

CONGLETON BEARTOWN CLASSIC CAR CLUB.

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Hi everyone,

Hope you are all keeping safe and well and that you have enjoyed the sunshine over the summer, although, more recently, it certainly looks like we need to look forward to an Indian Summer in Autumn! Well effective from 4th. July, 2020 there was a welcome relaxation of 'lockdown' restrictions, which enabled us to hold our 'Evening Shows', the first of which was held on a glorious evening, July 16th. A second one was held on August 13th, which defied the inclement weather – demonstrating again that we are extremely 'lucky' with our event dates. It was very evident that those members able to attend were only too pleased to get back to a 'bit of normality', albeit a limited numbers, socially distanced normality. We had hoped that further relaxation would have taken place to allow us to resume more of our usual activities, but, unfortunately, this has not been the case. Our monthly meetings and annual BBQ fall into a 'large gathering' category and unfortunately COVID mitigation measures around 'large gatherings' have not been relaxed and are quite restrictive. After much deliberation and efforts (including 'risk analyses'), to find an acceptable safe & legal way forward, we have very reluctantly come to the decision that it will not be viable to hold our annual BBQ this year. This is an extreme disappointment as the event was the highlight of the year for many members and this will probably be the first time in 21 years that it has not taken place. Similarly, social distancing/ no queueing/ sanitisation requirements in particular continue to render our usual monthly meetings non-viable. All things being equal, we will continue with our outdoor meetings for the months of September and October and are actively considering what type of modified events it will be possible to run because it is beginning to look like any further relaxation will not be happening soon. It is not easy to deal with matters in a vacuum so please do not hesitate to assist the committee by making your comments and suggestions known, via telephone, Facebook or email (beartownclassicarclub@yahoo.com).

Whilst it is not possible to run the BBQ, the award of the Terry Grocott Memorial Trophy, will take place. This year the recipients will be Viv & Geoff Boden, who have religiously organised our raffles for as long as I can remember. They are so reliable that they even find deputies when they are not available! Hopefully, a presentation will be possible in the near future but if necessary it will take place at 'theirs'.

Also it is confirmed that all members who have renewed their 2020 membership and new members who joined this year, will automatically have their membership extended to Dec. 2021.

It is an encouraging sign that we continue to attract new members despite the effects of the pandemic. A big welcome is extended to Bob Shoosmith and David and Peter Ashford. Our membership total now stands at 97.

Keep safe, keep your tin hat on and please share your thought/ideas of what modified events the Club might be able to run in the near future.

P.S. Thanks in advance to Silver Surfers who share this newsletter and any information with non-surfers.