Rally	
w/e	11,12 Sept	Barleylands Essex Country Show	
w/e	11,12 Sept	Haddenham Steam Rally	
w/e	18,19 Sept	Bedfordshire Steam & Country Fayre, Old Warden Park	
w/e	18,19 Sept	Henham Steam Rally	
Sat	2 October	<b>CLUB COACH TO LONDON.</b> Book with Pauline	
w/e	2,3 October	1940's Weekend at Rougham Airfield, Nr Bury St Ed.	
Sun	3 October	ITM. Ride the buses day	
Sat	16 October	<b>Wheels by Lamplight</b> at Ipswich Transport Museum	
Sat	16 October	Cheffins Vintage Auction.	
Sat	16 October	Mersea Island Ploughing Match, Rewsalls Farm, East Mersea	
Sat	18 December	<b>CLUB COACH to Thursford</b> Christmas Concert, Book with Pauline Mattin.	

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