

# Newsletter



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Well the summer is truly over but we have had plenty of outings and mostly good weather.  
Just one more lunch run before we are into our Christmas events.  
Our October lunch run took us to Blockley and on to the Watsonian sidecar factory. Very enjoyable and informative.



Photographs in this issue by Keith Handley and John Airey



## 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.contact

If you have a question, call  
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November	
• 2-3 Footman James Restoration show Shepton Mallet	website
⇒ 20 Lunch Run	Keith Handley 01285 658 450
December	
⇒ 13 Christmas Lunch Crown of Crucis	Malcolm 01285 712 173
⇒ 27 After Christmas Blues Run	Bunny 01666 577 275
January	
⇒ 15 FCCC Committee Meeting	Geoff. Tebby 01453 88 38 21

Other event dates appear in our "What's On" section on our website

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Remember the Summer ?

Uffington Show

Oakridge Fête





### Memories of the Bond Minicar by Dave Chambers

Looking at article on three wheelers by Syd Flatman, I remember when I was about five years old, Dad had a big cumbersome Wolseley which my Mum [who never passed a driving test] found too difficult to drive. He knew Laurie Bond and bought one of his first three wheelers. He went up to Preston to get it and drove it all the way back to Whitland, the other side of Carmarthen, running out of petrol about a mile from home. There was no petrol gauge fitted as it was assumed that any normal driver would regularly top it up with petrol.

One of Dad's went to a function in Llanelli where the Welsh rugby team were appearing. The Bond was so light that even I, a scrawny little kid could lift up the rear end, hence no car jack was deemed necessary either. When Dad came down from his room ready to go home later that night, the car was sitting proudly on top on top of the bar in the hotel lounge!

My Mum never really mastered the Bond and kept stalling it and I can still see her pulling furiously at the optional extra lever inside the cockpit to try and start the engine. There was also a kick start on the engine if you opened the bonnet up but it was pretty well impossible as well as imprudent in those days, for any female to cock one leg over the front member to give it a more meaningful start. The other major downfall of this arrangement was that if you had a puncture on the front wheel you had to call a garage as the Villiers engine was mounted & fixed to said wheel!



### A report and Pics on the Uffington White Horse show on the 25 & 26 Aug.

Out of all the FC3 members that attended over two days it appeared that ourselves were the only members that had never been before (John & Di) but we enjoyed the show that much that there's every chance we will be joining the regulars next year. Martin & Jenny Howard have attended many times and added it to the clubs event diary for August which we thank them for. The show is a local one for Phil and Babs Higston who have been many times in the past. Paul Turner from Blunsdon came along in his VW Camper, Jenny recognised him as one of this years new members and he was soon involved in the conversation on how many years he had been coming to the show. If I remember it was somewhere around ten years. Most of the weekend was spent moving with the sun under the sunshade to prevent burning up in one of the hottest bank holidays ever, we've been told. There was something of interest for every one leaning towards country pursuits, dog show (which was cancelled due to the heat), clay pigeon shoot, meet the animals and Falconry. Wantage Brass Band played most of the afternoon. The highlight for me was the flying display by the Memorial Flight Hurricane. Great show don't forget to put it in the Club Diary for next year.

