

NEWSLETTER
Congleton Beartown Classic Car Club
June 2019

Another club night to write about it seems like only yesterday I wrote the last one. These months are going by so fast I just can't keep up I don't know about you! Can you keep up with the speed of time? Let me know what you think, is it something that other members will want to hear? Do you have anything that you think members should know about? I don't want 2 or 3 page essays just a few words. This is your Club and your Newsletter so please tell me what you want from the Newsletter and I will try to provide it. Feel free to email me at the address below, but don't send them too thick and fast.

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May Club Night

Once again we had a large number of members present and seats were very sparse. We may need to bring our own soon.

There was little information to impart to the member's apart from bringing attention to a letter received from St. Luke's Hospice asking if any of our members would be interested in exhibiting their vehicle at their Country Fair fund-raiser in a display of vintage & classic cars which is being held at

BURLAND HALL, LONG LANE, NANTWICH ON 9TH JUNE 2019. 11h00 -17h00.

Tickets for exhibiting drivers will be free and for passengers just £5 per adult in advance or £6.50 on the day. To book a ticket to be in the classic car display you should visit the following web site: www.slhospice.co.uk, or give them a call on 01606 555 852 (or you can email at mark.gammage@slhospice.co.uk.)

Vehicle passes were handed out to all who were present that are attending Smallwood Vintage Rally on Bank Holiday weekend 25th, 26th, & 27th May 2019, & for Tatton Park Classic Car Spectacular show held on the 1st & 2nd June 2019 So if you want to say something about the shows that you think members may be interested in or amused about please email me at the address above.

The faithful raffle raised £53.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is 3rd June 2019 at 8pm but don't leave it too late to get to it you might find there is standing room only if the trend in attendance's continues. Not that we are complaining it is nice to see the room full of members attending

BREAKING NEWS I have it on good authority that Beryl has had a full recovery from her mishap on the recent fun run which she wouldn't have thought much fun. Her recovery thanks to a reconditioned prop and drive shafts, a 2nd hand diff and a reconditioned rear brake caliper.

Vehicles of Historic Interest (VHI)

Most vehicles built or registered over 40 years ago have become exempt from the yearly MoT testing since 20th May 2018 this is providing that the vehicle has not been 'substantially changed' in the last 30 years. Large goods vehicles: (max. laden weight above 3.5 tonnes). Buses (vehicles with 8 or more seats) that are used commercially will NOT be exempt from periodic testing.

What does 'substantially change' mean? I hope I can simplify it enough for me to understand it

to help those people who like me found it was a bit confusing. Well here goes I will try to enlighten you now. (Hope I don't confuse the issue.)

Criteria for substantial change

Vehicles that have had the technical characteristics of the main components changed in the past 30 years would be excluded from exemption of the periodic testing, and now this is a tricky bit, but if changes that have been made to the main components within the last 30 years and they fall into specific categories (exceptions) the vehicle will still be eligible for exemption of periodic testing.

MAIN COMPONENTS (exceptions)

CHASSIS or MONOCOQUE BODY/SHELL (including the sub-frame) Replacements of the same pattern as the original are **NOT** considered to be a substantial change.

ENGINE alternative cubic capacities of the same basic engine and alternative original equipment engines are **NOT** considered a substantial change

Changes considered acceptable

- changes that are made to preserve a vehicle, which in all cases must be when original type parts are no longer reasonably available;
 - when vehicles of the type were in production or in general use. (within 10 years of the end of production);
 - axles and running gear changes made to improve efficiency, safety or environmental performance;
 - in respect of vehicles that have been commercial vehicles, changes which can be demonstrated were being made when they were used commercially.

What is excluded?

Finally if the vehicle has been;

issued with a Q prefix to the registration plate, or:

is a kit car made with a mixture of parts from a few other vehicles or

is a kit conversion where a kit of new parts is added to existing vehicle or old parts being added to a manufactured body, chassis then

It will be considered to have been substantially changed and will not be exempt from MoT testing.

AXLES AND RUNNING GEAR alteration of the type and or method of suspension or steering **DOES** constitute a substantial change.

REMEMBER YOU STILL HAVE TO TAX YOUR VEHICLE you just don't pay.

If your vehicle meets the criteria for MoT exemption you need to have the vehicle registered as Historic (VH1) and then you **MUST** declare it is MoT exempt when you tax it at the Post Office by completing a V112 declaration form.

It goes without saying that being exempt from MoT puts the onus of keeping the vehicle roadworthy on to the owners who have the responsibility to ensure the vehicle is in good condition. I hope this helps and not made it more confusing.

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UPCOMING JUNE/JULY EVENTS

- June 08-09 North Rode Vintage Rally, Bosley, Nr. Congleton
June 08 Hale Carnival and Classic Car Show, Hale, Nr. Liverpool Airport
June 09 St. Luke's Country Fayre, Burland Hall, Nr. Nantwich
June 09 Cleveleys Car Show, Cleveleys, Nr. Blackpool
June 09 Manchester to Blackpool Car Run, Worsley Hall, Nr. Manchester
June 09 Ripon Classic Car & Bike Show, Ripon Racecourse, Ripon, N. Yorks. HG4 1UG
June 13 Beartown Classic Car Club, Evening Show, Bull's Head & ROAD RUN.
June 15-16 Clwyd Vintage Society Annual Show, Oswestry Showground
June 15-16 1000 Engine Rally, Astle Park, Chelford
**** June 15 Music, Motors & Fine Food, Leek town centre ****
June 16 Peaks & Dales Charity Road Run, Marple to Buxton
June 16 Classics at Hoghton Tower, Hoghton, Nr. Preston PR5 0SH
June 18-19 Royal Cheshire County Show, Clay House Farm, Knutsford
June 22-23 Kelsall Steam Rally, Kelsall, Nr Chester
June 22-23 Woodvale Rally, Victoria Park, Southport
**** June 23 Jaguar Car Show, Bleeding Wolf, Scholar Green ****
June 23 General Interest Rally, Mill Meece Pumping Station, Nr Eccleshall
**** June 23 Alton Classic Car Festival, Alton, Staffordshire, ST10 4BL ****
**** June 23 Shaw & Crompton Parish Council Classic Show, Nr. Oldham ****
June 23 Lymm Historic Transport Day, Lymm, Cheshire
June 23 Mini & VW Bus Meet, D K Rugby Club, Kingswinford DY6 0AW
**** June 28-30 Rustic Music & Arts Festival, Hope Farm, Dutton, Nr. Northwich
**** June 29-30 Manchester Airport Aviation & Transport Fair
**** June 30 Nantwich Classic Car Show, Nantwich Town FC Car Park, Nantwich
**** June 30 Vintage & Classic Rally, The Elephant Pub, Newcastle Road., Shavington
June 30 Newark Mega Autojumble, Newark, Notts. NG24 2NY
**** June 30 Great British Mini Day, Commercial Vehicle Museum, Leyland, PR25 2LE.
- July 04-07 Goodwood Festival of Speed
July 06-07 Stars & Stripes Classic American, Tatton Park, Knutsford
July 06 Warslow Classic Car & Vintage Rally, Warslow, SK17 0JL
July 06-07 Vintage Charity Rally, Agricultural Showground, Shrewsbury SY1 2PF
July 07 Wilmslow Show, Wilmslow
July 07 Caerwys Classic Car Show, Barlows Camp, Caerwys.
July 07 Clumber Park Classic Car & M/C Show, Worksop, Notts., S80 3AZ
July 07 Leighton Hall Classic Car & Bike Show, Carnforth, Lancs. LA5 9ST
July 11 **Beartown Classic Car Club, Road Run & Evening Show, Bull's Head.**

**** ** DATES NOT YET CONFIRMED