

CONGLETON BEARTOWN CLASSIC CAR CLUB.

Lockdown Newsletter #3. - FEB. 2021.

Hi everyone,

Here we are, in the New Year at last! Hope that those who have had health issues are well on the road to recovery and even better fully recovered and that everyone else is keeping safe and well. With 2020 well & truly behind us, perhaps we can look forward to better times to come during 2021. Nevertheless, due to the unpredictability of the pandemic, it's not possible to clearly foresee how & when current restrictions will begin to be relaxed. Already, volunteer dependant privateer shows are being cancelled for 2021. In this category, Kelsall, 1000 Engine (Astle Park) & North Rode (June) have been cancelled. Smallwood will not take place over the usual May Day Bank Holiday weekend, but may appear in some form August / Sept., dependent upon how restrictions go. In the commercial shows category, Mark Woodward events tentatively start on the late May Day Bank Holiday, but nothing local even then. Gemini, who last September 27 were forced to cancel Capesthorne at the last minute, do not yet seem to have surfaced in 2021. Apparently, despite their confidence of putting on COVID secure events, the host sites declined their bookings. Enough of the 'doom 'n gloom' now, let's face it, just a month or two ago, who would have thought it, not 1 vaccine available but now at least 3 with 2 of them being applied. It looks like we will be busy with shows 3rd quarter onwards, but be assured that we will be ready to safely put on our 'normal' events as soon as restrictions allow.

Despite the lockdowns, etc., we have continued to attract new members, so a **very big welcome is extended to Brian Hollins, Congleton, with his brace of XK Jaguars, MG TC and a Porsche 911 and Bob Underwood, Macclesfield, with his TR4**, both of whom joined in the latter part of 2020.

At this time of year we would normally be busy with membership renewals and our AGM. Well the good news, as previously announced, is that your membership is being 'rolled over' for 2021. Enclosed with this letter you will find your 2021 Membership card and the 2021 club calendar (many thanks to Brian Pye for the printing of this). It may be noticed that Club Night appears on the calendar on Tuesdays. This is NOT a mistake but a decision was taken to simplify the continuing confusion around Bank Holidays. When we are able to resume Club Night it will be on the 1st Tuesday of the month, simples. Another decision has been to appoint one additional Honorary Member, namely John Baker, who, for as many years as I can remember, has organised the Christmas Luncheon and of course hosted our annual BBQ for many years.

Lastly, but not least in the current climate, a Club Stand is being reserved for the Classic & Performance Car spectacular, hopefully to be held on 5th. - 6th. June, 2021, at Tatton Park. Booking for this event will have to be via telephone, for 'snail mailers', and email or FB messenger for others. Please forward Make/Model/Registration No & Year and which day of attendance, (Sat./Sun.). Emails to beartownclassiccarclub@yahoo.com .

COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS for 2021.

It is obviously not possible to hold a normal AGM until restrictions allow, nevertheless we can mimic an AGM via snail mail, so a copy of the usual AGM finance, membership & chair reports (many thanks to Andrea and Bryan for these.) are enclosed for your delectation. Any questions / comments can be made to committee members, email beartownclassiccarclub@yahoo.com

In the coming years, new blood, especially on the committee, is required for the club to remain sustainable. It will be the members, as it has always been, who will determine in what way the club will develop and grow or otherwise. The lack of a 'normal' AGM should NOT necessarily preclude anyone being proposed or volunteering to any position on the committee. If this is you, or someone you know, why not become a Committee member, it doesn't need to be anything spectacular, and the existing Committee Members will be only too pleased to help and support. A formal nomination form is attached but don't let formality stand in your way, push in and contact a committee member.

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CHAIR REPORT for 2020.

The year started at a great rate of knots, with a full list of 2020 events available and by our March Club Night over 80% of members had renewed their subscription. Then the pandemic struck, and whilst restrictions were relaxed slightly during the summer, it wiped out the rest of the year. Despite this 'wipe out' we gained 6 new members, some during the darker days of lockdown which must tell us something. Our Facebook page has been successful attracting non-member enthusiasts, who could become members and so far we've avoided the 'Trolls'. We will need to consider the ongoing position of our website. It was a huge disappointment that for the first time in 21 years we were not able to hold our BBQ or Christmas Lunch. Following the summer the club went into virtual hibernation, but things are now beginning to look up. For 2021, with care and patience we'll get to the other side and resume our pursuit of enjoying our classics amongst fellow enthusiasts.



Please complete and submit to:

Terry Marshall: 3,Heath Avenue,Sandbach, CW11 2LD or email to beartownclassiccarclub@yahoo.com or contact a committee member.

If you wish to be nominated for any of the committee positions for the following year (2021), please indicate your desired post below and sign this form.

In the case of multiple nominations for a position appointment will be subject to a ballot by the membership. 50% of active members represents a quorum (the minimum number to participate in a vote). The committee will determine the number of active members.

Majority required 50%

I would like to stand for the position of: -

Chair	
President	
Vice President	
Treasurer	
Membership	
Events Secretary	
Special Events	
Other:	

Other Position:

Signature:

Name:

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Financial Report 2020

Income	<u>Accounts for comparison</u>		Difference
	2020	2019	
SUBS	£1335.00	£1,365.00	-£30.00
BBQ	£0.00	£252.00	-£252.00
Raffle Auction	£184.00	£832.00	-£648.00
Functions	£0.00	£968.50	-£968.50
Charity collections	£250.00	£00.00	£250.00
Sundries	£33.00	£16.00	£17.00
Total	£1802.00	£3,433.50	-£1631.50

Expenditure	<u>Accounts for comparison</u>		Difference
	2020	2019	
Postage	£4.20	£33.93	-£29.73
BBQ	£0.00	£761.50	-£761.50
Social functions	£0.00	£968.50	-£968.50
Charity donations	£350.00	£150.00	£200.00
Plaques/trophies	£0.00	£35.00	-£35.00
Copying/stationery	£20.00	£63.09	-£43.09
Public Liability	£183.19	£171.79	£11.40
Sandwiches	£135.00	£540.00	-£405.00
Sundries	£0.00	£88.98	-£88.98
Badges/keyrings	0.00	£468.00	-£468.00
Total	£692.39	£3280.79	£2633.11

Surplus/Deficit £1109.61 £152.71

Key points to note are:

- Covid has reduced expenditure by £2633.11 from last year, predominately BBQ, Social Function and Sandwiches for Club Nights.
- Similarly Covid adversely impacted income by £1631.50, mainly Raffle at Club Nights (Normally covers Sandwiches), Social function (Christmas Dinner) and Guest income from BBQ
- Due to significantly reduced expenditure, funds increased by £ 1109.61.

Membership Numbers 2020

Total Members	Honorary	New & Re-join	Not Renewed	2019
97	(6)	11	14	100

Top Ten Manufacturers in the Club

Place	Manufacturer	No. of cars in Club
1 st	Bond	42
2 nd	M.G.	30
3 rd	Austin	21
4 th	Morris	19
5 th	Jaguar	14
6 th	British Leyland	11
7 th	Ford	10
7 th	Rover	10
8 th	Mercedes	9
8 th	Rolls Royce	9
9 th	Land Rover	8
9 th	Triumph	8
10 th	V.W.	7