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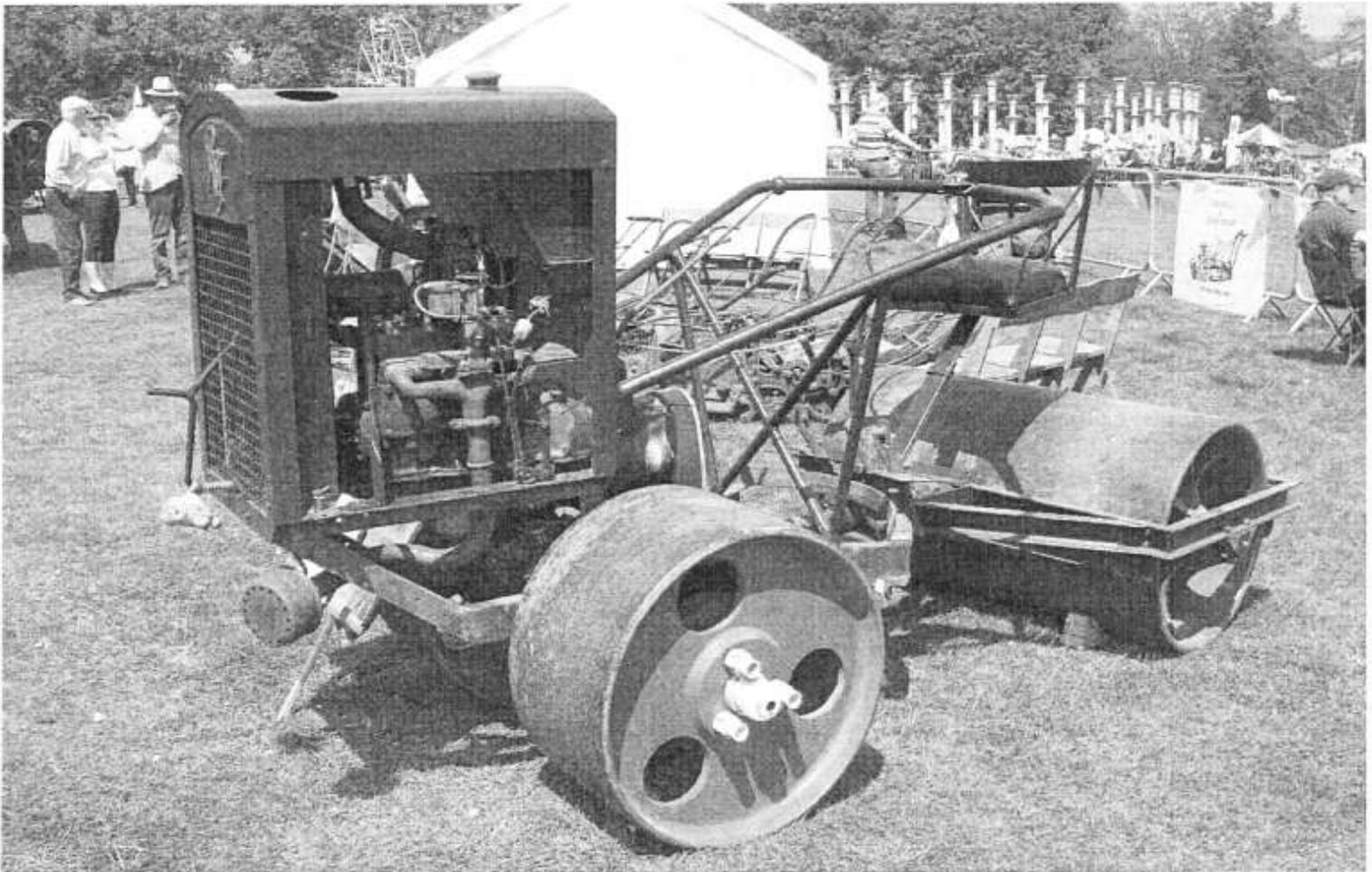
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To redress the imbalance of cover illustration subjects, here is one from the Fawley Hill coach trip.

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EDITORIAL

The yearly weather gauntlet to be run by rallies held at this time of year is nothing new, with some heavy stuff being shared around. Locally, other events seem to have generally, should I say, Weathered the Storm. Hopefully we do also, although extreme heat has also proven unwelcome by the public in the past.

Up to now the response to my appeals for members to take over some of my responsibilities within the club and rally has been a resounding Nil. As I have said before, I have no known appointment with the grim reaper, but am at an age when inevitably I become eligible for his short list, so need to prepare and hand over my involvements with the rally and club. Rather like when in an outpatients waiting room, knowing that your number will eventually be called, but not knowing if you have time to just do the Sudoku puzzle or read the whole newspaper.

I would not expect or wish just one person to take on all jobs. I have no qualifications for any of these, so there must be others able to take them on. Several rally tasks need taking over and deserve more dedication as some presently only get tackled just in time for deadlines as the rally approaches. Writing and printing the newsletter, checklist and address labels, producing the rally programme, arranging the press advertising, producing posters and exhibitor guides amongst other things all come along in a short period, at a time when other demands as field warden on an allotment are also at a peak with mowing and maintaining machinery. Just as well the football season has now ended! I need to off-load jobs in an orderly way. I must now be past my sell by date and can not go on for ever.

It would be nice to actually have the freedom to look around or exhibit at Aldham in future, something foregone for over 35 years now, being tied to the commentary point, apart from odd occasions when bringing an exhibit but then having to leave it unattended for the duration.

MEMORIES OF THE CLACTON QUEEN STEAM ROLLER

At last there is room for my own childhood memories and recollection of the *Clacton Queen* steam roller.

Myself originating from Clacton, I can recall that Roller at work in the mid 50's when it was parked up for several days on roadside land near where I lived in Burrs Road. Lads doing what lads did in those days, we pretended to be driving it, with no idea what the various knobs & leavers did. No doubt the driver exercised a few expletives when next lighting up and finding things not exactly as before! Even now I can recall the delight at discovering a control which fed water onto the rolls. I was pleased to see that it had survived when I next saw it at the Phelps Auction, with the rusted chimney placed in the bunker!

I also recall sometime in the early 60's a roller making the news by being stolen from it's then resting place at Little Clacton, beside the main road near the double bend opposite near where Vines Coach yard was - I wonder if that was the same roller. Other recollections from that time, viewed from the Eastern National bus going to Colchester, were of a number of Living Vans stored on land beside the road near Frating (later burnt out) and a dealership at Elmstead Market where various steam engines could be seen - also a story about one being bought from there by a titled person and driven to his place somewhere up north!

ALDHAM RALLY

The rally program cover will have a new look this year, having exhausted suitable illustrations from my collection of engravings.

There has been confusion over this dreaded GDPR business, coming into effect just days before the rally.

The entry forms, being available back in 2017, had no revised wording covering use of exhibitors details in the programme, so there was uncertainty over disclosing some details, some section organisers leaving out address or exhibit details from their submitted listings for the programme. This initial concern has since proved unfounded, leaving an undesirable, but at the time understandable, lack of exhibit detail in places.

There are site restrictions imposed this year which required the relocation of the Stationary engine and Horticultural Machinery sections. Can you help man the club marquee for an hour? - see Margaret Hermon.

Pauline has had success in handing over the rally steam section, my son Graham now taking this on, with Pauline retaining the static exhibit section.

LAMPLIGHT EVENING HISTORY

After writing a brief history of the Aldham Rally in a recent issue, here is one for the Lamplight Evening.

The club, having several members with an interest in old oil lamps, many years back we started holding a annual gathering of members so afflicted, hosted in different members gardens. This proved popular, but always at the mercy of the weather, although I can not recall a wet one. The Ipswich Transport Museum were approached with a view to holding it there under cover, initially as a club event with other exhibitors welcome, with refreshments provided by the museum and income for the museum from the general public. Over time, the event was taken on by the museum and run as one of their own events, which still works well, the annual *Wheels by Lamplight* event now being recognised nationally as one of the premier events, attracting visitors and exhibitors from far and wide, displaying not just lamps but anything fueled by paraffin.

I can blame the club interest on Alan & Pauline Mattin, who have an impressive collection which influenced other members who then also started collecting, in some instances seriously getting the bug.

One such is Harold Landin, who in fact is now involved in organising the ITM event, also having become well known in the Historic Lighting Club and responsible for encouraging top exhibitors from afar to attend. Also badly bitten was our late Member John Thompsett, with several past and present club members also having collections, including Alan Munson, Tom Fisher, Bob Starling, John Clement, myself and also the late John Rose.

OTHER NEWS ITEMS

I hear that The East Anglian Railway Museum at Chappel is soon to host the GER class E4 loco which has been on display at Bressingham for several years, replacing the original LNER Shenfield Electric Multiple unit. Both are part of the national collection, with the EMU moving to York for renovation. It worked trains to Cambridge. Also, I see that the Cotton Mechanical Music Museum is now incorporated in The Grange Private Collection, Bury Rd, Palgrave, near Diss. IP22 1AZ. Open days are 1st Sundays 12-5pm. www.mechanicalmusicmuseum.co.uk
The National Traction Engine Trust AGM is to be held in Ipswich this year.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS *Membership Sec: Christine Attmere*

No new members notified this month. Club clothing will be on sale from the tent at the Rally. Sadly, another long time member has recently passed away, Brian Cooper.

REPORT ON RECENT CLUB EVENTS

APRIL CLUB NIGHT –

A visit from the Old 20 Parts Company, Nick Battelle gave a talk on their organisation, presented four video's relating to old farming machines and delivered orders, along with a selection of sales items.

THE MATTINS CRANK-UP

Conflicting commitments, like preparing the rally programme and other interests meant that I was unable to make it this year, so no first hand report. I hear that it was very well attended with 160 names in the book and enjoyed by all, also that help with the setting up was appreciated. Even the weather co-operated.

MAY CLUB VISIT

A busy month for Alan and Pauline as we returned to Little Tey again for a visit to their private collection, a first for many members as this is not part of the yearly crank-up. Housed mainly within their private residence and garden, this magnificent collection is a worthy museum in it's own right, but understandably can not be open to all. An excellent turn out, utilising their meadow again as a car park. Our hosts provided welcome refreshments, making for an excellent evening. This visit replaced that planned to Ernest Doe's at Alting.

FORTHCOMING CLUB NIGHTS AND EVENTS

TENDRING SHOW Saturday 14th July

Only one month away now, so get those entries in to Dave Culham NOW in order to get entry passes assigned. Contact Dave on 01206 323944.

COACH EXCURSION TO THE DOVER TRANSPORT MUSEUM. Saturday 14th July.

Whilst we are not running our own coach this year, members are invited to join this one being run by the Ipswich & District Historical Transport Society. There is an optional open-top vintage bus tour of Dover and if time a visit to the new Battle of Britain Memorial at Capel-le Ferne. Pick-up and parking can be arranged for opposite Eight Ash Green Holiday Inn 9.00am. £40 Includes evening meal on return leg. Optional bus tour £5. For more details/booking form/meal menu see www.idhts.co.uk or call Pat Caddick on 01473-402152.

JULY CLUB VISIT. Thursday 19th 7.00pm

A repeat evening visit to the **Combined Military Services Museum at Maldon** where there have been changes continuing apace since our last visit to this large, modern, two storey museum, so there should be a lot to see. Their web site is well worth a look. www.cmsm.co.uk

The admission charges (normally *adult* £5.75, *Child* £4.00, *OAP* £4.75) will be paid by the club for members and immediate family, but only right that any others pay as the cost is by numbers, not a block price.

DIRECTIONS - Location Station Road- **CM9 4LQ** No need to book.

Approaching on B1018 from Langford follow brown "Tank" signs. At the first roundabout exit 3 o'clock staying on B1018, then at the second (A114), exit 12 o'clock, at the third exit 3 o'clock and Station Road is first left, at next roundabout.

AUGUST CLUB VISIT- Thursday 16th. (*Subject to minimum number booking*).

Visit to Bill Kemball's collection at Bentwaters. The club will cover the normal £10 adult admission charge (*which makes your club £10 membership fee good value*), so defraying your transport costs. We will need a list of those going. You can add your names to the list in the club tent at Aldham, include a contact number in case minimum number not met. Contact Margaret Hermon margaret.hermon@btinternet.com Please honour any booking, do not add your name just in case. To see it all in daylight we need to meet at the Control Tower for a **6.45pm** start, so beware of potential traffic delays at Copdock Mill junction. The distance from Ardleigh Crown is about 31 miles. We will likely be taken around the many locations by tractor on passenger carrying trailers.

DIRECTIONS - sat-nav **IP12 2TW**

Any route through Ipswich at this time of day is best avoided, so using the dual carriageway southern bypass via the Orwell Bridge is advised. From Colchester on the A12 towards Ipswich, go right at Copdock Mill interchange onto the A14 towards Felixtowe. The second junction after the Bridge is 58, where you exit left onto the A12 towards Lowestoft. Keep on the A12 avoiding Woodbridge, then exit right at roundabout onto the A1152, signposted Melton and Rendlesham. Once over the Melton level crossing, keeping on the A1152 for Rendlesham, going left at the next roundabout and then in another mile or so fork left, then in 3 miles after passing villages, right at Bentwaters Park roundabout. After the barrier go ahead then left for the tower.

OTHER EVENTS which are requesting our club members participation.

Marks Hall will be holding a "Country Fair" event in their grounds on w/e 21-22 July, just up the road from our own rally. They specifically ask for participation by our club members. Book directly with them, 01376 563796 or get an entry form from rebecca.lee@markshall.org.uk

Laver Marney Tower Festival of Farming, working weekend. Sun-Mon 25-26Aug PH. More details next N/L Club participation is encouraged. A big new event with emphasis on all working aspects through the year.

A tractor gathering beside the Orwell Bridge in the grounds of the Suffolk Food Hall on Saturday 25th August. An Entry Form is on www.tattingstonetractors.com/bookingform.pdf which you could use, altering the event and date. Details are also shown on the Tattingstone Tractor club web site. (The exhibit booking fee mentioned includes a meal at the Food Hall).

Ploughing Matches in our region - a few known dates.

Rochford Hundred Ag. Soc. Ploughing Match Sat 22nd September at Hawkwell Hall Farm, Rectory Road, Hawkwell, SS5 4LL. Booking contact not known but see Ernest Doe web site.

Greensted Green & District Agricultural Club Ploughing Match 29th September at Little Mapelstead Hall Farm, Church Lane, Lt Leys, CM3 1PG - contact Ken Vince 07850 579413 or janice.bodger@yahoo.co.uk

MEMBERS MARKET PLACE Nothing notified for sale, all being kept for the Aldham Auction?

Just one WANTED item. A flat spring for a Bosh ZA1 Magneto points assembly, 2½" long with end holes 2¼" apart. Width 3/16" but could be ¼". Dr Guy Goundry

EVENTS DIARY – MEMBERS OCCASIONAL GUESTS ARE WELCOME **WITHOUT CHARGE AT NORMAL CLUB NIGHTS.**

Omissions do not imply an event not taking place, just not seen dates confirmed yet. Some details could change later.

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

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

Thu	7 June	Rally Field Set up evening. Can you lend a hand?	01787 221588
Fr-Su	8-10 June	Epping-Ongar Railway Steam Gala.	CM5 9BN 01277 365200
w/e	9-10 June	Aldham Rally	CO6 2PP 01787 221588
Sun	10 June	Euston Park Rural Pastimes	IP14 2QL 01359 269465
w/e	16-17 June	MEBCC Rally, Great Waldingfield Airfield www.mebcc.org	01245 420168
w/e	16-17 June	Truckfest East – Suffolk Showground www.truckfesteast.co.uk	
w/e	16-17 June	Great Yarmouth Air Show. www.great-yarmouth.co.uk/air-show	NR30 3JF -
Sun	17 June	Vintage Horticultural Garden Machinery Display at Ipswich Transport Museum	01473 715666
w/e	7-8 July	Long Melford Vintage Rally CANCELLED	
Sat	14 July	Tendring Show Club Display. Book with Dave Culham in good time.	01206 323944
Sat	14 July	Coach to Dover Transport Museum. Pick-up at Holiday Inn bus stop.	01473-402152
w/e	14-15 July	Duxford Flying Legends Air Show	CB22 4QR
w/e	14-15 July	Cambridgeshire Steam Rally. www.cambridgeshiresteamrally.co.uk	07990 947510
Sun	15 July	Langford Museum of Power Barleycorn Fayre. sallyb@museumofpower.org.uk	01621 843183
Thu	19 July	7pm Club Night Visit. To the revamped Maldon Military Museum. 7pm	
Fri-Su	20-22 July	Weeting Steam Rally. www.weetingrally.co.uk	IP27 0QF 01842 810317
Sat	21 July	Cheffins Vintage Sale	CB6 2QT
w/e	21,22 July	Marks Hall Garden & Country Show. rebecca.lee@markshall.org.uk	01376 563796
w/e	21,22 July	Stow Maries at war www.stowmaries.org.uk	CM6 3RM 01245 808744
w/e	28-29 July	Old Buckenham Air Show. www.oldbuckenhamairshow.co.uk	NR17 1PU
Sun	29 July	Kettle Autojumble. Church Farm, Kettleburgh, £3.50 8am-1pm	IP13 7LF 01728 724858
Thu	16 August	Club Night Visit to the Kemball Collection at Bentwaters – <i>book your place</i>	IP12 2TW
w/e	18-19 August	Lincolnshire Steam & Vintage Rally. www.lsvr.org	LN2 2NA 01507 605937
Th-Fr	23-24 August	Clacton Air Show. www.clactonairshow.com	CO15 1LA 01255 686633
Th-Mo	23-27 August	50 th Great Dorset Steam Fair. www.gdsf.co.uk	DT11 8HX 01258 860361
Sat	25 August	Tattingstone Tractors event at Suffolk Food Hall near Orwell Bridge	01473 328000
Su-Mo	26-27 August	Festival of Farming. Charringtons, Laver Marney Tower.	CO5 9US 01206 330784
w/e	8-9 Sept	Haddenham Steam Rally www.haddenhamsteamrally.co.uk	CB6 3PT 01487 842771
Period	6-9,13-16 Sept	National Heritage Free Open Days. See local press	
Fr-Su	14-16 Sept	Bedfordshire Steam & Country Fair. www.bseps.org.uk	SG18 9EP 01462 851711
w/e	15-16 Sept	Henham Steam Rally. www.henhamsteamrally.com	NR34 8AQ Various. See www
Thur	20 September	Club Night The Great Essex Earthquake, by Peter Jones.	
w/e	22-23 Sept	Duxford Battle of Britain Air Show	CB22 4QR
Period	23 Sep-02 Oct	Paddle Steamer Waverley Excursions 23,25,26 Sep, 1-2 Oct.	0141 243 2224
Thur	18 October	Club Night The Steam Tug <i>Brent</i> , located at Maldon. by Janet Hill	
Sat	20 October	Wheels by Lamplight at Ipswich Transport Museum. 5.30 to 9.00pm	01473 715666
Sat	20 October	Cheffins Vintage Sale	CB6 2QT
Sun	28 October	Kettle Autojumble. Church Farm, Kettleburgh, £3.50 8am-1pm	IP13 7LF 01728 724858
Thu	15 November	Club Night "Pie & Mash and Prefabs" talk by Norman Jacobs	