

# Newsletter



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Well it's been an eventful year. Lots of events, mixed weather conditions, from the ideal to the extremely soggy, but we managed to get there and enjoy ourselves.

Those of us who went on the trip to the Shuttleworth collection will recognise the SE 5A alongside. Arguably the RAF's best fighter in WW1 and a real nostalgia generator for those of us who are aero-buffs as well as car-buffs.



## 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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Austin 1300 Vanden Plas Princess  
- not Brian's car but the nearest I could get

**October**

- ◇ 7 Autumn Classic at Castle Combe contact Bunny Lees-Smith 01666 577 275
- ⇒ 18 FCCC Lunch Run contact Barry Cooper 01285 851 821
- ⇒ Week of 23rd. PROVISIONAL Visit to Bob Houghton's Ferrari workshops  
Contact Malcolm Cutler 01285 712 173

**November**

- ◇ 1 Trip to National Oceanographic Centre Southampton  
with Cirencester Science & Technology Society (see their website for details)  
contact Bunny Lees-Smith 01666 577 275
- 4 -5 Restoration Show Shepton Mallet website
- ⇒ 14/16 PROVISIONAL Stan Dibben Talk at The Trout Lechlade  
contact Malcolm Cutler 01285 712 173
- ⇒ 15 FCCC Lunch Run contact Barry Cooper 01285 851 821

**December**

- ⇒ 18 FCCC Christmas Lunch at the Crown of Crucis details to follow
- ⇒ 28 After Christmas Blues Run contact Bunny Lees-Smith 01666 577 275

**January**

- ⇒ TBA PROVISIONAL Talk "Carriages to Concord"  
contact Malcolm Cutler 01285 712 173

**ADVANCE NOTICE**

- ◇ The Churchill Classic car show for 2018 will be on June 10th.

### Farewell to Brian

On a sunny September morning a group of us joined Sheila Moore, her family and friends to say our farewells to Brian who after a brave eleven years fight against leukaemia passed away on the 10<sup>th</sup>. September.

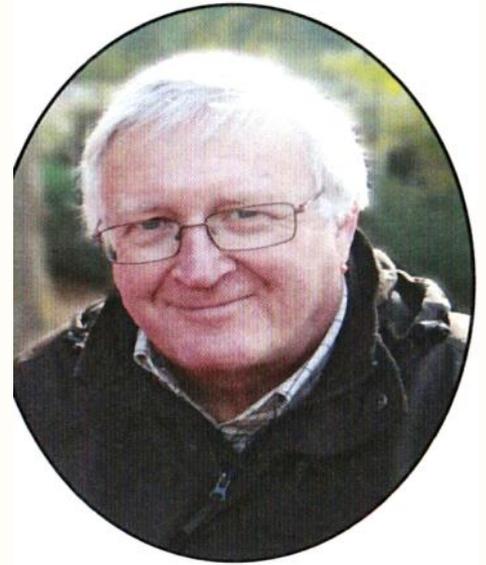
The funeral was cheerful, reflecting Brian's approach to life, and between the strains of Glen Miller's orchestra we learned of Brian's life and of all the good memories his friends and family had of him.

His daughter Tracey was particularly brave giving us an insight into their life growing up with a fun-filled dad.

The whole proceedings finished in the style Brian would have approved with the strains of *"Always look on the Brightside of life"* from the film *"Life of Brian"* as we said our farewells.

Your wry sense of humour and always twinkling eyes, Brian, will certainly be missed by all of us.

Good to have known you.



### Visit to the Shuttleworth Collection



Cardington Airship Sheds build site of R31 to 38 and R100 & R101



The DeHaviland Comet DH 88 "Grosvenor House"

To those of you who know nothing about this collection it is a museum of working aircraft and associated items of transport, set up by his mother, in memory of Richard Shuttleworth who was killed when flying in action in the First World War.

It has expanded considerably since I used to visit it regularly when I lived in Hertfordshire. It now fills six linked hangars housing aircraft from the early Box-kites through a large collection of bi-planes and monoplanes up to some Hurricanes of the second world war. What's different is that they are all in flying condition and if you can visit on one of their Open Days you will see such venerable planes taking off from the grass airfield outside, weather permitting. I remember seeing, on a windless day, the box kite and several early bi-planes staggering into the sky at speeds which only just allowed them enough lift to do so. The amount of aircraft and associated exhibits can keep you occupied for more than one day.

On the way there Bunny had arranged for us to detour via Cardington to see the hangars or more correctly Airship Sheds in which airships for the RAF from R31 to R38 and later the R100 and 101 for the Imperial Airship Service were built.

We weren't allowed on site but the size of them is awe inspiring. They say that the steamship RMS Lusitania could be placed inside each and the doors closed. I remember going into them when I was in the RAF and NO it was not in the Airship days.

There was also some magnificent Swiss Style gardens and as FCCC members always like to know an excellent Café.

A thoroughly enjoyable day. Well done and thanks to Bunny for organising our visit.