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Newsletter

Here we are then 2015 and there is a pretty full programme ahead of us.

The first event I need to draw your attention to is our AGM at the Bull in Fairford on Sunday January 25th. Hope you can make it, just turn up have a coffee, chat to old friends and I promise that the business section will be kept short.

Then after the business is over there is the opportunity to go on a short drive to a pre-arranged pub. for lunch, courtesy of Barry.

However if you want to take part in the run and lunch it is **IMPORTANT** that you **Book your place** with Barry **BEFORE THE 15TH. JANUARY.** You have been warned !!

Two New events have been slipped into the calendar—the next N&N is at Force Brewery in Cirencester on 26th. Feb. and the visit to the Bugatti Trust at Prescott, with lunch, is booked for the 12th. March.

Hope to see you as and when you can

Geoff.



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 Bunny Lees-Smith, Event Coordinator, 01666 577 275

- ⇒ FCCC AGM 10.30am The Bull Hotel Fairford Sunday 25th. January
Contact Geoff Tebby 01453 883 821
For drive and lunch contact Barry Cooper 01285 851 821
- ⇒ Visit to Williams at Horton Tues. Feb 10th. *Provisional* contact Bunny 01666 577 275
- ⇒ Lunch Run Sunday Feb. 22nd. contact Barry 01285 851 821
- ⇒ Noggin & Natter Thursday 26 Feb. Force Brewery contact Malcolm 01285 712 173
- ⇒ FCCC Committee Meeting 7.30pm Crown of Crucis 9th. March
contact Geoff. 01453 883 821
- ⇒ Visit Bugatti Trust Prescott afternoon Thurs. 12 March contact Malcolm 01285 713 173
- ⇒ Lunch Run Sunday March 22nd. Contact Barry 01285 851 821
- ⇒ Skittles Evening Wednesday 25th. March *Provisional* contact Mike Cox 01865 300 929
- ⇒ Lunch Run & Founders' Day Sunday 12 April *Provisional* contact Barry 01285 851 821
- ⇒ St. George's Day Drive & Lunch Thurs.23 April contact Malcolm 01285 712 173
- ◇ Bristol Classic Car Show June 13/14th. June contact Geoff. Tebby 01453 883 821
- ◇ GWSR Classic Transport Day Toddington June 14th. Contact Geoff Tebby 01453 883821

FCCC Magazine

We aim to produce a winter FC3 magazine in the next month or so. Following the outstanding tradition established over the last three years, where many of you submitted articles and items of interest - please continue to do so. We are also interested in what sort of things you would like to see, so don't hold back from letting us know what you want.

Thoughts and submissions can be sent to Malcolm Cutler or Dave Barton.

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A BIG WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Roy and Cynthia Waine

Chris Griffin

Stuart and Jill Gregory



FCCC 2014 Christmas Lunch

On Friday 12th. December over 40 of us gathered together in the Cotswold Room at the Crown Of Crucis to start getting ourselves in practice for our Christmas dinners.

Once again an excellent meal in pleasant surroundings with excellent company. What else could one want?

Oh yes I forgot the Chairman's Christmas address well you can't have everything can you ?

Joking aside however, he regaled us with his usual amusing muses - try saying that after a couple of glasses of your favourite tittle - and the whole thing was rounded off by the revelation that Mike Cox has Broadband in the road outside his house. We look forward avidly to future updates.

As usual then a very enjoyable occasion.



Xmas Blues Run 30 December 2014

On a cold and crisp morning we all assembled at Chedworth Farm Shop for coffee and route instructions.

Our route would take us from Chedworth to Tetbury, onto Wotton under Edge, Chipping Sodbury and finally to Biddlestone.

Considering the recent weather the roads (apart from the pot holes) were fine. However in parts there was still ice and slush on the roads, a reminder we were still in winter. Our biggest enemy was turning out to be the bright sunshine which always seems to be directly in front of us! No run goes without a minor hitch, on this occasion it was a Butlers oil lorry delivering heating oil to a house on a narrow road which made passing impossible so we had to sit tight until he had finished. By that time the inevitable queue of cars had built up plus a Tesco van.

Towards the end of the run we needed our fingers crossed that we would not meet any approaching traffic on the very narrow and downhill section of road.

Eventually we arrived at the Biddlestone Arms for a well earned lunch. Our thanks to Bunny and his team for organising a pleasant run.

Keith Handley





Noggin & Natter Thursday 26th. February

For a change we have organised the next Noggin & Natter to be held at the FORCE BREWERY in Cirencester. This is a new micro-brewery which was started about a year ago by Charles Malet. He has taken a different approach to marketing his beers by selling direct to the public and not through pubs and retailers.

This includes enabling groups/clubs, such as ourselves, to get together at the brewery, starting off with Charles explaining and showing us around, with tasting, and then adjourning upstairs to relax, further sample his beers, (£2 a pint) and soft drinks.

The brewery is located in a modern business unit, Unit 2, Global Business Park, on Wilkinson Road, GL7 1YZ (off Love Lane in Cirencester).

We will start at 6.00 with the brewery 'tour' which will take around 30 minutes (it is a small unit) and if you are interested we could arrange for some take-away e.g. pizza, to be delivered afterwards.

Can you please let Malcolm Cutler know if you intend to come -

01285 712 173 or malcolmcutler@btinternet.com



Visit to the Bugatti Trust, Prescott - Thursday 12th March 2015

The club has not been to the Bugatti Trust for many years, so we have now arranged a visit for Thursday 12th March. This will involve meeting for coffee (at a yet to be decided destination) and a short run to Prescott where we have arranged lunch at the restaurant at the hillclimb.

It is then possible to 'walk the hill' after lunch—if you so wish! - and then a talk and tour of the Bugatti Trust museum.

For those who have been before, you will recall that this is not only about cars, but also the artistic side of the Bugatti family.

There will be a £3/head charge for the visit, as a charitable donation.

So that we can get some idea of numbers for the restaurant, could you let Malcolm Cutler know if you would like to join the visit (no commitment at this stage)

01285 712 173 or malcolmcutler@btinternet.com





Our Flickr Site

At our Christmas Lunch we demonstrated our Club's Flickr site. Hopefully some of you had a chance to browse through the collection of Club events over the past few years. At the moment the site holds 66 events, called **albums** and contains **1,193 photos** of us having fun with our cars. Flickr is a website that allows members with Internet access to **view** and **retrieve** photos of Club activities. Since updating our Website last year, Flickr has also updated its method to download photos. We have inserted the new procedure in our Website and to start the year off, it is outlined below. Hope you enjoy having a browse.

TO VIEW THE PHOTOS

Using your web browser, go to the Club Website, Photos tab and click on the **Flickr logo** or enter the website address (www.flickr.com/photos/fairfordclassics/sets). The events are grouped in **ALBUMS** with each album containing the images from an event. The albums are arranged in chronological order with the most recent event first.

To view the photos in the album, **LEFT CLICK ON THE ALBUM**. The images will appear; scroll down through them at your leisure. To return to the albums page, LEFT CLICK ON THE "View all albums" at the left edge of the black bar near the top of the screen. To view a larger image of any photo, LEFT CLICK ON THE PHOTO.

TO DOWNLOAD A PHOTO

1. **LEFT CLICK** on the **album** you want.
2. **LEFT CLICK** on the **photo** you want, it will come up larger, by itself.
3. **LEFT CLICK** on the **downward arrow on the bottom right of the screen** (There are three symbols there; choose the one on the right). A small window will come up showing the file size options available to you. **Original** is a good choice.
4. **LEFT CLICK** on the **size** you want. A new window will come up at the bottom of the screen in a yellow box. You want the centre choice in that yellow box. Please note:
 - If you simply click **Save**, your computer will put the file in a default location (ie: My Pictures, Downloads, etc). If you are happy with this, fine but if YOU want to choose where the file goes, do this –
 - Click on the small black triangle next to Save and select **Save As**. (recommended)
5. After selecting **Save As**, a directory window will open. Choose the directory where you wish the photo to be placed. You can change the File Name at this time if you want to.
6. Select **Save** in this directory window. That's it, you're done.

Let me show you the Club Flickr site. This 21st century technology is like awesome!

Once you have the photo, you can print, keep or e-mail it as you wish. Use your back-up button on your browser to get back to the photos in the album. **If you wish to have**

any photo removed from the Flickr site, please contact the Chairman and it will be done.

