

Wigtownshire Yesteryear Transport & Machinery Club

Newsletter December 2011

CLUB INFORMATION

Our Club website is open to a wide range of readers so please remember that the content reflects on the Club and its members. Nothing derogatory, contentious or rude please. The Committee have full editorial control. No phone numbers will be shown on the site but key members will have an email address linked to the site. Thank You.

YOUR COMMITTEE

The Chairman is Alan Hadfield, on 01988 500 029 or juahad@btinternet.com
Vice chair Ian Clarke - 01776 870441, while your motor cycle rep is Bob Hill, on 01671 404426 or bnbhill@globalnet.co.uk. The Secretary is Liz Hamilton and the Treasurer Eric Hamilton. Both can be reached on 01671 403926 or ehamil@globalnet.co.uk. The car rep is Fred Cannon on 01988 402496 or BISHOPBURN@aol.com. The commercial rep Sam Miller on 01776 707319 or dkmillason1@btinternet.com. For military and stationary engines contact Bob Downie on 01776 820614.

NON COMMITTEE

For website information and changes contact the Secretary on the phone number or email address stated above. To access our Web Site go to www.wytmc.org.uk.
Editor is Sandy Millar on 01655 770393 or sandy_millar@btinternet.com.

Ed's Bits

Here we are again, happy as can be,
what jolly good fun again, doing the Christmas Tree.

I wish a Happy Christmas and a prosperous 2012 to all of you out there, and apologies to those of you at the Xmas lunch last Sunday who thought that I had sprung to my feet as a prelude to a speech. I was sorry to disappoint, but the words at the forefront of my mind were definitely not for public consumption. I had been struck by a bout of cramp in my thigh and my standing up was the safe option for the shins of those sitting opposite me.

We have more Christmas wishes within and we have a request for help in a search for a car that will get us buckling to with the grey matter. Malcolm Buckler is asking for assistance in locating one of the cars that bears his name.

Ed.

MINUTES OF MEETING DECEMBER 05 OR WAS THAT 11

Oops, meeting of December 5th was cancelled because of the weather, wasn't it. Just as well the meeting of December 11th wasn't, otherwise we would've gone hungry.

It's amazing how one can fall into a habit isn't it, page 2 does not seem right without Thumper's minutes does it. Still we will have to make do with a photographic record of the attendees at the December 11th event.

You can see in the picture below, taken by ace snapper Eric, the jollity and eager anticipation. Eric has another slightly less festive message for us following the picture, yes it's subs again.



MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS

Just a quick reminder that membership subscriptions were due for renewal on 01 December 2011. New members who joined after 01 August 2011 do not need to renew until December 2012.

Eric, Treasurer

XMAS GREETINGS FROM OUR LEADERS

We would like to thank all Club Members for their support over the past year; we could not have carried out the duties of our posts without your help. We would also like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and to those members who have been in indifferent health or lost loved ones during the past year, we wish you a healthier and happier 2012.

Liz and Eric

DATES FOR THE DIARY IN 2012

Mon 02 January: No Meeting

Mon 06 February: Club Meeting – Florence Clarke

Mon 05 March: Club Meeting – AGM

CAR CLUB CRACKERS

How's this for a motto in the cracker that I got at the Xmas lunch -

Why did the mechanic go to sleep under the car?

He wanted to get up oily in the morning.

Appropriate for a car club or what?

MALCOLM BUCKLER'S CALL FOR HELP

We have had an email from Malcolm Buckler of Buckler Cars on the Isle of Man asking for assistance in locating a Buckler car that was understood to have been campaigned at events in our area. Consequently he wondered whether long term peninsula residents may have seen the car at events on the peninsula. I also know that a good number of us have stayed elsewhere in the UK before landing on the peninsula, but this wider catchment of knowledge may also be helpful.

The email follows so thinking caps on everybody. Malcolm says -

Dear Fred and Sandy,

This is a long shot but I have been trying to track down any history about a Buckler 90 Sports/Racing car, original registration **OS 9864**.

Most of the rumours of the car seem to have been in Northern Ireland, where it was believed to have been exported possibly by a dealer called Malcolm Templeman. As Malcolm is a bit of a Scottish name, maybe he was also in your area.

The Buckler 90 cars were built from 1954 onwards and this one had the correct Buckler space-frame chassis and works all enveloping aluminium body. So unusual that anyone involved with it would remember. Maybe you had a motor club doing competition in your area in the 1950's?

OS9864 is a very elusive car. A similar car came up for sale in Ireland or NI a few years back but then disappeared before we could get details. Even if it does not exist, the Buckler Register would love to fill in the missing links and this week a man wrote to us who had competed alongside it in NI. The engine in it was a tuned Ford 1172cc sidevalve, possibly with an O.H.I.V. conversion.

I do not have a photo but here is a similar Buckler 90 and one also appeared in the I-Spy Book of Sports Cars in the 1950's :

MALCOLM INCLUDED HIS PHOTO HERE

Yours sincerely Malcolm Buckler (Isle of Man).

www.bucklercars.com

Malcolm can be contacted through the above mentioned web site. His photo is on the following page.

MALCOLM'S PICTURE OF A BUCKLER 90

The following picture is of a car that is similar to the one he is trying to locate.



And this is Ian MacDonald's car that he has advertised for sale in this newsletter

4 SALE – CARS, COLLECTIBLES, SPARES, SUPPLIES

(Deadline for inclusion is 10th of the month of issue to allow for processing)

(Please also note that ads will continue to appear until the advertiser tells me to remove the ad either by phone or email, thank you.)

CARS

Austin

CAR FOR SALE - 1934 Austin 10/4 Lichfield Green over black. Most of you will know the car.

Call me for details - **Bob Hill 01671 404426**. I am looking for £4750. Moving on to another.

1935 Austin 10/4 Lichfield Saloon. Black. Original Registration. Lovely old car restored in the 1990s. Few Owners since new. Since restoration has been very reliable. Exterior Good. Interior good but with some wear. Engine runs well and otherwise mechanically sound. Good Tyres. M.O.T. to December 2012. This car is on the road most weeks all the year round. Not Concourse condition but could be made so with T.L.C. Some spares and Original Austin Handbooks. Drive it home for £4300. Cash Sale Only. Contact: **Ian Macdonald (5926)** for details.

Tel:- 01988 403364 (S.W. Scotland) or weebooks@globalnet.co.uk

Morris

1967 Morris Minor 2 door in rose taupe in very good all round condition - only the passenger door handle to fit when I get the bits. Really sweet runner. Call for details - **Bob Hill 01671 404426**. I am looking for £2650.

SPARES

Saab

Saab 99 glass – 2 laminated windscreens and a selection of rear side windows for Combi hatchback and 2 door booted saloon. Please call Sandy on **01655 770393**

Saab 900 glass - 2 rear windows and hatchback glass from 900 hatchback. Free to good home. Please call Sandy on **01655 770393**

Vauxhall

Water Pump to fit the following – Magnum 1800/2300 saloon/coupe with viscous fan, 1973 on, free to good home, phone Alan Hadfield **01988 500029**

Tyres

2 Michelin Cross Ply tyres with good side walls and roughly 3mm of tread. Size 4.75/5.00 x 18". Free to a good home. Buyer collects. Contact Bob Hill **01671 404426**.

Please Note. After some discussion at a recent club meeting I have been asked that Club Members who want to advertise their cars or spares as “reasonable offer” please help their fellow members by quoting a price.

WANTED

Morris

PARTS WANTED - Passenger door locking handle assembly for 1967 Morris Minor 2 door - anyone got one or know where to find one. **Bob Hill 01671 404426.**

Wanted- car cover suitable for a Morris Minor Traveller. I would be pleased to hear from anyone with one to sell, any ideas where I might get one?

Please contact me first by text on 0777 559 1400.

Francie Bainbridge (Glentroot)

Wanted – red seats for a 2 door Morris Minor. Also wanted any spare parts.

Contact Alex Robb, Darvel, Ayrshire (01560 428161)

Ford

Wanted – Ford Transit van, Long Wheel Base, High Top, phone Alan Hadfield on 01988 500029

TRADE SUPPLIERS

Batteries

Lincon Batteries, Southend on Sea, Essex, supply batteries by post if required, the acid is also supplied complete with instructions on how to fill the batteries. (Their prices compare very favourably with more local suppliers. Ed) **Their number is 01702 525374/528711.**

Upholstery

Lyon Leathers Ltd, Northampton, can supply **leather skins** for small and large projects. Small parts, e.g. straps and gaiters, can be made to measure. **Telephone 01604 639346**

Engineering

Thomas McKean, Precision Engineers & Engine Reconditioners, 66 Annan Road, Dumfries - **tel: 01387 253091 Fax: 01387 259877**

MoTs

Edinburgh Hill Autos, Stranraer will offer a deal on MOTs (both classic and more recent vehicles), mention the club when booking in, **Phone 01776 702451**

New Address

Sandmill MoT Centre, Commerce Road, Black Parks Industrial Estate, Stranraer
MoTs @ £40, old and modern cars, m/cycles, 3 wheelers, campers & minibuses, very competitive rates for tyres, Ring Harry or Jamie on **01776 889635**