

# Newsletter



Member of the Federation of British Historic Vehicle Clubs

As Geoff is a bit ‘Hors de Combat’ at the moment this is a joint Newsletter between Geoff & Malcolm. Get well soon Geoff.

As you will read further on we had a fascinating visit last month to Formalls Eng and Ken Hinton organised another superb St George’s Day run.

The photo of John & Judy’s MGB going through the Swinbrook ford resulted in photographer Keith Handley getting rather wet!! There is always one!



## 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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Mike & Liz Reed & Minor Pick-up

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JUNE		
◇	1 Classic Day at The Trout Inn Lechlade	Malcolm 01285 712173
◇	2 Coffee & Classics at The Hub & Autism Event	website
◇	{Entry by ticket only -You need to register on the Hub website <u>and</u> Autism website}	
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### Visit to Formhalls Engineering Ltd, Downton, nr Salisbury on Sat 6<sup>th</sup> April

When visiting the Restoration Show at Shepton Mallet last year we met Charles Tanner who is a Director of this well established engineering company and which serves, in particular, the vintage and classic car fraternity. Charles kindly invited us to come and see the company for ourselves.

I have known of Formhalls for many years and we had a lot of interest resulting in some 26 of our members and a couple of friends boarding a coach for Downton.

After a short welcome and an introduction we were split into small groups for a really intimate tour of the works. The initial impression was one of extreme cleanliness and tidiness. And the very high quality of the work carried out.

Several demonstrations or descriptions of processes had been arranged for us including line boring, crank grinding, and white metalling. The quality of the operator's skill was very evident and our guides dealt with questions without hesitation. What was particularly impressive were the products the company was working upon, including sleeve valve engines and Mercedes SSK crank cases. Naturally I cannot divulge names but it is clear that many high reputation customers trust them.

Lastly I would like to make the point that the Company has an apprentice and is investing in the future. Altogether this was a most impressive visit and we thank the company for hosting us for the visit and providing an excellent buffet lunch.

Bunny Lees-Smith



### FCCC St George's Day run - 23rd April

Whilst the Labour Party wished the nation a happy St George's Day on the day before (the Monday), and it was subsequently reported that Church rules state that no feast days are allowed during Easter week and it should be 'transferred' to the following week, FCCC continued to follow tradition and celebrated England's patron saint on the 23rd April! This year's run, again very well organised by Ken Hinton (with, I am sure, unseen help from Jackie) started for coffee at The Fox, Great Barrington with 22 cars wending their way in brilliant weather, up and down dale, to the Wychwood Golf Club at Lyneham near Chipping Norton. Thankfully no one ventured south to the other Lyneham, although there did appear to be some confusion after passing through the ford at Swinbrook, where we met a number of members coming the other way, only for ourselves to turn around and find the 'missed' turning! Unfortunately, due to brake problems, we did not complete the course, but this did mean that we arrived at the lunch venue early for a drink and chat with local residents Dave and Carol Chambers who came straight to the golf club. 51 members eventually sat down to an excellent carvery complete with high quality food, served by friendly staff and at a very good price. Many thanks to Ken and everyone involved in organising a very successful 2019 St George's Day event.

Malcolm Cutler

Peugeot 205 1.9 GTi. 1989 G. Phase 1.5. £12.750. Completely original. Service history. Factory sunroof. Restoration works. It has wanted for nothing and is kept under a waterproof and breathable fitted car cover and used occasionally for days out and shows. Numerous important restoration works have recently been undertaken by the present owner, a local specialist and the previous owner. Very good condition drivers seat and bolster. Comes complete with significant and hard to find interior, exterior and mechanical spares package valued around £3000. MOT and service. Significant collection of paperwork and receipts.

For complete information on the car and spares included contact Malcolm Cutler 01285 712173 and he will put you in contact with the owner who lives in Fairford.

