

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.

YOUR COMMITTEE

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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.
Editor is Sandy Millar on 01655 770393 or sandy_millar@btinternet.com.

Ed's Bits

Did anyone see the hurricane that the BBC promised to deliver a couple of days back? I know from the news that it made a wee bit of impact further north, but for one who experienced the 1987 hurricane that crept up on an unwary Michael Fish and hit the south east coast of England, Katya was a bit of a damp squib. As the news reports of 1987 referred to all the damage in the south east and none in East Sussex, it seemed that we had been blown away altogether, but Katya only managed to rock the camper a wee bit at the Prestwick Sainsburys car park and make our drive home a bit twitchy.

That's enough of extreme weather, let's turn to the 2011 show season. How did we do? I have to admit to not having been to any show but our own. We had a few family commitments down south. That aside, it seems that we had some success with awards, more of this later.

Ed.

MINUTES OF WYTMC SEPTEMBER 2011 MEETING.

The meeting opened at 7.30 pm with 22 members in attendance and with apologies from Lesley Garbutt and Susan and Tommy Campbell.

Alan opened by welcoming all to this, our first meeting after the summer break. He commented briefly on the events throughout the year so far, a pretty good outcome in spite of the sometimes difficult weather. The 14 members who ventured to Edinburgh reported a good time had by all. He then handed over to Liz.

Liz told of two letters received from the Sandhead Gala people with many thanks for our support along with a cheque for £30 and from the Glenluce committee with a cheque for £50 both looking forward to our participation next year. Both responses very much appreciated.

She also confirmed that the new website was up and running at a cost of £190 to revamp it and including the first year's hosting. 10 pages are available so plenty of space to add your own ideas - just let us know.

Turning now to the proposed visit to the Glasgow Transport Museum, Liz had figures from three Bus companies, Kings, Stagecoach and McLeans with prices to hire from £350 to £450. Kings came up as the best bet and it was proposed we hire their 49 seater for £360. Wednesday 26th October was suggested with start point collection at Newton Stewart at 8.30 or 9 am collecting on the way at Stranraer, Ballantrae, Girvan to get to the museum at 12.30 or thereabouts. Then return to get to the Malins Court Hotel, Maidens, at around 5.30 for High Tea. Costs would be £10 each for coach and £13 each for the High Tea. High Tea would comprise a main course plus tea, bread and butter followed by scones and cakes. Good choice of dishes to choose from and we will be asked to state our choice. A good day out for all. Liz will show the menu elsewhere in the newsletter. Please also keep in mind that if we have any spare seats we can bring a friend from outside the club on a first come first served basis.

Turning now to the Christmas Lunch it was agreed that the Stoneykirk venue was a bit tight for space and an alternative should be sought on this side of the county. With this in mind Liz has spoken to the Bruce Hotel in Newton Stewart and they can handle 60 in their Dining Room with potential to expand into the Function Room. We would have sole use of the area from 12.30 pm until the last one departs (flexible). The deal would cover a menu comprising starter, main course, sweet and coffee for a charge of around £15 per head negotiable. The suggested date was the Sunday nearest the 11th December, in fact, the 11th. Liz will issue confirmation and menus in due course.

Two votes of thanks were proposed, firstly to Freddy and Shirley for the BBQ set up and facilities. The Treasure Hunt proved to be just the right length followed by the BBQ ably cooked by Brian and Derek and all the others who piled in to make it a successful day blessed by pretty good weather by the usual standards we have been

getting. The second vote of thanks went to Joan for the organisation of the Edinburgh weekend.

We will, as a Club, be sending a Sympathy Card to Susan and Tommy. Susan's brother has died, in his mid fifties. They are in our thoughts.

Turning now to future meetings we have two features lined up. Firstly at the November meeting we will have Terry Brewis the Lord Lieutenant of the county and she will be giving a talk on what is involved in holding such a position.

For the October meeting we have two film shows lined up. David Carle has two short promotional films produced by BP around 1962 which should give some interesting flashbacks. David will bring a TV. Alan also has a couple of videos on the early days of the Austin Motor Company covering the manufacturing processes of the early 1930s.

Liz then handed back to Alan who asked for any other business and there being none the raffle was drawn with Ian Mac taking first and Eric the 2nd.

Meeting closed.

THUMPER.



For those of you who have not been to the old Transport Museum, this is a wee link from the minutes to Liz's plans for our trip to the new museum on October 26th. The snap shows what I have nicknamed Kiddies Korner containing the Linwood connected cop car and the J40 which is a major interest of our 38 year old kiddy and

the others, including a red and yellow example of our 42 year old kiddy's first car.
Ed.

CLUB OUTING TO TRANSPORT MUSEUM, GLASGOW

This trip has been arranged for **Wednesday 26th October**. The bus will leave Newton Stewart at 8.30 a.m, Stranraer 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.

A 49 seater coach has been booked and at present will cost approx £10 per person depending on how many book. Can members please let me have names as soon as possible so that we can book places. If you know of someone outside the club who would like to join us, please let me know their name and we will start a waiting list.

Meal at Malin Court will cost £13 per person (see attached menu). Menu choices will have to be booked in advance, therefore please let me have your choice as soon as possible.

Cost of bus and meal (non-refundable) to be paid in advance to Liz.

Menu For High Tea At Malin Court After this Trip

Malin Steak And Onion Pie

Deep Fried Breaded Scampi Served with Salad Garnish and a Wedge of Lemon

Breast of Chicken Stuffed with Haggis in a Mushroom Cream

Homemade Lasagne

Poached Fillet of Cod in White Wine and Parsley Sauce

Ayrshire Ham Salad Served with Home Made Chutney

Poached Salmon Salad with Lemon and Chive Dressing

Penne Pasta in a Tomato and Sweet Pepper Sauce Glazed with Parmesan Cheese (v)

Served with French Fries and Vegetables

Presented with a Pot Of Tea and Bread and Butter

Selection of Scones and Cakes

Price for high tea: £13 per person

WINNER OF BEST CLASSIC CAR
SCOTTISH ALTERNATIVE GAMES 2011
NEW GALLOWAY

In Ed's Bits I alluded to winners this year. Well, here we have won, oops, a wee Freudian, I meant one winner.

Here is that winner, Liz, with her trophy and that well known Allegro that won her the trophy.



WYTMC CHRISTMAS MEAL - SUNDAY 11 DECEMBER

Date: **Sunday 11 December**
Time: **12 midday for 12.30 p.m.**
Venue: **Bruce Hotel, Newton Stewart**

Menu: **See below**

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 to me please.

Phone Liz (01671 403926) or email: ehamil@globalnet.co.uk

Liz

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

Price: reduced to £14 (after serious negotiation!!)

DATES FOR THE DIARY

OCTOBER

- Mon 03 Oct Club Meeting: Dave Carle with 2 films - "Guiseppeina" (1959) and "The Home Made Car" (1963)
- 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
- Sun 11 Dec Xmas Dinner – Bruce Hotel, Newton Stewart (see separate article)

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**

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

MG

MGB panels & wheels – Free to a good home, 2 MGB Roadster front wings, 1 roadster passenger door, 5 Rostyle wheels with part worn tyres, all these in good condition, 1 driver's door that needs to be reskinned. Please call Graham Seel on **01776 853694**

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. **Ed.**