

CONGLETON BEARTOWN CLASSIC CAR CLUB

February 2020 Newsletter.

JANUARY MEETING.

The chair opened the meeting with a rousing **HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE.**

SAD NEWS.

The New Year for the Club starts off on a sad note. Our Chairman has only just this evening (6th January) heard that Philip Shaw's partner had a tumble down some stairs on Boxing Day and was rendered unconscious. Sadly she never regained consciousness and consequently passed away. Our thoughts and our prayers are with Phil at this time. Funeral arrangements are not currently known but will be made known as soon as available.

NEW MEMBER.

A round of applause was given to welcome a new member present at the meeting **SO IT IS A BIG, BIG, BIG WELCOME** to Brian Poole from Newcastle with his Fiat Barchetta and Lambretta LJ.A

CHRISTMAS LUNCH 2019 REPORT.

The annual Christmas dinner on the 8th December was attended by 43 members and their guests. The Chair commented about the use of Facebook. Not being able to attend him-self, due to a family commitment, he learned that everyone had enjoyed the meal when he saw the messages and photos posted on our Facebook page.

ANNUAL CHARITY COLLECTION.

The annual charity collection in Congleton didn't fare so well this year. There was a distinct lack of promotional items, we were only provided with sealed collection buckets which arrived three quarters of an hour late, so we didn't start collecting until 10.00 hrs. Footfall seemed to be down, possibly due to the showery weather, and we had the usual 'don't block my door' from the usual shop! However we managed to raise £289.44 for the Donna Louise Trust. This result was posted on our Facebook page. Perhaps, we should consider new places, new ideas for the future. Thinking caps on, everyone.

SUBSCRIPTION RENEWAL.

It's time for us all to renew our subscription the cost of renewal is still £15 'not a lot', for the benefits you get from the Club. Renewal packs were handed out to members present at the meeting, some members took some packs to pass on to members not present who lived in their locality, many thanks to them it saves postage and thereby helps to preserve funds, every little bit adds up and helps. The reminder will be posted. Not received yours and you have access to the internet and a printer you will find the Renewal Form on the Club's Website (under the Downloads Tab) or on our Facebook Page (under Files). Forms are important and **MUST** be filled in on a yearly basis for auditing and insurance purposes, so please complete and send/hand in, together with the fee, to Andrea Steggel our Membership Secretary.

AGM NOMINATIONS.

The Chair called for nominations for the Committee in advance of the AGM on Feb.3rd.2020. The current committee positions should not be considered as being restrictive. If there is something you could do in/for the Club to enhance or support the Club then do come forward. This is your club let's **MAKE THE CLUB AN EVEN BETTER ONE AND ONE TO BE PROUDER OF THAN WE ALREADY ARE TODAY.**

SOCIAL GATHERINGS.

The next Hot Pot social gathering is on the **19th January at the Bull's Head. SMALLWOOD 12md on.** I should say at this stage for those newer members who may not be aware the Bull's Head doesn't open until 12md so don't arrive too early. Other social hotpot dates are as follows:-
16th February and 15th March same time and same place However when we go into April we start the first of our shows/road runs which often start at the Bull's Head in Smallwood and always end at the Bull's Head.

£500 CARPET VOUCHER.

The response to the sealed bids for the £500 voucher to spend at Sandbach Carpet Centre has remained poor and the Chair announced that the possibility of opening up the sealed bid auction to non-members was under consideration.

FUND RAISING ITEMS.

We have some items that will be on sale at the February meeting. Donations to sell or raffle are always welcome thank you to all you who have donated in the past and will probably continue in the future.

KEY RING/ LAPEL BADGE SETS.

Additional sets of the commemorative Club keyring & Lapel Badge, which each member received last year and which each new member receives, remain available at £4.00 the set.

UPCOMING EVENTS.

You will find the first 6 months of the list of events on either our website (Downloads Tab) OR our Facebook page (Files). Any additions or cancellations will be posted as they become available. Watch out for the second half of the events list, which will be published when more dates have been confirmed. Here's just a few due within approx., 1-2 months to tempt your whistle.

- January 26 Newark Mega Autojumble, Newark, Notts. NG24 2NY
- January 26 British Mini Club Fair, Bingley Hall,
- January 26 Malvern Classic Car & Bike Autojumble, Malvern, WR13 6NW
- February 16 Beartown Classic Car Club, Hot Pot Social, Bull's Head.**
- February 22 Spring Tractor World Show, 3 Counties Showground Malvern, Worcester WR13 6NW
- February 23 Morris Minor Day: Greater Manchester Museum of Transport, Boyle Street, Cheetham, M8 8UW
- February 23 Classic Commercial Show, 3 Counties Showground, Malvern, Worcester, WR13 6NW