

Congleton Beartown Classic Car Club

August 2019 NEWSLETTER

A BIG BIG WELCOME FROM ALL CLUB MEMBERS

TO Mrs Anthea Flynn, Leek - Mini Clubman estate , Miss Olivia Masi, Sandbach - Fiat 500, Mrs Dawn Kinrade, Sandbach - Rover Mini Rio. Barry Williams. Sandbach - Morris Minors + All of whom joined us during July.

JULY CLUB NIGHT.

Our chairman Terry Marshall opened the meeting saying that there was no new news since the last meeting and moved on to highlight events coming up and asked for a show of hands for some.

UPCOMING EVENTS

*We were reminded about **Kingsley Village Hall** which takes place on the 27th July which is being held in support of the Alzheimer's Society who would like vehicles that the attendees can relate to ideally 40's & 50's but being rare 60's would be OK.*

WARSLOW BEER & CLASSIC VEHICLE FESTIVAL

*Warslow Beer & Classic Vehicle Festival will be held on **July 6th from 12 noon to 12 midnight.** There is a Silver Band in the afternoon and there will be another band in the evening in the village hall. There will be food available Friday evening and breakfast Sunday morning, at the Greyhound Inn. There are also things available for the children so something for all the family. If you like camping it's available at £5 per night for Friday and Saturday based on 2 sharing. **Contact David Isherwood 07949870847** No fee to enter just £1 to park. With over 25 beer's to sample camping would sound good to me not to go overboard with beer though you wouldn't want to be caught out with high alcohol in your blood the next day. It works on a first come first served basis apart from the camping and that you need to call or email David Isherwood number above. If you want a postcode the one on their site is SK17 0JJ. (Please don't shoot the messenger if you don't get there with the postcode).*

PLEASE NOTE: all monies raised is for the charities Air Ambulance and First Responders.

We were told about the Darnhall Show which took place on the 7th July so if weren't at the meeting or didn't know about it already then you have missed it. Nevertheless it was well supported by Beartown members and rumour has it that it was a great little show.

*Another Beer Festival for all you beer connoisseurs this time at **MARTHALL VILLAGE HALL** on September 7th a request for half a dozen cars 13:00 - 18:00 Leave anytime.*

The BBQ forms were handed out to all who were present and because it's the Club's 20th year since it's foundation I have heard Terry is pushing the boat out and ordering a dessert for us all, (but don't tell anybody I told you.)

SOCIAL EVENT - Reports

Lake Vyrnwy Road Run 4th July 2019

On a sunny Thursday morning we were joined at The Bulls Head by 16 cars and 3 motorcycles to partake of refreshment of bacon baps tea or coffee. kindly provided by our hosts, before setting off to our first stop at Whittington castle for a comfort break and further sustenance. The castle is interesting and unusual in that it is the first Community run Castle in the Country run by locals and well worth a visit.

Setting off again to enter the Welsh country side we are rewarded with some spectacular scenery as we negotiated the twisty lanes towards our goal, Lake Vyrnwy.

As we approached the lake, route notes directed us to the Lake Vyrnwy Hotel and Spa where we were to have luncheon. The hotel had reserved a section of the terrace for us to enjoy splendid elevated views down the length of Lake Vyrnwy, and served a menu to suit all tastes. Refreshed, off we set down towards the lake, taking time to circuit its entire periphery of some eleven miles

(well worth the effort) after crossing the massive dam we headed on the homeward route, passing through small villages and valleys to arrive at our final destination. Both Eddie and myself thoroughly enjoyed the entire day and from feedback so did everyone else. All credit to Eddie for time and trouble spent sorting the day for us. Thanks must also be given to all at the Bulls Head, Whittington Castle and the Lake Vyrnwy Hotel.

George

July evening run 11th July 2019

Ten cars met at The Queens Head, Congleton, to take refreshment before setting out on the evening run 'Through twists and turns in Cheshire's Lanes'. A couple of new members joined us, ladies in a Mini and lads in a Scimitar. The weather was fairly kind, providing a little rain on route and a drop to go home, otherwise nice and sunny. Food at the Queens Head was good and the staff pleased to see us and very welcoming, even when we caused a little chaos in the car park! We think all participating enjoyed the run even with our usual challenge of narrow (some say) lanes and bends. Our thanks to all who took part, it makes the effort worth it.

Eddie and George.

OFFERS INVIED

A) Late 1930's/1940's Morris 8 Series E 4 door. Complete car for restoration. Dry stored for 35 years. Chassis restored and painted. Body requires restoration and assembling. Ready to go to new Home

Location: Macclesfield, Cheshire. Offers to Scott on 07746 137283

B) 1932 Morris Minor - 2 seater tourer. New battery fitted May together with new plugs, points, condenser & rotor arm. Dynamo serviced. Full lubrication service and safety check carried out by local garage. Contact: Tony Coolican.

JB Classic Car Parts.

The Owner of this company, a Mr. John Baylay, approached some members of the Club at a recent show. He informed us that he had car parts to fit many makes of older vehicles. Just call him on 07588770173 or email him at john.bay@hotmail.co.uk.

Vehicles of Historic Interest (:VHI's)

This is the second Part about VHI'S, the first part was in the June Newsletter so I apologise now for any overlap but it was necessary to present both articles independently.

When does my vehicle become exempt from MoT?

Once you have ensured your vehicle meets the criteria to apply for Historic status. It can be done at any licensing Post Office you will need to take with you your V5C Registration Document, your V11 (the reminder if you have one), your MoT or evidence of exemption by completing a V112. The Post Office will then send it to DVLA for it to be changed to Historic. It will now be classified as A Vehicle of Historical Interest with the DVLA. This can be done when your vehicle is 40 years old from the date it was built and the 40 forty years has to be reached before the 1st January of any year. There is a slight extension to this if you do not know when it was built, if it was registered before the 8th January it is still eligible for exemption. You need to apply for the tax exemption which you cannot do before the first April of the qualifying year. So if it is 40 years since your vehicle was built before 1st January or registered before the 8th January you can apply for historical status the following April.

After the vehicle has been placed into the historical class you then need to declare it as eligible for MOT exemption by filling in a V112 form and taking it along with evidence of vehicle classification to a licensing Post Office when you renew your tax which you must do every year, you just don't pay!

If owners wish to voluntarily take their vehicles for an MOT or MOT type check to ensure they are roadworthy they can still do that. The roadworthiness of your vehicle is your responsibility owners of vehicles found to be un-roadworthy could be facing a £2500 fine and 3 points on their license.

The last thing I would like to say on this subject is don't forget your Insurance there are numerous Classic vehicle insurers to go to many have agreed value settlement in the event of an Accident for just a little extra money, a few photos and a maximum amount of road miles per year. I hope this been useful to some of you.

UPCOMING AUGUST EVENTS.

August 10 Cheddleton Carnival, Cheddleton, Nr. Leek. UNCONFIRMED

August 10-11 Astle Park Traction Engine Rally

August 11 N.Cheshire Classic Car Club Show, Claremont Farm, Clatterbridge

August 11 Stonyhurst Classic Car & M/C Show, Stonyhurst College, Clitheroe, Lancs BB7 9PZ

August 11 The Sydney Arms Transport Show, Sydney, Crewe,

August 15 Beartown Classic Car Club, Evening Show, Bull's Head

August 17 Music, Motors & Fine Food, Leek Town Centre. UNCONFIRMED

August 17-18 Classic Car Show & Cheshire Autojumble, Tatton Park, Knutsford.

August 18 Llandudno MGOC Snowden Charity Car Run.

August 18 General Interest Rally, Mill Meece Pumping Station, Nr. Eccleshall

August 18 Market Drayton Festival of Transport, Maer Lane, Market Drayton, TF9 4BH

August 23-26 Cheshire Microcar Rally, Nether Alderley.

August 24-26 Oulton Park Historic Sports Car 'Gold Cup' Meeting.

August 24-26 Cheshire Game & Country Fair, County Showground, Tabley

August 25 Classic Cars Day, Apedale Light Railway, Chesterton

August 25 Cheshire Classic Car Show incl. Mercedes day, Capesthorpe Hall, Nr. Macclesfield, SK11 9JY

August 25 Blackpool Vehicle Preservation Group Summer Show: Italian Gardens, Stanley Park, Blackpool, FY3 9HU

August 25 Ripon Spring Classic Car & Bike Show & Autojumble, Ripon Racecourse, North Yorks, HG4 1UG.

August 25-26 Shrewsbury Steam & Vintage Vehicle Rally,

August 26 Northwich Festival Classic Car Show, Moss Lane, Winnington, Nr. Northwich

August 26 Notts Classic Car & Bike Show, Thoresby Park, Ollerton, NG 22 9EP

August 31 Eccleshall Show, The Parks, Sugnall, Nr. Stafford

September 1 Clonter Opera Artisan Fair & Classic Cars.

September 1 Kelly's Legacy Event, Speedway, Loomer Road, Chesterton

September 1 1000 Classic Cars Show, Cholmondeley Castle, Nr. Malpas SY14 8AH

September 1 MGOC Potteries & South Cheshire Charity Road Run

September 1 Trans Lancs Transport Show, Heaton Park, Manchester

September 1 Classics at Hoghton Tower, Hoghton, Nr Preston, PR5 0SH