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Newsletter



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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.

If you have a question, call
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Coordinator, 01666 577
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December

- ⇒ Tuesday 6th. Visit to Fiennes Engineering Malcolm Cutler 01285 712 173
- ⇒ Monday 19th FCCC Christmas Lunch contact Malcolm Cutler 01285 712 173
£25 per person for 3 courses
including staff gratuities & contribution to "Crisis at Christmas"
- ⇒ Wednesday. 28th. After Christmas Run contact Bunny Lees-Smith 01666 577 275

2017

Many visits planned including visit to Rendcombe Car collection, a Rolling Road, Wellesbourne Workshops, a bus museum and several others.

Our monthly lunch runs courtesy of Barry, St. George's Day Run, an illustrated talk and of course it will be our club's 30th. Anniversary
Also there is our "Away Week" planned for East Anglia in June

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Membership Renewal

Remember our new membership year begins on January 1st so you will find a renewal form at the end of this Newsletter. Just print it off, complete it and send it to Dave Chambers with your cheque for £20.

You will notice that the membership fee is the same as the last two years so no increase !!

If anyone has problems printing off from your computer contact me and I will send you a paper copy.

Chaiman's Run 2016 - 18th August

This year's run took the club from the delights of the Cotswolds to the splendours of a Maharaja's Indian palace. Fortunately, we did not have to go as far as India as at Sezincote, just north of Moreton-in-Marsh, there is an amazing country house, designed as an Indian palace with wonderful gardens to match. Fourteen cars started from Chedworth farm shop with the intention of stopping off for a look at Cotswold Lavender before lunching at the Golden Ball in Lower Swell. However, whilst the weather was clear and the views en route were fantastic, the Lavender harvest had finished early and they had closed for the season - next time Cutler, check before hand ! However, with a slight diversion we all had a very good lunch at the Golden Ball and then progressed onto Sezincote for a guided tour of the house and tea and cake in the Orangery. The picture says it all and we would recommend that you arrange to visit Sezincote as it is quite stunning. Malcolm

**Kempsford Fête 17th. September**

It was a bit "last minute" but thank you to everyone (20 members) who came along to the Kempsford fête. There were also about ten other classic cars there. We have not been to this fête for a couple of years but this year they reverted to the original format in the Manor grounds and it was every bit as good as it used to be. Plenty of stalls and great cream teas and, whilst the weather was threatening, the rain held off right until the end. The organisers were very pleased to see us as it added to their attractions and helped raise money for the church and other local causes.

Sudeley Castle Classic Show 18th. September

The sun shone and around 200 classics attended the show, parked amongst the trees on the North Lawn with Sudeley Castle as a back drop - one of the best car show settings we have been to. FCCC had nine cars and we had a prime position near the main entrance. The entry fee of £5 each included entrance to the castle so giving a saving close to £10. It was a very busy day with a lot of visitors and interest. Almost all the other cars left soon after the 4pm finish, but with good weather and a lovely setting, a good half of the FCCC "Crew" were still sitting and talking at close to 5pm, when were politely asked to leave because they wanted to shut the gates ! A good show and hopefully we can get a few more members to come along next year.

Malcolm

An email to Bunny from Lucy at Castle Combe Circuit :-

From:- Lucy Cole @ castle combecircuit.co.uk

Hi Bunny

Just a quick note to thank you for your support of the Autumn Classic event this year.

I do hope you enjoyed the day despite the rather challenging weather conditions at times !!!

Hopefully we will see you again next Year.

In the meantime, if you would like to make a note in your diary for next year the provisional date is Saturday 7th. October 2017.

Best wishes and kind regards,

Lucy



"Visit to Rennishaw Manufacturing site at Stonehouse on 1st Nov '16.

The Rennishaw, Stonehouse facility was opened in 2006 and the factory itself covers 100,000 sq.ft. The investment made is impressive, with the original factory building costing £5.0m, followed by a further investment of £2.5m and £1.5m in capital equipment, including state of the art machine tools. The reasoning behind the factory was so that Rennishaw could produce components for its own products e.g. for their measuring tools, 3D printing and medical equipment, to the quality they require. Over the years they have even bought outside supplier companies and in the case of injection moulding, installed the machines in the Stonehouse facility.

One of the first things you notice when you enter the factory, compared to other machine shops, is how bright and clean it is with small, self-contained, 'hubs' containing all the tooling and inspection equipment required by each group of machines. Even the anodising plant which in most factories would be a dirty, no go, area would not look out of place in a hospital! Probably the most impressive machine tools were the 25 RAMTIC (Renishaw's Automated Milling, Turning, and Inspection Centre) machine tools developed as a JV between Renishaw and Mazak. These use portable carousels which are loaded with tools and raw materials independently of the machine tool and are then 'slotted' into it, with the whole machining process for a batch of product, continuing with no further operator involvement. As you would expect, Renishaw's own probing systems are used to assure the quality of the parts produced and control all aspects of the process during the manufacturing cycle. The system can run unmanned for up to 140 hrs a week.

I believe that we all came away from the visit encouraged that such invention and production capability is alive and well in the UK. It shows that with innovation, investment and self belief the UK can still hold it head up high as a high quality manufacturing centre - the future after Brexit?

Many thanks for Bunny and the Cirencester Science Society for organising this



FAIRFORD CLASSIC CAR CLUB

Membership Application / Subscription Renewal

Please send your form and a cheque for **£20.00** payable to the **Fairford Classic Car Club** to:

Birchwood
Sidings Road
Churchill, Oxon.
OX7 6ND

Membership is for the calendar year. Renewals are due **1 January**.

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Attach a separate sheet if you have more vehicles.

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By signing this form you agree to this.

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