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**MEETINGS: 8.00 PM
THIRD WEDNESDAY
OF THE MONTH
IN CLUB SHED AT
MONT De LANCEY
71 Wellington Road
WANDIN NORTH**



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**YARRA VALLEY
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BI-MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

YVMPS NEWS

Wandin Draught Horse & Machinery Festival

24 & 25 November 2018

Mont De Lancey Homestead
71 Wellington Road - Wandin

10 AM to 4 PM Adults \$10 Kids Free



Something for everybody including;

- Historic Homestead and Museum
- Working Draught Horses
- Stationary Engines
- Chainsaw Carving
- Blacksmiths
- Wood Turners
- Sheep Shearing
- Kids Activities
- Food & Market Stalls
- Vintage Cars

Wandin Seville
Community Bank Branch
Phone 5964 4595



Further details contact 5964 2088

Or <http://www.montdelancey.org.au>

Getting there - Melways map 121 B2

EDITORIAL.

I love that lady that Niel has chosen as she looks so efficient and commanding at her office desk.



Alas, I don't resemble her in any way, it being school holidays and having said farewell to the last of our eight grandchildren who have graced us with their presence over the past few days, I have decided that my union is correct in it now being rest time!

*Never the less, it is good taking modern kids out for an excursion, in that they don't go on public transport, so a ride from Nunawading to Belgrave, then a short walk to the Puffing Billy station to just **look**, followed by a ride from Belgrave to Nunawading is considered a real treat. Then to be allowed to bring home a brochure, which the three year old insisted was a "treasure nap" showing where the coins and gold were buried is an added bonus.*

Not having grandparents on either side as a child I missed out on all these occasions, and I often wonder whether that is why I have a very limited knowledge of the history not found in books. By that I mean the practical day to day stuff that older people tell kids about 'when we were young , to which our six year old granddaughter replies "I never knew that!" They are so fortunate that people now care for their history, so with those positive thoughts in mind, enjoy the Spring and the longer days and continue caring.

Heather & Niel Brain, editors.

WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Bruce Jenkins PO Box 34 Bulleen.
Thomas Deveney 4 Arthur Street Coburg North.
Jack Kelly Box 196 Sale.
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WANDIN DRAUGHT HORSE FESTIVAL

24 – 25 NOVEMBER

The **Draught Horse Festival** is on again and your help is, as usual, requested. Same as last year; there will be three days allowed for preparation. When we are a little closer, a list of jobs for Wednesday, Thursday & Friday will be produced. Then on Monday we will be needing more helpers to pack everything away and clean up. At least six people would be good.

Just like previous years, I plead with you, **volunteer** to do a stint on the gates, help with parking, assist with cooking, control setting up of display areas, setting up childrens' games, help in any way possible! Please! Don't wait to be asked.

Parking is potentially a big issue in need of quite a few attendants. If things happen the way I am envisaging, there could be 3 separate public parking areas and two more for exhibitors. This is an attempt to keep trucks and trailers away from the customers cars.

Just one final word,
VOLUNTEER!

VINTAGE SWAP MEET
Sunday 11th November

VINTAGE ENGINES, CARS, TRUCKS
 TRACTORS, MOTORCYCLES, PARTS,
 COLLECTABLES, MEMORABILIA & ETC.

Wandin East Recreation Reserve
 Cnr. Parker & Old Baker Roads
 Wandin East Melways 121K9

Sellers: \$15.00 - 6.30 am entry.
 Public \$5.00 - gates open 7.00 am.
 No booking required.

For information
 Phone Rod (03) 9878 7627 or
 Alan (03) 9434 6681 (AH)

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Our Member Of The Month is JOHN BAKER



I was born on the 13 February 1939 in the little village of Wadhurst England and I have one brother Alan still living in the UK and I have no children. I first attended Wadhurst Primary and Secondary schools and then went on to Tumbidge Wells Technical College in Kent where I got an apprenticeship as a mechanic, working with a firm dealing with earth moving and agriculture machinery for five years before being called up for National Service. During my two years in National Service I was sent to North Africa with an Army transport group to patrol the desert; extremely hot during the day and so cold during the night that we each had to dig a trench for sleeping to try to keep warm. It was important to zip up all bags and clothes etc. to keep out the scorpions. Because of my previous experience with heavy machinery I was given the biggest truck to drive and we spent most of our time getting bogged in the sand, In my opinion it was a total waste of time and money; no water, food rationing, no facilities and definitely no fun-just tracking back and forth across the desert. On returning to the UK I found a job with BMW as a motor mechanic and in 1976 I was invited to come out to BMW Australia for a two year trial, (The Ausies knew very little about Bemas back then).



At the end of my two year working visa the firm organized that I could stay in Australia and sent me over to Perth where I spent a further eight years. I moved here to Seville in 2002 and took on a job of making Fruit grading machines, and one day I had to attend to David Aitkin's fruit grader where we got talking over a cuppa, so I became interested in engines and joined YVMPS. I retired in 2017 and to keep me active I manufactured my own power wood splitter which kept me busy splitting fire wood in and around town.

My favorite Engine is my **R&T Austral 4 HP**, pictured above driving a series of overhead gears, which in turn powers a drill, lathe, grinder and polisher. This engine had stood outside unused for thirty years and many parts were seized but it was complete. I stripped it down and had all parts sand blasted. I found a large groove in the cylinder due to a gudgeon pin screw working loose. A new sleeve and a lot of patience sees it up and running again. **My other hobbies and interests** are gardening, especially the veggie patch. I also have a friend who has a 50acre hobby farm at Colac and from time to time I become a farmer, ploughing and working as a general farm hand. For a time I was a member of the Dandenong Motor Cycle Club competing in the 6 hour Endurance races. These were held six times per year and to be eligible to race one had to work in running an event and could then compete in five. I rode a Honda 250 four stroke and my best achievement was at Foster where I came 10th out of 300 riders. My not so good effort was a fall and finishing in hospital with a broken leg. I have also had a crack at rally driving some years ago using my daily drive, a Ford Anglia.



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CADILLAC RALLY

Around 40 members of the Cadillac car club showed off fifteen of these great monsters, (each taking up two car spaces in length), in bright sunshine at the Historic Mont De Lancey Homestead on Sunday 26 August 2018.



A number of our members put on a great display of engines on the day. In the club shed we had George S. running the club Wolesley Lighting plant, his own Wolesley, a Lister Junior driving a pedestal drill and the Monkey machine, . Lewis had the Petter McClaren running, John McIver started his 6HP Austral, Don Walker had his Austral 6HP and Jamie Lauring's 11 HP running. Out side was Stan R. doing some fine tuning on his 92 year old Buzacott farm pumper, Ron A. had a Petter two stroke 3HP type M (ex David Aitkin) on its maiden run. John Baker's R&T Austral 4HP ran beautifully all day driving a 1908 Day's centrifugal water pump. Niel B. had the 1910 New Way engine, and Rod D. had his McDonald SPI driving the Ajax 4x3 piston pump which he won in the club raffle. While we were enjoying ourselves Stuart B. was busy supervising the window in the kitchen area of the club shed.



WEDDERBURN RALLY 8TH AND 9TH SEPTEMBER 2018.



We had a perfect weekend, The sun was lovely, but the wind a little blowy at times. We arrived mid afternoon on Friday and were met by quite a few YVMPS members. By the time all our members had set up we



had more than half filled the compound.

On Friday evening 12 of us went to the local hotel for dinner where the meals were massive. We also had a very lucky table as most of us bought raffle tickets . Kim Dalziel won two of the prizes worth \$25 each, and then I won two large bottles of Carlton Draught beer and I don't even drink, but no doubt Don will be able to use them. Then on Sunday Barry continued the good luck by winning one of the major prizes in the raffle run by the Wedderburn Club, a Nutri Bullet drink blender.

Jim Copeland had his old clamps and tools and Pam had sifters on display. Don Butcher had a 2HP Buzacott Hit and Miss engine and an ex army Villiers engine and lighting plant, next was Jamie with his big Tangye, then Norm Dalziel (Emerald) with his 3HP Clutterbuck, then Don and Allison Wright with their smaller Tangye. Next in line was Ron Arbuthnott with a 2HP Cooper, a 3HP Petter M, and a Kelly and Lewis Mk 4 1935, with a super Rapid centrifugal pump. Barry Thomas had a 1928 International and a Moffatt Virtue running a generator. Benn and Malachia Wilkinson had a vertical Rosebery running a generator and a Lister Junior. Maree and Tony Koolen had a 1955 Terrier, his 1952 Agra Motor and a Wing engine running a compressor. Next was Peter Aumann with an AH McDonald "A" type, a 3HP McDonald CD and a 3HP Hercules, also there was his son Lucas with a Fairbanks Morse Z,. He also bought along another new member named Bruce Jenkins who had bought along a WLA Harley Motor Bike 1942.

Thanks must go to Barry for bringing along a BBQ and cooking sausages for lunch on Saturday. He started the job then left it to his Mum who had come along to support us to finish the cooking. The lunch went down well, then at night the evening meal was supplied by the Wedderburn Club committee. Both meals were very much appreciated. Once again a great weekend was had by all. I nearly forgot to thank all the other members that came along to support us even if they didn't show engines. They were Keith Moar, Bob Glenister, Stan Ruddled, George and Freda Findlay.

By Heather and Don Butcher.



COMING EVENTS

*Denotes YVMPS event.
 Contact Alan Shepherd for phone numbers.
 October
 * 17th Monthly meeting
 27-28th Mucklefest Vintage Rally
 November
 3rd-4th Lake Goldsmith
 * 11th YVMPS Vintage Swapmeet.
 10-11th Old time wood Days Milltown (near Heywood)
 17-18th Bendigo Swap
 17-18th Lilydale Show (TBC)
 * 17th 18th Lavender Farm
 * 21st Monthly meeting.
 * 24-25th Draught Horse Festival.
 December
 * 19th Monthly meeting.

Membership Fees	
Once only Joining	\$5.00
Insurance & NHMA levee	\$20.00
Annual membership	\$30.00 (plus ins.)
Associate (Wife)	\$10.00 (plus ins.)
Junior/ student (10-18yrs)	\$7.00 (plus ins.)

BUY, SELL & SWAP.

For Sale.

Cooper KA 25 /12/1929 \$800. Myers self oiling piston pump \$100. R&T 3HP N Type + Generator, radiator, water circulating pump, coil ignition \$400. Or engine only without the G, r, w/p & coil \$300. Double acting piston pump \$40.
Bill Smart 0409138422

Y.V.M.P.S. MERCHANDICE Available at meetings and Rallies
 Patches, Badges, Coffee Mugs, \$5.00 each,
 Peak Cap \$10.00 Fridge Magnet, \$1.00 Pen, \$1.00
 Club Shirts \$35.00 Windcheater \$40.00
 See Heather Butcher

WANTED
Open Crank
Hornsby engine →
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