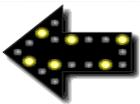
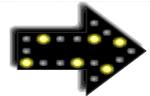


# Basingstoke Classic Car Club



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## ***Wheeler's Waffle***



I would like to welcome to the committee , Alec, as Editor of the Magazine, I am sure you will hear from him when he is looking for new articles. Barbara has moved to Social Organiser, we look forward to what exciting events she finds us. The position of Event Organiser has become vacant again. We have sorted most of the club events for this year, which you will find listed in this magazine. But we are still looking for an Event Organiser, if you are up for the job please let me know.

Many thanks to everyone who helped make our annual Valentine Meal a great evening. We catered for 38. Thanks also goes to our volunteer bakers for the popular March Mystery Cake Raffle.

The first club event we have for 2017 is Spring Vehicle Meet at Newbury Showground, on Easter Monday. With Easter falling later this year hopefully the weather will be better than last year! Passes had to be obtained for this show. The club supplied the entry forms and I hope you completed yours.

We have been given permission for our annual pre-Popham BBQ, (Sunday 30th April, 4 o'clock onwards) so I hope you can join the team there. We will have our popular cake stand at the show, so it would be much appreciated if you could unleash your baking skills. We have passes for this event and they will be given out at the April meeting. If you have put your name down but don't receive a pass please contact me.

The club has been invited to display at The Basingstoke Rotary Fun Festival to be held at Down Grange on 6th and 7th May. This venue is local to many of you. There is a list for those wishing to attend this event, so we need to know who wishes to attend on which or both days to plan the space needed.

Sunday 14th May is the date for the Basingstoke Transport Festival. The club is a co-organiser for this event and we always have a good turn out with many members attending. We have been asked to undertake the marshalling for the event and we will be helped by the Rotary Club. I hope we can count on your support on the day.

All club event forms and others you maybe interested in are available at the monthly meetings. So come along and find our what is going on.

## **FBHVC NEWS**

### **Federation of British Historic Vehicle Clubs (FBHVC) – Latest News**

The club's Website contains a dedicated FBHVC Legislation page; updated as soon as the latest FBHVC Newsletter becomes available (currently Newsletter 1, 2017) 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).

#### **LEGISLATION     Bob Owen**

##### **Roadworthiness Testing.**

I set out in the last Newsletter in some detail how the FBHVC had responded to the Consultations on Roadworthiness Testing from the Department for Transport (DFT).

We have as yet no indication of what conclusions DFT has drawn from the responses to its consultation. So we do not know if the DFT will proceed with its preferred option, a right to exemption from MOT testing for "Vehicles of Historic Interest" over 40 years old. As we explained, we were concerned that the proposal, and particularly the proposed use of the existing "8 point rule" to decide upon what constituted such a vehicle, were not fully thought out, that the proposed distinction was difficult to make and indeed that the 8 point rule was not really suitable for the assessment of vehicles which had not been disassembled, as most would not have been. On the assumption that DFT will probably proceed with providing the right to exemption as they intended however, we have written to DFT directly asking that they discuss the issues with us before they are implemented. We will be seeking the support of the APPHVG in getting such a dialogue under way.

Kevin

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#### **Editor's Note,**

Please let me have your funny stories or anecdotes about your classic car experiences (keep them clean please!). You can send them to me at the e-mail address shown on the back page of this magazine. I look forward to publishing your stories in the future,

## **Committee Meeting Rundown.**

There have been two committee meetings so far this year on 18th January and 15th February. The following are summaries of the matters discussed at those meetings.

On 18th January it was stated that the club has about 30 paid up members to that date. It was reported that the premium for the 2017 club Public Liability Insurance had been paid. It was reported that the club website had been limited to 5 pages. It was agreed that a database of club vehicles will be created.

On 15th February it was stated that the club had 41 paid up members to that date. It was reported that 2 new flag bases had been purchased. The Valentines Meal had made a profit of £88 for club funds. New software for the club magazine had been purchased. Proposed suggestions for the club to comply with government Data Protection Act legislation were discussed.

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### **Club Regalia.**

Club Regalia available to order T-shirts, Sweatshirts, Hoodies or Baseball-type Jackets, all with the new logo on.

There is a wide choice of colours available and sizes to fit all . Alternatively, you can just

buy the club logo and sew it onto any garment of your choice. Large Logo (Men's) £10 Smaller logo, (Ladies) £8. If you wish to purchase any items or have any questions Please contact Chrissie Wheeler (details on the back page) who will be happy to assist you.

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## **Valentines Night 8th February 2017.**



Club meeting at the Moose Hall on the 8th Included the Valentines Night meal . The tables were decked out with tablecloths and Valentine themed decorations. Each table was named for a famous loving couples from the past such as Romeo and Juliette. Cooks for the evening were Chrissie and Barbara who served us up a choice of sausage casserole or beef stew, both of which were delicious. The meal was rounded off with petit fours and cakes. At the end of the evening a number of members helped with the washing-up and clearing the room. Thanks to all for your efforts and special thanks to our two cooks!

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## **Drive It Day 23 April 2017.**

Our run will be to Bursledon Brickworks Industrial Museum Swanwick Lane SO31 7HB for their annual Big Spring Steam Up featuring traction engines, steam rollers and a narrow gauge railway. Please go to their website [www.bursledonbrickworks.org.uk](http://www.bursledonbrickworks.org.uk) for full programme details. After, for those who wish it a reservation for dinner has been made at the Old Ship, Bridge Road, Swanwick, SO31 7FN. For menu and prices please go to their website [www.theoldshipswanwick.co.uk](http://www.theoldshipswanwick.co.uk)

As in previous years we are hoping for a great turn out for this event. We will meet up on the day at 9:30 in Basingstoke Leisure Centre Car Park number 8, behind KFC and McDonalds. If you wish to attend this event and you have not yet put your name down on the list please let Chrissie know as soon as possible.

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# Steve, Max and “Darcy” a 1934 Daimler ‘LQ’ 20 Limousine. Registration AXO662.



## Steve says:

“About 1,000 LQ chassis 20hp cars were built between 1933 and 1935. The LQ followed the Rolls-Royce 20hp and Lanchester 21hp models. However ‘Darcy’ is unique. She is the only 4 door limousine built by

coachbuilder ‘Salmons and Co.’ in the 1930s. They built literally a handful of enclosed saloons and only a couple of 2 door Bentleys were known until ‘Darcy’ was rediscovered. Salmons’ craftsmen built the ash frame, all exterior panelling and the full interior. The majority of the leather interior and headlining is original and has somehow survived moth and mouse attack. The tool kit is kept in a lockable drawer under the passenger seat.

Little of her history is known up to the mid-60s, however she could well originally have had Royal connections; the light on the roof, ‘a pass light’, which would originally have had a blue lens in it, signifying to the Police that a Royal personage was on board.

‘Darcy’ is also fitted with the Daimler Fluid-Flywheel Transmission which as Daimler says - ‘Driving is endowed with a new zest which is not marred by any mechanical complication or noise’. I drove her back from Bristol on the A4, some 85 miles and smiled all the way. I’m looking forward to getting out and about this year”.



Steve Wright

Looking forward to seeing Darcy at the shows!

# **London Classic Car Show January 2017**

Between 8-11 January the first London Classic Car Show was held at the Excel Arena. Advertised as a different car show there were no club stands or autojumble. Instead the show featured a central grand avenue where 3 times per day for 30 minutes various classic cars, including amongst others a 1924 Bugatti and a 1934 Jaguar SS1, were driven back and forth.

Each of the four corners around the central avenue featured specific displays. The first featured James May's "Cars That Changed The World". Each car hidden in it's own room and included were a 1915 Ford Model T, a 1959 Mini and a Toyota Prius. In the final room was a mystery car that apparently everyone wanted, it turned out to be a James Bond Corgi Aston Martin DB5!

The second corner was dedicated to the career of Adrian Newey the all time most successful Formula 1 designer. The display included his personal cars and several racing cars he designed.

The third corner displayed 6 iconic Le Mans 24 Hour race cars. The 1960s Gulf Ford GT40, 1980s Rothmans Porsche & Silk Cut Jaguar XJR-9, 1995 McLaren F1 which was the last road legal car to win the race, and finally the 2003 Bentley Speed 8.

The fourth corner, featured a "Motorsport Hall of Fame". Displayed here were many winning cars from Nuvalari's Alfa Romeo, Fangio's BRM through to Schumacher's Benetton.

The rest of the hall was taken up by classic cars dealers offering various classic for sale, for example a Morris Minor Million and a Mercedes once owned by Ringo Starr. The show also celebrated 60 years of the Citroen DS launched in 1955 Paris Motor Show.

The show was fairly small and easily walked around in 2 hours. But it was all about the cars, so if you want club stands and auto jumbles it probably won't be for you!

# Calendar of Events 2017

Apr 17	Spring Vehicle meet And Auto Jumble	Newbury Showground	Club
Apr 23	Drive It Day	Bursledon Brickworks Industrial Museum Southampton SO31 7GW	Club
Apr 26	BCCC Social Meeting	Longbridge Mill Sherfield –on-Loddon	Social
Apr 30	Pre-Popham BBQ	Popham Airfield	Club
May 1	Aero, Auto Jumble Classic Vehicles	Popham Airfield	Club
May 6 /7	Basingstoke Rotary Fun Festival	Down Grange	Club
May 10	BCCC Club Meeting	Moose Centre Basingstoke RG21 7QU	Social
May 14	Festival of Transport	War Memorial Park, Basingstoke	Club
May 20	Fun Day	Frimley Lodge Park	Info
May 24	BCCC Social Meeting	tba	Social
June 4	Tadley Treacle Fair	Saunders Field, Tadley RG26 4FF	Info
June 10	Woodley Carnival	Woodford Park, Woodley	Club
June 18	Sandhurst	Military College **	Club
Jun 14	BCCC Club Meeting	Moose Centre Basingstoke RG21 7QU	Social
Jun 28	BCCC Social Meeting	tba	Social
Jul 8/9	Woodcote Rally	8m NW of Reading on A 4074 Reading to Oxford . Satnav RG8 OPG	Club
Jul 12	BCCC Club Meeting	Moose Centre Basingstoke RG21 7QU	Social
Jul 16	Alton Bus Rally	Anstey Park, Alton	Info
Jul 21/23	Netley Marsh Steam & Craft Show	Meadow Mead Farm, Netley Marsh SO40 7GY	Info
Jul 26	BCCC Social Meeting	tba	Social

**NB** If you sign up for a club event, and subsequently find you are unable to go, please let a 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.

Info events are not organised Club events. However for some events the club may need to know the numbers of vehicles wishing to attend but it is the responsibility of the member to obtain and submit event application forms individually.

**Thankyou.**

**\*\*** Please note if you are attending the Sandhurst Military event you must supply the registration number of the vehicle you will take there before the event to comply with the organisers security requirements.

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## **Jean is voted Club Member of 2016.**

Jean Sibley and her husband Trevor have been members of BCCC for more than 20 years and Jean has been the club's membership secretary for many of those years. However she has never been rewarded for her hard work on behalf of the membership. This was put right when she was voted Club Member of the Year for 2016 and presented with the shield by Chairperson Chrissie. Well done Jean and thank you for all your work behind the scenes.

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## **Absent Mindedness!**

I'm getting absent minded these days! This morning I reversed the car out of the garage but completely forgot that I reversed it into the garage last night!

## Perry & Tony Restore a 1939 Rover P2

Wanting a new challenge club members Tony and Perry purchased FLU110 via e-Bay as a neglected, woodworm riddled wreck stored in Wales during November 2016. The engine was seized but someone had tried to start it bending the con rods and smashing the piston rings in the process! Having recovered the car to home the pair have set about the restoration with a purpose. The engine was removed and rebuilt now reinstalled it starts on the button. Time and wood worm had seriously damaged the interior and the wooden sunroof. The latter has been removed and replaced by a fixed panel since leaks were always a problem on the P2. The plywood floor was rotted out and will need to be replaced as will the seats. Perry pulled the car forward for me sitting on his toolbox! Also on the cards is a complete rewiring and restoration of all the instruments.



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The previous history of the Rover is hazy but it is recognised by the Rover Sport Register and it has been established the car spent many years in Belfast owned by a doctor (making FLU 110 a very appropriate registration!) Perry and Tony believe the car has covered about 90,000 miles from new. The engine is 1500 cc ( 12 refers to the old RAC horse power measurement of the engine) and the car is equipped with the Rover Free-wheel system which allows gearchanges without the clutch. Perry and Tony hope to have the Rover back on the road by this summer. Watch this space for progress. With many thanks to Tony and Perry for this article.





## Serviced?

The new season is upon us, are you ready? Has your pride and joy been awakened from it's winter hibernation? Has it been washed, polished and serviced? Yes? Then we're all ready to go! Have a great 2017 season!

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