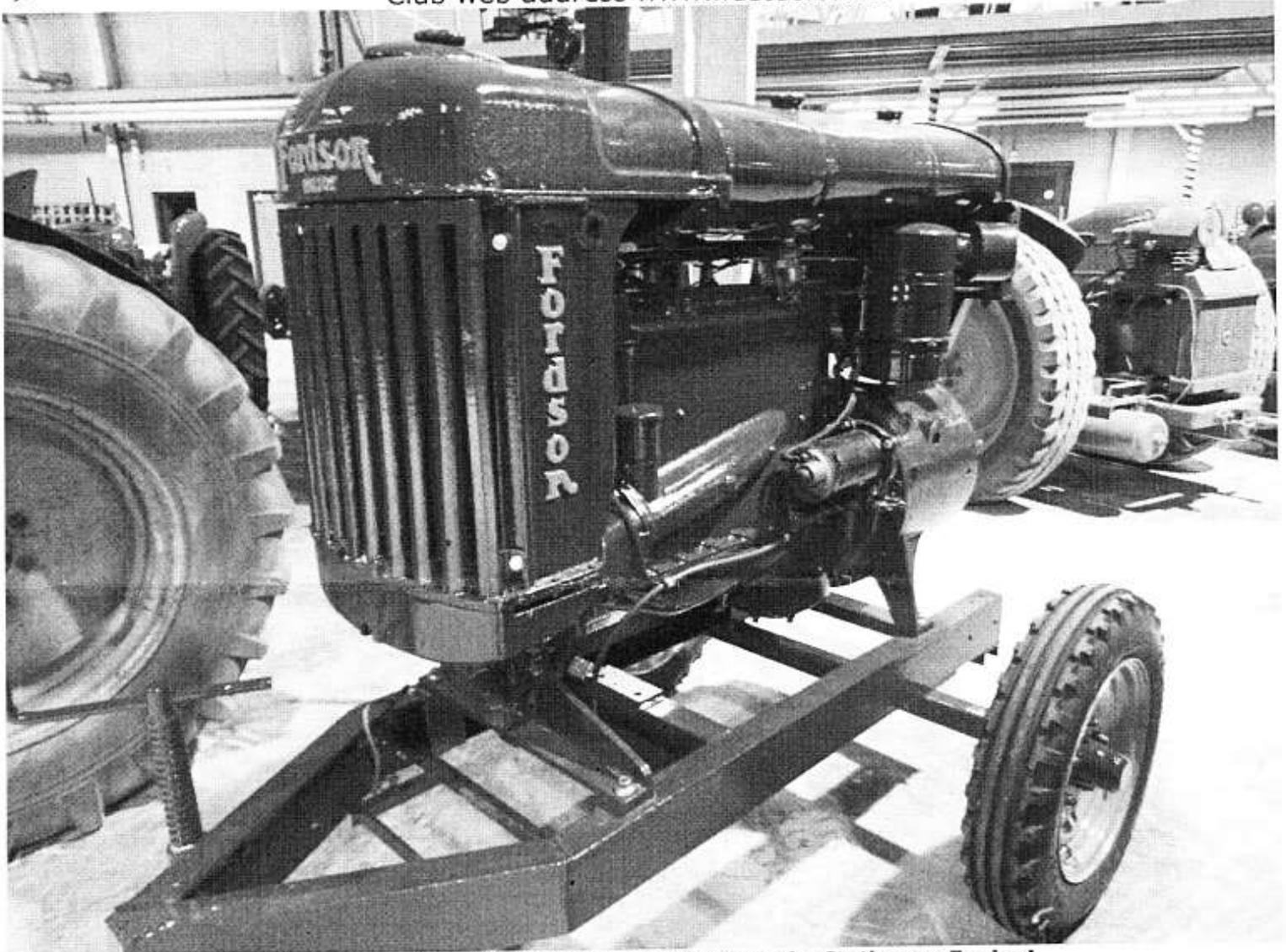




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## **EDITORIAL**

I did not have to hand details of new members joining at or after the Aldham Rally, so was unable to include them on the address labels for the August issue, but asked Adam to add these by hand once details known.

If you joined recently and by chance did not receive your August issue, then we do apologise. Both the June and August newsletters can be emailed or posted to you.

If you did not receive an email notification of the late change to the September club night meeting topic and would like to add your name to the list for any future short notice changes then please advise as above.

Some members made it to the public open day at our member Steve Knight's Colne Valley Postal History Museum at Halstead on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September. A gem of a museum, displaying about 150 British post boxes and many AA and transport signs as well as telephone kiosks and working stamp machines. Some Post office Vehicle Club members also displayed vintage GPO vehicles.

A whole page in the November Stationary Engine Magazine carried a report on the Tendring Show, provided by Alan & Lynne Cullen.

Your committee are considering a coach outing for next year and welcome suggestions from members.

The new Landlord of the Alma at Copford is keen for the club to hold a mimi-crank up there, to be discussed.

## **NOTIFICATION OF 2019 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the North East Essex Tractor & Engine Club will be held at 8.00pm on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December at Stanway Rovers Social Club, Stanway, Colchester.

This will be followed by our free Christmas Buffet.

Minutes of last year's AGM are included with this issue.

Present post holders, as listed at foot of p1, are all willing to stand again if no replacements are forthcoming, but the appeal for a new Newsletter Editor has still not had any response. This would entail a gradual hand-over, the actual printing could be a separate post which I could continue with. Chat with me for more details.

Anyone interested in standing for any committee position, or wishing to nominate someone (with their permission) should first contact the Chairman, Adam Munson and submit nominations to him, detailing the post involved, nominee, proposer and seconder, by 1<sup>st</sup> December.

Anyone wishing to formally include an item under Any Other Business should notify the Chairman by 1<sup>st</sup> December; any matters raised on the night will be at the Chairman's discretion.

## **REPORT ON RECENT CLUB EVENTS**

### **AUGUST CLUB VISIT.** Thursday 15<sup>th</sup>

We were fortunate with the weather for our visit to Maldon to see the Tug Brent TID 159, on a bright sunlit evening with just a slight breeze compared to the wet evenings either side. I think all who were coming found the spot – but how would we know? Parking nearby was down to luck or local knowledge, competing for spaces with local hostleries and a group visiting another ship. We found TID Moored alongside the quay, with her sister TID 172 alongside. The sun made for a picturesque setting, with several barges moored up river and illuminating the river estuary to the east with the mud flats adding to the character. This would have been a contrast to a wet evening at high tide. As it was we enjoyed the setting whilst our host Janet Hall gave an introduction before we split into groups to explore the tug at will. By the very nature of it's purpose this was a compact ship, with most available space needed to accommodate all the required machinery. It was apparent just what a huge task restoration will be, just extracting the boiler for overhaul will be a major task. I was amazed at the determination of some of our "Less agile" members to climb down ladders – I anticipated a visit from the rescue service to get them out again. No gangplank either, a leg swung over the side (there must be a term – Gunwall?) was the only way in/on/aboard. I am no sailor as you can see. It was interesting to work out how the funnel (see – I did not say Chimney, or should that be smoke stack?) would pivot to allow passage under low bridges and see the traditional fittings in the wheel house. Although the role of most tugs does not call for any great degree of accommodation, when used as such it must be a hard life and none too warm in winter.

I had to make my escape early in order to avoid a lengthy diversion on the way home, with the A12 between Colchester and Ipswich closing at 9.00pm. Workmen were out ready to pounce on the hour, but I just made it without turning into a pumpkin - no comments please!

### **SEPTEMBER CLUB NIGHT TALK** Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> *The Ladies of Colchester*

With our planned presentation by Ipswich Transport Museum's Brian Dyes in doubt when his commitment in Kent earlier in the day was put back an hour so he may not get back in time for our 8.00pm start, we needed to find an alternative. This change was notified by email to members who had provided a valid email address for this purpose, but it was impracticable to notify others. The original ITM talk is now rescheduled for February.

The Replacement talk was something of an unknown quantity, just the title of "Ladies of Colchester" to go by, leading to speculation as to this relating to a W.I. topic or what we hoped it might be – and it was!

Brilliantly presented by Dr. Jane Pearson, it did indeed refer to the circumstances in which many ladies found themselves, so forced to supplement their income. We learnt that there was a strict limit on the percentage of military approved soldiers marriages, any excess having to fend for themselves when their husband was later posted abroad. A fascinating evening, presented in a way that held our attention throughout, some members surprised to hear that such activities took place on their doorstep - so to speak!

## **ALDHAM RALLY**

Next year's rally will have to move dates to one week later to 13<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> June as the site is required as a wedding venue for the site owner's son. Not much we can do about that, but thankfully there is no local date clash with other events.

My past rally role as Ring Co-ordinator has yet to be filled, so please give this vacancy some thought. I can still be available for a gradual hand over to explain the role. Contact Roger Attmere for info.

## **COLCHESTER CARNIVAL** *Report by Mark Dutton.*

The Colchester Carnival procession was held on Saturday 14 September 2019, organised this year by members of the Essex Fire Brigade. Our club was asked to support the event with a small representative selection of vehicles. It was a warm evening and it had been a lovely dry sunny day which brought plenty of crowds comprising of all ages along the procession route. Some of the children had never seen a procession or vehicles like we were introducing to them because the last Colchester Carnival procession was a very small event back in 2016. *See photograph on page 4.*

Our purpose was to make the general public aware that we host a rally each year and to give the public a taste of some of the vehicles that are on display at the rally. We displayed the dates for the next rally on large banners. I would like to thank all the vehicle owners that supported the event. Namely, Roger and Christine Attmere who drove an International Farmall M tractor and Whitlock trailer. Simon Webb was on his 1912 Burrell Showman's traction engine followed by James Murdy who drove his 1937 Fowler T3 Showman's traction engine. Next in the group was Duncan Pittock and his team dressed up appropriately in uniform and driving his 1916 Daimler CB22 Army Lorry. I brought up the rear in my 1920 Ford Model T tourer.

With other towns in Essex losing their annual carnival processions (namely Maldon, which was cancelled because of the lack of volunteers), I sincerely thank the members of the Essex Fire Brigade for bringing this event together for the people of Colchester and the surrounding areas.

Next year the Colchester Carnival's procession is on Saturday May 9<sup>th</sup>. The theme will be focusing on the celebrations of VE day. Essex Fire Brigade has volunteered to organise it again and want to turn the clocks back to 1945. They would like to encourage everyone to dress in 1945 era clothes to recreate the VE day celebrations. They want to include some vehicles that are appropriately pre-1945 from all walks of life including military, industry and agriculture.

I am prepared to put my name forward as club liaison with the organisers. The procession is exactly a month before our Rally. It will be fresh in people's minds for us to participate and advertise our event. If you would like to volunteer to support the procession, please let me know.

I believe that reaching out to a new audience and advertising the 2020 Aldham Rally will bring awareness to many more people swelling our rally attendance. Mark Dutton Rally Safety Officer 07703 179062

**MEMBERSHIP NEWS** *Membership Sec: Christine Attmere* } [Christineattmere@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:Christineattmere@hotmail.co.uk)  
*Newsletter back-issues can be sent by email in pdf format on request by contacting the Editor.*

### **NEW MEMBERS**

Belatedly we welcome the following new or rejoining members - (*new members are also covered for 2020*). Tim Buck, White Colne; Stuart Constable, Lexden; John Edwards, Braintree; Luke Harrison, Birch; John Humphries, Halstead; Dave Jackson, Stanford-le-Hope; Steve Knight, Halstead; Charlye Pennington, Buxhall; Kingsley Sparrow, Wivenhoe; Kevin Theobald, Harwich; Ben Theobald, Ramsey; Mick Turner, Bradwell; Steve Wood, Wix. Also rejoining Bev Walker; Roy & Audrey Bradford.

**MEMBERSHIP EXPIRES ON 1<sup>st</sup> November** (unless first joining at or after the last Aldham rally) and can be renewed now, either at club night or by post.

The period of grace before membership is considered to have fully lapsed is the end of the year, with members concerned having a final reminder note enclosed in their December newsletter, but only if posted.

New membership cards include committee contact details, but can only show the existing committee as they are printed before the AGM. Only members renewing by the AGM are entitled to vote at that time.

Rates remain as last year - **Adult** £10.00; **Joint** (husband wife/partner) £15 with entitlement to one copy of the Restorer; **Family** (includes all listed juniors as members) £20; **Individual Child** (under 16 on 1st November - and having own newsletter posted) £2.50.

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A postal renewal slip is provided for use if not renewing at club nights - please return to Membership Secretary, Christine Attmere, 15 Station Rd., Earls Colne, Colchester. CO6 2ER

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### **Please renew the following NEETEC Memberships**

Name(s) .....I enclose £.....Payable to NEETEC.

*Please note below any change to address, postcode, telephone or add your email.*

I / we authorise the club to hold my details on computer and understand that these will only be used for club purposes and not divulged to any other organisation. I understand that my contact details may appear in any advertisement that I place in the newsletter and could be used to contact me if required at short notice.

Signed .....

## **STEAM TRAINS**

Next year we may actually have a few more steam trains passing our way. The one from Stratford to Lincoln postponed earlier in the year is now scheduled for Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> April. (CFD 0715; COL 0800; IP 0830) There could even be another going north to Lowestoft on the East Suffolk Line, which would be a first since steam days. There has been a platform clearance issue at Woodbridge for steam, but the new trains being introduced would have the same problem, so is being addressed and presumably will now also allow steam locomotives to fit.

## **FORTHCOMING CLUB EVENTS**

### **OCTOBER CLUB NIGHT** Thursday 17<sup>th</sup>

The History of Clacton by *George Hardwick*. (We are having a job contacting him to confirm, so may need to improvise)

### **WHEELS BY LAMPLIGHT** Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October. At Ipswich Transport Museum from 5.30pm. IP3 9JD.

I do not think I will get away without polishing any brass-work as it is still noticeable in the dark, although I do have the excuse of having to produce this newsletter, last AGM's minutes, two committee meetings and a club night taking up my spare time in the days beforehand. It was appreciated that the home football match the week before was postponed, although it did weaken my excuse; at least they are playing away on the day so giving good time to set up. I look forward to seeing the yearly progress made on restoration projects there, including the Horse Tram, Coal Lorry and bakers cart. There is also a Fergie tractor work in progress to see. I must make an effort to start reducing my lamp collection, so may reluctantly part with some items.

### **NOVEMBER CLUB NIGHT** Thursday 21<sup>st</sup>

Radio Caroline (The Boat That Rocked) by *Ray Clarke, BBC Essex Presenter*.

### **DECEMBER CLUB NIGHT** Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> **AGM AND CHRISTMAS BUFFET.**

As usual the free buffet follows the AGM. Last year's minutes and Agenda are included with this issue.

### **EVENTS DIARY** *Omissions or ? does not imply an event not taking place, just not seen dates confirmed yet.*

MEMBERS OCCASIONAL GUESTS ARE WELCOME WITHOUT CHARGE AT NORMAL CLUB NIGHTS.

**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.*

Thur	17 October	<b>Club Night.</b> The History of Clacton, by <i>George Hardwick</i>		
Sat	19 October	Cheffins Vintage Auction, Sutton, Ely	CB6 2QT	
Sat	19 October	<b>Wheels by Lamplight</b> at Ipswich Transport Museum	IP3 9JD	01473 715666
Sun	27 October	Kettle Autojumble. Church Farm, Kettleburgh, Woodbridge.	IP13 7LF	
Sun	27 October	Final Fling, Leiston Long Shop Museum	IP16 4ES	01728 832189
Thur	21 Nov	<b>Club Night.</b> Radio Caroline, the Boat that Rocked, by <i>Ray Clarke, BBC Essex Presenter</i> .		
Thur	19 Dec	<b>Club night.</b> AGM and Christmas Buffet		
<i>As usual - no January Meeting</i>				
Thur	19 Feb	<b>Club night.</b> ITM Presentation on the activities and archive, by Brian Dyes.		
Sun	3 May	The Mattins Little Tey Crank-up		



Colchester 2019 Carnival – Photo: Mark Dutton