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### The priorities for attention are:

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- ⇒ Anticipating Spring Run

#### Key:

- ⇒ Club event
- ◇ Club attendance as a group at a motoring event
- Everything else of interest.

If you have a question, call Barry  
Cooper, Club Secretary 01285  
851 821.

## South Cerney Steam & Vintage Rally

2 - 4 August

If any of you have received an entry form and are planning to go, would you please let Barry know. It helps in coordinating our participation as a Club.

# newsletter

## EU Does U-Turn on Tests

This happened before Christmas but here it is just to make sure the word is out there. It shows the good work of the FBHVC and reminds us of sort of issues that lie ahead of us.

If the Eurocrats had prevailed, roadworthiness for classic cars would have required all components on a car to conform with those on the vehicle when it was first registered. The proposed wording was "*Vehicles of historic interest are supposed to conserve [the] heritage of the époque [in which] they have been built.*" This would have been potentially chaotic

when it came to testing and evaluation of roadworthiness. Any cars manufactured after 1960 that did not have original specification components may not have passed an MoT. How many of us have more modern, updated and yes, safer components on our classics? With the number of manufacturers who have disappeared over the last 50 years, many original components are simply not easily available. Thanks to efforts from the Roads Minister, Steve Hammond, the 'originality' clause will not be implemented as it stands. There will be

scope to reword the directive so that the UK would be able to make a reasoned interpretation of it in regulating classic car roadworthiness. The EU Commission was also convinced to drop the requirement for caravans and trailers to undergo an MoT.

*"The breakthrough came after a delegation from the Federation of British Historic Vehicle clubs, with Greg Knight from the All-Party Parliamentary Historic Vehicles Group, met with the Minister to raise the concerns of the classic movement."* (As reported in *Practical Classics*, March 2013, p.20)

## What's Coming Up

- ⇒ **Valentine's Day Run - Wednesday 20 February.** The hostelry is welcoming and offers a good menu. This twenty mile jaunt will not tax navigation skills or the wallet. Attendees will be advised of the rendezvous upon booking. Call Barry (01285 851 821) no later than 17 February.
- ⇒ **Clanfield Restorations (proposed) - Monday 6 March.** Details TBA. For site info, see <http://www.touchoxford.com/business/list/bid/1338252> Contact Barry Cooper 01285 851 829.
- ⇒ **Anticipating Spring Run (proposed) - Wednesday 20 March.** Another of Barry's famous Country Lunch Runs aimed at finishing at a lunch venue in a different locality so more distant members may have a shorter run home. Please call Barry soonest (01285 851 821).
- ⇒ **Cotswold Motoring Museum (proposed) - March.** Details TBA. For museum info see <http://www.cotswoldmotoringmuseum.co.uk/> Contact Malcolm Cutler 01285 712 173
- ⇒ **FCCC Founders Day - Friday 12 April.** A most appropriate day to kick-off the reborn Club Natters. It will be an early evening gathering. Pub location TBA.
- ⇒ **St George's Day Run - Tuesday 23 April.** The Big One! The enclosed entry form tells you what you need to know. For our e-mail users, the form is on the third page, and also attached as a separate pdf file and a Word file (the same dish served three different ways). Contact Mike Scott 01285 760 315.
- **Wye Valley Classic Run - Saturday 4 May.** Reservations are now being taken. The Non-Club contact is David Eishenhofer (07976) 737 231 e-mail [david.eisenhower@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:david.eisenhower@yahoo.co.uk)
- ⇒ **Thornley Kelham - Tuesday 21 May** (date to be confirmed). A visit to the restorers you read about in the last FC3. Info at <http://www.thornleykelham.com/> Contact Geoff Tebby (01453 883 849)
- **Wellesbourne Wings & Wheels - Sunday 16 June.** The Vulcan will be there as well as classic cars. See <http://www.xm655.com/events.php> Contact Alastair Kinross (01285) 861 989
- **The Chipping Sodbury Classic Run 2013 - Sunday 30 June.** info
- **Atwell-Wilson Motor Museum (proposed) - Sunday 14 July.** Bunny is looking at showing our cars on this day at the Museum. Details TBA. Contact Bunny-Lees Smith (01666) 577 275
- **The Royal Air Force Museum Cosford (proposed) - Wednesday 28 August.** A coach trip. Contact Bunny-Lees Smith (01666) 577 275
- **Tetbury Classic Car Show - Sunday 8 September.** <http://www.tetburyclassiccarshow.org.uk/>
- ⇒ **Away Week Northern Ireland - September.** The trip will start on either on the 15th or 22nd of the month. The indicative cost is £470 for accommodation including breakfast, dinner and ferry crossings. Further details TBA. Contact Malcolm Cutler 01285 712 173



## SUBSCRIPTIONS

Remember the scowling bear in last month's magazine? Well, he's still on the prowl as the annual subscriptions are a tad slow coming in. They were due a month ago so please, please, please, fill in the **Renewal Form** and send it in with your cheque **NOW** to the Club Secretary. A form is enclosed in case the dog ate the last one.



## How Are You Going With the Internet?



### For E-Mail & Internet Help

**Call Dave 01285 851 869**

From our survey last year, about 75% of the Club has Internet and e-mail access. We are using E-mail to send the Newsletter to those of you who elected to receive it that way and about two dozen Newsletters still go out through the post. The magazine of course, always comes in the mail.

Having e-mail and having it always working perfectly the way you want, every time, doesn't always happen does it? And for some, using it is not a habit or a routine

thing. And sometimes, you just can't get the mongrel to work yeah?

**If you have a problem, the best port of call (other than your grandchildren) may be the Editor. Though not an expert, has a strange accent and does odd things to his MGB, he's mostly in a good mood and can help with your e-mail and internet snags for the Newsletter.**

While you have your computer fired up, don't forget to check out our **Website** and **Flickr** site. FC3 and the photos look good in colour. At the last meeting, the Committee decided to have FC3 available to all on the website to assist in promoting the Club.

## Some Other Opportunities ...

Bunny has some visits on the go with **The Cirencester Science and Technology Society** if you are interested. Give him a call on (01666 577 275). Two upcoming ones are:

- ◆ **Air Salvage at Kemble - Friday 1 March 10:00 am.** A highly skilled engineering operation and excellent example of recycling valuable aircraft components. There is no charge and Bunny will arrange a fixed price lunch at the Av8. **You must bring and wear a high visibility jacket for this visit.**
- ◆ **Hinkley Nuclear Power Station - Wednesday 1 May.** A general tour covering technology, biological impact and future developments. This is a coach trip from Cirencester costing £25.
- ◆ **Culham Science Centre - Friday 12 July.** A visit to an open evening at the laboratories of the Culham Centre for Fusion Energy in Oxfordshire. Transport is by car and there is no charge for the visit.

## Winter FC3 Quiz Answers

(1) Hillman Avenger (2) True (3) Ford Granada (4) False. The founder, Cyril Kief, was born in Swansea. (5) Dave Barton's 1972 Australian made MGB. The "clues" - Canadian touque and Aussie slang (he's a Colonial). (6) True (7) Penguins are in the Antarctic and polar bears in the Arctic ... but you knew that! (8) False. It was the TR8, *The English Corvette*, most of which were sent to North America. (9) The Vauxhall Viva (10) 1956 Buick Centurion. It was a concept car. The tank on the cover of the Autumn FC3 is a Centurion.

## There Goes the No Claims Bonus

Rowan Atkinson, who is still in the number two spot on the Top Gear track in a reasonably priced car, just set a new automotive record.

He has the highest insurance claim ever - **£910,000**. This was the repair bill for his 1997 McLaren F1 that he crashed in 2011. Looks like it cost more to repair the car than the injured shoulder. The F1 spent more than a year in the McLaren Headquarters in Woking, Surrey. McLaren spent a month just calculating how much the repair

bill would be. It was still cheaper than buying a replacement vehicle which could have cost close to £3 million.



## A New Member

*The Club welcomes Rob Clarke. Everyday Rob is surrounded by fantastic classic cars - He works at Thornely Kelham! We look forward to catching up with him when we visit.*

# Fairford Classic Car Club

## St George's Day Run - Tuesday, 23rd April, 2013

Your Club invites you to celebrate the 11th St. George's Day Run. Naturally, the event is open to all members of the Club. We have also invited members of the Cirencester Car Club, Austin Healey South West and one or two other guests. Meet at Denfurlong Farm, Chedworth, at 9.15 - 9.30 a.m. for coffee and registration. Our suggested route is approximately 65 miles, after which we shall take a two-course Carvery-style lunch. And after lunch? Look round the hotel's gardens and a nationally important Arboretum? Fancy a swim in the hotel pool? If so, bring your cossie - half-day pass £7.50. p.p. Cream tea perhaps? The choice is yours!

Your entry fee is £39.00 for a car plus **2** people, and includes Rally Plate, all documentation, two-course Lunch and administration expenses. It **excludes** morning coffee and drinks at lunch.

Please participate! Please complete the entry form and send it to me as soon as possible - **no later than Friday, 12th April** - first come, first served! Do telephone me if I can give you more details.



Name: .....

Address: .....

..... Post Code: .....

Telephone Number: .....

Email address: .....

Name(s) of passenger(s): .....

Make, model and year of vehicle: .....

**I DECLARE** that my vehicle is correctly taxed, insured and has a valid MOT. **I UNDERTAKE** to indemnify the organisers of this event and every person concerned with its administration against all actions, claims, costs, proceedings and demands arising from death, injury or damage to the person or property of myself and my passengers arising in any way out of my participation in this event.

Signature of entrant/driver: .....

Please send your entry form and cheque made payable to "FCCC" (by Friday, 12th April latest) to:

Michael Scott  
St Francis  
Oakridge Lynch  
Nr Stroud  
Gloucs  
GL6 7NZ

Telephone: 01285 760315

Email: michaelandhelen@greenbee.net

# ***FAIRFORD CLASSIC CAR CLUB***

## **Membership Application / Subscription Renewal**

*Please use BLOCK CAPITALS*

**SURNAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**FORENAME(S):** \_\_\_\_\_  
*You and your partner*

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**POST CODE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**TEL HOME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**TEL MOBILE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-MAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_

### **YOUR VEHICLES**

<b>MANUFACTURER</b>	<b>MODEL</b>	<b>YEAR</b>	<b>REGISTRATION</b>

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

4 Meysey Close  
Meysey Hampton  
Cirencester, Glos.  
GL7 5HL

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