

# Newsletter



Member of the Federation of British Historic Vehicle Clubs

## A Happy & Prosperous New Year to all of you

The 2016 Events Calendar, shown below, is beginning to take shape so please mark up your diaries so that you don't miss anything.

Oh and by-the-way most members have sent in their membership renewals to Dave Chambers but in case you haven't

I will attach a renewal form to this Newsletter

## 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

### January

- ⇒ 24th Jan (Sunday) FCCC Lunch Run contact Barry Cooper 01285 851 821

### February

- ⇒ 21st. Jan. (Sunday) FCCC Lunch Run contact Barry Cooper 01285 851 821

### March

- ⇒ 14th March Committee Meeting 7.30pm Crown of Crucis  
Contact Geoff. Tebby 01453 883821
- ⇒ 20th. Mar.(Sunday)FCCC Lunch Run contact Barry Cooper 01285 851 821
- ⇒ 30th. March Skittles Evening contact Mike Cox 01865 300 929

### April

- ⇒ 17th. April FCCC A.G.M. Bull at Fairford  
contact Geoff. Tebby 01453 883821
- ⇒ 17th. April Lunch Run after AGM contact Barry Cooper 01285 851 821
- ⇒ 23 April St. George's Day Run contacts Bunny Lees-Smith 01666 577 275  
Malcolm Cutler 01285 712 173

### May

- ⇒ 6t. & 7th. Crypton Tuning event contacts Malcolm Cutler 01285 712 173  
Nigel Godwin 01285 850 716

### June

- ◇ 5th. Churchill Car Show contact David Chambers 01608 658 603
- 12 th. Classic Vehicle Day at GWSR Toddington contact website
- ⇒ 13th. - 18th. Mid-Wales Explorer contact Geoff. Tebby 01453 883821

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### After Christmas 'Blues Run' 2015.

What a good idea. By three or four days after Christmas most of us are glad to get out of the house and what better excuse is there to have a blast along deserted muddy lanes, on a route designed by Bunny, and those of you who have done 'Bunny Runs' in the past will know that he can 'pick 'em'.

Thirty three cars assembled at the Royal George at Birdlip for coffee, signing on and instructions on what, amazingly after days or even weeks of rain, was a bright, dry morning which promised well.

After a chat and that important visit to the loo we set off at minute intervals along the byways of Gloucestershire, straight away into moderately narrow lanes to be followed by even more narrow lanes and splashes of water and mud.

The instructions were, as usual, good even if at one or two places the mileage did not quite fit but what is always amusing is seeing other participants re-joining the route from totally different directions.

Now and then a change from the lanes but soon to be followed by more devious and muddy ones.

Not many horses and riders met but taking care to pass slowly and with a courteous wave, only to think will they be as happy when the next thirty cars squeeze past them. Ah well it is the season of 'good will'.

After a while we catch up with a couple of others of our group but we keep a reasonable gap from them and once again are amused when they take a wrong turn or whizz past a turn that they should have taken.

Picturesque names like Cranham and Sheepscombe followed by Damsell's Cross, Wick Street, Cockadilly (but only if you took the wrong turn) Hetty Peggler's Tump, Uley, Stouts Hill, Owlpen, just off route, followed by the infamous Waterly Bottom – the scene of many a "Twelve Car" route in the past, and soon, via the back lanes of Wotton-under-Edge, to the Cotswold Edge Golf Club with a sense of achievement and relief.

Time for a drink and to compare the route, the mistakes and who gave up half way and just made for the finish, before an excellent three course lunch with plenty more chat.

Many thanks to Bunny and his helpers for a very enjoyable day out and the sun shone the whole time. I even heard two drivers complain that it was in their eyes. Ah well, you can't please everyone all the time.

Geoff.

### FCCC Christmas Lunch

Over 40 members gathered at the Crown of Crucis for our annual Christmas lunch.

As you can imagine there was lots of festive chat followed by an excellent three course carvery.

Malcolm gave his usual address but it was fairly short so we clapped as usual at the end.

One sad note was that Ralph and June Lewis-Jones, who had always attended our Christmas lunches, had both passed away during the year.

Malcolm also mentioned that Graham Young was back in hospital so we all signed a card for him which Jill was going to take in the next day



### FCCC Lunch Runs - An important request from Barry.

Please if you want to go on a run will you book your places with him by the **Monday before** for the Sunday Runs and the previous **Thursday** for the Wednesday Runs, as he has to give final numbers to the restaurant several days before the event.