



The

RESTORER

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EDITORIAL

With the recent Snowy weather, we do not need reminding that Christmas is nearly here again, or my being prompted to wish all our Members another Happy Christmas and Prosperous New Year.

We should be on our guard against it also being the season of goodwill to thieves.

I have been advised by club member Roger Rose of Clacton that thieves are active in targeting machinery. Arriving one morning in November to renew the antifreeze in his pride and joy of 14 years, his TE20 tractor, on removing the covers he found it had been stripped of it's starter motor, dynamo, distributor, petrol taps & bowl and they even tried to remove the wheel bolts. He does keep it outside, under cover on someone else's premises, so it is more susceptible, but thieves are out there so be warned. He asks if anyone can help fulfill his Santa Wish List with replacement parts at reasonable prices.

The Email Urgent Contact List being set up is coming along well and there are now over 30 members on this. After waiting until subscription renewals have settled down I would like to do a test message to all subscribers to prove that it works as planned, which should be some time before the next Restorer. Had we still been meeting on our old First Thursday date then it could well have seen it's first real use had the meeting been called off due to snow. Details on adding your email address are given under the Membership News heading.

Reminding members about the January club night, if you want to show some of your pictures, then see details repeated under Forthcoming Events.

The AGM marks a milestone for Bob Starling, as he then formally hands over the reigns of the Aldham Rally to Matt Garwood as Rally Secretary and his Assistant Roger Attmere as Rally Site Manager. I tried to look up just when Bob took the Job on and had to trawl through old paperwork until finding it was back in 1988. We all wish to thank you Bob, for the huge effort and untold amount of time you devoted to a job well done.

In filling odd spaces in the Restorer over the last few issues a 'Web Site of the Month' spot has evolved. No reason to stop now, so here is this months offering.

Check out the South African Sandstone Heritage site on www.sandstone-estates.com
It contains in depth information for enthusiasts across a broad spectrum of Heritage activities.

The Events Diary listing still looks a bit thin. Although most events are likely to be on their usual date, these will not be listed until 2011 dates are seen in print elsewhere.

It is good to see that restoration of the Aveling rail shunting steam loco "Sirapite" has been completed at the Garrett Long Shop Museum at Leiston, now returned to steam and looking superb.

We may possibly have a limited stock of new Sweat and T-Shirts in time for the AGM , also a Fleece sample. Prices are (dare I say) a little "wooly" at the moment, likely £10-12, fleeces more. Full details when known.

2010 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Minutes of the 2009 AGM are included with this newsletter.

Topics raised on the night under *Any Other Business* and not pre-notified will be at the Chairman's discretion.

ALDHAM RALLY

A new era starts in 2011, with a new Rally Secretary, as detailed in the Editorial.

Entry forms are being/have been sent out to past exhibitors before Christmas, a copy is also included with this issue of the Restorer and available to download from our neetec.co.uk web site.

The club promotional tent is set to become a regular feature, but we need to have a manning rota.

The Motor Cycle section will have a new organiser in John Walker, but Dave Neame will still assist.

We had been concerned over the lack of cover for visitors in the event of rain, but the change of Bar Facilities supplier for 2010, with a larger, multi-section marquee has overcome this. We are looking into some form of cost effective evening entertainment.

The wording of our rally name has never been consistent over the years. Old Time Rally / Olde Tyme Rallye, or just Aldham Rally, with or without Craft Fair, having been used at random. This will be unified in future although some material is already printed so will not fully conform for the coming year.

2010 RALLY REPORT, by Bob Starling.

Having had poor weather conditions for the previous two years, this year we returned to good weather over the weekend and had a successful rally. The bad weather conditions forecast for the Friday fortunately never reached White Colne. We had a cancellation from the WW2 Battle for Europe Display Team due to the expected poor weather and their normal area being disturbed due to work on the lake by the land owner, although an alternative area was offered to them. The lake work should have been completed for the 2010 rally, but now due for completion for 2011 with the perimeter leveled and seeded, along with other areas.

We had a good level and mix of exhibitors attending and a good number of paying public supporting the rally. The Craft Fair marquee was re-introduced, organised by Matt Garwood and Ann Chapman and well received by the public. A break-even figure was achieved against costs, so it is intended to continue with this in 2011.

For the first time we had a Club Promotional Tent with a Machinery and Photograph Display, organised by Martin which was well received. The rally returned a good profit this year, which is pleasing for both groups, with a 50% share going to each.

As you are all aware, I made the decision to stand down from the position of Rally Secretary, announced at last year's AGM, so this was my last rally and Matt Garwood has taken on this role and I trust that you will give Matt your support. I would like to thank the rally committee, section organisers and club members for all their support and hard work over the past 22 years and hope that the rally continues to prosper in the future. Wishing all members a Very Happy Christmas and New Year.

Bob Starling, Rally Secretary 1998-2010.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

COACH TO THURSFORD CHRISTMAS CONCERT Saturday 18th December. Leaves 8.30

All places now taken, but there is a stand-by list. Places are £37 members/£42 guests for coach and good concert seats. Member subsidy is £5. Book via Pauline.

Should some last minute event prevent you from taking your booked places, please contact Pauline to prevent the coach being held back waiting for you. Refund for late cancellation is not normally possible, but if notified in good time and able to re-allocate your places to others on the standby list it may be. Any thoughts of an earlier date than last year; to avoid the snowy conditions we had then would have backfired, with snow arriving so early this year; lets hope it stays away for Saturday. Global Freezing, maybe? I think that during last year's snow, Thursford's policy was that providing the concert went ahead, there was no refund just because some people could not make it.

JANUARY CLUB NIGHT. Thursday 20th, 8.00pm.

Following the success of the last January's meeting we will again have a showing of members photo's. Martin will arrange a digital projector for your memory stick or CD media. Slides are possible if notified in advance.

To help plan the evening it would be best to let him know in advance if you intend contributing. Depending on the number participating we may have to limit time slot durations.

Please feel free to bring along anything else you wish – photo's, objects or small collections to display – the evening will be what you make it, even a table-top sale if you like.

FEBRUARY CLUB NIGHT. Thursday 17th, 8.00pm.

Rescheduled from last September because of the speaker's sudden illness, Doug Killick will give his presentation on *Essex at War*.

MARCH CLUB NIGHT. Thursday 17th, 8.00pm.

Colchester in Old Postcards. Talk and presentation by Jess Jepcott.

APRIL CLUB NIGHT. Thursday 21st, 8.00pm.

Talk on Wilkins Jam Factory by Steve Cook.

FOR THE FUTURE.

The intended Summer visit to Phil Copeman's Collection has now been brought forward to the May club night. Any meeting at Stanway would have required moving to the Friday as the room has a long standing booking. Full details and directions later. A replacement August Visit is now also being arranged.

REPORT ON RECENT EVENTS

OCTOBER CLUB NIGHT Thursday 21st. *Harvest Memories*. Presentation by Ashley Cooper.

A most enjoyable evening, with a high level of audience participation, perhaps to be expected with such a topic. Slides and tales covered a wide variety of related things, enhanced by members relating their own experiences.

NOVEMBER CLUB NIGHT. Thursday 18th. *Bygones talk & Artifacts*, presentation by Niel Catchpole.

Clearly not the first time that Niel had done this Presentation, or should I say Performance. Once having set out the various artifacts which he brought along, he disappeared for a short while, only to burst onto the scene dressed in a full period Farmers Outfit to start the evening – quite impressive. Audience participation was encouraged, with token prizes being given out at random in response to answers of some questions. The evening was based in part on talking about some of the implements on display, interspersed with his rendition of some old farming songs – but audience participation in these was thankfully limited! He also recalled stories of farm workers from these parts migrating to the Burton area in search of work outside the farming season when laid off, explaining how outfits like his were sometimes bought whilst working away. I do wonder just what any of the Stanway people thought of it – and us – if they heard it.

CLUB VISIT TO MAULDONS BREWERY AT SUDBURY. *Report by Martin Stubbins*

As a real ale fan, I first visited Mauldons Brewery several years ago when it was owned by Peter Mauldon. I thought, as the brewery was now sold to Steve and Alison Sims, it was about time I organised another trip. The Brewery, which is at Sudbury, accommodates tours on weekday evenings for a maximum of 20 people. Our trip was organised for the 23rd of November, so at 7pm, 12 NEETEC members duly arrived at the industrial unit in Churchfield Road which now houses the Brewery. We were taken to the hospitality suite which is fitted with a well stocked bar. Having been given a pint of Mauldons Christmas ale, which is called 'Bah Humbug', we were shown to the Brewery floor. Steve then spent an hour giving a very interesting talk on the history of the Brewery and the brewing process.

The Brewery was started by the Mauldon Family in 1795 and survived until being bought out by Greene King Breweries in 1960. Peter Mauldon (Great Grandson of the original family) then regained the license in 1981 and began brewing in Sudbury again. Due to ill health he sold the business to the Sims family in 2000. Steve Sims was an employee of Adnams at the time. The brewery moved to its present site in 2004, and at present owns 2 pubs, but supplies real ale to many more around the country. Total number of employees is 5. At present they are struggling to keep up with demand.

After our tour we were taken back to the hospitality suite where Steve announced that we could help ourselves to whichever beers we wanted to try!!!. We are all adults after all!!!!

5 real ales were on offer ranging from a straight bitter at 3% abv to the award winning 'Black Adder' which is 5.3% abv. The buffet supplied by Alison was more like a feast and we struggled to finish it. Having said that, we didn't really struggle with the alcohol consumption, and two hours later we bid the Brewery farewell. Luckily some of us had arranged transport home, our Rally Secretary attempted to walk back to Sudbury Town, but rumour has it that he failed and had to be picked up!! (*by car, of off the ground? - ed.*)

An excellent evening was had by all, and several members commented that it was a most enjoyable trip. Steve and Alison also said that the evening was very enjoyable, stating it was nice to have a group 'genuinely interested in brewing'. The whole trip was very leisurely and at no point did we feel rushed. It was well worth the £10 per head charge.

I have been asked to organise another trip next year, so I will keep in touch with the Sims family. Perhaps next time we may even fill or exceed the 20 places.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

If you have not already done so, would you like to add your email address to club records? This would only be used for notifying any last minute changes to meetings or visits. If so, please notify Ken via email at neetec.emailgroup@yahoo.co.uk and your address will then be copied into a separate Group listing. This method removes any possibility of misreading a hand written note and avoids your address disclosure to others on any mailing. This Group Listing is just that, remaining confidential, not a Chat Group where members can post other matters. (Should you need to contact the Editor on other matters then use ken44austin@yahoo.co.uk)

Congratulations to Simon Fox and Clare on their recent marriage.

Membership renewal time is here again (unless you first joined after last May). Subscription rates are unchanged. A tear-off slip is included at the foot of a page for convenience if renewing by post.

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

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WANTED

Replacements for parts stolen from Ferguson Tractor as detailed in Editorial. Roger Rose.

EVENTS DIARY

FULL 2011 EVENT DETAILS ARE NOT YET AVAILABLE. Omissions do not imply an event is not taking place. MEMBERS GUESTS ARE WELCOME WITHOUT CHARGE AT NORMAL CLUB NIGHTS. SOME EVENT DETAILS COULD CHANGE LATER.

DIRECTIONS TO OUR STANWAY ROVERS MEETING ROOM ARE GIVEN ON YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARD

If required, a Directions Sheet with Map can be obtained by contacting the Editor, by email or post.

Thu	16 December	Club AGM and Christmas Buffet
Sat	18 December	CLUB COACH to Thursford Christmas Concert, book with Pauline Mattin
Thu	20 January	Club Night. Show us your Picies. Bring yours on a memory stick or disk.
Thu	17 February	Club Night. <i>Essex at War.</i> Presentation by Doug Killick
Sun	20 February	MEBCC Bygone Exhibition, Long Melford Village Hall 10.30am
Thu	17 March	Club Night. <i>Colchester in Old Postcards.</i> Presentation by Jess Jepcott.
Sat	19 March	(Provisional) Steam train. 70013. Liv St - Holt - Liv St. Route not stated
Sat	16 April	Cheffins Vintage Auction
Sun	17 April	Suffolk Classic Bike Show, British Legion Hall, Long Melford
Thu	21 April	Club Night. <i>Wilkins Jam Factory.</i> By Steve Cook.
Sun	1 May	ITM Ipswich - Felixtowe Road Run
Thu	19 May	Club Night VISIT! To Phil Copeman's Collection
w/e	21-22 May	Monks Eleigh Bygone Collectors Club 1940's Day. New Farm, Cornard Tye.
Sa-Mo	28-30 May	Strumpshaw Steam Rally
We.Th	1-2 June	Suffolk Show
w/e	4-5 June	Woolpit Steam Rally
w/e	11,12 June	Aldham Rally
Fr-Sun	15-17 July	Weeting Steam Rally
Sat	16 July	(Provisional) Steam train. 70013. Liv St-Col-Nor-Low-Ips-Col-Liv St.
	July	Club Visit. Maldon Military Museum
Sat	23 July	Cheffins Vintage Auction
	August	Club Visit.
w/e	20,21 August	Lincolnshire Steam & Vehicle Rally
w/e	10,11 Sept	Haddenham Steam Rally
w/e	10,11 Sept	Essex Country Show
Sat	15 October	Cheffins Vintage Auction

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MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION RENEWAL

A postal renewal slip is provided for use if not renewing at club nights - please return to Membership Secretary, Pauline Mattin, Jesmond, Church Lane, Little Tey, Colchester. CO6 1HX.

This becomes due from 1st November (except if first joining after 1st June this year).

Adult £5.00; Child (under 16 on 1st Nov) £2.50; Joint (husband/wife/partners) £7.50; Family £10.00.

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Please renew the following NEETEC Memberships

Name(s) & Address

I enclose £ (Payable to NEETEC) Please note below any change to address, postcode or telephone.

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