

# January 2019 Newsletter

## **RETURNING MEMBER.**

A very warm welcome back is extended to Maurice Williams from Harriseahead who re-joins us for the new year. (Terry waxes lyrical about Maurice's beautiful Citroen DS20/23 but less so about his Marcos Spyder. Could it be an age thing, Terry's age not that of the cars!)

## **RAFFLE AND AUCTION.**

The raffle at December's Club night raised £66. In addition the auction of hand-made turned wood items expertly crafted and donated by Bob Stelling raised £20. At the November meeting Rob auctioned similar items which raised £41. Many thanks Rob but especially Bob.

## **ANNUAL CHARITY COLLECTION. 15th. December, 2018.**

Considering the weather conditions a great sum of £435.72 and a handful of foreign coins was collected on the day. This, together with the £193.42 collected in September, must make, by my estimation, a total in the region of £11K+ collected for Donna Louise since we started. (The first year was for the Asian Tsunami, 2004, but every year since it has been DLT.) Many thanks go to all members who assisted in this our major charitable initiative on what was the coldest day we have ever experienced showing our vehicles.

*The following article has been submitted for publication in the Chronicle.*

## **CHRISTMAS CLASSIC CAR SHOW.**

*On Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> December, members of Congleton Beartown Classic & Vintage Car Club braved the chill winds of storm Deidre to make their annual charity collection in Congleton Town Centre. The atmosphere on the day was very seasonal with the churches together choir singing carols and then later the Rode Silver Band playing their instruments despite the cold. A selection of 15 classic and vintage cars which ranged from a 1933 Riley Lynx through to a 1990 Porsche were on show. Other marques covering the intervening years included Morris Minor, Wolseley Hornet, Jaguar XK150, MGB, Jensen Interceptor, Ford Fiesta, Rolls Royce Shadow II, Rover 2000TC, Mercedes Benz and a "Harry Potter" Ford Anglia.*

*Undoubtedly Deidre adversely impacted on the number of shoppers but those who ventured out showed a knowledgeable interest in the cars and many stories were exchanged with the owners. The wonderful people of Congleton were very generous with their donations. More than £430 was collected for the benefit of the Donna Louise Children's Hospice, which cares for and supports children with life limiting conditions and their families across Cheshire and Staffordshire. Santa and his helpers express thanks to all who supported the collection and look forward to seeing them again next year.*

## **2019 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL.**

Membership renewal packs are currently being distributed. (Many thanks to those who volunteer to pass some on, thus significantly reducing postal costs.) There is no increase in the subscription fee and hopefully you will have enjoyed and appreciated belonging to the club, which remains arguably the largest and most successful in the area. Members are asked to complete the Renewal Form, including current vehicles, and return with the appropriate subscription to Andrea, our membership secretary. **It is important that the form is completed, as it acts as not only as a check against payments but also, more importantly, it is used as our Audit for the Public Liability Insurance.**

## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. Monday, 4th. February, 2019.**

Please give very serious consideration to the nomination process. "Now is the time to think not of what the club can do for you but rather what you can do for the club". New blood with new thoughts/direction would be very welcome to take our great club through into its next twenty years.

## **2019 CAR SHOW/EVENTS LIST.**

This has now been prepared and has been published on our website, Download & Events Tabs. Many dates, especially for the smaller local shows, have not yet been confirmed and will be reported on, as and when. In order to keep our costs down members are strongly encouraged to print their own copy from our website.

Another contribution from Ray Yates- hasn't anyone else got something to contribute?

## **2019....2019....2019...That is the 20th Anniversary of this great little Club!!!**

It's also 10 years since we started holding our annual successful Christmas luncheons at Alsager's Manor House Hotel and we think 10 years since we left our old headquarters at the Church house in Congleton!

But how long is it since we racked up at the Bulls Head? How long have we been holding our annual Charity collection in Congleton Town Centre? How long ago was it that Pete won that Morris Minor in the Club raffle (and will he ever get it on the road)? When was our first club stand at Tatton? What cars were on that stand and have we still got any photographs?

Who was at that first meeting? Where were we between the Church house and Bulls Head? What happened to that flag pole that Rob made for our shows at the Church house?

We've so many, many questions to ask but only YOU can answer them for us....yes YOU, don't look over your shoulder, we're looking at YOU! We want YOUR thoughts, YOUR memories and we want them before the old wotsit that we can't remember sets in!

So when you've got a few quiet moments after all the turkey bones have long gone in the soup, get yourself a piece of paper (Yes Fred ,even that paper will do!) and write down your thoughts.

Who was Loo, what happened to him and his Yanks? Was there really an old photo of Harold without a 'tache? Was Rob good looking in them days? You sure? Did Eddy ever only have one car? Does George use a 24" magnifying glass when preparing the Club rally routes?

Come on get that thinking cap on now and WRITE IT DOWN!

Ray thanks from me for all your writings and good suggestions last year. I look forward to more next year- Bryan

## **JANUARY,2019 Events.**

**20 January – Beartown Classic Car Club, Hot Pot Social, Bull's Head.**

27 January – Newark Mega Autojumble, Newark, Notts.

27 January – British Mini Club Fair, Bingley Hall, Stafford.

27 January - Malvern Classic Car & Bike Autojumble, Malvern, Worcs

## **Upcoming FEBRUARY,2019 Events.**

**17 February – Beartown Classic Car Club, Hot Pot Social, Bull's Head.**

24 February - Morris Minor Day: Greater Manchester Museum of Transport, Cheetham.

24 February – Newark Mega Autojumble.

# Happy New Year to one and all.