

Congleton Beartown Classic Car Club.

October 2019 Newsletter.

The Summer's over and Autumn has begun, As nights get longer and we get less Sun, we can spend time to make a plan, for us to go motoring whenever we can.

September meeting

*The Chair, opened the Meeting by welcoming our 99th Member,
SO WE GIVE A BIG, BIG WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBER
John Baylay from Somerford with his Honda Mugen*

Announcements

*Terry brought our attention to the **Annual Club BBQ**. There were some members who had not Returned a completed form to say they wanted to go to BBQ. The last date for returning forms was this meeting, so members were reminded of the traditional mantra, **no Form, no ticket no grub**. Tickets were distributed to those present who had completed forms. Food will be served from 13h00, dessert included this year, tea/coffee and still water provided, anything else members to provide themselves. Good quality raffle prizes will be welcomed.*

*The chairman then reminded us of some upcoming events which we have been asked to support **Marthall Village Hall beer festival on September 7, 2019** 13h00 onwards. Another event, which we had been invited to by the Mayor & ex. Mayor of **BIDDULPH** at the August meeting, was to be held in **Biddulph High Street 14th September, 2019** from 14:00hrs. with prizes for every vehicle group. After the show there was a pop up beer Festival.*

Next Club Social event.

22nd September** Beartown Classic Car Club Autumn Show **Bull's Head 12:00hrs onwards.

SEALED BID AUCTION - FLOOR COVERING / CHAIR VOUCHER.

*Sandbach Carpet Centre, have very generously donated a Voucher to the value of £500 which can be redeemed at their store. After some discussion it was agreed that in order to give **EVERY Club Member** the opportunity to bid for this, a sealed bid auction would be held. Consequently, sealed bids in excess of £250 can be given to any Committee Member or alternatively sent by email to ta.marshall@outlook.com The **closing date for receipt of bids will be 21st. October, 2019.** In the event of a tied winning bid, then the earlier bid received will be taken as the winner, should the earlier bid not be clearly identifiable then the winner will be drawn at our November Club night. The evening Raffle raised £60*

The above events noted in the announcement section have all taken place as I write this Newsletter.

Annual BBQ Report.

There was a good attendance at the BBQ. The food was good, the venue as always was excellent The "Blindfold Drive-in-a-straight-line" competition was fun to watch, with one driver going off to the right in a big way. We thought a collision might ensue Clive succeeded to get him to stop before it happened. The nearest to the marked line won a remote controlled vehicle and this was David Kelly in his Rolls Royce Silver Shadow. Thanks were expressed, in their absence, for the wonderful job the caterers did again this year. Thanks also was given to Clive and Andrea for hosting the BBQ on their farm and for all the preparation they had done prior to the event.

BONDS TO BLEED -- END POLIO NOW CAMPAIGN.

*Northwich Rotarian's have requested that we support them by sponsoring via the link on Beartown or Northwich Rotary Club website's, **BONDS TO BLEED**. This 2000 mile journey is in aid of the End Polio now campaign, a very worthwhile cause, and is to commemorate the 60 years since the racing car driver Claude Tipper drove a Bond registration number **NCK 373**, to Lake*

Bled in Slovenia. That same vehicle is making the journey again this time with it's now owners Nick and Sandra Manders. Along with them will be Clive and Andrea Steggel, members of Congleton Beartown Club in the sister car NRN 897. 3 other Bonds will be joining them, totaling 5 Bonds and they have a support vehicle travelling along with them. For every pound donation it will be double-matched by the Bill & Melissa Gates foundation. i.e. £1 donation equals £3 total. The road trip is by now well underway, the trip began on Sunday 15th September 2019 and is planned to end 6th October 2019.

Upcoming OCTOBER Events.

*N.B. ***** Dates NOT Confirmed*

October 12/13 – Klondyke Mill October Steam Party, Draycott in Clay, Staffs

****** October 12 – Hough Village Hall Autumn Fayre, Cobb Lane, Hough******

****** October 12 – Music, Motors & Fine Food, Leek Town Centre******

October 13 - Yesteryear Rally, Heaton House Farm, Rushton Spencer

October 13 - Malvern Festival of Transport, 3 Counties Showground, Malvern, Worcs., WR13 6NW

October 20 – Beartown Classic Car Club Show & Road Run, Bull's Head.

October 27 – Newark Mega Autojumble, Newark, Notts. NG24 2NY

October 31 – HALLOWEEN.

ANTIFREEZE IN CLASSIC CARS.

Advice from Federation of British Historic Vehicle Clubs (FBHVC)

Traditional blue ethylene glycol is a toxic but highly effective antifreeze; it contains silicates as an inhibitor to help prevent corrosion in engines with mixed metals in their make-up. Bluecol and Blue Star are well known brand names; both are declared suitable for 'classic cars' on their company websites. Halfords also sells this type of anti-freeze with its own branding. Be aware that there are also low- or no-silicate ethylene glycol formulations (usually red) available which may not be suitable for all engines.

Propylene glycol is another well-known and less toxic antifreeze formula and usually contains silicates. However, Comma, the main manufacturer, has now discontinued it in favour of an ethylene glycol product containing 'bittering agents' to make it less palatable and minimise the risk of accidental poisoning. Both of these products use inorganic additive technology (IAT).

*Recently, problems have been reported concerning the use of antifreeze mixtures using organic acid technology (OAT). OAT was introduced in the mid-1990s and the products are biodegradable, recyclable, do not contain either silicates or phosphates and are designed to be longer lasting. However, these products do seem to cause problems in older engines. Over and above the ability of antifreeze to find the smallest crevice and leak, **OAT antifreezes have been accused of destroying seals and gaskets and causing a great deal of damage in 'old' engines. For this reason, the manufacturers do not recommend their use in historic vehicles. These products are usually coloured red, pink or orange.***

The final category is HOAT. These products use hybrid organic acid technology in an ethylene glycol base with some silicates in the formulation alongside the organic corrosion inhibitors. The product is usually coloured green and is not recommended for use in historic vehicles.

FBHVC is still researching this problem but its current advice is:

- ◆ Only use blue coloured IAT antifreeze in historic vehicles***
- ◆ Only use OAT products ('advanced' or 'long life' antifreeze) if the vehicle used it when new and if specifically directed by the vehicle's manufacturer***
- ◆ Never mix different types of antifreeze without thoroughly flushing out the system***