

Wigtownshire Yesteryear Transport & Machinery Club

Newsletter October 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
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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.
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Ed's Bits

Autumn is here now and the clocks go back shortly, anyone know when? We had a wee reminder of summer at the October meeting when David Carle brought in his two BP publicity films. Now you have to help me out on this one, I can't remember what the other car that featured in the film about the Bullnose Morris rebuild. The challenge for you is to tell me the make and model of the car Bob refers to in his minutes below in ***italics and bold***. It is possible that there is another reference to it elsewhere in the newsletter, so all readers can participate, not only those who saw the film. Answers on a post card to me at the November meeting please.

Oh, I nearly forgot, one of the recent FBHVC newsletters contained some great news, the Cheque Lives On, is their title. Apparently the plan to end cheque clearing in 2018 has been abandoned.

On a different financial note, I have a warning about a computer related scam that has reared its ugly head on our peninsula. Full details within.

Ed.

WYTMC MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 2011 MEETING

The meeting opened at 7.40 pm with 18 members in attendance and apologies from Leslie Garbutt, Ian and Joan and Frank and Margaret.

Alan opened by welcoming all and then handed straight to Liz who confirmed timings for the Glasgow Museum visit as follows :-

The Bus will depart from Newton Stewart - Dashwood Square or the Riverside at 8.30 am. Liz will confirm actual collection point after consultation.

Stranraer Breastworks, opposite the Police Station at 9.00 am.

Ballantrae next to the Garden Centre at 9.25 am.

Girvan Harbour at 9.45 am.

Arriving at the Transport Museum at 11 to 11.15 am.

The Bus will leave again at 3.30 pm to get us to the Malin Court Hotel for 5.30 pm Afternoon Tea. We still have a few seats left as we have 36 confirmed so far on a 48 seater Bus. If you have any names to add please check availability with Liz.

Liz confirmed the Christmas Lunch at the Bruce Hotel will cost £14 a head.

Remember Terry Brewis will be speaking at the November meeting.

Liz then closed with a general update on the SVVF and confirmed she and Eric will attend the Perth AGM.

Over now to David Carle who had a couple of promotional films produced by BP in the late fifties and early sixties. The first was a 1959 Italian production intended to promote BP as a family friendly company showing a small town Petrol Station. It was entitled "Guisseppina" after the featured little girl. It also featured the classic stereotypes of American and British tourists of the time. The film also won an academy award in 1961.

The second film was called "The Home Made Car" from 1963. This covered the discovery of a Bullnose Morris in a local scrap yard (those were the never to be repeated days) and the story of the young man getting it back on the road with the help of the little girl next door and his St Bernard among others. Needless to say he completed the job and won the Girl against competition from a Hooray Henry who badly mistreated his **sports car**.

Both of these films were further used on television as trade test colour films, being used from the late sixties through to 1973. Alan then thanked David for providing the films and equipment followed by a round of applause.

The Raffle was won by Bob Arnott with Judith taking second prize.

With no further business Alan declared the meeting closed at 8.55 pm.

THUMPER

SOME MORE ETHANOL NEWS FROM THE FBVHC

FUEL NEWS

ETHANOL: CORROSION, COMPATIBILITY, AND COMBUSTION

There is still a great deal of misinformation being printed about ethanol in spite of some very detailed facts being freely available on our website. In response to members' concerns we have distilled this information into three more easily digested paragraphs: **Corrosion, Compatibility and Combustion.**

Corrosion in fuel tanks and failure of traditional materials used in fuel systems due to incompatibility with ethanol may cause fuel leaks. Because fuel leaks create a high risk of fire or explosion, these matters have been given priority in extensive articles in the newsletter since October 2008. The articles show how the problems associated with corrosion and compatibility have been identified. As a consequence the FBHVC commissioned a test programme for commercial additives designed to overcome corrosion problems. Testing began in the second week of July 2011 and will take 13 weeks to complete in order to assess how well each additive responded to ethanol which will be progressively aged over the test period. Those products that pass the test will be entitled to carry the Federation's endorsement. Some of the products are sold as corrosion inhibitors but contain other additives as well. This endorsement will be purely for the properties limiting corrosion, there will be no endorsement for valve seat recession or octane boosting properties which will

not have formed part of the test.

There are no additives which can protect against other **compatibility** issues with seals and gaskets etc - there is a compatibility chart on our website where the details of suitable ethanol-resistant products can be found. Previously applied tank sealants, unless specifically designed for use with ethanol, are also likely to cause problems. Motorcycles with fibreglass tanks must check that the type of GRP used is compatible with ethanol.

Combustion, on the other hand, affects only the driveability of a vehicle and poses no significant risk to life or limb. Ethanol has long been recognised as a fuel supplement that improves performance and the FBHVC considers it unlikely that the modest proportions of ethanol in modern fuel will have anything other than a positive effect on the combustion process. Others, who take a different view, have criticised the FBHVC for not doing more to investigate the assertion that the presence of ethanol leads to slow combustion in low-compression engines resulting in poor performance, overheating and damage to exhaust valves. The Federation continues to investigate aspects of combustion with the aid of an independent consultant and the findings will be reported as soon as available.

The above extract is from the FBHVC Newsletter No 4 2011. You will see that there are some issues of corrosion and compatibility but the FBHVC do not have concerns over performance. There has been some discussion outwith the FBHVC on the use of Kerosene in an attempt to overcome what have been perceived as performance issues, but the FBHVC view is that there are more cons than pros in its use. It will probably never bother the owners of such classic sports cars as the Austin Healey 3000 Mk1.

Ed.

COMPUTER RELATED SCAM - WARNING

There is a scam being operated by bogus computer support people with the sole objective of gaining access to your computer and stealing any financial details on the machine. This will enable them to gain access to bank accounts and credit cards to make use of them.

The scam starts with a cold call from a telephone list and the caller offers to sort out a problem on your computer. The caller also is at great pains to give the impression that they are working with Microsoft in order to establish their credibility, however they are not.

Once you agree to let them on to your computer they make use of the Windows "back door", a way in often used by genuine support operators such as BT, and set up a ghost process to control your machine from wherever they happen to be in the world. Having achieved entry to your machine they can seek out user ids and passwords to financial data, e.g. bank accounts and credit cards, and processes such as PayPal.

The reason that I am passing this on to you is that our esteemed and revered Chairman, Alan who has kindly or is that bravely agreed to be named, has been hit by this scam. Having a genuine problem of a crashed computer, Alan was ready to ask for help when it appeared to drop in his lap. Remember these scammers are, as I understand from a reliable source, cold calling and seem to be attacking our area now, but they must find several people in Alan's position every day. Fortunately we believe Alan's loss is minimal as he does not have any financial data on his computer, so it is limited to a payment made to the so called helper on a credit card that has now been reported to the issuer.

Having outlined this scam to you, you must realise that any genuine computer support operator such as BT or Microsoft, or other genuine support operation, **will NOT cold call**. BT only use the ghost operator process after you have called them for assistance as I had to do recently to get an email problem sorted out.

Just remember, be aware or be square. Be aware that these scammers are out there. Be aware that you need a good firewall and anti virus software on your computer. Be aware that it is not safe to save passwords on your computer. There are several good free products available. Happy surfing, Ed.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

OCTOBER

Wed 26 Oct Club Outing to new Transport Museum, Glasgow (see separate article)

NOVEMBER

Mon 07 Nov Club Meeting: Mrs Terry Brewis “What’s involved as Lord Lieutenant of Wigtownshire”

DECEMBER

Mon 05 Dec Club Meeting – Florence Clarke

Sun 11 Dec Xmas Dinner – Bruce Hotel, Newton Stewart (see separate article)

CLUB OUTING TO TRANSPORT MUSEUM, GLASGOW

This trip has been arranged for **Wednesday 26th October**. We have had an excellent response and the coach is now full.

The bus will leave Newton Stewart Riverside Car park at 8.30 a.m, Stranraer Breastwork (opp Police Station) at 9.00 a.m. and then on to the Museum via Ballantrae and Girvan.

We will leave Glasgow in time to travel back to Malin Court, Turnberry for high tea at 5.30 p.m., back to Stranraer and Newton Stewart.

Details will be sent separately to all those going.

Look forward to seeing everyone on 26 October.

CHRISTMAS MEAL (SUNDAY 11 DECEMBER)

So far we have 31 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

MENU FOR WYTMC CHRISTMAS LUNCH

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

Liz

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

Citroen DS20 1972/3, Historic Road Tax, lhd, 5 speed column change, no MoT, complete car for spares or project, some work was done a few years back and the boot floor is still good but there are other rust issues. The car will need to be trailered and I will deliver anywhere on the Dumfries & Galloway peninsula at my cost. I would like £150 for the car. Please call Sandy Millar on **01655 770393**.

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**.

WANTED

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 (Glentroll)

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

Contact Alex Robb, Newmilns, Ayrshire (01560 329184)

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

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.

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**

Sandmill MoT Centre, Cairnryan Road, Stranraer,
MoTs @ £40, old and modern cars, very competitive rates for tyres,

Ring Harry or Jamie on **01776 889635**