

MID DEVON TRACTOR ENGINE & MACHINERY GROUP

NEWSLETTER ~ DECEMBER 2018



Retiring Chairman's Chat

As most of you will already know I have decided to stand down as chairman after a period of 15 years. Firstly, I would like to thank the whole committee as well as all of you club members for your support in helping to keep the club running.

Our vice-chairman Stewart Rice has succeeded me, and John Moore has been elected in his place. I have been elected as President and Malcolm Vile will remain on the committee.

I still plan to be relatively involved in the running of the club and will still be organising the trip(s) for next year. Provisional plans

for the Spring 2019 trip will make it a 4 day event for the first time and will be visiting the Manchester/Cheshire area where there are many interesting places to visit.

A very Happy Christmas to you all and I hope 2019 will be all you wish it to be. Keith

Message from your NEW Chairman

We are coming to the end of another year and I have many "thank you's" to say.

Firstly, to Keith for all his hard work over the last 15 years of being chairman. He has organised some lovely trips and has been a fountain of knowledge that I am sure we have all benefitted from. Secondly, thank you to Malcolm for his hard work in his time as president. Next is to Tina for being treasurer and for doing the catering for club meetings and working days and not to forget all her helpers. The next is to Michael for being secretary for the first part of the year and to Peter for taking on the role. Peter is finding his feet and has organised some speakers for our club evenings.

The next is to Gordon and Josie, and to the Cotterall family for kindly allowing us the use of their land to have our Gas-up and working day.

I am looking forward to the next 12 months and I hope I can help to make it a successful year. I hope you all have a happy Christmas and new year from. Stewart Rice.

Officers and Committee for 2019

Chairman	Stewart Rice	Vice Chairman	John Moore
Secretary	Peter Rice	President	Keith White
Treasurer & Membership Secretary	Tina Wood		

The remainder of the committee are as follows. All were duly proposed & seconded.

Committee Members

Stan Agar	Roger Ford	Alan Isaac	Ian White
	Malcolm Vile	Steve Williams	

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IMPORTANT NOTICE**Change of date for February Meeting**

**Due to redecoration of the hall we have been asked
to change the date of our meeting to**

Wednesday 13th February

Club Trip

Proposed trip next year will be to the Manchester area and Cheshire - for the 1st time this will be a 4 day trip. This will be in April - details to be confirmed

To book or to ask further questions please phone **Keith White**
on **01363 84247**

Visit to Coldharbour Mill

Just a small group came on this this visit, to Coldharbour Mill, made up of 5 adults and 1 child. It is a very interesting place. We were taken on part of the tour around the water wheels and looms, and had a talk with the engineers about the steam boilers and drive engines. Then on to the Beam engine which came originally from a brewery. The 120 foot tall chimney in this 5 storey building and it's 2 water wheels are well worth a visit.

For those that missed this trip there are more of their Steam Day events coming up on the following dates. The Club will arrange a further visit if enough people are interested.

Tuesday 1st January
Sunday 24th March

Sunday 24th February
Monday 22nd April

Monday 27th May

Annual Skittles Match

Our chance to redeem ourselves!! against East Devon Club will be on March 16th at the Six Bells Inn, Payhembury. Come along and support our team.
Good skittlers needed.....!!

Mid Devon Show **Saturday 27th July**

Our new secretary Peter Rice has managed to arrange for the club to have an area at the Mid Devon Show this year for members to show tractors & engines etc. and for us to have a stall to promote the club and everything we do. It's an opportunity to attract some new members and gives us a bit of publicity. Space will be at a premium so if you are keen to bring your tractor/engine - please contact Peter for details.

Email Peter at mdteamg@outlook.com or phone his mobile **074809 23414**

For Sale & Wanted

This is just a small selection of the items - Please see the website for a full list

New Homes Wanted

The following items are available near Peter Tavy free to anyone who will preserve them.

- 4 x horse-drawn single wheel grubbers (or cultivators). Rusty from years of exposure.
- Wooden winnow. Has been stored under cover, but has age-related woodworm.
- Box of assorted old horse harness, including stirrups and bridles.
- Two wheeled horse-drawn seed drill, in well used condition (but capable of being restored).

For further details, call 01822 615456 and ask for George.

WANTED - To Rent - a building for workshop

A dry building to use as a workshop for a furniture maker/restorer in the MID DEVON, NORTH DARTMOOR or EXETER AREAS.

Please contact Matthew on 07811 447 515.



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Speakers & Club Events for 2019

Jan 16	Mike Brett - Film show "Walking Down Memory Lane"
Feb 13	* <u>Change of date</u>* - speaker To be confirmed
Mar 16	Skittles match v East Devon Club - Six Bells Inn Payhembury
Mar 20	Mark – Master Thatcher - The Art of Thatching
March	Working Day—details to be confirmed
April	MDTEMG Spring Trip - details to be confirmed
Apr 17	S. Western Ambulance talk on the use of a defibrillator
May 15	Talk by Jamie from Agriline—their products & services
May 16-19	Devon County Show
July 27	Mid Devon Show
Aug 22-26	Great Dorset Steam Fair
Sept 18	Devon Air Ambulance - talk on their work
Oct 16	To be confirmed
Nov 20	AGM
Dec 18	Christmas Party

For those members unable to attend the AGM, the Club has donated £1200 to charities voted for by the members from the accounts for 2018

Devon Air Ambulance	£500
Motor Neurone Disease Assoc	£175
Alzheimer's Association	£175
Exeter Hospice	£175
Dartmoor Rescue	£175

Thank You to all for
helping to contribute
& enable these donations
to be made