

Newsletter



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British Historic Vehicle Clubs

Well here we are at the end of the Summer and what a busy time we have had with all the events that we could attend. The other factor that springs to mind is the extremes of weather that we had to cope with, from 30+ degrees to massive thunder storms but after all, there was always FOOD. But REMEMBER we are British and soon to be even more so after the Brexit vote.

A few events still left - see you there.



All photographs in this issue by Keith Handley

What's Coming Up

September

- ◇ 27th. Ironbridge Gorge Museums contact Bunny Lees-Smith 01666 577 275

October

- ◇ 1st. Autumn Classic Castle Combe contact Bunny Lees-Smith 01666 577 275
- 3D printing Demo Chippenham contact Bunny Lees-Smith 01666 577 275
- ⇒ 12th. Lunch Run contact Barry Cooper 01285 851821

November

- 5-6th. Restoration Show Shepton Mallet see website
- ⇒ 13th. Lunch Run (Remembrance Sunday) contact Barry Cooper 01285 851821
- 27th. Allen Trial Bristol see website

December

- 1st. Visit to Renishaw (Stonehouse) contact Bunny Lees-Smith 01666 577 275
- ⇒ Monday 19th FCCC Christmas Lunch contact Malcolm Cutler 01285 712 173 £25 per person for 3 courses including gratuities & contribution to "Crisis at Christmas"
- ⇒ 28/29th. After Christmas Run contact Bunny Lees-Smith 01666 577 275

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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A warm welcome to new members :-

Ian & Theresa Angus

Peter Barguss

Colin & Penny Morse

Simon & Karen Williams

LAST CHANCE - Likely never to be repeated

ONLY A FEW ITEMS OF FCCC CLOTHING LEFT

Sweat shirts £15 each

1 Large Red 1 large Grey 1 Extra large Red

Polo Shirts £10 each

2 large Red

Contact - Jan Cox 01865 300 929

Chairman's Run Thursday 18th August

30 members and their cars assembled at Chedworth Farm Shop for coffee and instructions of our route to Lower Swell.

Those with soft tops anticipated fine weather so all hoods off. The weather did not disappoint us.

Instructions were specific, there are narrow roads, blind bends and be mindful of other road users. (Even if it's the chairman coming in the opposite direction). Try not to bunch up!

Our route took us through the north Cotswolds, with an intended stop off at Cotswold Lavender.

On approaching Snowhill we eventually bunched up, only to find Malcolm and Jill coming towards us. Were they lost, did they take the wrong turn? No they had been to Cotswold Lavender only to find it closed! So, about turn at the next convenient location and head towards the lunch stop at The Golden Ball pub.

After refuelling the body we made our way to Sezincote. An exotic Indian fantasy with Hindu and Muslim architecture. Charles Cockerell of the East India Company commissioned his brother to build the house in the late 18th century. The house is still lived in and has a homely atmosphere.

Those who made the 5 mile journey were privileged to be able to park in front of the house. We were booked in for the 3.00pm house tour so time to walk the gardens.

With the weather still favourable it was either to the Orangery for a cup of tea or a leisurely drive home in wonderful sunshine.

Thanks to Malcolm and Jill for organising.

Denise & Keith



Aunt Sally

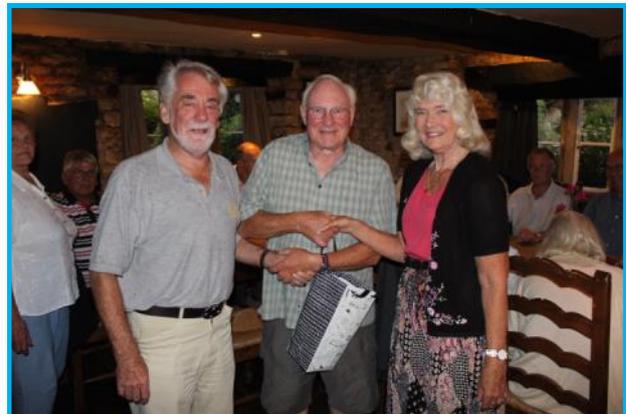
After a very enjoyable run through the countryside of northern Gloucestershire, with a dip into Worcestershire, we arrived at the Golden Ball Public House in Lower Swell.

It seemed very familiar to some of us, which was not surprising since this was where we dined the week before, on the Chairman's Run. Not to worry, good food both times.

After ordering our food we ventured forth into the garden armed with a tiny white dolly and six very sturdy sticks with which to knock her off her pedestal.

As if by magic the worms buried themselves deeper, the pub cat cleared the wall and Air Traffic Control declared the area as NO GO up to 10,000 feet.

For the next hour or so the air was full of flying missiles which only occasionally hit the target (I think they had been practising - how very un-British). By the time the rain came most of us had admitted defeat and were fed up with the boasting of those who by sheer luck hit the dolly. You will have gathered that I was not one of them. Never mind, an excellent meal followed and a big thanks to Dave and Carol for organising both the event and our unruly crowd.



This year's winner John Airey receives his prize from organisers David and Carol Chambers

If you are worried about Ethanol (alcohol) in your petrol here is what one motoring journalist recommends.

ETHANOL

Following on from the final paragraph of my editorial in the last magazine which detailed some of the awful effects which bio-fuels have on classics and older vehicles, Cecil Willcocks called me to mention a product he had found specifically to combat the problems.

Ethanol Shield gets a good write up and is supposed to stop the water separation and keep the fuel good for three years. You add a cap full to each five litres of fuel and the 263cc bottle treats 300 litres.

I found a supplier on the internet and ordered it on-line from www.premiumsawchain.co.uk at £8.99, which included the postage. It arrived within two days.

Steve

