

# Wigtownshire Yesteryear Transport & Machinery Club

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## 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.

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## ***Ed's Bits***

I was hoping to give you a positive update on the solution to Alan & Judith's computer problem by now. The good news so far is that their card issuer has accepted the attack as fraud and refunded their payment. I am however still making slow progress in sorting out the computer. I hate admitting it, but it took me three goes to get the right discs with which to take copies of their photos and such like. I got the correct ones yesterday, and have now made the copies. Now I can get on with the rebuild.

We have a write up of the visit to the new Motor Museum in Glasgow. I am disappointed that we did not go but we had grand children with us for that week. We did have an outing. As the 14 year old had been studying aspects of the Vietnam war for history, we took them to the Devil's Porridge Museum at Gretna. Transport was not overlooked, there is one of the cordite factory's fireless, yes fireless, steam locos on display.

Switching to diary matters, there are a few reminders within this newsletter. We have subs and Xmas lunch reminders.

**Ed.**

## **WYTMC MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 2011 MEETING.**

The meeting opened at 7.45 pm with 20 members present and apologies from Lesley Garbutt, Alistair, Alan & Judith, Ian & Helen, Derek & Lynn, Margaret K. and Derek & Valerie.

Ian C. opened the meeting in the absence of Alan with a welcome to the penultimate meeting of the year and introducing our guest speaker, Mrs Terry Brewis, who would be giving an insight into the workings of a Lord Lieutenant who has to live in the area of their appointment. Mrs Brewis proved to be a very interesting speaker as the Lord Lieutenant of Wigtownshire. The position is by appointment to the Queen with advice from the Prime Minister and our own First Minister. The position has been in existence since the 12<sup>th</sup> century in England and the 14<sup>th</sup> century in Scotland. The original remit was to be responsible for the raising of localised armed forces with a gradual move into judicial duties, now no longer applicable in the present day.

Nowadays the position is as the Queen's representative in the area, also being the senior military presence in Wigtownshire with, among other things, close contact with the local Cadet Force. In our overall area of D&G There are three Lord Lieutenants - Wigtownshire, Stewartry and Dumfriesshire.

Within the UK there are 47 in England, 35 in Scotland and 8 each in Northern Ireland and Wales with about one third of that number being women. Apparently only the men get to wear the impressive uniforms involved. There are also moves to try to widen the scope of the appointment in that, at present, it invariably falls to the upper class who can afford to hold the position bearing in mind the costs involved and the low level of return by way of expenses. Terry herself comes from a humble background rising to hold a senior position in the Civil Service and listening to her talk and the liberal sprinkling of anecdotes contained therein you can well understand how she came to the appointment.

The Lord Lieutenant is involved in the Honours Lists proposing possible recipients for such awards. This leads to the fact that the British Empire Medal is to be re-introduced as this can be awarded to local people whereas all the other honours, eg MBE and OBE, cover applicants of national importance. This is a very welcome move as there are a large number of very deserving people who miss out because London has never heard of them.

The main event for 2012 will be the Queen's Diamond Jubilee with a Garden party with Lochinch Castle the likely venue and this involves a great deal of work by the Lord Lieutenant and colleagues to organise. This talk was both very interesting and entertaining and Ian C then handed over to John K who proposed a vote of thanks and Liz handed over a thank you gift. Well worth attending the meeting.

Liz then gave us the latest numbers for the Christmas Lunch, 35 so far, so still spaces left. Please make sure you have your menu choice and payment in by the end of November.

Florence will be giving the talk in December - adventures in the mountains and there will be no meeting in January. The AGM will be in March as already agreed. If anyone has any suggestions for a speaker for any future meeting please let Liz know.

The raffle was then drawn with Joan taking 1<sup>st</sup> prize and Billy the 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Ian C. then closed the meeting at around 8.30 and explained that Alan and Judith were not in attendance because Lynn was poorly and they were with her and Derek at their home. I have since heard that Lynn is much better and we all wish her well.

**THUMPER**

## ***CHRISTMAS MEAL (SUNDAY 11 DECEMBER)***

**So far we have 43 names for the lunch.**

Date: Sunday 11 December  
Time: 12 midday for 12.30 p.m.  
Venue: Bruce Hotel, Newton Stewart  
Menu: See below  
Price: £14 per head  
Booking a place: as soon as possible - it will be first come, first served with a limit of 54

Closing date for menu choice: **Tuesday 30 November** - menu choices and money to me please

Phone (01671 403926) or email: [ehamil@globalnet.co.uk](mailto:ehamil@globalnet.co.uk)

### ***MENU***

#### **Starters**

**Soup of the Day** (served with warm crusty roll)  
**Chef's Homemade Pate** (served with Scottish oatcakes)  
**Melon & Sorbet** (fan of honeydew melon with a scoop of refreshing sorbet)

#### **Main Course**

**Traditional Roast Turkey** (with all the seasonal trimmings)  
**Roast Sirloin of Beef** (with a creamy pepper sauce)  
**Salmon** (with lemon and dill sauce)  
**Vegetable Risotto**

#### **Sweets**

**Traditional Christmas Pudding** (smothered in brandy sauce)  
**Homemade Cheesecake**  
**Eton Mess** (a mix of berries, cream and meringue)  
**Chocolate Fudge Cake** (warm, moist sponge covered in chocolate fudge sauce)

#### **Tea or Coffee**

## ***VISIT TO THE GLASGOW MUSEUM OF TRANSPORT.***

On the 26<sup>th</sup> October our bus departed Newton Stewart at 8.30 picking up on the way at Stranraer, Ballantrae and Girvan and continuing with a pretty full complement of passengers to arrive at the Museum around 11. Going by bus was the prime choice for several reasons. You do not have to drive yourself - you do not have the hassle of parking - you can look at the scenery and just generally relax and enjoy. We also need to acknowledge the driver, Bobby, one of the smoothest drivers I can think of. We arrived on a reasonable day to the new site ready for our free entry to the museum. One of the great things about Glasgow is that museums are free giving access to all who are interested.

The new museum is very different from the originals. I remember my visits to the old Tram Depot on Albert Drive where, if my memory serves me correctly, it was a wonderful clutter of everything from the massive South African Railways engine, the Autogyro, cars and motorcycles plus multitudes of transport- related items and a big emphasis on Shipping.

The move to the Kelvin Hall made it all a bit more accessible to the public and followed the same basic theme as Albert Drive but with more space to move around. At this point it is worth noting that Glasgow has a great deal more in storage in their Maryhill and Nitshill depots. On speaking to attendants at the new museum I was told that public access by arrangement was possible at the Nitshill depot but not at the Maryhill depot. Application can be made through the museum. That might be worth looking into for a future date.

The new museum certainly had a wonderful display of transport of all forms plus the period displays of shops and the Glasgow Underground better known as the Clockwork Orange. The only problem with a lot of the displayed items was that they were wall mounted and could not be closely scrutinised. It was nevertheless a very good display of all types with some units more accessible than others to satisfy the enthusiast. There was insufficient identifying labelling in some cases - unless you knew what you were looking at it could be difficult. There was also a strictly 'no touch' policy, understandable in view of the number of young visitors. One of Glasgow's schools had their pupils visiting on the day we went. The youngsters were involved in drawing exercises, choosing their own particular subject, mostly cars, and some of the drawings were of a very high standard. Just as an aside, when you see all those well behaved young people engaged in something worthwhile it gives you hope. We never get to hear about the good ones. It is also worth mentioning the well organised cafeterias and overall the whole concept was well done. We also had the sailing ship, Glenlee, moored outside to visit if you wished. If you were lucky you would also get a view of the Waverley moored just down river.

Talking about the modern approach to museums reminds me of my visits to the old Engineering and Science museum in Birmingham which was a clutter of everything you could think off related to the subject, but was heaven for anyone of an engineering or scientific bent. They had never heard of health and safety. This was

closed and a new unit built which, for want of a better phrase, was dumbed down to some extent, but was much “safer” and involved a lot more graphics and up to date technology which certainly seemed to attract a much wider range of visitors, children included. I suppose these things have to be a balance to appeal to the widest possible range of people.

We all then rejoined the coach to head for Maidens and the Malin Court for High Tea at around 5.30. This turned out to be very good indeed and we all dined well on a typical Scottish High Tea with main course followed by scones and cakes - very tasty and very filling.

We then rejoined the coach for the homeward journey reflecting on the good day out in good company with like minded people - we really are lucky in this club of ours. Thanks to all who came along, to Liz and Eric and to Kings and their excellent driver Bobby. A good day was had by all.

**THUMPER.**

## ***DATES FOR THE DIARY***

### **DECEMBER**

Mon 05 Dec	Club Meeting – Florence Clarke
Sun 11 Dec	Xmas Dinner – Bruce Hotel, Newton Stewart

### **JANUARY 2012**

Mon 02 Jan	Club Meeting - CANCELLED
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## ***WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS***

Barry and Pamela Welch, Dailly

## ***MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS***

Membership subscriptions are due for renewal on 01 December 2011. Renewal forms are enclosed with this Newsletter. If you do not have a renewal form enclosed you are paid up for 2012. New members who joined after 01 August 2011 do not need to renew until December 2012.

**Eric  
Treasurer**

**Club member Bob Hill asked that this postal scam be included in the Club's newsletter. Please take care in case you are contacted.**

Please be aware and pass on to as many as possible thanks.

## Postal Scam:

Can you circulate this around especially as Xmas is fast approaching - it has been confirmed by Royal Mail. The Trading Standards Office are making people aware of the following scam:

A card is posted through your door from a company called PDS (Parcel Delivery Service) suggesting that they were unable to deliver a parcel and that you need to contact the m on 0906 6611911 (a Premium rate number).

DO NOT call this number, as this is a mail scam originating from Belize .

If you call the number and you start to hear a recorded message you will already have been billed £315 for the phone call.

If you do receive a card with these details, then please contact Royal Mail Fraud on 020 7239 6655.

For more information, see the Crime Stoppers website:

<http://www.crimestoppers-uk.org/crime-prevention/helping-prevent-crime/scams/postal-delivery-scam>

## **4 SALE – CARS, COLLECTIBLES, SPARES, SUPPLIES**

(Deadline for inclusion is 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

#### **Land Rover**

**1976 Land Rover 88 Hard Top Series 3**, original reg no MAD 208P. Owners pride and joy, young family forces sale. New Galvanised Chassis and Bulkhead 2002.

New Tyres and Wheels. MOT, 2.25 Litre Petrol Recon, Gas Flowed Head fitted

Otherwise Standard and in First Rate condition. Price £2,500. **Call 01557 330668**

#### **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 (Glentool)**

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

**Contact Alex Robb, Darvel, Ayrshire (01560 428161) (Apologies for wrong contact details in October newsletter – Liz)**

### 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**