



RESTORER

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No Editorial this month. There was one, but then removed to make room for other material.

A NOTE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

As we move towards another rally season, I find it satisfying that the days are getting a bit longer. I seem to have an endless list of jobs to complete this year and extra daylight makes the task slightly easier.

I am pleased with the way the Rally committee seems to be moving forward. Both Matt Garwood and Roger Attmere seem to have things in hand and preparations are going well, although Roger has some concerns regarding the current state of the field. Please enjoy the coming season, I look forward to seeing you all. M.S. *To make room, some parts of Martin's report have been condensed or detail incorporated into existing topics where not already covered, other less perishable topics and some finer details needing to be held over. - Ed.*

ALDHAM RALLY NEWS

Following my "Eggs in Basket" concerns, I have re-created all the various Passes on the PC, making it easier when someone takes over this task in future. These were previously created years ago by the "Blue Peter" method, using scissors and glue to create Master Copies and sticking 8 copies of each version on a sheet of A4 and updating each year. Most will appear little changed other than being a bit neater. Matt now holds duplicate copies of these on his PC, along with 50 or so rally related forms and documents also copied to him. Entry forms for Exhibitors, Stallholders & Craft being available to download from our web site is proving useful. The advert flier which is distributed to Tourist Information Centres has been revised to include details of how potential stallholders can obtain entry forms from our web site, so also useful for members to pass copies to likely stalls seen at Boot Sales and similar - copies of this flier are available at club meetings.

First Aid cover costs have recently risen out of all proportion so we are looking at the level of cover needed, which has perhaps been a bit excessive, particularly overnight, when compared to other like-size events.

The rally field has, as usual, been subjected to disturbance by contractors during the winter. Work near the lake and tree removals have both meant heavy vehicles causing severe ground disturbance, particularly along a line where the beer and refreshment tents run and across the public car park. The land owner is being approached regarding early making good, to enable grass recovery.

The Rally Committee are exploring ways to re-arrange the field layout with a view to overcome the disturbed Military display area and reduce tractor area overcrowding. No definite changes have been decided yet.

We are seeking clarification from the rally insurers over the need for exhibitors to send in their insurance certificate when entering. We know of no other event where this is a requirement and is inconvenient to both the exhibitors and organiser as renewal dates frequently occur after the entry closing date, making this impracticable. Until agreed otherwise though, we must comply.

RALLY FIELD WORKING PARTY.

This is planned for **Sunday morning 8th May** from 10am. There could well be a bit more remedial work needed this year, following the contractors vehicle movements around the site during the winter. Roger has been liaising with the land owner to get this put right, but it will inevitably leave some final work needing doing. Please come along to lend a hand if you can, armed with appropriate tools.

RALLY QUESTIONNAIRE.

You will find this attached to the newsletter. Matt asks that you complete this and return or email it to him. This is to get some feedback which can be taken into account as he evolves the rally in the future.

WEB SITE OF THE MONTH

There were shots included in the January meeting slide presentation showing the Schwebbahn overhead suspended monorail at Wuppertal in Germany. Having introduced a regular web site feature in the Restorer and also being asked about this unusual system, it is an appropriate time to mention some related web sites. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E5f7XAqG9ss&NR=1> is an eleven minute movie taken from the back of a railcar showing most of the route suspended over river and town. <http://www.flickr.com/photos/hhhumber/sets/72157606900593908/> is a 25 picture slide show. (The Ipswich Town FC logo shown here is nothing to do with me - honest!) <http://reference.findtarget.com/search/Wuppertal%20Schwebbahn/> gives an interesting description.

CLUB VIDEO LIBRARIAN

We are still in need of someone to take on the Video Librarian role. With the spin-off of having the opportunity to view all of the video's at your leisure, you also need to have somewhere to store these between club nights. If able to help please contact our Chairman Martin Stubbins. Martin has now collected this from John Thompsetts wife, all five suitcases of it! John had the foresight to list the library on an included CD.

CLUB SALES

We now have stocks of good quality Polo shirts £12, Sweat shirts £14, Fleece £17, in all sizes from M to XXL, They have the club Logo and are available from Christine or Roger Attmere. at club nights. Forging in the wash and from a local supplier, so if we have not got what you want in your size we can get it.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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 Jecpott.. Have you got some to bring along?

APRIL CLUB NIGHT. Thursday 21st, 8.00pm.

Talk on Wilkins Jam Factory by Steve Cook.

CLUB CRANK-UP. Sunday 1st May.

Alan & Pauline invite members and friends to bring exhibits or attend their annual Crank-up at Mattin's Meadow, Church Lane, Lt Tey. Details are as last year and will appear in the next issue.

WORKING PARTY. Sunday 8th May. As detailed under the Aldham Rally News heading.

MAY CLUB NIGHT. Thursday 19th,

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, time and directions will be in the April issue. A replacement August Visit is now being arranged.

FUTURE.

We are exploring possibilities for a coach visit later in the year, also a repeat tour of Moulton's Brewery.

In the mean time, we have been offered seats on another group's excursion on June 25th. Run by the IDHTS (Ipswich & District Historical Transport Society), going to Dover for a return trip on the newish East Kent Railway, then to Dover Transport Museum, also an optional Tour around the town on a vintage open top bus. The coach starts from Ipswich, picking up at Ardleigh Crown and Stanway. Fare £30 (£10 deposit). For details or booking call Stuart McNae or see their web site.

www.ipswichanddistricthistoricaltransportsociety.co.uk (or google 'IDHTS', select Meetings, then Home Page).

The East Kent Railway is a small heritage railway deep in the Kent countryside, once part of a large network of coal mines, operated entirely by volunteers. Visitors can ride restored heritage trains between the villages of Shepherdswell and Eythorne, near Dover in Kent, a distance of **two** miles.

See www.eastkentrailway.co.uk and www.dovertransportmuseum.homestead.com

Please note that this is not a NEETEC club organised tour, so do not call Pauline Mattin regarding this.

STEAM TRAIN PASSING OUR WAY.

The first one this year is now due on Saturday 26th March, a week later than originally planned.

If all goes to plan then *70013 Oliver Cromwell* should be hauling the train, the 'Broadman' from Liverpool St to Holt on the North Norfolk Railway. The route is via Colchester both ways, where it is booked to stop to take on water (and passengers). Exact timings are not announced yet, but you can either contact me nearer the time or look on www.uksteam.info/tours/trs11.htm or www.railwaytouring.co.uk web sites.

Approximate timings are -

Liverpool St 10.00 - Colchester 1100/1130 - Norwich 12.30/1830 - Colchester 1930/20.00 - Liv St 21.00

REPORT ON RECENT EVENTS

2010 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The threat of heavy snow for 16th December did not deter many from attending, although the forecast did imply that we could have difficulty in getting back home. In the event it stayed a bit to the north, although there was a light covering in Ipswich even before setting off for the meeting.

The AGM went off smoothly, being mainly routine matters and re-elections. We were pleased to announce that in recognition of his work as Rally Secretary over the years, Bob Starling was awarded club life membership. Bob formally ended his involvement with the rally committee and Matt Garwood now takes over that title, in conjunction with Roger Attmere as Site Manager (also remaining as club treasurer).

The minutes will be distributed at a time nearer to the 2011 AGM, but can be made available on request. The buffet was laid out in the room beside the bar with ample provided for all.

THURSFORD CHRISTMAS CONCERT Saturday 18th December.

Unlike the weather conditions for the AGM, when the forecast snow held off, it certainly gave our visit a Christmas feel to it. Our earlier concert date this year did not avoid the snowy conditions we had last time. Not so much of a problem in Norfolk, but by the time we got back south the road conditions were getting bad, with accidents and blockages causing huge hold-up's on the Major roads, our coach not getting back until around midnight, with passengers then having to face their onward journey home.

The Concert was as spectacular as ever, with the surprise attendance at the evening performance of Prince William and Kate Middleton. I do not expect They had to spend the night stuck in the snow somewhere.

We have applied for tickets again for this year.

JANUARY CLUB NIGHT.

Following the same formula as last year, we had a showing of material provided by members.

Martin arranged a digital projector for son Matthew to faultlessly operate. There were contributions from - myself, showing the more relevant aspects of last years holiday to the Dordrecht in Steam event, by way of the new Harwich - Hook Ferry and a weeks cruising around the Dutch Waterways on the superbly maintained classic hotel ship *Switzerland II*, visiting places of technical and transport interest before taking part in the parade of classic ships at Dordrecht, at the event itself and also around Rotterdam docks.

Martin Stubbins and Tom Fisher provided material covering Aldham rally and the recent Barn Crank-up, whilst Richard Hemington told the story in words and pictures of his East German Barkus Fire Van.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

This month we welcome Martin Bliss, from Althorne; also additional family members Audrey Crees, Jill & Les Emeny, Helen Everett and Liz Garwood.

It is with sadness we have to report the sudden passing of club member Chris Phillips. Chris was a regular supporter of the Aldham Rally, always helping with the setting up and exhibiting his Field Marshall. He will be sadly missed. Our sympathy goes out to his wife Julie and family James & Ruth.

Membership renewal is now overdue. A renewal slip is repeated at the bottom of the last page.

If you have not renewed, this will be your final issue of the Restorer (unless first joining after May).

A separate reminder slip is included where applicable, but only in posted copies, not otherwise practicable.

The 2011 Membership List will be distributed with the April Newsletter. If you are yet to renew or wish any change to your entry included, please act in good time. Members on our Email Urgent Contact list should have recently received the test message to prove the system, as mentioned previously. Just two addresses were not recognised, whom I will contact. We now have 30+ members contactable should any short notice change occur. To add your email address notify Ken at neetec.emailgroup@yahoo.co.uk

We have managed to hold membership subscription rates unchanged for the last 21 years, relying on income from the rally to cover an ever increasing proportion of the club expenditure each year. A realistic balance has to be maintained and the committee have decided that this year will be the last where subscriptions are maintained at the current rate. This should be seen as a long deferred rise finally implemented, with members having had this advantage over all those years, rather than as a large increase now. Details will be announced later, to take effect from next November's renewal, but will apply to anyone first joining from June 2011 onwards, as their membership also covers the following year and would otherwise be unfair to others.

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

Lister D's x2 Two of these have been offered free of charge, so preferably to some newcomer or junior, by a non-member who does not want them to go for scrap when he does! Not a lot is known about them other than one is a runner. No idea of condition, age, or if on wheels, etc. and are located in the Maldon area.

Cyril Furlong is acting on his behalf

1971 Reliant Mk3 Supervan (Del Boy type). For spares or restoration, thought to be complete, engine out.

Offers to Pam Thompsett

Thorrington

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 email or post, by contacting the Editor.

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 Jecpott.	
Sat	26 March	(New date) Steam train. 70000. Liv St - Holt - Liv St. via Colchester	RTC
w/e	9-10 April	Colne Valley Railway Vintage Rally	
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	Club Crank-up. Mattins Meadow, Lt. Tey	
Sun	1 May	ITM Ipswich - Felixtowe Road Run	
Sun	8 May	Rally Site Working Party. 10am	
Thu	19 May	Club Night VISIT! To Phil Copeman's Collection	
w/e	21-22 May	Monks Eleigh Bygone Collectors Club 1940's w/e. 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	
w/e	25-26 June	West Suffolk Country Fair, Rougham Airfield	
w/e	2-3 July	Long Melford Rally, FMPS	
Sat	9 July	Tendring Show. Book via Dave Culham for the club display	
Fr-Sun	15-17 July	Weeting Steam Rally	
Sat	16 July	Steam train. 70013. Liv St-Col-Nor-Low-Ips-Col-Liv St.	
	July	Club Visit. Maldon Military Museum	
Sat	23 July	Cheffins Vintage Auction	
w/e	6-7 August	Thurlow Steam & Country Show	
	August	Club Visit.	
Th-Fr	11-12 August	Lowestoft Air Show	
w/e	13-14 August	Air Display & Classic Car Show, Rougham Airfield	
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	
w/e	17-18 Sept	Bedfordshire Steam & Country Fayre, Old Warden Park	
w/e	17-18 Sept	Grand Henham Steam Rally	
Sat	15 October	Cheffins Vintage Auction	
w/e	12-13 Nov	Newark Vintage Tractor & Heritage Show	

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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 became due from 1st November (except if first joining after 1st June).

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.

Optional - Email address (only used to notify any last minute meeting or visit changes)