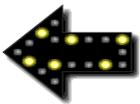


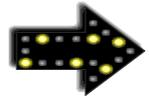
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Dates for Your Diary.

14/15 Jul	(Info)	Woodcote Rally, Tidmore Lane, RG8
15 Jul	(Info)	Hook Village Show, Hartletts Park (12 till 5pm)
15 Jul	(Info)	Alton Bus Rally, Anstey Park Alton, GU34 2NB
20/22 Jul	(Info)	Netley Marsh Steam Rally, SO40 7GY
25 Jul	(Social)	New Inn, Odiham Road, Heckfield, RG27 0LE
28 Jul	(Info)	Skittles and BBQ The Moose Centre
4/5 Aug	(Info)	Weald of Kent Rally, Woodchurch, Kent, TN26 3QY
5 Aug	(Info)	White Dove, Kingsley.
8 Aug	(Social)	Club Meet Moose Centre, Basingstoke, RG21 7QU
10/12 Aug	(Info)	Retrofest, Newbury Showground (internet booking)
12 Aug	(Info)	W. Berks Classic Vehicle Show, Newbury College
12 Aug	(Info)	Breamore House (run by Gemini Events)
22 Aug	(Social)	The Tally Ho, Eversley Road, RG27 0OR
26/27 Aug	(Info)	Blenhiem Palace Car Show
26/27 Aug	(Club)	Swallowfield Show, (entry forms at club night)
8 Sept	(Info)	Aldershot Classic Car Show (10am/4pm)
12 Sept	(Social)	Club Meet Moose Centre, Basingstoke, RG21 7QU
16 Sept	(Info)	Classic Vehicle Gathering, Rural Life Centre, Tilford
23 sept	(Info)	Andover Festival of Motoring, High St Andover
26 Sept	(Social)	Hook Tandoori, Station Road, RG27 9HE
29/30 Sept	(Info)	Ansfold Vintage Rally, Wattlehurst Farm, RH12 3SD
10 Oct	(Social)	Club Meet Moose Centre, Basingstoke, RG21 7QU

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.

Events shown in black are for information only. Where possible entry forms and/or further information will be available at BCCC Club Meetings. However entry to any of these events is the responsibility of the individual member wishing to attend the event and not the club committee. During the course of this season it has come to the attention of the committee that the organisers of some shows will not permit vehicles to leave the site before the official closing time of the show. The organisers usually cite insurance or H&S requirements as the reason for this. Whenever possible the committee will endeavour to inform you of such restrictions, however this may not always be possible. Thanks.





Wheeler's Waffle

Well here we are half way through the year already. Your catering skill again reached great heights for the cake stall at Popham, £140 +, was raised for club funds. Many thanks to those members who make this possible.

Our two main events have not been without a few niggling issues this year, At Popham we displayed 36 club cars, Popham's layout this year was not to it's normal standard, the security team lining vehicles up appeared to have no idea, and were overwhelmed by the amount of vehicles, and the speed they were coming in, I did complete a questionnaire sent out from the organisers, in which I strongly stated how disorganised 2018 show had been, and making a suggestion for 2019.

Basingstoke Transport Festival with all the rain the day before, some worried our field marking on the Friday being washed away were unfounded, all was well. With a few problems to start with, none of which were our doing, everything went well, We were thanked for our traditional excellent marshalling, Tim and Gary from Thornycroft apologised for some of the Rotary Club members who were there to assist, but in a few cases thought they knew better and ended up taking over. We again had the largest stand, with a total of 35 vehicles.

The club had 7 cars at the Surrey Show at Frimley Lodge, which turned out to be a really hot day.

May Bank holiday saw a few of you turn out to shows, which I am sure there will be write ups about within the magazine.

Woodley Carnival, and Hartley Wintney show are both on the same day, vehicles were evenly spread over both shows.

Sandhurst Academy, with a grey sky and a few drops of rain falling first thing in morning, it wasn't looking very promising. We had to fight with the wind getting the gazebo up, but 18 cars lined up for a somewhat chilly day.

As many of you will have seen, the club now has 2 small camping stoves, which boil up the kettles much quicker. When we take the trailer to an event and set the gazebo up, members are very welcome to carry on and make yourselves a drink if you wish, tea, coffee, milk will be supplied in the gazebo by the club.

We want to make members aware that here at Basingstoke Classic Car Club we take data privacy responsibilities very seriously, and have updated our privacy policy and terms & conditions in line with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

Happy motoring, Chrissie.

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Winter Spruce-up of the BCCC Petrol Pumps.

Our signature petrol pumps were becoming a bit tired and battered after many seasons service attached to the club gazebo. Dave Butler volunteered to rebuild the pumps over the winter months and they were ready for the Popham Show in May. Dave has done a splendid job of replacing the old pumps and the new ones really set off the club stand at the shows. Well done Dave!



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Skittles and BBQ Evening at the Moose Centre.

Nine Pin Skittles evening with as BBQ and cash bar. Adults £10 per head with proceeds going to the Moose Ladies charities. The evening starts at 6:30 pm on 28th July at the Moose Centre, Churchill Way, Basingstoke, RG21 7QU. See Ted Squires, Telephone 01256 324313 or e-mail pam@boostsurvey.co.uk for more details.

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FBHVC NEWS

The latest Federation of Historic Vehicle Club (FBHVC) news letter can be found on their Website. Of interest to club members in this newsletter are:

Government Published definitions of a Vehicle of Historic Interest

Taxation of Historic Vehicles that cannot be defined as Vehicles of Historic Interest.

Statement by the FBHVC to the Department for Transport Consultation Committee.

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Can You Help Out?

At Sandhurst we were approached by an officer cadet called Chloe Scott-Mearn who asked if any BCCC club member would be prepared to help her out on behalf of a camping for the disabled organisation named Woodlark Trust based in Farnham. She asked if any club member with a convertible would be willing to treat one the campers to a trip round Farnham with the top down between 19th and 24th August. This would be a first time experience for the camper who would not usually have the chance to do this. If you think that you can spare the time to help Chloe out please give her either a call on: **07850257825** or e-mail her at **Chloe.sm23@hotmail.co.uk** Thanks if you can help Chloe out. **Chrissie**

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Did you know, the first person to be described as a computer programmer was a woman called Ada Lovelace in 1837. **Eileen Topliss**.

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Food for thought. The Toyota Prius Hybrid went on sale in the UK 20 years ago this month. Will they become "classics" one day?

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Drive It Day 22 April.

Although early in the season the gods of weather smiled on us for Drive It Day. Our run to Lakeside Country Park in Eastleigh was a sunny warm day. The 19 cars taking part in the run assembled behind McDonalds in the Leisure Centre carpark and then set off for Eastleigh. The run went well and plenty of other classics were seen on the road. However there were a few "wrong turns" before all arrived safely at Lakeside Park. The park itself is a beautiful spot with a miniature steam railway running on a loop alongside the lake itself. After a cuppa in the railway café most elected to have a ride on the train. The locomotive of the day was a scaled down American machine from the 19th century. The loco may have been small but it was capable of hauling a good few people around the track! The train featured enclosed first class coaches and open



standard class coaches. Most decided to travel in Standard Class. After the railway trip the convoy left Lakeside Park and made its way to the Eastleigh Football Club ground. Although in the National League the Eastleigh FC facility is very impressive and features a restaurant facility called Sherwoods. It was here that 29 of us sat down for an excellent Sunday lunch from the carvery and a slice of Don's 80th birthday cake. All in all the 2018 Drive It Day club run was a great success. Now all we have to do is think of a destination for our club run on Drive It Day 2019!

Alec Hafele,

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Popham Show 7 May.

On Sunday the 6th May All the usual Suspects of the Basingstoke Classic Car Club met at Popham Airfield for the now well-known event of Club stand set up and evening Bar-B-Que. Sunday was unusually warm for a Popham do and the Bar-B-Que was well attended and everyone thoroughly enjoyed it with Big Trev + Kath, Chrissie + Norman, Steve + Max, Mary and myself staying over the night in our Caravans/motor



homes. The decision was not alcohol related. Monday Dawned and was one of the Sunniest Shows ever besides the company that is. There was an impressive 30 Club Cars attending, show-casing the diversity and lovely condition that our Club can offer. As usual we were the biggest club stand attending. The Show was under new management this year and the

trade stands and the like were more centre stage than usual and the cars were pretty much bunched up at the far end and centre leaving a lot of space near the entrance, I seem to think the new management soon realised this and hopefully next year will provide better marshalling, this resulted in us being in the back row and not really in the publics eye not that stopped the girls raising £140.00 on the infamous cake stand. Well done girls. The day went far to quick and as it was a glorious evening and we were once again one of the last to leave the field



Steve Hallam

Basingstoke Festival of Transport 13 May.

I arrived at about 7:30 AM to find that a few members had already arrived and the gazebo was already up, so I grabbed a yellow tabard and joined Steve, Alec and Pete ready to direct the club cars as they arrived. It was quiet at first but it wasn't long before the cars started to



arrive. Thanks to the great organisation, site plan and marking out it all went very smoothly, that and the fact that many of the cars seemed to know where they were going, even if the drivers didn't.

Come 11 o'clock we were given the signal to stand down. It didn't seem like I had been standing up for three and a half hours but the supply of tea and ba-

con sandwiches certainly helped keep me going, thank you ladies!

Now it was time to go for a wander and see what had turned up.

There was a huge turnout. Both fields were full apart from a couple of the club stands where not many turned up from the Rover, Renault

and Alpine clubs but that certainly didn't spoil things. And then there were the trade stands where I found a couple of nice polo shirts for just £3 each! Being lazy and not having brought any food I also had a burger from one of the food traders. Very tasty.



(cont/...) Of course the best stand of the lot was the BCCC stand where we had over 30 cars. I spent some time sitting around near the BCCC gazebo chatting but, with so much to see, I ended spending



most of the day wandering around looking at the cars, trucks, buses, coaches and trade stands. I did find time though to pounce on a few people and force them to talk to me about my Stag. I let them go once they had said suitably nice things about it. Fortunately, despite the dodgy weather forecast the sun shone for virtually the whole day so I

was glad that I had brought the sun hat and sun cream. It was chilly to begin with though so the zip-off trousers once again proved their worth and the bottom halves were dispensed with shortly after midday. The cars started the leave from about 3 PM onwards but the hardy BCCC members endured the hardship until the bitter end and collected all of the club markers. Yet another Basingstoke Transport Festival had come to end without any hitches, thanks in no small part to the contribution of our enthusiastic members.

Steve Lee

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Haslemere Classic Car Show 27 May.

For the last couple of years Don and Barbara Capel have been attending the classic car show at Haslemere Surrey for pre-1978 cars. As my Mercedes is running well I joined them this year. Haslemere is about 25 miles from home so just right for a day's run. I met up with Don and Barbara in Farnham and we had a very nice easy run down the A287 with clear roads and warm weather arriving at the Haslemere village green at 11:30. We were directed to our parking spots by army cadets and as we parked cars that had been on a local tour of the area were returning (cont/...)

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I noticed that some people were dressed in the style of the era and theme of their cars. All cars on show were placed in the middle of the green with trade stands around the outside. It was a very enjoyable show with several attractions one of which was a



four piece Jazz band in a gazebo then moving around the show ground entertaining the crowds. We noticed that one instrument was a banjo and we almost persuaded Don to join in the band! It was nice to listen to the music whilst eating ice cream. We left about 5pm and I had an easy drive home. A day of good roads, good company and good weather, just perfect!

Richard Phillips & Barbara Capel.



Pangbourne College 2 June.

£5 secured entry into the Pangbourne College Car Show. Richard Phillips went along this year and was very impressed by the show which featured some very exotic vehicles and band music. For those unfamiliar Pangbourne College although far from the coast it is a naval college. For those interested in going along in 2019 the entry form is available on-line.



Tadley Treacle Fair 3 June.

It was a nice sunny day in Tadley for the Treacle Fair and there was a good turn out of local people and vehicles. Four BCCC members attended this year. Peter Hayward was there with his Mk3 Cortina but left early as it was his birthday (belated birthday greetings Peter). There was a good variety of classic cars on display as well as tractors, army vehicles and small steam engines. All the usual events were on site with plenty of stalls, ferret racing flying bird display, funfair and arena displays. The last event of the day was vehicle judging with first in class going to my Princess Vanden Plas! How embarrassing was that?

Eric Martin.



Hartley Witney 9 June.

Hartley Witney, as ever. Was blessed with good weather, packed with cars and filled with people.

The event began with the usual children's parade at 12:30. The main field layout had changed little since my last visit, but was packed with a funfair, trade stalls, eateries and a well attended arena. The tug 'o war was a popular attraction as were the farm animals. Our small grandson particularly liked the animals, but just wouldn't touch them, maybe



next year! Many people visited the car and motorcycle display.

The unrestored 1951 Austin Atlantic was literally dragged from a garage last year after resting there for 35 years. Nothing but work to get it run reliably was undertaken and the intention is run it and not restore it

Eric Martin



Woodley Carnival 9 June.



The good weather remained on our side at this year's Woodley Carnival however it was a little chilly at first. Eight club cars attended the event with the club gazebo. We were sited in our usual position along side other car clubs including the Hants and Berks and the Jensen clubs. The carnival theme this year was Superheroes and the school floats showed great flair and imagination with their interpretations. As usual there were the sound stage acts, trade fairs, dog show and funfair. The WI tea and cake venue proved very popular. For me a first was an inflatable pub called the Pheasant Plucker, never seen one of those before! All in all a good day was had by all and everyone collected yet more Hessian shopping bags!

Alec Hafele.

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Sandhurst Academy 17 June

Those of you who attended the Sandhurst Academy Heritage Day in 2017 will recall that the day was scorching hot. Well, this year the weather was dry but overcast and a chill wind blew across the site all day. This did not dampen the enthusiasm of the general public and the show was packed out! 18 cars from BCCC attended and there were cars from other clubs such as the Armstrong Siddley Owners Club. The public showed a great deal of interest in the cars. As this was a Heritage Day the Army had pulled out all the stops to put on a good show. We were entertained all day by military and pipe bands, a gymkana and polo matches. (cont/...)

(cont/...) We were also treated to a display of Wellington's Napoleonic War tactics by a platoon of soldiers dressed in uniforms of the period firing volleys from Brown Bess muskets. However one chap was dressed as a French infantry soldier and was "shot" countless times during the day! The public were also allowed inside the main Academy building where officer cadets acted as guides. In addition to



all of this there were the usual trade stands, a beer tent and food outlets. The Army also set-up an air rifle range and an obstacle course for children. Security was provided by Gurkhas and to be honest it's not every car show that has soldiers armed with assault rifles patrolling the event! The Gurkhas also laid on a "Bhat" or Gurkha field kitchen specialising in various curry dishes. As you may imagine the queue for the Bhat was very long! Needless to say the show was arranged with true military precision and we all had an excellent day.



Alec Hafele

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Classics at the Clubhouse Sandwell Springs July 1

Temperature 30 degrees, and told we had the prime spot, what a



great location for a car show! We had eleven cars in the club stand and it was the first time out for Peters green Cortina, and Steve Wright's Bitter. There were about 200 cars dotted around and I was told that 3000 people attended. With so

many lovely vehicles it would be hard to a pick a favourite, but one

that caught my eye was a Rover 75 changed into a Rover 150. One engine, two passenger seats facing backwards, two steering wheels, reversing lights are headlights, spots are break lights, you don't know if it's coming or going! Live music was provided by Dusk til Dawn, and a rock choir. Seeing as its only the second show at Sandwell it was very well organised. **Mary Hallam**



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For Sale:

Following the purchase of new camping stoves for the gazebo the club has the following items for sale:

A two burner portable cooker £5

Two Butane gas bottles £5 each

If you are interested in all or any of the above please contact Chrissie.

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Avoiding Unnecessary Grief

Following a recent bereavement, I was, when registering the death, offered the "Tell Us Once" facility of notifying all local council and government departments which might have an interest in the affairs of the deceased. This system includes the D.V.L.A. Once notified by the Tell Us Once system, the D.V.L.A. will immediately cancel the road fund licence thereby rendering the cars untaxed and arrange to refund the deceased's estate. However if you contact the Central Casework Group within the D.V.L.A. they can allow a "period of grace" before the vehicle tax is cancelled, but they must be notified directly and before the Tell Us Once system is utilised, as it does not recognise the particular circumstances of bereavement. Quite why the Tell us once system does not recognise that those using it would only be doing so in event of bereavement and automatically apply the period of grace with notification of its expiry date is something of a mystery to me. The information is probably on the D.V.L.A. website somewhere, however in the circumstances, I really did not feel up to spending hours interrogating the system to find out. By automatically initiating the period of grace and notifying those administering the deceased estate of its expiry date, transition of ownership and taxing the vehicle could be instigated in a more dignified fashion better suited to the circumstances. Should any one find themselves in a similar situation, I hope this information will be of some use to you. In any event, it may be worth a call before going to the Registrar's office to find out. The direct line for the Central Casework Group is: Tel No 01792 782685.

John Conroy.

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