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## **EDITORIAL**

The Kettle Autojumble has a new venue this year near Diss – location and dates in the Events Diary. I wonder if it will keep the same name if not at Kettleburgh - after all, Aldham does just that. The Bedfordshire Steam Fair is back this year, on a new site beside the A428 six miles from Bedford. I understand that the Palgrave Steam Rally will not take place just this year.

Alan & Lynne Cullen will be giving the March club night presentation. He travels to many rallies, his magazine articles having covered most of our local events, showing several exhibits owned by our club members.

With our Aldham rally coming a week later this year it avoids some normal date clashes, allowing the chance to visit the Dordrecht in Steam event in Holland or closer to home the Epping-Ongar Railway Steam Gala.

The paddle steamer Waverley is having new boilers installed, which involves removal of some superstructure and the two funnels. Taking four months work, so should resume it's regular cruises sometime this summer, but the programme is yet to be announced, local appearances unknown.

An excellent Progress Report with many photo's can be found at [www.paddlesteamers.org](http://www.paddlesteamers.org) and select News.

Two 15" gauge Romney, Hythe & Dymchurch steam locomotives of 1/3 scale are due to visit the Bure Valley railway in Norfolk on 10-12 July, marking 30 years since it opened. One of these is *Samson*, built in 1927 by Davey Paxman, one of 7 built in Colchester. The other one visiting is *Churchill*.

## **REPORT ON RECENT CLUB EVENTS**

With no January meeting there is just the A.G.M. in December to report here.

The monies raised from the past year's clubnight raffles was topped up with a contribution from club funds to make £500 which was presented to Angela Tillet, representing Co-Hoc, the Colchester Hospital charity, the beneficiary of the past year's raffles. She outlined the function of the charity, providing facilities and equipment either not covered by the NHS or which is otherwise only at a basic level, to enhance patients comfort and environment. She explained that there are about 200 individual 'Pots' within the charity, so that any donations can be directed to specific causes if desired, also explaining the charity name change to reflect the combining of the Colchester and Ipswich administration.

We received a nice thank-you letter afterwards, detailing the charity. No room to copy in this issue.

**The coming year's chosen charity** was announced as the Earls Colne Scout & Guide Group, our helpers at the rally whose building is in desperate need of structural repairs.

**The Rally Committee** had decided that the contingency fund, normally added to yearly, was now sufficient. Therefore this is being reduced by topping up the 2019 Rally net income of £3,663 to make £6,000 shared between the club and scouts, both parties benefiting by £3,000.

**A new Membership Secretary** was elected to replace the retiring Christine Attmere, who was thanked for the work during her term. Taking over is Marion Wright (no doubt persuaded by Chairman Adam Munson), who was duly elected. There were no other nominations or changes to the existing committee as listed on P1.

## **MEMBERSHIP NEWS** *Membership Sec: Marion Wright* , 57 New Rd, Tiptree, Colchester CO5 0HW

Newsletter back-issues can be sent by email in pdf format on request by contacting the Editor.

A final reminder to anyone still in the "Getting Around To It" mode that this will be your final newsletter.

With no January meeting overlooking is understandable, so details are copied below. *Note new address*

**MEMBERSHIP EXPIRED 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 the new Membership Secretary- **Marion Wright**, 57 New Road, Tiptree, Colchester. CO5 0HW

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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 TRAIN TOURS** Steam hauled trains due to pass through our territory. *steamdreams.co.uk*  
The steam train with B1 *Mayflower* to Lincoln on 11<sup>th</sup> April now has revised pick up points, no longer calling at Shenfield and Chelmsford, instead picking up at Romford and Witham. Revised stops and departure times are Stratford 0625, Romford 0645 Witham 0730, Colchester 0750, Ipswich 0830, Bury 0915, Ely 1020, Linc 1335. *Fares from £109. Call Steam Dreams on 01483 209888 to book. Should allow time to visit the Ruston Museum.*

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> April – B1. Kings Cross 0815/2230, Cambridge 1000/2030, Harwich 1200/1810. Fare from £99. The same day it caters for us locals on an East Anglia circular tour, Harwich 1345/1650. (Diesel on branch) £49.

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> September with B1 *Mayflower* - Liverpool Street 0920/2140, Lowestoft 1225/1710. Fare £109.

EXTRA STEAM TRAIN Sat 3 October. A1 *Tornado* KingsX 0800, Hitchin, Cambridge, Ely, Thetford, Norwich, Lowestoft, Westerfield, Bacon Factory Curve, Stowmarket, Bury, Newmarket, Cambridge, Hitchin, KX. (RTC)

*I can not see how the section from Lowestoft to Westerfield can be fitted in as the normal timetable has no spare capacity. My concern applies to both the above scheduled for that route, but presumably the organisers know best.*

*Flying Scotsman* is to visit the Mid-Norfolk Railway from 29 sept to 21 Oct. Steaming on 3-4, 10-11, 17 October

## **FORTHCOMING CLUB EVENTS**

### **FEBRUARY CLUB NIGHT** Thursday 20<sup>th</sup>

Ipswich Transport Museum Presentation by Brian Dyes. The museum evolution, behind the scenes, Archives & latest tram.

### **MARCH CLUB NIGHT** Thursday 19<sup>th</sup>

Presentation by engine enthusiast Allan Cullen, well known for his many event visits throughout UK and magazine contributions.

### **APRIL CLUB NIGHT** Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> Still to be confirmed at the moment. See next item below.

Details will be announced at the March club night and emailed to those members on the email notification list. If you wish to be added to this list just email the editor at the address on page 1.

## **MAY CLUB COACH TRIP POSSIBILITIES**

We are looking into running a full day coach trip to Bletchley Park in place of the normal May evening meeting. We must first determine viability for this to go ahead, so we are asking members to indicate their interest. Please let our Secretary Margaret Hermon know at club night or phone (number on p1). Should this not prove viable then we are interested to hear your other suggestions, such as the Bluebell Railway, Royal Gunpowder Mills at Waltham Abbey, Brooklands Museum+London Bus Museum+Mercedes-Benz World, or wherever.

In which case a block booking on a scheduled coach company tour with an A12 pick-up could be considered – not necessarily on a Thursday – maybe we could allow members a discount on the advertised price.

Galloways have two options, one to the Bluebell Railway on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April and another to Bletchley on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April, just a day after our scheduled club night, leaving no time to confirm our choice by newsletter. In this case it may be better to instead replace the April meeting (still to be confirmed anyway) and have a normal May meeting. We would need to notify you in advance if so. Make sure we have your email address.

Details of both have been copied below from their web site - *Google Galloways coaches/ day tours.*  
For Brooklands details either refer to the June 2017 Restorer or *Google Brooklands.*

*Galloways. Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April. Normally £53 including £17.50 admission (Less whatever club discount). Once Britain's Best Kept Secret, today **Bletchley Park**, Home of the Code-breakers, is a unique heritage site and vibrant tourist attraction. Visitors can explore and experience the top-secret world of iconic WW2 Code-breaking Huts and Blocks set within an atmospheric Victorian estate nestled in peaceful parkland. Upon arrival the group will be greeted by a Bletchley Park customer service team member who will give a short introductory talk. Discover a secret world, now revealed.*

*A day at Bletchley Park includes an exciting, complimentary new Multimedia Guide in order to explore the site at your own pace and in your own time. Exhibitions include The Life and Works of Alan Turing, the only reconstructed Bombe machine and the largest display of Enigma machines on public display in the world. Entrance includes: The Visitor centre in Block C, Huts 3 and 6 Exhibitions, Block B Exhibitions, Hut 8 - Brilliant Minds & The Mansion Exhibitions.*

*NOTE: Entrance to The National Museum of Computing is not included but can be paid on an individual basis. The tour is self guided which allows guests to set their own pace. Refreshments are available and Bletchley Park offers a tasty hot and cold meals in Hut 4 café, or a sandwich and cakes are available at the Costa Coffee Shop in the Visitor Centre. The gift shop situated in Block B stocks a range of books and souvenirs. Please be aware that a visit to Bletchley Park involves both indoor and outdoor activities and sensible clothing and footwear should be worn to ensure a safe and enjoyable visit.*

*Galloways. Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> April. **Bluebell Railway** £75 (less any discount) includes fare, Ploughmans & cream tea. This day out starts at Sheffield Park Station which was built in 1882 by the London Brighton and South Coast Railway. This station was really built to serve Lord Sheffield who owned the large house and estate nearby. You have free time to explore the Steamworks exhibition in the locomotive shed before your train trip. On board the steam train, you will be served a ploughman's lunch to eat before arriving at East Grinstead. Back at Sheffield Park to our coach for a short journey to the tea room where you will be served a cream tea.*

**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. 8.00pm

**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	20 Feb	<b>Club night.</b> ITM Presentation on the activities and archive, by Brian Dyes.	
Fr-Sa	28-29 Feb	Chappel Winter Beer Festival.	CO6 2DS 01206 242524
Thur	19 March	<b>Club Night.</b> Alan Cullen, well known for his many event visits throughout UK	
Fr-Su	27-9 March	North Norfolk Railway Spring Steam Gala	
Sat	11 April	<b>Steam train</b> passing locally. Stratford to Lincoln. Details in Newsletter.	
Su-Mo	12-13 April	Chatham Historic Dockyard Festival of Steam.	ME4 4TZ 01634 823800
Thu	16 April	<b>Club Night?</b> Details to be confirmed at March meeting or by email.	
Sat	18 April	Cheffins Vintage Auction, Sutton, Ely	CB6 2QT
Thu	23 April	<b>Steam Train</b> to Harwich, also a short local tour from Harwich. Details in this issue.	
w/e	25-26 April	Saffron Walden Crank-up. <u>New Site</u> at Carver Barracks	CB102YA 07882 175438
Sun	26 April	National Drive It Day.	
w/e	2-3 May	Stradsett Park Vintage rally. Secretary@nvtec-ea.org.uk	PE33 9HA 01945 880091
Sun	3 May	<b>The Mattins Little Tey</b> Crank-up	
Sun	3 May	Ipswich – Felixtowe Road Run. Christchurch Park from 0830. Starts 1100.	01473 715666
Sun	3 May	HCVC London – Brighton Run	
Fr-Su	8-10 May	Bressingham Heritage Steam Gala.	IP22 2AA 01379 686900
w/e	9-10 May	Truckfest, Peterborough Showground (note early date just for this year)	
Sun	10 May	National Mills Day	
Sun	10 May	Colne Valley Railway 7¼" gauge mini-Gala. 5 visiting engines and traction engines.	
w/e	16-17 May	Old Lawnmower Club rally at Milton Keynes Rural Life Museum.	MK12 5EL 01908 316222
w/e	16-17 May	Stonham Barns Steam & Vintage Show	IP14 6AT 01449 711111
Sun	17 May	Colne Valley Postal Museum Open Day 10am to 4pm, admission free, 109 Head St, Halstead CO9 2AZ	
Thu	21 May	<b>Club Night?</b> Details to be confirmed. Maybe a coach day trip	
Sat	23 May	Steam train passing locally. Kings Cross, Cambridge, Harwich. Details in Newsletter.	
Sat	23 May	Steam train passing locally. Harwich – Harwich, East Anglia Circular. Details in Newsletter.	
w/e	23-24 May	Duxford Air Festival.	CB22 4QR 01223 835000
Sa-Mo	23-25 May	Strumpshaw Steam Rally	NR13 4HR 07753 182065
Su-Mo	24-25 May	East Anglian Railway Museum, Chappel. Transport Extravaganza. <i>transport@EARM.co.uk</i>	
Mon	25 May	Kettle Autojumble – new location at Lophams Village Hall, Diss.	IP22 2LP 01379 688208
We,Th	27-28 May	Suffolk Show	IP3 8HU
w/e	30-31 May	Woolpit Steam Rally <i>woolpit-steam.org.uk</i>	IP14 3JX 01449 737443
Sun	31 May	Stow Maries Aerodrome, Wings & Wheels Display. Purleigh	CM3 6RJ
Fr-Su	5-7 June	Dordt in Stoom, Dordrecht, Holland. ( <i>Easy via Harwich - Hoek overnight ferries</i> )	
Fr-Su	5-7 June	Epping & Ongar Railway Steam Gala	
Thu	11 June	<b>Field set-up evening</b> for our Aldham Rally.	
Sat	13 June	Queen's Birthday Flypast. 1pm	
w/e	13-14 June	<b>Aldham Rally</b> Chalkney Meadows, White Colne	CO6 2PP
Sun	14 June	Euston Park Rural pastimes. A1088. <i>eustonruralpastimes@hotmail.com</i>	IP24 2QL
w/e	20-21 June	MEBCC Gt.Waldingfield Airfield Rally. <i>www.mebcc.org</i>	01245 420168
w/e	27-28 June	Heveningham Hall Country Fair	IP19 0PN
Sat	11 July	<b>Tendring Show</b> <i>Book entries with Dave Culham</i>	01206 323944
w/e	11-12 July	Duxford Flying Legends Airshow	CB22 4QR 01223 835000
w/e	11-12 July	Cambridgeshire Steam Rally, Quy Park	CB25 9AF 01954 718610
Sun	12 July	Haverhill Historic Vehicle Rally & Road Run. Run starts 11.30 South Car Park.	CB9 8AR 01440 714140
Fr-Su	17-19 July	Weeting Steam Rally.	IP27 0QF 01842 810317
Sat	18 July	Cheffins Vintage Auction, Sutton, Ely	CB6 2QT
w/e	18-19 July	Stow Maries Aerodrome, At War Display. Purleigh	CM3 6RJ
w/e	1-2 Aug	Old Buckenham Airshow	NR17 1PU
Sun	2 Aug	Kettle Autojumble – new location at Lophams Village Hall, Diss.	IP22 2LP 01379 688208
w/e	8-9 Aug	Essex HMVA Echo's of History Show. Military+ Barons Lane. Purleigh.	CM9 6PF
Sun	9 August	Fordham Vehicle Show, Church Road Playing Field	CO6 3NA 07532 433390
w/e	22-23 Aug	Lincolnshire Steam & Vintage Rally, County Showground.	LN2 2NA 01507 605937
Th-Fr	27-28 Aug	Clacton Air Show	CO15 1NW
Th-Mo	27-31 Aug	Great Dorset Steam Fair.	DT11 8HX 01258 860361
Fr-Su	4-6 Sept	North Norfolk Railway Autumn Steam Gala	
Sun	6 Sept	Shuttleworth Air Show, Old Warden.	SG18 9EP
Tu-Sa	8-12 Sept	Chappel Summer Beer Festival.	CO6 2DS 01206 242524
Period	11-20 Sept	National Heritage Open Days. See local press	
Sat	12 Sept	Colne Valley Postal Museum Open Day 10am to 4pm, admission free, 109 Head St, Halstead CO9 2AZ	
w/e	12-13 Sept	Haddenham Steam Rally.	CB6 3PT 07501 862116
Fr-Su	18-20 Sept	Bedfordshire Steam Fair. <u>New location</u> - Turvey House, A428 Bedford-N'hampton Road. MK43 8EL	
w/e	19-20 Sept	Duxford Battle of Britain Air Show	CB22 4QR 01223 835000
w/e	19-20 Sept	Henham Steam Rally	NR34 8AQ
Tues	27 Sept	<b>Steam train</b> passing locally. B1 <i>Mayflower</i> Liverpool St - Lowestoft. Details in Newsletter.	
Sat	3 October	<b>Steam train</b> passing locally. Tornado. Local leaf Lowestoft-Westerfield RTC	"