

# July Newsletter

## **NEW MEMBERS.**

A very warm welcome is extended to Mike Gibbons from Macclesfield, with his Porsche 928+ and Mazda Eunos and also Aidan Watkiss from Siddington with his 1968 P5 Rover. (Aidan, at age 14, becomes the youngest club member and has an infectious enthusiasm as demonstrated at the recent 1000 Engine Rally at Astle Park.)

## **Members News**

The club is extremely grateful to Jack Cartlidge who bequeathed £100 to club in his will. Pete Mould brought the cash to the meeting and thanks to him for doing so. The committee will consult with members to find a suitable way to use Jack's gift.

## **Club Events**

June 14<sup>th</sup> Evening run followed by a show and a BBQ. Thanks to Eddie and George for this short report.

*The June evening run got off to a fine start with 12 cars and kind weather. Setting out from the Wilbraham Arms in Alsager for a gentle run through the Cheshire countryside. Despite 'superb' instructions a few did meander off course! For further amusement Eddie attempted a short flight to clear a hedge, but kept to the straight 'ish' and narrow. Some commented on the, shall we say less than smooth road surface, but this was not evident on the recce in the land rover! On arrival at the Bulls Head all seemed to have enjoyed the run and partook of well-earned refreshment.*

Eddie and George.

The evening run was a first for me and I thoroughly enjoyed it. Since I was not able to read the directions and drive I was glued to Eddie's tail and got a good look at the Riley dancing on the bumps- well held Eddie!

Note from Terry.

As George said the instructions were 'superb' but, like Bryan, I was navigator-less also, so tagged on to a conventional team, if you know what I mean. Problem was the navigator could read and write, but didn't know left from right or so it seemed to me at that time. Despite being one of the first away, we arrived last thanks to a small detour and an unforgiving milk tanker who had right of way 'cos he was a lot bigger than us! It was at this stage that I was corrected when the navigator told me that it was the driver who didn't know left from right! Umm

## **Tatton Park August 18/19 2018.**

If you want tickets for the Club Stand at Tatton in August please give your name and details to Dave Kelly. The list closes at the end of this week to enable tickets to be distributed at the August Club Night.

## **Congleton Heritage & Antiques Festival.**

This festival runs from 8<sup>th</sup> September, until 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 2018. Whilst it has been pointed out that this is a very busy period with lots of other local events taking place, the organiser and Harold are very keen for our inclusion. The outcome is that we will put on a display of vehicles, a la Christmas display but NOT replacing the Christmas display. The date is Sat. 22<sup>nd</sup> September 09h00 thru 13h00. Arrangements are in hand to obtain the street collection licence from Cheshire East Council to benefit the Donna Louise Hospice.

## **Club News**

Although the club did not get any prizes for the stand at Tatton we must congratulate Dennis Scarlett for getting another first for his magnificent bus.

Many thanks to Paul Cassell for the following masterclass article on the current MOT / Vehicle Class confusion, beware it is not as simple as you think.

### **MOT test exemption for older (40+ years old) vehicles**

Several Beartown Classic Car Club members will have benefitted from the MOT test exemption for pre-1960 cars which was introduced some years ago. This particular exemption ended on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2018 and has been replaced by the MOT exemption regulations 2018 for vehicles manufactured or first registered more than 40 years ago. Some information from DVLA has been a little confusing so we've attempted to answer some typical questions for you.

### ***"What's the difference between a 'Vehicle of Historic Interest' and a 'Historic Vehicle'?"***

MOT exempt vehicles are now classed as 'Vehicles of Historic Interest' (VHI) for DVLA record purposes, not to be confused with the 'Historic Vehicle' classification for free road tax which similarly applies to vehicles manufactured more than 40 years ago.

### ***"How do I declare my vehicle as a 'Vehicle of Historic Interest'?"***

To qualify for 'Vehicle of Historic Interest' (VHI) status a declaration must be made at the same time as applying for 'Historic Vehicle' road tax by either submitting a completed form V112 at a Post Office when renewing free road tax, or by ticking the declaration box when applying online.

### ***"I'm OK; my pre-1960 vehicle is already MOT exempt"***

As the old and new MOT regulations have been merged, owners of pre-1960 vehicles must now also make the same declaration as owners of 40+ year-old vehicles at the time of renewing road tax, otherwise the vehicle will need to be MOT tested.

### ***"Bingo! I've had a 1949 Morris in the shed for 50 years with a valuable registration number ££££££££!"***

For reasons of road safety and fraud prevention in connection with number plate transfers, only vehicles with a current or immediate recent MOT certificate can be declared as 'VHI'. This is to prevent 40+ year-old cars being dragged out of barns and nettles and put onto the road or separated from an unusual number plate.

### ***"Are all vehicles over 40 years immediately VHI's now?"***

There are some exceptions to which vehicles can be declared as 'VHI' including vehicles that have been 'substantially modified', Q registered vehicles, Kit cars and some others, a full list can be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/historic-vehicles> these vehicles must continue to be MOT tested on an annual basis.

### ***"My MOT runs out in July 2018 but my road tax runs until March 2019"***

If the existing MOT for a vehicle more than 40 years old expires before its next taxation anniversary, the DVLA computer and therefore the Police will recognise it as MOT exempt until the taxation date. If the owner then declares it as a 'VHI' at that point, it will continue to be exempt. If the owner doesn't, it will require a MOT test before being driven on the road after taxation.

There is an alternative procedure if you are nervous about using your classic car after the MOT expires but before the road tax needs renewing, simply declare the vehicle SORN online and then immediately re-tax it, the DVLA online system will provide you with the 'VHI' declaration box to tick!

### ***"I'm not sure about exemption; I want to continue having my car MOT tested"***

That's fine, 40+ year old cars can still be tested at DVSA approved test garages, although current test requirements and equipment may not be appropriate for some older cars e.g. emissions, brake efficiency etc. There is also a possibility that an exempt vehicle may not show up on the DVSA MOT test database meaning that the tester may not be able to give you a printed receipt and advisory report.

### ***"Can a classic car be a 'Historic Vehicle' but not a 'Vehicle of Historic Interest'?"***

Yes, a vehicle may have been manufactured more than 40 years ago and therefore enjoy free road tax but if it cannot meet the requirements for VHI as detailed on the gov.uk website, an annual MOT test is still required.

## **For Sale**

1.8 MGF October 1998, Midnight Fire Red, full service history, low mileage, hard top in excellent condition, an absolute minter. £2250. Contact Terry if interested.

## **Events in July**

July 07 Warslow Classic Car & Vintage Rally, Warslow, SK17 0JL [www.warslowbeerfestival.co.uk](http://www.warslowbeerfestival.co.uk)

July 08 Wilmslow Show, Wilmslow [www.wilmslowshow.co.uk](http://www.wilmslowshow.co.uk)

July 08 Caerwys Classic Car Show, Barlows Camp, Caerwys. [www.clwydpracticalclassics.co.uk](http://www.clwydpracticalclassics.co.uk)

July 08 Clumber Park Classic Car & M/C Show, Worksop, Notts., S80 3AZ. [www.classicshows.org](http://www.classicshows.org)

July 12 Goodwood Festival of Speed [www.goodwood.co.uk](http://www.goodwood.co.uk)

## **July 12 Beartown Classic Car Club, Road Run & Evening Show, Bull's Head.**

July 13 Goodwood Festival of Speed

## **July 14 MIDDLEWICH CLASSIC CAR & M/C SHOW. CLUB STAND**

July 14 Cheshire Steam Fair, Daresbury, Nr Warrington Jane C. Webster [www.outdoorshows.co.uk](http://www.outdoorshows.co.uk)

July 14 Oakamoor Hill Climb, Carr Bank, Oakamoor, Staffs. [www.oakamoorhillclimb.org](http://www.oakamoorhillclimb.org)

July 14 Coast to Coast Classic Car Run, Morecombe to Whitby [www.lancsautoclub.com](http://www.lancsautoclub.com)

July 14 Goodwood Festival of Speed

## **July 15 MIDDLEWICH CLASSIC CAR & M/C SHOW CLUB STAND**

July 15 Cheshire Steam Fair, Daresbury, Nr Warrington

July 15 Classic Motor Show, Walsall Arboretum Walsall, WS21 2QA [www.classicmotorshows.co.uk](http://www.classicmotorshows.co.uk)

July 15 Goodwood Festival of Speed

July 22 Cheshire Classic Car Show incl. Morris Minor day, Capesthorpe Hall, Nr. Macclesfield, SK11 9JY

[www.classicshows.org](http://www.classicshows.org)

July 22 Wirral Historic Vehicle Rally, Wirral Area [www.wirralclassiccarclub.co.uk](http://www.wirralclassiccarclub.co.uk)

July 22 Lytham Hall Classic Car & M/C Show, Lytham St Annes [www.markwoodwardclassicevents.com](http://www.markwoodwardclassicevents.com)

July 25 Nantwich Show, The Showground, Nantwich, CW5 8LD [www.nantwichshow.co.uk](http://www.nantwichshow.co.uk)

July 27 Carfest North, Bolesworth Castle, Tattenhall (Children in Need Event) [www.carfest.org](http://www.carfest.org)

July 28 Carfest North, Bolesworth Castle, Tattenhall (Children in Need Event)

July 28 Kings Bromley Show, Nr. Burton-on-Trent [www.kingsbromleyshow.co.uk](http://www.kingsbromleyshow.co.uk)

July 28 Tunerfest, Oulton Park, Nr. Tarporley, Cheshire [www.north.tunerfest.co.uk](http://www.north.tunerfest.co.uk)

July 29 Audlem Festival of Transport [www.audlem-aset.org](http://www.audlem-aset.org)

July 29 Classic Motor Show, Beaumanor Hall, Nr Loughborough, Leics.LE12 8TX [www.classicmotorshows.co.uk](http://www.classicmotorshows.co.uk)

July 29 Rotary Motor Show, Frodsham Community Centre [www.cheshiremotorshow.co.uk](http://www.cheshiremotorshow.co.uk)

July 29 Carfest North, Bolesworth Castle, Tattenhall (Children in Need Event)

July 29 Classics at the Castle, Bodelwyddan Castle, Nr Rhyl LL18 5YA [www.classicshows.org](http://www.classicshows.org)