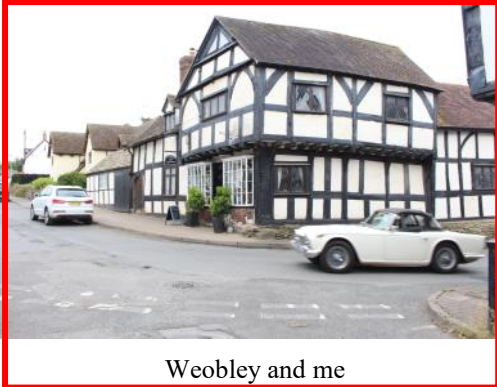


Newsletter



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At last—a touch of Summer
Although, despite the forecast,
we did not do too badly on the
Black & White Village
Tour—only a few showers.
Plenty more events coming up
now so hope to see most of
you at some of them



Weobley and me



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.

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A Big Welcome to New members

Andy Raggett
Keith & Glenda Evans
Ralph & Ann Aspinall
Dave & Chris Crinson



Watermoor House Fete

July

- 7 Bibury Hub Club Open Day website
- 14 Oxford Bus & Morris Museum Open day website
- ⇒ 16 Lunch Run & Picnic Gary Haynes 07908 183770
- ◇ 20 Hunters Car Home Fete Malcolm Cutler 01285 712173
- ⇒ 25 Croquet & Cream Tea John Airey 01793 873 026

August

- ◇ 2-4 South Cerney Ken Hinton 01285 712522
- ◇ 3 Longfield Hospice Fete Rob Ambler 0750 3051930
- ⇒ 7 Aunt Sally Dave Chambers 01608 658603
- ◇ 17-18 Fairford Steam Show Malcolm Cutler 01285 712173
- 18 Combe Mill Hanborough Open Day website
- 24 Gloucester Retro Show website
- 26 Pershore Plum Fair website
- 31-1Sept North Cotswold Steam & Vintage website

September

- ◇ 7 Oakridge Village Show Mike Scott 01285 760315
- 21 Abingdon Air & Country Show website

St. George's Day Lunch Run and Tea Party

We met at the Gateway Cafe on the Spine Road at South Cerney. The cars were lined up in the car park and as I drove in the magnificence of the Armstrong Siddely and the distinctive shape of Johns Javelin caught my eye. Abi and Alan's Healey was on the end of the row, with the top down, hope they had a warm coat. We made our way to the restaurant and were pleased to note we were not last (makes a change) I think some members were taking advantage of the excellent breakfast menu but we just had a coffee.

We had a brief natter before setting off. Harry my Grandson was navigating aided by Pauline doing some additional back seat directions. It was a great run to our lunch venue (The TudorArms at Slimbridge) Some of the fields and woods on the way were bursting with a carpet of bluebells (did you arrange this as well Ken) We arrived at the Pub first, now this really is an occasion to be celebrated as we are the owners of the wooden spoon for being last. Harry said it was his amazing navigating which maybe true, but I think Ken's directions played a significant part. Lunch was served -and jolly good it was too, the service was excellent and we later took advantage of our unique surroundings and had a brief wander along the canal. Pauline Harry and I then drove along to Saul junction and had a look around the Willow Trust boat before, and this was literally the icing on the cake, we all took advantage of members Robert and Gill Henry's offer to join them for afternoon tea, cake, scones and jam in their beautiful garden. This was indeed a most memorable St. Georges Day run and our thanks go to Ken, Robert, Gill and all our lovely members for making it so. Steve



February Lunch Run

This really was the wettest Lunch Run that I can ever remember.

In fact Gary had been out two days before and had to almost completely re-route the run due to flooding. Still we all enjoyed the chance to get out again and the start at "Jennies" and the meal at the Trout in Lechlade were up to standard. Many thanks Gary and Rose.



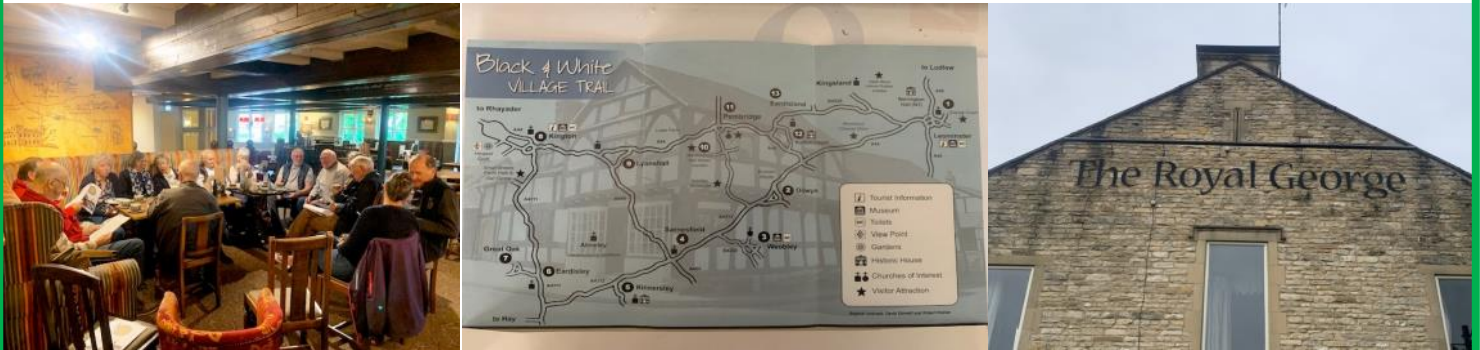
FCCC March Lunch Run

Ralph had chosen an interesting and different start point for this run.

We all enjoyed our time spent at the Classic Car Hub at Ablington, ogling all the cars we could not afford , before setting off on our very picturesque rural run through North Gloucestershire to the Sherbourne Arms at Aldsworth for a very enjoyable lunch. Thanks to Ralph and Chris.



Photographs from the Black & White Village Tour



Gathering at the Royal George for Maps, Route and Briefing



Dilwyn Village

Weobley



Some other places

Other views on our website

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Black and White Villages Tour 13th &14th June 2024

Thursday, 13th June, Ash and I sat with other FCCC members in the Royal George at Birdlip, enjoying a coffee whilst browsing our route instructions for touring the pretty Black and White villages of North Herefordshire.

Before 10am, in a variety of cars we headed off following the tulip diagrams, some more successfully than others! Due to ineffective communication between navigator and driver, we overshot the sharp right turn and consequently missed mid-morning refreshment at the Cheese factory! We were later told of the delicious cheeses!

The route took us through attractive scenery, pretty villages, over a bridge with toll house, through the village of Dilwyn and passed the family farm, where Geoff grew up. After 60 miles we arrived in Weobley and drove up the broad main street of quaint houses to Ye Olde Salutation.

Over a hot lunch we reflected on the journey. Everyone had arrived in good time, enjoyed the scenery, the black and white houses and stops en-route. Ash was relieved that the Bristol was running well after he had spent the winter tuning the engine and upgrading to silicone brake fluid.

The afternoon drive took us past the Credenhill Military base, HQ for the SAS and into Hereford for a tour of the Cider Museum. I think we all learnt something new about apples and cider making and most enjoyed a 'taste' at the end of the tour! Judging by the fact that we were still purchasing goodies at 4.30pm when volunteers were closing the museum, this was a very successful visit.

A short but slow drive out of Hereford, through the pretty black and white village of Eardisley took us to Kington and our hotel for the night. Dinner was a sociable event and after a good night's sleep I was one of the few who had an early morning swim in the hotel pool. Departure from the hotel was not until 10.00am and so breakfast was leisurely!

Delicious Eggs Royale for me!

Friday morning found us in the attractive village of Eardisland where an antique AA box and dove cote sat alongside the River Arrow. We were told by a local resident that the dove cote was probably never used by doves but by the ladies from the house for refreshments. Today, it is a small heritage museum and the community shop from which several FCCC members bought fresh local strawberries! Looking over the river bridge we watched House Martins collecting mud from the river bank to make their nests.

Food was always high on the agenda of this tour and by midday we were driving on towards Leominster for lunch at Grange Court, a former market hall built in 1633 but moved to its present location in 1859. It was used as a house until the 1930's and is now a thriving civic and community building. Several of our group admired the Leominster in Stitches display showing a history of the town through the ages. After a delicious lunch in a 5th floor ceremonial room, Jill thanked Geoff for planning and leading this very successful tour and presented him with a card and gift in thanks.

Just a short drive from Leominster was our final visit of the tour, to Hop Pocket Garden Centre and Shopping Village where we browsed plants, craft materials, gifts and antiques. Many of us succumbed to a purchase or two! Then after 'farewells' and 'safe travels' we all independently headed for home, to view our photos, reflect on the scenic villages and consider further 'tinkering required' on the classic car!

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