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# RESTORER

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It seems a long time since the last Restorer, which was brought forward to be available at the rally, then this month's Third Thursday falling quite late. Still the same panic to have it ready though.

## ALDHAM RALLY

It was time that the weather dealt us a decent hand. Following a dampish week prior, Friday was forecast to bring a heavy downpour in the morning, then a decent enough weekend with a likely shower late on Sunday. As it turned out, the nasty stuff on Friday did not quite make it, just a token drizzle shower with the heavy stuff (up to 2") was dumped on Kent. The field could have coped with some rain on Friday anyway, having recovered well from most of the winter disturbance.

Despite numerous competing attractions now choosing the same weekend (at one time we had it all to ourselves), like Bentwaters Air Display, Horham, Euston Park and even the local open gardens in Aldham, our public attendance was well up on the last two years, undoubtedly due to the ideal weather.

It was pleasing that it went well, being Bob Starling's final year at the helm. We owe him our thanks for the untold amount of work that he has put in over the years to make it a success. Matt Garwood now takes over, assisted by Roger Attmere.

From my point of view, following a more hectic time in the weeks leading up to the event, with deadlines for advertising, programme, newsletter and a holiday all to be fitted in, the weekend itself seemed quite relaxing. I even had some time to look around this year, thanks to both Eddie Smith and Jev Jeavons not requiring the exhibitors detail slips during their stints as commentator for the Military and Tractor parades respectively. Even all the section's slips were delivered to the PA van in time, without me having to chase them.

Rather worrying though, I resisted buying a single item at the auction – but the wife did! *(Note from Jean – I successfully bid on a collection of interesting handmade walking sticks, I kept the one I wanted and the rest have been sold and the profit is going to the St Elizabeth Hospice).*

The introduction of a Club Display Tent this year proved a great success, resulting in several new applications for club membership. Thanks to Chairman Martin for this initiative and supply of the tent, also to the other committee members who manned it. Our new club banner was used for the first time. Next year we hope to have a rota of volunteers willing to give an hour helping with this. With a constant flow of visitors and members calling in no way is this a boring job.

## COACH TRIP OFF

Either we are not choosing the right destination or the date is not popular, but whatever, we still get insufficient response to justify running them. Our planned trip to London on 2<sup>nd</sup> October, allowing members to do their own thing has fared no better. With just 17 places booked despite the appeal for early indication, we could not justify running it, so reluctantly again had to cancel. Maybe we could try something on a smaller scale – like a local half day or evening mystery tour using vintage transport, calling in for a drink somewhere, or some other idea that would interest members – give us your ideas.

## DORDT IN STOOM PHOTO'S.

Members not having sampled this nearby overseas event may like to know that curiosity can be answered by having a look on the web. There are almost 100 pictures from this year's event now available to view on the official [www.Dordtinstoom.nl](http://www.Dordtinstoom.nl) site. Click on the Union Flag for English version, then in the left margin look for *FOTO'S 2010* and click on it. Each page has 8 pics, so click on MORE at the foot of page for the next eight. Whilst there, connect your speakers / earphones and have a play by clicking on *STOOMSYMFOON* and then place your mouse pointer over the various whistles and drum symbols.

## **FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

**SEPTEMBER CLUB NIGHT** Thursday 16<sup>th</sup>, 8.00pm  
Essex at War. Presentation by Doug Killick.

**OCTOBER CLUB NIGHT** Thursday 21<sup>st</sup>, 8.00pm  
Harvest Memories. Presentation by Ashley Cooper.

**COACH TO THURSFORD CHRISTMAS CONCERT** Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> December.

Always popular, with just 7 places left. Places are £37 members/£42 guests for coach and good concert seats. Member subsidy is £5. Book via Pauline. No other reductions as all tickets cost the same to the club.

**CHAIRMAN'S DOO.** Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> October.

Martin has been planning an end of season bash and this will be held at Old Forge Farm, Hungerdown Lane, Ardleigh, CO7 7LZ. Start time will be from 10 am. Following details given by Martin.

Please bring your own food if you wish to use the BBQ, there will be a gas BBQ available on site. I will supply the beer at the price of a donation towards costs. Tea, coffee, and soft drinks will be available. There will be a limited amount of food available. Hopefully, we will have several steam engines in attendance, along with a few tractors, stationary engines and commercials. please feel free to bring anything along which may be of interest. I intend opening the site to the local residents, which is a similar arrangement to the Mattins Crank up in May. If the weather is inclement we have enough under cover space to keep people dry. We have not decided yet whether to have a road run to the local pub at lunchtime, I think we may leave that till the day and make a decision dependent on the weather.

Please feel free to bring exhibits on the Friday if you wish. There will be people on site Friday night so security is not a problem. If anyone wishes to stay until Sunday there is room to camp/caravan on the field overnight. There is power, water, and a toilet on the site.

**DIRECTIONS to CO7 7LZ** - From the A137. *Martin will put a sign in the bank opposite the entrance.* Approaching from Lawford/Manningtree towards Ardleigh. Hungerdown Lane is on your left as the road bears left, before the row of council houses at the western edge of Lawford. Follow for about ¾ mile. Approaching from Ardleigh Crossroads, towards Lawford. About half a mile after the road crosses over the railway bridge and then passes a string of smallholdings, turn right into Tile Barn Lane, at the end of which is Hungerdown Lane. Turn right and follow the lane for about ¼ mile. Old Forge Farm is found on your right. There is a large asbestos clad barn on the right and the drive is immediately in front of it with a club sign in the bank opposite the entrance.

**WHEELS BY LAMPLIGHT.** Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> October. At the Ipswich Transport Museum. **(Sat-Nav IP3 9JD).** Time to get those lamp trimmed and polished again, ready for the annual Oil Lamp Rally hosted by the Ipswich Transport Museum, which is illuminated by hundreds of old oil and paraffin lamps. A strong but not exclusive club participation is normal, although several others travel from around the country to display their collections. Hundreds of oil lamps of all types and other paraffin powered devices like ovens are displayed around the museum, illuminating the regular exhibits in a unique atmosphere. Public opening is from 7pm to 9pm but exhibitors can set up from mid-morning, giving time to inspect other lamps and look around the museum. Most museum vehicles are also on display, but some are moved outside to make room for the lamps. Members who have attended before will have received entry forms by now. If not, or if you wish to enter for the first time, please contact the museum for an entry form. 01473-715666.

**Directions**-*To the Old Trolleybus Depot, Cobham Rd, Ipswich. From the A14, cross the Orwell Bridge going East, then next exit. At bottom of slip go left towards town, then at big roundabout 2<sup>nd</sup> exit (11 o'clock) still towards town on Nacton Road. In about ¼ mile, after passing Cranes factory there is a bollard in the road. Turn right here into Lindburgh Road, continue through housing estate to far end, where the road bends left and the museum is obvious. Turn down the road alongside the museum to access the rear yard for unloading.*

**RIDE THE CLASSIC BUSES FOR FREE.** Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 11am-4pm.

Over 20 classic buses, from both the Ipswich Transport Museum collection and others visiting, old and new. As well as free bus services linking the museum with the town centre bus and rail stations and a free park & ride operation, there will be frequent free routes operated by both vintage and more modern vehicles. Whilst the rides are free, access to the museum if required (where the toilets and refreshments are) is chargeable.

**CLUB VISIT TO LOCAL BREWERY.** Watch this space in next issue - details still brewing.

**PADDLE STEAMER WAVERLEY CRUISES.** See tourist offices, [www.waverleyexcursions.co.uk](http://www.waverleyexcursions.co.uk) 08451304647 The cruise season in our area continues with PS Waverley between 25<sup>th</sup> September and 10<sup>th</sup> October with three local round trips (rather than those with a coach in one direction). These are Southend-Clacton-Southend on 25<sup>th</sup> September; Clacton-Blackwater-Clacton on 29<sup>th</sup> September & 4<sup>th</sup> October. Other sailings with a coach in one direction are Southend-Clacton on 29<sup>th</sup> Sept; Southwold-London on 30<sup>th</sup> Sept; Southend-Clacton on 4<sup>th</sup> Oct; Ipswich(c)/Harwich/Clacton-London on 5<sup>th</sup> Oct; Yarmouth(c)/Harwich/Clacton-London on 10<sup>th</sup> Oct. Numerous other Southend sailings are not show as some turn right from the Thames.

# REPORT ON RECENT EVENTS

## ALDHAM RALLY

### SECTION REPORTS -

Steam & Static Section - by *Pauline Mattin*

What a Great weekend, we were so lucky with the weather this year, everything seemed to go well. Congratulations to John Hutchby on being awarded the Mattin Steam Trophy for his Aveling & Porter Steam Roller. Many thanks to Sarah & Christine and all the other folk who helped to Marshall the steam engines to & from the ring; it was nice to see so many Marshalls.

Judges Report - by *Alan Mattin*

I find it heartening to note some youngsters now getting involved in our rally & club. Scott & Aaron and their friends were very evident before, during and at the clean up afterwards. Also we now have a young Rally Secretary in Matt alongside Roger, and with Gavin taking on the Tractor Section and John the Motor Cycles, things are looking good. Even the Club Chairman (although a bit grey) is young - by my standards anyway. Hopefully these and other young folk will take both the rally and club forward into a healthy future, letting some of us oldies take a back seat! That said, I would like to thank all of the judges who trudged round doing the judging for us and completing it in good time for me to sort the trophies and get the listing done. Many thanks and well done the worthy winners listed below.

### THE VARIOUS TROPHY WINNERS FOR 2010 WERE AS FOLLOWS :-

<i>Chairman's Trophy</i> - Best Stationary Engine Overall	1.	John Chiles	Jumbo T
<i>Colne Shield</i> - best Stationary Engine up to 2½ hp.	14.	Arthur Catling	Lister Sheep Shearer
<i>Aldham Shield</i> - best Stationary Engine above 2½hp.	20.	Lee Chapman	Ruston Hornsby 1XHR
<i>Tey Cup</i> - best Tractor overall.	14.	Gary Pepper	Ferguson TED 20
<i>Vintage Tractor</i> , pre 1947.	4.	Steven Clark	Field Marshal Series 1
<i>Tractor Award</i> , post 1946.	92.	Bill Pentney	Garner Row Crop
<i>Mattin Steam Trophy</i> .	4.	John Hutchby	Aveling & Porter Steam Roller
<i>Copeman Cup</i> - best Working Exhibit.	3.	Adam Munson	Hercules Economy Stationary Eng.
<i>Treasurer's Cup</i> - Military or Commercial Vehicle.	35.	Paul Wright	Austin K2A GS Tender
<i>Colchester Rose Bowl</i> - best Car.	20.	Harold Landin	Moris Major
<i>Motorcycle Award</i> .	56.	John Walker	BSA Gold Star
<i>Macmorland Cup</i> - Best Junior Exhibit.	36.	Sam Wright	Air Drop Container & Trolley
<i>Chalkney Shield</i> for Best Section.	-	Yvonne Copeman	Military Section
<i>Judges Cup</i> for judges personal choice.	56.	Les Weavers	Austin K4
<i>Lawnmower Award</i> -	1.	Pauline Mattin	Greens Silens Messor

## JULY CLUB VISIT

Our guided tour of Harwich was timed nicely to fit in the lull between two blasts of gale force winds, giving a pleasant sunny evening. Almost 25 of us met on Ha'penny Pier, where we were greeted by the Mayor and Town Crier, complete with Bell and Oh Yea's. Our guide - a bit quieter spoken than the Crier - then outlined the historic past of Harwich before going on to speak about the nearby buildings. We first ventured onto the pier, when almost immediately the newly introduced *Stena Holandica* ferry sailed past on it's arrival from the Hoek. Then we set off walking a circular route passing most of the historic features of the town, also passing several interesting shops which still retained their original frontage attracting our attention. We ended with a final chat and vote of thanks on the quayside whilst witnessing a golden sunset.

## ON THE BOX AGAIN

Immediately after the Aldham rally it was time to get stuck in ensuring the allotment site was presentable for Anglia TV the following week. It had taken a back seat during our holiday and then during the pre-rally period, just when the grass (and weeds) decided that it was time to grow like mad. It took the next two days and evenings, plus 8-10pm on Sunday evening after getting home from the Rally to get it back to normal. A late schedule change, with another item needing to be fitted in on the planned day of 21<sup>st</sup> June, meant the bit about garden machinery being put back to 26<sup>th</sup> July, so allowing me to attend John Thomsett's funeral. The 26<sup>th</sup> July was another sunny day and resulted in a live 15 seconds worth on the evening news. There is another team (trainee) filming on the same days and they were keen to do an extended bit on vintage garden machinery for the *Anglia Allotment Extra* feature on the web site [www.itv.com/Anglia](http://www.itv.com/Anglia). This resulted in a longer stint on 9<sup>th</sup> August, with me careering around with vintage motor mowers, a single wheel tractor pushing a trolley up a hill belching smoke and even testing a range of old sprinklers - and getting a hug from Amanda the Weather Presenter (off screen)!

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Following the introduction of our club display tent at the rally we have pleasure in welcoming sixteen new members in addition to Robert Napier and Rob Ruffell also rejoining.  
*Lee Parrish & Tracy Bass from Feering; Daniel and Tim Edwards from Sible Hedingham; Gerry Franklin with Tom & Max Lamb from Lawshall; Graham James from Orsett; Kevin Creak from Halstead; Matt Foster from Earls Colne; Ken Papworth from Fingringhoe; Murray MacDonald from Brent Eleigh; John Fox from Ramsey; Ferg Ranson from Sible Hedingham; S Blake from Colchester; and Patrick Pawsey from Ovington.*

### INTERESTING WEB SITE

Having picked up a model Stirling engine for next to nothing at a local boot sale, I hunted the Web for information on how these things worked. I discovered a fascinating engine site which does just what it says on the tin - [www.animatedengines.com/](http://www.animatedengines.com/) You can select from 21 types of engine operating principles, then see them in action with description alongside. Well worth a look, but I still can not get the thing to go!

### STILL WATCHING THE STEAM TRAINS. Steam trains passing through our area.

In the event, repairs to the firebox of Cromwell were more extensive than first thought and were not completed in time for the 17<sup>th</sup> July visit. No alternative loco was available so the tour was cancelled. The next tour on 18<sup>th</sup> September is still shown as running, but could have an alternative loco if it still runs, when it should go from Liverpool St to Norwich via Ipswich, returning via Lowestoft and Ipswich.

Provision times- *LivSt0940; Colchester1100-25; Norwich-Lowestoft-Ipswich-Colchester1944-2007; LivSt 2140.* Check the web beforehand. [www.railwaytouring.co.uk](http://www.railwaytouring.co.uk). or timings from [www.uksteam.info/tours/trs10.htm](http://www.uksteam.info/tours/trs10.htm)  
Numerous other steam trains reach Norwich later in the year, but not passing our way.

Whilst on the subject, a set of **six new Royal Mail stamps have just been issued today** (19<sup>th</sup> August) and depict steam scenes from the days of black & white photography, priced from £2.40 a set. Details can be found on [www.royalmail.com/stamps](http://www.royalmail.com/stamps).

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

#### **FOR SALE**

Wolsley WD II Stationary Engine (finned hopper) on steerable cast wheel trolley, complete with Compressor and Water Pump as complete unit. A past restoration - would make a great project for new exhibitor. £120.  
Peter Webb

Lister D 1½hp with 2 wheel flat trolley. Old restoration. (Mag overhauled by Salmon). £40.  
Fairbanks Morse 1½hp on wheels. Old restoration, £350. John Blake

Thinking of getting/making a trailer? A 6x4 in need of TLC could be available cheapish. Contact via Editor.

BSA LIGHTNING. 1965, 650CC. Only 40k miles in total, 2,600 since professional restoration to original specification. Superb condition. Owned since 1975. £4,200. Ipswich. Ernie

### 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.

- Thur 19 August **CLUB VISIT** E A Railway Museum guided tour. 7.30pm
- w/e 21,22 August Lincolnshire Steam Rally
- Th-Fr 26,27 August Clacton Air Show. 11am - 5pm
- 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
- Thur 16 Sept **Club Night.** Essex at War, presentation by Doug Killick.
- w/e 18,19 Sept Bedfordshire Steam & Country Fayre, Old Warden Park
- w/e 18,19 Sept Henham Steam Rally
- Sat 2 October Club coach to London. CANCELLED - Lack of bookings
- w/e 2,3 October 1940's Weekend at Rougham Airfield, Nr Bury St Ed.
- Sun 3 October Ipswich Transport Museum. Ride the buses day
- Sat 9 October **Martin's Doo** Details in this issue.
- Sat 16 October **Wheels by Lamplight** at Ipswich Transport Museum
- Sat 16 October Cheffins Vintage Auction.
- Sat 16 October Mersea Island Ploughing Match, Rewalls Farm, East Mersea
- Thur 21 October **Club Night.** Harvest Memories by Ashley Cooper
- w/e 13,14 Nov Newark Vintage Tractor & Heritage Show
- Thur 18 November **Club Night.** Bygones talk & Artifacts, Niel Catchpole
- Sat 18 December **CLUB COACH to Thursford** Christmas Concert, book with Pauline Mattin

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