

Newsletter



Member of the Federation of British Historic Vehicle Clubs

A varied programme of events and generally a good number of members enjoying them despite a somewhat varied weather scene.

Still a few more to enjoy - so get your entries in and make the most of what's on offer before the onset of the colder weather although, with our current mixture of weather and seasons, who knows we may get a sunny Christmas.



Always plenty of food at FCCC events



What's Coming Up

Key:

- ⇒ Club event
- ◇ Club attendance as a group at a motoring or other event
- Everything else of interest. These items are shown for information only.



September

- ◇ 2 Oakridge Village Show Mike Scott 01285 760315
- ⇒ 14 Lunch Run Gary Haynes 01285 850574
- ⇒ 29 Visit to Air Salvage Kemble Malcolm Cutler 01285712173

October

- ⇒ 10 Lunch Run David Fletcher 01793 239007
- ⇒ 17 Committee Meeting Geoff. Tebby 01453 883821

November

- ⇒ 16 Lunch Run Ashley Holmes 01285 810524

December

- ⇒ TBA Christmas Lunch Malcolm & Jill Cutler 01285 712173



Photos of Hunters' Care Home Fete



For our friend John Dodman:

It was with sadness, but with many memories of a good friend, that a group of members attended John’s funeral in May. John and Judy have been members of our club for many years, regularly attending events and joining our annual ‘weeks away’ to various countries in Europe and the UK. They also ‘competed’ in a number of Euro Classic and other similar events in their TVR and MG 1300.

John was an engineer who worked for many years for the local council on all types of vehicles from cars to trucks and buses. He became a chief inspector and as one club member remembers, you quaked in fear of John’s inspection in case a fault was found! Whilst John and Judy still owned the TVR Vixen and MG 1300, their later preferred car was a blue MGB, previously owned by a friend. It had not been used for many years but John got it going again and they used it regularly for club runs and on our trips to France and Northern Ireland.

Judy is supported by their two sons, Stephen and Christopher and her grandson Olly, who many of you will know as he often joined them on club visits. Judy has expressed her wish to continue as an active member of FCCC and has already joined her friends on a number events including the visit to Cogges Farm with Stephen. Malcolm Cutler June 2023

Club Day at The Classic Car Hub Bibury

About a dozen of us availed ourselves of the invitation to attend the Club day at the Classic car Hub.

There was a very good gathering of many makes for us to see and, as usual, the showrooms gave us much reason to drool over many desirable classics. We had been warned to leave our cheque books at home !!

After plenty of chat, some good burgers and coffee and plenty of drooling we climbed back into our own cars appreciating their qualities and made our own ways home



Car Club Visit to Donnington Brewery

Eleven cars and occupants arrived at the Old Prison at Northleach to enjoy refreshment and a chat before setting off on a short run through the countryside to Donnington to have a tour of the Brewery and to hear the history of beer making on the site. The location is a beautiful setting in a valley with a spring water fed lake teeming with birds and trout. Spring water from another source is used in the beer making and gives the Donnington brew its unique taste.

On arrival, we were all given a potted history of the brewery and its owners through the years. The building dates to 1291, retains many original features, was one of the mills of Broadway Manor, and was a cloth mill and then a corn mill before being purchased by Thomas Arkell in 1827. In 1865, his grandson Richard Arkell started brewing alongside farming activities. Visitors today see much the same methods of brewing as they would have 100 years ago although some facilities have been updated.

Today cousins of the original Arkell family own the brewery left to them by Claude Arkell who had no offspring, and it is run alongside their Swindon based Arkells Brewery.

After a chance to taste some of the beers brewed, we left in brilliant sunshine for a countryside run to our lunch time destination, The Farmers Arms at Guiting Power where we all enjoyed excellent and convivial lunches.

Thanks go to Steve Harding for organising this for the club.



CROQUET AND CREAM TEA

The fourth social turned out to be a little on the lean side in the past we have averaged 17 for the event this year only 12 croquet adventurers. Derek was not feeling well so did not make it, hope you are feeling better now Derek.

The forecast had been a little worrying but the faithful car club members were blessed with a dry afternoon. Cloud to start with improving throughout the session terminating patches of blue and sunshine. Warm enough for some to take their cream tea on the patio.

The Croquet Club provided six members, three coaches, two Ladies to cover the catering and a part timer to help set the hoops. Diana taking newbie Sue under her wing who were challenged by Ash and Pam. A close game was fought accumulating in six hoops for each team needing the golden hoop finish Pam and Ash taking the victory.

The Cirencester four Rob, Wendy, Gary and Rose who between them have attended all the Croquet Socials were under the strict instructions of club coach Linda. Ken, Jackie, David and Liz under the guidance from Terry the third coach.

Cream tea was taken with everyone returning to the lawns afterwards for a final game. All members enjoying the cream tea with a chance to improve their croquet skills. It sounded as if everyone had a good afternoon with the laughter drifting across the lawns.



Some photos from this year's "Old Spotted Cow" gathering

