

Newsletter



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British Historic Vehicle Clubs

Another excellent St. George's Day Run, finishing at The Bell, (thanks to Ken Hinton) and a good number of members attended the Coffee and Classics April event at The Bibury Motor Hub - viewing all those classics we would like to own.

Oh well !! lets just motor on with what we've got.

Good Motoring



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

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Caption needed

May

- ⇒ 16 FCCC Lunch Run contact Barry 01285 851 821
- 19-20 Beaulieu Spring Autojumble website
- 19-20 Thruxton British Touring Car Races website

June

- ◇ 9 Watermoor House Fête contact Malcolm 01285 712 173
- 9 Southrop Village Fête contact Tony Alden 01367 850 363
- 9 - 10 Pied Piper Summer Show website
- ◇ 10 Churchill Car Show contact David Chambers 01608 658 603
- ◇ 17 GWSR Classic Transport day Toddington contact Geoff. 01453 883821
- ⇒ 18 - 24 FCCC Away Week contact Martin Howard 01865 300 406
- ⇒ 20 FCCC Lunch Run contact Barry 01285 851 821

July

- 1 Aldbourne Village Doggy Day & Car show contact Geoff. 01453 88 38 21
- ⇒ 5 Croquet Aftnoon & Cream Tea contact John Airey 01793873026
- 14 Stow Motor Show website
- ◇ 14 & 15 Atwell Wilson Museum Show contact Bunny 01666 5777 275
- ⇒ 18 FCCC Lunch Run contact Barry 01285 851 821
- ◇ 21 Hunters Care Home Fête contact Malcolm 01285 712 173
- ◇ 26 Visit to Haynes Motor Museum contact Bunny 01666 577 275

August

- ◇ 2-5 VTEC at South Cerney **book before 26th May** contact Ken 01285 712 522

ST GEORGE'S DAY APRIL 2018

By Jim Hutson

On a sunny day 24 cars gathered at the Crown of Crucis Cirencester.

Before the run started we all had coffee and biscuits and a good natter until 11.am when the first car started, then leaving at 1 minute intervals.

All the convertible cars ran with their roofs down.

The route took us through many villages and interesting places, some single track and some A roads, with plenty of bends to test your driving skills.

We passed through a village called Kelmscott, where there is a Manor which dates back to around 1570, which was the former retreat of William Morris and family. William Morris was a Textile Designer, Poet, Novelist and associated with the British Arts and Crafts movement. Although retaining a main home in London, from 1871 he retained the rural retreat of Kelmscott Manor.

Another interesting village we drove through was Sevenhampton, which is where Ian Fleming the famous writer of the James Bond stories lived. He was born in London Mayfair 1908, was educated at a Public School and became a reporter for the Reuters News Agency. He spent WW11 as a Naval Intelligence Officer. His first novel was Casino Royale published in 1953. He died in Canterbury in 1964 and his grave is in the church yard at Sevenhampton with his wife and son.

We passed through the village of Hannington where Hannington Hall stands. It was built in 1653 by the Freke Family who bought the estate in 1605 and it possibly incorporates part of a previous parsonage. In WW11 it was the HQ for the Special Duty's Section Coleshill. The Freke Arms Public House was built by the family in the 19th Century.

After a 56 mile road trip we all finished up at The Bell, Purton Stoke, for an excellent and well deserved meal.

A big thankyou to Ken Hinton and Jim Aland, for all of their time and effort for a superb event.



Thanks to Keith Handley
For all the
Photographs
And the MOT
Information below



MOT Exemption update.

As many of you know there are changes to the MOT from 20 May 2018. The changes that will be of interest to club members is the rolling 40 year exemption for Vehicles of Historic Interest (VHI) aka Classic Cars (not forgetting motor cycles). Below is an update as to how you get your vehicle exempt, if you wish to go down that route.

Information below taken from Classics Monthly and Enjoying MG.

'Form V112 will exempt vehicles of historic interest from further MoT tests. It will need to be done every year at a Post Office or if declaring by hard copy is inconvenient, an on line portal similar to the ones used to tax vehicles, notify DVLA of a change of keeper or to declare SORN is to be created. *Both the updated V112 exemption form and its on line equivalent will be made available before the MoT rules change*.'

All this is based on the assumption that your VHI has not been substantially changed (modifications such as better brakes are allowed under the new rules). If your classic falls outside of the rolling 40 year (first registered between 1st and 7th January 1978 - DVLA Historic (classic) vehicles: MOT and vehicle tax info), the vehicle will be tested in accordance with the new rules.

Clarification was sought re 20 May and there is a 'clear line in the sand' that means that as of the date all eligible 40 plus year old cars can be driven without a current MoT as long as they are roadworthy and that the declaration by the car's keeper at the next tax renewal just 'formalises' the process. It was expected that being able to drive a qualifying 40 year plus old car without MoT would not be possible until the keeper's declaration was completed at the next tax renewal; clearly this is not so.

A nearly completed restoration - any one interested ?

MGB GT 1977 white - £2000

New seats and Carpets. Mechanics good - many spares. Husband who was doing the restoration has died. Wife needs to sell.

This vehicle is unseen by FCCC so you need to make your own evaluation. Mrs. Linda Walker 01285 656 064 (Cirencester)