

KEMPSFORD

CLASSIC CAR & MOTORCYCLE CLUB

Newsletter
Spring 2008

Welcome to the Spring Newsletter and to the start of a new season of classic motoring and motorcycling. It seems hardly any time since I was last slaving over the keyboard trying to find the words to fill the pages of the Autumn Newsletter. Well, I can tell you I doesn't get any easier. Especially the Spring edition. It seems that nothing has happened in the last four months! At least, that's what my post-bag tells me. It's empty. My pleas for news, photos and contributions, so richly rewarded in the autumn have fallen on stony ground through the winter. So, if your Newsletter is a little thin; bereft of content; lacking in substance, it's because our cars and bikes have mostly been in hibernation. But now the club is back in business and I'll be expecting lots of comment, pictures, stories, memories, articles, in fact anything of interest to your fellow members. I need lots more of them!



And while I'm on the subject, we also need more motor bikes. It's a whole year since I featured Arthur Rolls' bikes, so let's have some more. We need more bikes in the Newsletter and more members with bikes in the Club. If you know someone with a classic bike (or car) please invite them to join. It's not a huge investment and it's great value (especially the raffle prizes!)

Terry tells me he has had to put the subs up to £6 to cover our affiliation to the Federation of British Historic

Vehicle Clubs. Where can you find better value than that? Incidentally, there are a couple of copies of the FBHVC Newsletter circulating and they're well worth looking at.

There are two outings planned for this year: Drive It Day in April, and Beaulieu International Autojumble in September. This will be instead of our usual outing to Stoneleigh Park

LOCAL HISTORY

Here's a real piece of local history. This picture dates from 1972 when Busby's Garage was a thriving local business. Seventeen people, nine cars and one dog. Although Busby's was a BMC dealership they also sold, serviced and repaired other makes: Ford, Vauxhall, Hillman and Jaguar, among others. How many of the people in the photo do you recognise? Can you name the unknown person? From the left, they are: Mrs Busby, Babs; John Busby; Arthur Goodman; Paddy O'Laughlan; Doreen Fletcher; Unknown Person; June Mead; Ted Miles; Glyn Handy; Ted Newport; Joe Hill; Philip Matlow; John Matlow; Terry Chesterman; Stan Edwards; Jeff Bennett; Gilbert Morse.



Do you have old photos showing classic cars and bikes in a local setting? Perhaps it was your brand new pride and joy of forty years ago, perhaps your very first motorcycle or the car you learnt to drive in. If you do why not share them through the Newsletter?

MEMBERS MOTORS



I hear there has been progress on Roy's Triumph TR3A. Thanks to Bill Tudor and others the body is now off and has been sent away for treatment. The picture reveals some of the extent of the work to be done, and it looks like Roy has a job on his hands! I'll keep you posted on progress and one day a beautiful pristine TR3A will appear in these pages.

Terry has sold his dismantled 1970 chrome bumper MGB Roadster. In the 12 months he had it he stripped it down to a rolling chassis and restored the axles, but thought it was time someone else got on with the job. In order to access the underside he built a jig to tip the whole

vehicle on its side. Made out of an old engine crane and some steel tubing it is designed to fit the MGB, but Terry recons that it could be modified to suit other vehicles.

John Chesterman has acquired a 1947 Standard Flying 12. It needs a new engine and a little work on the body but we hope to see it soon. I'm told the car has cable operated brakes so let's hope it doesn't live up to its name!

Steve Wilson, our favourite motoring journalist has again featured one of our members in his column in Classic Car Mart. This month he featured Gordon King's 1959 Wolseley 15/60. I have not been able to find a copy of the magazine so I can't tell you what Steve had to say about Gordon's car, but you can be sure he would have been impressed by its originality and condition, and would have been nostalgic for the days when Britain had a proper motor industry with names like Wolseley, Riley, Morris, Alvis, Austin-Healey, Humber, Singer, Hillman...the list goes on.

BLenheim PALACE

I didn't go to the Blenheim Palace show last year but fortunately Terry was there with his camera and captured these shots.



DRIVE IT DAY

Classic motoring and motorcycling brings immense pleasure to hundreds of thousands of people every year in Britain and provides employment for many thousand more, contributing £3 billion to the economy. Drive It Day is a chance for us all to celebrate this and showcase our cherished classic vehicles. Last year the FBHVC celebrated at the Royal Oak at Bishopstone and 150 cars, bikes and commercials attended. They will be using the same venue again this year and we intend to join them.

Drive It Day is Sunday 20 April. The plan is to leave from Fairford Market Square at 10.00 and drive in convoy through Lechlade, Highworth, and via the B4000 through Shrivenham and Ashbury to Bishopstone.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

As it's the start of the season there's a good range of events to choose from. Terry has entrance forms for many of them so check with him if there is a particular event you are interested in going to.

March 24 Coleford Carnival of Transport and Autojumble. This event is actually held on the streets of Coleford's closed-off town centre. Contact: 01594 832992 www.colefordcarnivaloftransport.co.uk

May 11 Wheel Nuts, St Rose's School, Stroud. Contact: 01453 763793. The organisers say they have learnt from last year's poor organisation and promise shorter queues this year.

May 17-18 Little Vintage Show. Cambridge Mill House, Dursley Road, Cambridge, Gloucestershire. Contact Peter & Mary Clover Tel 01453 542977. www.littlevintageshow.co.uk/index.html



These men have just finished installing the bollards and are clearing up prior to driving away...er...

May 26 Westonbirt Classic Car Show. Westonbirt Arboretum. Contact Jenny McDonald 01666 881230

June 15 Kemble Air Day, Kemble Airfield, E-mail events@kemble.com www.kembleairday.com

June 22 Lister Tyndale Steam Rally, Berkley Castle Showground, Berkley, Glos. Entry forms from Jenny Wytchard, 14 The Street, North Nibley, Dursley, Glos GL7 6DW. 01453 546024

July 12-13 Wychwood District Vintage Club. The West Oxon Steam & Vintage Country Show. Please note the new venue: Ducklington half a mile off the A40 at Witney on the A415. Contact Mr K Wall, 46 Queens Crescent, Clanfield, Nr Bampton, OX18 2RP. 01367 810324

August 3 Stroud Vintage Engine Show. Kemble Airfield. Contact Bill Lane 7 Avebury Close Tuffley Gloucestershire GL4 OTS

August 16-17 Fairford Steam Rally. Details to follow

August 17 Charity Fun Day at Sudeley Castle. Contact Dave Stallworthy, Fundraising Co-ordinator, 68 Glenfall, Yate, BS37 4LY. 01454 321694 or 07788 827578

September 7 Antique & Collectors Fair and Classic Car Show. Berkley Castle. Contact: Mrs P Millard, 9 Avon Way, Thornbury, Bristol, BS35 2DG. 01454 413050



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