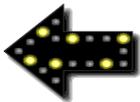


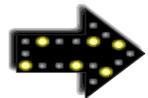
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Wheeler's Waffle

Firstly, a warm welcome to our newest member Derek, who joins us at the start of what appears to be an event packed year.

My thanks to everyone who helped to make the February Valentine Meal a wonderful evening, also thanks to our bakers for March's cake raffle.

Chatting and catching up at monthly meetings is great, so incorporating an actively as well is even better. So in August we will be having a skittle evening, then in October a charity race night on the screen at the Moose Hall with proceeds going to Moose.

First event of the season, Spring Gathering, Easter Monday. When this show was held at Andover it was well supported, now with the large venue of Newbury Showground, it should prove to be more so, given we get better weather than we did this year - which was terrible.

Drive it Day looks as if it will be interesting, you should all have your entry tickets by now. May and June are both busy months, with Club events Popham (don't forget the setup BBQ on the Sunday evening), and Basingstoke Festival of Transport in May, plus Berkshire, Tadley and also Haslemere available for those wishing to go.

Woodley Carnival, Sandhurst Heritage Day (where we will be having a club picnic) and our 25th Anniversary Horse Drawn Barge trip in June. Details of all events are available at Monthly meetings and in our magazine.

The Committee have been approached with regards to club Regalia, if you are interested speak to a committee member so we can make further enquires.

I'm looking forward to seeing all your wonderful vehicles on display this year.

Happy Motoring

Chrissie

Ps. At Popham we will be having our much sort after Cake stall again, so if you can provide us with your culinary delights it would be much appreciated.

Many thanks

FBHVC NEWS

The club's Website contains a dedicated FBHVC Legislation page; updated as soon as the latest FBHVC Newsletter becomes available (currently News-letter 1, 2016 – See the following extract) with the latest legislation which may affect our hobby. The newsletters also contains information on many other topics, including extracts from other Classic Car Club newsletters. I recommend you use the links on the webpage to explore the FBHVC website for the full version, as well as a newsletter archive and much more. – Kevin Newell (Website Editor).

UK LEGISLATION

Bob Owen

Roadworthiness Testing Directive

The next month or so should see the issue of a DfT Consultation which will cover various options to amend eligibility for and the process of the MoT to enable the UK to meet the requirements of the EU Roadworthiness Directive. We already know that the actual changes to the MoT are likely to be minimal but that the range of possible exemptions and definitions might be quite wide. Immediately the Consultation is issued we will commence consideration of what the Federation response should be.

We will try to consult member clubs as widely as the response time permits, as we know there is quite a wide variation of views among members as to whether and how far historic vehicles ought to be exempted.

The Federation view is obviously going to be dependent upon the extent of changes to the MoT. Our basic principle will continue to be that no historic vehicle, which is roadworthy in the terms of the standards at the time it was manufactured, should be banned from use on the road by reason of a test which it cannot pass.

Insurance Values and Write-Offs

I reminded you last time of the possibility of problems with damaged vehicles if the insurance Salvage Code of Practice is unsympathetically applied.

The problem is that the existing Code relates decisions on writing-off very closely to the ratio of the cost of repair and the market value. That approach might not be applicable to historic vehicles, especially the smaller varieties.

A new Code of Practice is in the course of being drafted and the Federation has been invited, through the good offices of the DfT, to participate in a review of the most recent draft. We expect that activity to occur during the next few weeks. Our aim will be to ensure that the interests of historic vehicles are properly considered.

Meanwhile, there is a live issue people should be aware of. There is a presumption that a vehicle which is inundated in a flood must be written off. While this probably makes complete sense for a contemporary vehicle stuffed full of electronics, it is questionable in the case of older vehicles, which may be little affected. We have received warnings that this may have become a live issue after the Cumbrian floods and we will be monitoring the situation."

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Member of the Year Award 2016

At the AGM in January, the Member of the Year Award was presented to Phil Smith for his work as the Club Secretary. His calm and laid back approach to some of the decisions that the committee have to make are always welcome.

Phil was presented with his trophy by the 2015 Winners Alec and Brigitte Hafele



Valentines Meal - February 10th Club Meeting

We started off our special Anniversary Events with our now annual Valentines Meal which takes place on the night of our February Club meeting.

This year 45 signed up for the event, but due to illness we ended up with slightly less, so there was plenty of food to go round. Several members arrived early to help prepare for the evening. The hall was decorated and the tables laid out to reflect the occasion meanwhile our cooks in the kitchen were preparing the menu of either Chilli Con carne with Rice or Chicken Supreme with Jacket Potatoes and Veg. This was followed by Chocolate or Lemon Gateux for dessert.

The evening went with a swing and there was a great atmosphere in the room. After the meal as well as a Valentine's raffle, a brain teaser got everyone scratching their heads trying to solve the clues. The top team managed to score 19 out of 20 , so were very pleased with themselves.

A profit of £58.55 was made on the evening, which helps to boost club funds

Thanks to everyone who made the evening a success, from setting up the hall to helping with the mounds of washing up afterwards and then putting everything away where it belonged at the end of the evening.



Many of you may recall seeing a Blue Mini pick up on a trailer at Popham some time (years) ago.

The car belongs to Ian and Pat Martin. Ian purchased the car in 1992 and over the years it has been completely stripped, new body panels fitted and resprayed Blue.

Ian re assembled the car with an MG 1275 engine, new wiring loom, new brakes, Mini Cooper wheel rims, Dynamo to alternator conversion, electronic ignition and other parts too numerous to mention.

Recently Ian has not been well enough to complete the project. As David and Eric recently retired with plenty of time to pass, they decided to offer to get the pick up running for Ian.

After some fettling, head scratching and naughty words they eventually gave the car a road test. It was a nice sunny afternoon 22nd March. On its maiden run they took Ian for a test ride up and down the road. Not too far as the car is not quite legal. The next step is off to the MOT tester - I will let you know how that goes in a later issue.

Our hope is to see the car and Ian & Pat at Popham in May.
Rita Martin



POPHAM SHOW - MONDAY MAY 2nd



Volunteers needed to bake cakes for our ever popular cake stall at the Popham Show. Over the years we have become renowned for our cakes - with our fellow exhibitors and visitors alike - and usually sell out by mid-day.

So don't let's disappoint them this year, and also make some money for the club funds.

All donations welcome - big cakes, small cakes, bar cakes bring them along and help fill up our stall.
Thank you,

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Horse Drawn Barge Trip, Kintbury - Sunday 26 June



Join us for a leisurely afternoon trip to celebrate the Club's 25th Anniversary by taking a trip down the Kennet & Avon canal on a horse drawn barge with afternoon tea being served along the way.

The club is paying for the boat but you are asked to contribute towards the cost of refreshments at £5 per head.

Space is limited, so if you haven't got your name on the list then please contact Richard Phillips (see back page for details) and reserve your place (s) today!

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Calendar of Events 2016

Apr 24	Drive-it-Day	Bicester Heritage. Buckingham Rd Bicester OX26 5HA	Club
Apr 27	BCCC Social Meeting	Longbridge Mill, Sheffield-on-Loddon	Social
May 2	Aero. Auto Jumble and Classic Vehicles	Popham Airfield	Club
May 8	Festival of Transport	Memorial Park Basingstoke	Club
May 11	BCCC Club Meeting	Moose Centre Basingstoke RG21 7QU	Social
May 25	BCCC Social Meeting	The Hatch, Old Basing	Social
May 29	Berkshire Country Fair	Englefield Estate	Info
May 29/30	Tadley Treacle Fair	Saunders Field, Tadley RG26 4FF	Info
May 29	Haslemere Car Show	Lions Green, Haslemere	Info
June 8	BCCC Club Meeting	Moose Centre Basingstoke RG21 7QU	Social
Jun 11	Woodley Carnival	Woodford Park, Woodley	Club
Jun 19	Heritage Day	Sandhurst Royal Military Academy	Club
Jun 22	BCCC Social Meeting	Barton Mill, Old Basing	Social
Jun 26	Anniversary Event	Horse Drawn Barge trip from Kintbury	Club
Jul 1-4	Kent Country Tour	organised by Scenic Car Tours	Info
Jul 3	BA Classic Car Show	Sports & Social Club Cranford	Club
Jul 9/10	Woodcote Rally	8m NW of Reading on A4074 Reading to Oxford Satnav RG8 OPG	Info
Jul 17	Alton Bus Rally	Anstey Park, Alton	info
Jul 22/24	Netley Marsh Steam & Craft Show	Meadow Mead Farm, Netley Marsh SO40 7GY	Info
Jul 27	BCCC Social Meeting	The Jekyll & Hyde, Hook RG27 0AX	Social
Aug 10	BCCC Club Skittles	Moose Centre Basingstoke RG 21 7QU	Club
Aug 12-14	Retrofest	Newbury Showground RG18 9QZ	info
Aug 24	BCCC Social Meeting	The Swan, Ash Vale, GU12 5HA	Social
Aug 28/29		Blenheim Classic Car Show Blenheim Palace, Oxon	info
Sept 4		End of Season BBQ The Twyford Waterworks, near Winchester	Club

Calendar of Events 2016 - continued

Sep 10	The Henley Show	Hambleden, Henley-on-Thames RG9 3AS	Info
Sep 14	BCCC Club Meeting	Moose Centre Basingstoke RG21 7QU	Social
Sep 28	BCCC Social Meeting	tba	Social
Oct 12	BCCC Club Race Night	Moose Centre Basingstoke RG21 7QU	Social
Oct 26	BCCC Social Meeting	tba	Social
Nov 9	BCCC Club Meeting	Moose Centre Basingstoke RG21 7QU	Social
Nov 23	BCCC Social Meeting	tba	Social
Dec 10	BCCC Christmas Dinner	tba	Social

*** Red Type = Anniversary Event**

NB. If you sign up for a club event, and subsequently find you are unable to go, please let Richard or any committee member know, so that: 1) we are not waiting around for people to arrive, if we are going in convoy and: 2) we can adjust the layout of our site accordingly. Thankyou.

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Perry & Tony's Triumph Vitesse Project.

We decided to spend a chunk of our retirement restoring long-neglected old British cars into presentable classics because we both enjoy working and driving them. Our objective is to simply recover our costs, but a little profit adds even more pleasure!

Our two previous project cars have now been sold. Tony's Triumph Herald 13/60 has been re-homed in Normandy and Perry's MGB has been re-homed in Brussels. We were therefore looking for a new project and after much searching on the internet we found suitable car. It is a 1967 Triumph Vitesse Mark1. It is equipped with a 2000cc straight 6 engine and overdrive. This particular Vitesse seemed to fit the bill and the E-bay photos looked ok. An added bonus was that it had an MOT which was valid for many months, and it was located in NW London, so not too far away.

Now the fun starts! In order to save the transportation costs we decided to try and drive the car home to Basingstoke, while appreciating this may have some risks. We drove down in Tony's car and planned a journey home which avoided any motorway. The outward journey took just 1.5 hours and on arrival we met the owner and examined the car which seemed to fit the bill nicely. The car started up ok but a serious fuel leak (fountain) became immediately apparent so this was our first repair job. Once repaired we decided to make an attempt at driving the project home (now that it was less likely to burst into flames!). The first stop was to top up with fuel. This was a little confusing because the fuel gauge is incorrectly wired and it reads in reverse (fix that later!).

The plan was for Tony to take the lead armed with sat nav to zig-zag around London while avoiding the M25 and for Perry to follow in the Vitesse project. The epic journey took 5.5 hours. The Vitesse only had a top speed of 35mph on the flat but each time a hill was encountered all Perry could see was Tony gradually disappearing in the distance while grinding to a halt. The car just could not manage an upward slope! Tony would then back up while we combined efforts to open the bonnet and breathe some life into the Vitesse. Each time we were able to identify a different ignition problem. The wiring was in a terrible mess. As night closed in it became easier to identify the ignition problems because the streaks of mini lightening tended to draw our attention in the right direction! We had a total of eight such breakdowns during the journey but during the eighth breakdown we had achieved a very smooth-running six-cylinder engine which was sadly very short of power.

We therefore advanced the timing in an attempt to persuade more horses from the engine. This had a dramatic effect and the Vitesse was pacing Tony in the lead car at 70mph+ and overdrive was working well. There is nothing wrong with the engine! Perry found life a little interesting when trying to slow the car down because the brakes worked well but it was guesswork which way they were going to swing the car! Because the Vitesse came to a halt very unpredictably so many times we managed to upset quite a few commuters en route but Perry became quite an expert at recognising when the car was about to grind to a halt then swinging into a nearby grass verge or driveway just in time. On one occasion the Vitesse driver door swung wide open at a road junction and this almost tipped Perry out into the road. This gave Tony and other drivers a moment of entertainment which brought tears of laughter!

Work has now started on the restoration. The engine has been removed, the entire interior furnishings have been removed, all windows have been removed and the complete roof has been separated from the body. The exterior paintwork has been stripped down to bare metal in readiness for a complete respray to 'Triumph Signal Red'. The hope is that all will be completed this summer in time to take the restored car to one of our shows before the end of the season.

Tony and Perry



Museums Down Under - Part 1 Australia

As many of you will know Penny and I along with Eric and Rita had an almost eight week trip to Australia and New Zealand earlier this year.

We were always on the lookout for vehicle museums to visit and without doubt the most impressive car museum we came across in Australia was the Fox Car Collection in Melbourne. This collection includes more than 50 prestige vehicles collected over a thirty year period by Lindsay Fox who amassed his fortune by starting a haulage business in the 1950's, which he named Linfox, he built this into a very successful family business becoming a multi-millionaire in the process. The collection is housed in an Historic building, The Queens Warehouse in Melbourne's docklands area. This building has an interesting history, being a former customs building and was where Australian banknotes and stamps were printed in the early 1900's.

The Collection includes Bentley, Ferrari, Jaguar, Porsche, MG and the largest collection of Mercedes-Benz cars in the southern hemisphere. There is a 1968 Mercedes 600 Pullman Limousine once owned by Ringo Starr and a Mercedes Benz 540K Cabriolet which was the car for the German high elite and there was no one person more elite than Adolf Hitler.

Prior to World War II his patronage would prove useful not only to the 540K but also to the Mercedes-Benz brand as a whole. Afterwards the photographs of him and other Nazi leaders parading in the Mercedes-Benz 540Ks would become something of an embarrassment and shame to the company, this particular car is RH drive and was thought to belong to Von Rubentropp the German ambassador to London prior to the outbreak of WWII. This car is estimated to be valued at \$10 million US Dollars and was the class winner at Pebble Beach Concourse d'Elegance in the USA in 1989. In amongst the Rolls Royce's on show is a Carmargue prototype, and the only one left of its type in the world. Two prototypes were built; the other was crashed and written off in 1992. There are too many beautiful cars in this collection to mention here so I urge you to visit the web site www.foxcollection.org.au where all the cars are listed with detailed histories. Another very interesting and extremely rare car displayed there is a exceptional Mercedes-Benz A-Class, designated A-38 AMG it was special because there were only four built, and it had two engines. Mercedes presented F1 drivers David Coulthard and Mika Hakkinen with one each, kept one themselves and the other is on show here.



**Mercedes once owned
by Ringo Starr**



**Mercedes Benz 540K
Cabriolet**



Mercedes-Benz A-38 AMG

Another interesting museum we came across, this time in Alice Springs, was the National Road Transport Hall Of Fame. This museum is dedicated mainly to trucks but there is a small collection of cars.

The museum aims to display many of the trucks in an as found condition, so there are many rusting hulks displayed throughout the site as well as a separate building which houses the Kenworth Dealer Museum displaying more modern, very large trucks. Another building houses classic trucks, one a Bedford with a classic Mini loaded on the flatbed. We searched the exhibits hoping to find a Thornycroft lorry but it was not to be although there were several British made lorries including but not limited to AEC's Bedfords, Albions and even a Scammel Scarab.

On display were several of Australia's infamous Road Trains which legally can be as long as 53.5 meters, this would usually be made up of a Semi ('artic' to us) with 2 trailers attached but these are limited to the outback for obvious reasons! Again there is an interesting web site to visit for more information www.roadtransporthall.com



Look out for part two, New Zealand - coming soon!! Dave Butler.

Spring Vehicle Meet at Newbury Showground. 28/03/2016

This was the first outing for the car club this year. Previously held at Wyke Down in Andover but due to the site being built on the organisers had to find a new location. Greenham Common was tried 2 years ago and it was not held last year, but the organisers secured the site at Newbury for this and subsequent years.

This meet is always held on Easter Monday and the weather at this time of the year still leaves much to be desired. We can have snow at Easter. This year we were treated to a real Gale Force Wind and Rain the night before and the day dawned as a wet cold very windy morning.

This is a club meet and there were 20 names on the list to attend, the trailer was ready so it was up and away down the M4 after dodging tree debris on the minor roads. I was met at the gate and informed that there was plenty of space. The location is a grass site with puddles of standing water but nice to see a hard road around the edge. I stayed on the hard road until I saw Chrissie and Norman with Tony Jones and Perry Beckett waving to a spot, I pulled in alongside. The wind was still blowing fairly hard but not raining and there was a glimmer of the sun coming through. It was decided by all not to open the trailer or attempt to erect the gazebo. Rob Manton, Jonathon Cooper, Peter Haywood and ourselves all luckily had prepared hot flasks and made good use of them. The weather was improving as the morning went on and more classic cars came in and parked, slowly the ground drained quite well and the numbers grew to a couple of hundred. The first classic car show for us underway even though in a limited way. We were joined by Des and Beryl Jarvis who got there after pumping the water out of their conservatory.

The auto jumble stall holders were packing up and leaving by 1-30 pm and we also made our way home. Thanks to those members who braved the weather and came out today.



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