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EDITORIAL

This month we are featuring everything you got up to on Drive it Day, looking back at last year there's not quite so much activity this time.

A quick reminder about our photo competition. Entry details are now included: e-mail your entry to publicity@stag.org.uk.

National day bookings are going very well but the closing date is the 19th of June so if you're intending to come you'll need to book in in the next couple of weeks.

Quite a few articles this month on modifications that members have done to their to their stacks. Some are quite extensive but others more modest and generally helping safety and drivability.

Looking back, does anybody remember this modification done to a Stag? I think I published the picture in an April edition of the magazine a few years ago.



Carl Fuss

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The Security liaison officer would be expected to be able to advise members on various security options to keep their car safe. And occasionally produce articles for the magazine or website.

SHOW SECRETARY

Shows, Budgets & Area Equipment, This is heading up a team to organize and put on the stands and displays at the national shows where the club has a presence. These are the NEC Classic Car Show, Silverstone, The NEC Restoration Show and the Triumph and MG Spares show at Stoneleigh.

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY AND TREASURER

I'm sure you will have seen in the magazine the intention of the membership secretary and treasurer to step down at the AGM in 2027. Or possibly before if suitable candidates come forward.

At present we are evaluating membership systems so if you're thinking of applying for the post now is the time to put your hand up and get involved in the choice of system for the club moving forward. The whole point behind giving such a long notice period is to make sure we get the right person and have a orderly handover.

So if you're interested in any of these posts, please contact the secretary.

For more information on the above positions please contact the Club Secretary: secretary@stag.org.uk

DIARY DATES 2026

- Stag Owners Club National Weekend**

This is being held at the same venue as 2025. The Old Warden Aerodrome Bedfordshire known as Shuttleworth. The dates are 4th and 5th July.



- Stag Owners Club AGM**

This is returning to the usual format of a social weekend as well as the AGM. The venue is the Sedgebrook Hall Hotel, Northampton. The dates are 28th and 29th November.



NOTES FROM THE COMMITTEE

JUNE 2026 UPDATE

For those interested in Club history, here is the final part of the Honorary Members appreciation articles which have been published in the last two magazines .

Emma Airey

There are few people who are able to contribute to a private members club from the outside as it is the very point of a private members club that it is dealt with from the inside. However, Emma has rather bucked that trend and she was given honorary membership during 2024 in recognition of the assistance that she had provided to the Club from her position within the insurance industry – more specifically in respect of the special club scheme operated by Richardson Hosken, later RHS Specialist Insurance Services.

I have known Emma since she was the highest Club insurance contact that we had back in 2017 and since then she has provided support from 'on high' as RH moved through different ownerships. She is currently Affinity & Relationship Manager for the personal insurance arm of Howden UK&I (now, there's a job title !) and continues to provide the club with both a contact and a friend within the difficult sphere that the insurance world currently occupies.

Lesley Phillips

I think that everyone who has been involved with the Club at an organizational level knows Lesley as for nearly 30 years she has assisted anyone who needed support or advice.

Roger and Lesley joined the Club during 1988 and Lesley volunteered to take on the position of Social Secretary in 1995, organizing the major Club social events such as the AGM weekend and the British attendances at the European Meetings – as well as taking the major responsibility for those meetings when it was the turn for them to be held on British soil. For her hard work Lesley was made a Vice President in 2003 but went one step further in 2006 when she was voted to be the Club's President, a position that she held until 2024.

Although the position of Social Secretary disappeared in 2006, Lesley took on the responsibilities of representing the Club at meetings of the FBHVC as well as becoming the Club's representative on the Triumph Forum. In 2024 the Triumph Forum awarded Lesley the Harry Webster Memorial Trophy for her work in Triumph circles.

For many years, Lesley (and Roger) attended Club committee meetings as 'observers and assisters' and it was no surprise when she took on the positions of International Liaison Officer and Co-ordinator Liaison Officer when they became vacant in 2009 and 2017 respectively.

Relinquishing all her positions in 2024, Lesley has again resumed her Club work as joint FBHVC Representative and was made an Honorary Member and an Honorary Vice President during 2024.

Stuart Soutter

Stuart is another early member of the Club, joining it in 1981 and was very quickly volunteered (according to him) to be the Club's Spares Secretary at a time when Unipart was divesting itself of those spares which they considered as 'redundant'. These were good times to be in supplying Stag spares and the operation grew to the point where Stuart could no longer run it from behind the sofa in his front room. As a consequence of Stuart's success, he was the obvious choice as the main director, employee and worker in SOC Spares Limited, when it was set up as a separate company with its own premises in Sutton Valence.

Stuart was obviously the best person to be the Club's SOC Spares representative and, despite that position becoming redundant, the company still trades out of appropriate buildings at Stuart's home in Kent.

As part of the Spares operation, Stuart commissioned the manufacture of parts and the tooling necessary. He was an obvious choice to be part of the SOCTFL Ltd. guidance team and what people do not realize is that Stuart is still there using and commissioning tooling and having new parts manufactured on behalf of Stag owners everywhere and assisting SOCTFL Ltd. whenever appropriate. It is for the 44 years that he has given to the continuance of the Stag model that Stuart was made an Honorary Member in 2025.

Julian Buckler

Neither Stuart nor Julian are household names, even in Stag circles, but both are quiet people who sit in the background and give continually to the Stag cause.

Julian is one of the important members of the SOCTFL technical group and has been providing engineering solutions and technical support to the company for a number of years. Over the years he has made his own the job of creating 3D CAD models for projects, a laborious but necessary and highly skilled operation.

At Club level, Julian is well known in his local area for always being available to help other members, whether it be a bit of advice on a repair or assistance at the roadside.

Julian's commitment was rewarded with Honorary Membership in 2025.

Peter Robinson



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* indicates that an honorary member is deceased.

THE CLUB AT UPCOMING SHOWS

• Silverstone BRDC

Silverstone this year is on the 24th to 26th July. Our club code for tickets is 021CCD2026

Go onto silverstone.co.uk/events/brdc-classic at the bottom of page enter code.

2026 SOC PHOTO COMPETITION

'CLASSIC TRIUMPH STAGS IN CLASSIC BRITAIN'



There is still time for you to enter our 2026 Triumph Stag Members photo competition.

This May and June, we're inviting all members to take part in our SOC 2026 Photo Competition – a celebration of this timeless beautiful car set against the very best of British scenery.

Think iconic, atmospheric, and unmistakably British: your Stag parked outside a charming country pub, framed by rolling countryside, or proudly positioned in front of a grand stately home.

The theme – 'Classic Triumph Stags in Classic Britain'

WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR

- High-quality, striking photographs
- Creative compositions that capture both car and setting
- A true sense of British character and charm
- Technical details as below*

WHY ENTER?

The winning images won't just earn bragging rights – they may be featured in our official club marketing, including brochures, magazines, and promotional materials. That means your car could become the face of the club and be admired by enthusiasts far and wide!

PRIZES

We're delighted to offer some fantastic rewards for our top entries:

- **1st Prize:** £100 Insurance Voucher with Howdens plus £100 voucher with Rimmer Bros
- **2nd Prize:** £100 Voucher with Rimmer Bros
- **3rd Prize:** £50 Voucher with Rimmer Bros

LET YOUR CAR SHINE

This is your chance to combine photography, passion, and heritage into one unforgettable image. Whether you're an experienced photographer or simply love your car, we encourage everyone to get involved. So polish that chrome, find the perfect backdrop, and start snapping – we can't wait to see your masterpieces!

Entries to be submitted during June. More details on how to submit your photos in the June issue.

TECHNICAL DETAILS AND HOW TO ENTER

- Please submit high-resolution images suitable for print (minimum 300 dpi).
- Accepted file formats: JPEG or TIFF (high quality, minimal compression).
- Ensure photos are sharp, well-lit, and in focus (avoid blurry or pixelated images).
- Do not add watermarks, borders, or text overlays.
- Basic editing (colour correction, exposure, cropping) is allowed, but no heavy manipulation.
- Please submit the original file where possible (not screenshots or compressed social media versions).
- File size should ideally be under 10MB
- Include your name and photo title in the file name or submission details.

Please send your high-resolution entries to publicity@stag.org.uk, including your name and photo title.





STAG MODIFICATIONS

EAST SUSSEX AREA MODIFIED STAGS



Several members of the Sussex have been writing about their Stags and the modifications they have made. These are from Richard Rawlings and Paul Vincent.

THE STORY OF THE STAGUAR

About 22 years ago I received a tip about a non-running Triumph Stag. It was in a yard by some garages in Eastbourne.

Being curious I made arrangements to check it out and maybe buy it. It looked OK, very dirty, obviously not a runner. I had it delivered to my house the following day and checked it out.

After changing the petrol pump the engine started and I ran it around the drive. All appeared fine. Next mission was a MOT. It failed on some welding on the chassis. Around this time the East Sussex Area were planning a trip to Laon, North France so I booked the Staguar for my son and his wife to drive and I drove my Rover 3.5 engine Stag. Everything went well and the trip was most enjoyable.

History of the 'Staguar'

In 1992 a certain Group Captain Wyndham Powis Welch of St. Leonards purchased the Stag with a reconditioned engine for the sum of £6,000 from Skinners of Battle, East Sussex. He lived next door to a retired Skinners engineer named Bill Slacke. I am only guessing but probably after a few bottles of wine the Group Captain was convinced to remove the Stag engine and replace it with a Jaguar engine. I've got all the files for the 'transplant' and its very detailed in all areas.

For example, cost of engine, structural work, suspension work, body work, and many other alterations for a total cost of £2,444.85.

Labour costs

- Cash payments to Bill - £6,800
- Cheque payments to Bill - £6,044.40

This Staguar has been used regularly every year and has covered many carefree miles including runs to the West Country, Liverpool, York, Oxfordshire, Hampshire, and all south coastal areas. It's been to many car shows including Basingstoke, Bromley and those in the East Sussex area. It gets lots of interest at shows and people are amazed anyone would even think of exchanging a Stag engine for a Jaguar engine. Is it the only one?

Technical details

- Registration number – XXE 770M
- Automatic gear box
- 2.8 L Twin overhead camshaft engine
- MK – carmine red, Tan interior

Richard Rawlings



MY TRIUMPH 2500TC ENGINE STAG – APP 114J

The 166th Stag off production line, built 3rd July 1970. Pictures show the Triumph 2500TC engine in situ.

12th April 1999

Dr. R. Fisher sold vehicle to Dr. A. Meachin in Hampshire. 89,000 miles on clock. Dr. Meachin carries out a full bodywork overhaul, documented in pictures. Pictures show the Triumph 2500 TC engine in situ.

2003

Engine gets a rebuild, also documented in photos.

No written documentation of when the Triumph 2500TC engine was introduced as yet. I'm going to delve into The V888 form, which allows individuals to request information about a vehicle from the DVLA's records. Hopefully this will unveil some information.

A work in progress!

Paul Vincent



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DRIVE IT DAY 2026

A ROUND UP OF WHAT OUR AREAS GOT UP TO THIS YEAR

This is a resume of the Drive-it-Day activities – go to the area reports in the Out and About section for full details.

BEDFORDSHIRE & NORTHANTS ▲

A big thank you to Richard and Wendy Hare for coming up with a run and organising the printing of the route and the finishing point of a lovely Farm café. 10 Stags turned up at the car park at Woburn all managed to leave in convoy as they left to go through the Woburn Deer Park, But due to road closures over the weekend Richard had come up with a quick revision to the route but still all managed to stay together

◀ BRISTOL

We had a thoroughly enjoyable drive of over 100 miles on National Drive It Day in April. Blessed with glorious weather, we gathered at the Cross Hands Hotel in Old Sodbury, just up the road). Our route then took us on a merry jaunt around the Wiltshire and Gloucestershire countryside, finishing at a suitable hostelry where we were fed and watered.

CLEVELAND ▼

The following day, Saturday April 25th was time to meet up for our drive down to Dudley to take part in the MAC Classic on the Sunday which was to be our Drive it Day event for this year. We had a route of 109 miles to cover in order to get to Shelsley Walsh and the famous hill climb.

COTSWOLDS ▲

A record turnout for us this year and the greatest number of encounters with other classics en route, all of which were duly saluted to the point of arm ache. Most occupants smilingly responded, but I have noticed that drivers of certain marques maintain a vice-like grip on the steering wheel while staring grimly ahead.



DEVON ▲

It was good to spot other classic out marking Drive It Day as we drove across the Dartmoor. Many thanks to TSSC for organising this event and inviting the SOC along.



ESSEX ▲ ▼

April was our Drive it Day organised by Bob and what an excellent day it was. Scenic drive up to the Eastern Colne Valley Railway and then on to a Sunday carvery. We were blessed with sunshine and tops were down. Thank you Bob and of course Elaine for organising the day.



NORTHUMBRIA ▼

Drive It Day on 26 April was another great day because we had special permission to park our 25 classics in front of the main entrance of Grade I listed Belsay Hall around the lawn where our display of Triumphs had been advertised to the public by English Heritage.

HERTS & NORTH LONDON ▲

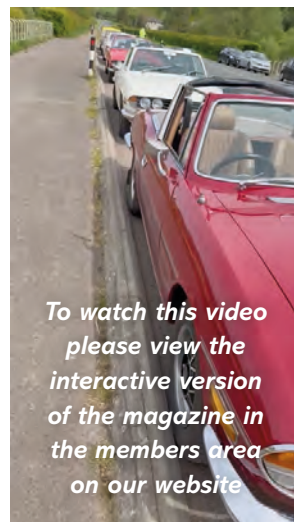
Nine Stags met up in the Monument car park of the Ashridge estate for a planned 35 mile drive through the beautiful countryside of Herts, Beds and Bucks. We set off with lots of people waving to us as we headed out in convoy towards our eventual planned stop at the Garden Centre at World's End. Eight cars headed on for our lunch destination at The Stag at Mentmore.





SOMERSET & DORSET ▲►

We had decided to combine Drive It Day with our Sunday Lunch and a drive over the Mendips. Six Stags and a daily runner (still due to poorly Stag) met at Podimore Services for a scenic run over the Somerset Levels towards Cheddar where, we drove up Cheddar Gorge towards our lunch at East Manor Farm Cafe on the banks of Chew Valley Lake.



SOUTH WALES ▼►

A day of mixed fortunes is how I would describe Drive it Day this year – See our area report! Start of run (Cwmbran Boating Lake carpark, right) with Bristol and South Wales members, and end of run (Tintern Abbey, below).



SUFFOLK & NORTH ESSEX ▼

A dozen Stags assembled in the ever popular supermarket carpark at a very respectable 11 o'clock for a lovely drive through the stunning Suffolk countryside including a bizarre deviation through a co-op carpark (the wisteria on the grand house opposite the exit was worth it though) in Debenham to our first stop at the Long Shop Museum in Leiston.



SURREY ▲►

We were lucky to have a warm sunny day for our visit to Leeds Castle, Maidstone, Kent, at the end of April. We met at the Clacket Lane Services on the M25 and then drove on to Leeds Castle. Most of us displayed the "Child-Line Drive It Day Plaque" so hopefully we raised a bit of money for the charity.



WEST OF SCOTLAND ►

Drive it day was our first outing this year for the club, we decided that as its the first time most of the cars are back on the road after a winter layoff, this year we would do an easy run. Meeting up at Bothwell services we headed over to the next set of services near Kilmarnock to meet with David and Theresa before continuing on down to the Ayrshire Coast.



◀ WEST YORKSHIRE

'Drive it Day' run. Once again the weather was on our side and with a good turn out of cars too I'm sure I counted 21 Stags and 2 normal every day cars joining in. this run headed into South Yorkshire but we made our start at Blacker hall Farm where some took time to refuel our bodies while others just had coffee/ tea. Leaving the farm behind us we then travelled through some small ex mining villages passing by at least 3 golf courses still heading south and more mining villages Woolley, South Hiendley, Brierley and towards Hemsworth. Heading through Hooton Pagnell towards Sprotbrough and on towards Conisbrough passing some strange named lanes such as Hangmans stone road, into Conisbrough passing the castle on our righthand side then onwards to Worksop, Bawtry Rossington and ending the run at Doncaster at the South Yorkshire Aircraft museum.



WILTSHIRE ▼

Our Drive It day run was a great success, we had six Stags on the run, which met at the Three Trees farm shop for coffee and a chat, it was a lovely warm sunny morning as we drove off on Peter and Judith's organised run



WORCESTERSHIRE ►►

How lucky we were with the weather, the forecast was not good but on the day it was dry, so good top-down motoring. There were 14 cars and 26 members, so an excellent turnout. We met at Liberty Leisure, junction 5 of the M5 for tea and coffee before setting off through the lanes of Worcestershire and Shropshire. The route took us through some scenic villages, and along the River Severn with its bluebell woods, to Bewdley, a busy, popular town where the Stags made quite a presence. Thank you to Christine and Tony for organising this year's excellent Drive-it-Day.



WE'LL HAVE SOMME OF THAT BATTLEFIELD TOUR IN LE STAG AND LE JAG



*Our Cars at
Lochnagar Crater.*

For some time now my wife and I have been fans of a musical duo called Green Matthews; a duo with a difference because they also run a small travel company. They play music from any era on musical instruments appropriate for the time.

Every year they visit historic battlefields such as Waterloo and The Somme employing the services of an historian who accompanies the tour. This makes such a difference as all the salient points are explained in detail. The numbers are small, 30 maximum, which makes for an informal gathering as everyone seems to get on. The hosts, Chris and Sophie have researched the itinerary in detail and are present all the time. At the end of the weekend, they perform a concert of songs that would have been sung at the time of the battle on appropriate musical instruments. Last year we visited Waterloo with them and this year it was Ypres.

We decided to drive to Belgium in our Stag, and some friends we had met on a previous Scenic Car Tours trip were keen to come along with us in their Jaguar XK8. After a planning session over a few glasses we decided to extend the trip to take in a few days visiting the Somme which is an easy route from Ypres.

On a sunny April morning we set off with fingers crossed (re cars!) and lots of enthusiasm keeping in touch via Whats App. The trip to the Channel Tunnel was surprisingly easy, maybe because it was the week after Easter. The A3 was clear, the M25 had no speed restrictions and the M20 was virtually traffic free. A good omen.

Once in France we drove in convoy into Belgium to stay the night in Diksmuide. After a pleasant night we explored the charming town centre and visited the 246 feet high, Yser Tower. This is a memorial to the First World War Yser Front and the Belgian dead. The tower has 22 floors, each one with fascinating artifacts and displays explaining different aspects of what happened there.



*Peace Gate from the top
of the Yser Tower.*



Peace Gate and Yser Tower.

Thankfully you start this museum visit at the top of the tower. This is reached by an express lift to the viewing platform. Here you can visualise this hard-fought battlefield which is virtually unknown in the UK.

We then had a brief visit to the Dodengang or Trench of Death. This is the last remaining intact section of Belgian trench. It runs alongside the peaceful and beautiful Yser River which was the front line from 1914.

From there it was only a short drive to Ypres to join the rest of the group on the Green Matthews Tour at the delightful Albion Hotel. That evening we attended the very moving Last Post ceremony at the Menin Gate followed by dinner at a local restaurant.

The next morning Dave Allton, the group Great War historian and expert, walked us around the town pointing out various points of interest and visiting some important cemeteries. After lunch we visited the Kazematten Brewery which is where the famous Wipers Times was printed. Of course, there was a delicious beer tasting followed by a bit of a sing-song of WW1 era songs. It is amazing, given the distance in time, that most of us were able to sing along without the song sheets provided.

The following day we were taken by coach to visit Langmark German cemetery, St-Charles-de-Potryze French cemetery and Tyne Cot British cemetery along with Hooge Crater Museum.

That evening we attended the incredibly moving Green Matthews concert – The Men Who Marched Away at St Georges Memorial Church. This is an Anglican church in the centre of Ypres, which is covered, floor to ceiling with memorials of various soldiers and regiments that suffered in this area. The kneelers each represent a regiment that fought in the Ypres/Passchendaele area.

The following morning, Le Stag and Le Jag set off, leaving the rest of the group and headed towards Armentieres and Vimy Ridge Canadian Memorial. This enormous white stone memorial has a commanding view of the surrounding countryside and can be seen from many miles away. It is easy to appreciate why it was such a key objective. The surrounding parkland has not been cleared of munitions and cannot be accessed. The grass is kept short by a flock of sheep. Presumably (and hopefully) they are too light to set off any of the buried explosives. We then headed off to Arras for an overnight stop

The following day started with a visit to the CWGC headquarters in Beaurains. Here in the assembled workshops in the visitor centre all the Commonwealth War Graves headstones are cut and exported all over the world. In addition, there are woodwork and metalwork shops producing gates and fittings for the cemeteries in their charge. There is also a mortuary for bodies that are still being discovered. Serendipitously, whilst delving into one of the computer archives at the centre, I discovered another relative of mine who had died in WW1 and of whom I was unaware.

We then went on to visit Lochnagar mine crater. This 70 feet deep and 330 feet wide crater was caused by 27 tons of explosives. When it was exploded it blew earth



4000 feet into the air. It is peaceful now and while we were there was being visited by a respectful group of Swedish students.

Onward to Albert we visited the fascinating Somme 1916 museum sited in rather claustrophobic tunnels underneath the Basilica of Notre Dame de Brebières. It also has an unusual gift shop, selling original WW1 artifacts.

Just a short drive further we visited the Newfoundland Memorial. This memorial, in an area of original front line trenches is now set in beautifully maintained parkland.

At the Ulster Tower we had the honour to meet Nigel who was there to restore a memorial to Ulstermen who won the VC. One of the medal holders named was his great uncle.

The final stop of this busy day was at the Thiepval Memorial. Designed by Sir Edwin Lutyens in commemorates the 72,337 British and South African servicemen who died on the Somme and who have no known grave. It was an especially atmospheric visit as it coincided with claps of rolling thunder at the start of a storm.

We were very glad to reach our overnight stop, Hotel de la Paix in Bapaume and after a superb dinner and restful night drove to Dieppe.

The seafront hotel was delightful, and we were recommended by the hotel to eat at a nearby fish restaurant that served the local speciality - Marmite Dieppoise, a rich fish and seafood casserole. Delicious.

The following day, after a relaxed start we drove to Fecamp for the final visit of the trip at the Benedictine distillery. This is housed in a French neo-Gothic and neo-Renaissance masterpiece. It also houses an incredible museum of objects collected by the founder of the brand. Interestingly, the largest sales of the liqueur are made in Burnley. This a result of returning Great War soldiers of the East Lancashire Regiment having acquired a taste for the drink while stationed in France, people in Burnley, England, drink Bénédictine with hot water, known as "Bene 'n' 'ot". Of course, this required a tasting and visit to the shop!

The final leg was to the ferry port in Le Havre where we caught the overnight ferry to Portsmouth.



Newfoundland Memorial.



Thiepval Memorial at the start of a storm.

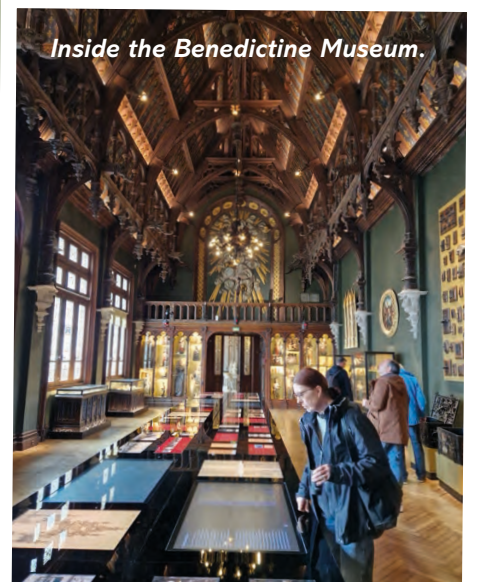
After a fast transit of passport and customs formalities we were home at 09.30 and the car washed and polished and put away by midday.

In this 750 mile round trip both cars performed effortlessly. We are now looking forward to next years Green Matthews trip which is to the Lines of Torres Vedras outside Lisbon.

David Small (29008)



Gothic Renaissance fantasy that is the Benedictine Distillery.



Inside the Benedictine Museum.

KNOW YOUR STAG #44A

THE IGNITION SYSTEM (ADDENDUM)

I can well remember writing about the ignition system which was the subject of last month's article and I can well remember writing about the ballast resistor – even down to remembering to take a photo of the position of the thing sitting next to the coil. But can I find that writing in what was published last month? No, I can't.

I have no idea what happened to this part of the article but I was reminded that I had not actually told you all about this vital piece of equipment by one of our more observant members in Sheffield. Thank you Mike, take a bow as it is not the first time that Mike has reminded me of things I should have said.

It is difficult to add the ballast resistor to the front of an article about windscreens (the intended subject of this month's article) as it just doesn't sit right, so this month will just be a very simple 'addendum' to last month's main article on the ignition system and you will have to wait until July for that vital information about windscreens.

The Ballast Resistor

What was missing from last month's assessment of the ignition system was the reason for having a ballast resistor in the first place. I may have waxed lyrical about what happens if you don't have one but I did not tell you the main purpose of the thing – which is to produce a 6V potential drop across the coil when starting from a 12V battery voltage.

If you remember, the use of a 6V coil is to allow for the best worlds in both a starting and a general running condition but as the battery voltage is 12V, how do you achieve a regular 6V across the coil terminals? The answer is to put a known resistance in series with the coil which 'uses' some of that 12V, and if you use a resistance which is roughly equal to the resistance of the primary coil circuit, then the 12V will be roughly equally shared between the resistance and the coil – hence by having a 'ballast resistance' in series with the coil you can achieve the required 6V across the coil in the normal running condition.

Where Is the Ballast Resistor?

I doubt very much if I have inspired you to go and look closely at your Stag to identify all the various ignition parts but if you have glanced into the engine bay you may be wondering where this ballast resistor is – especially if you have a later Stag.

Early Stags (up to LD 20000 – i.e. up to 1973 model year cars) have a fairly obvious block of white porcelain which should be fixed with a small bracket to the LH side of the main coil bracket i.e. bolted to the inlet manifold with the same bolt which fixes the coil in place.



A ballast resistor (part no. 134176). Quite a complicated item just to provide a fixed resistance in a circuit.

This has two terminals to one of the long faces – one wired to the coil (white/orange) and one wired (believe it or not) to the windscreen washer switch (white and slate) from where it gets its initial 12V.

'But I do not have a white porcelain blob in my engine bay' I hear you cry. That is because at commission number LD20001 Triumph worked out that it would be cheaper to incorporate a deliberate resistance wire in the loom to replace the separate ballast resistor, the bracket, the terminals and the separate wires. This wire is represented in the relevant wiring diagram as a thick black line, colour coded as pink/white and the 'power' end is now connected via a plain white wire directly to terminal 19 in the fusebox.

Of course, it was almost 'de rigueur' in the seventies and eighties to play about with the wiring in this area, I have no idea why but the fitting of electronic ignition is only one of many ingenious ways of messing about and introducing new coloured wires. So if you don't quite have what is described, have a close look at anything which has those blue coated crimp terminals and see what messing has been done before blaming the wiring diagram for being inaccurate.

Now you can read the May article with a better knowledge of what I was talking about when I mentioned 'ballast resistor' or 'ballast resistance'. My apologies for the initial potential confusion (no pun intended).

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NOT SO STANDARD ANY MORE

MY STAG 47 YEARS AND MANY MODIFICATIONS LATER

I wonder how many others like me there are in the Stag Owners Club? I have owned my car for 47 years. Now, I know John Wreford in Devon; who I have toured with in earlier years; had a Stag registered in the same year, which he bought from new, whereas I was the fourth owner of mine, in two years, but I know he sold his ; but how recently?

I can think of a few names I have known, down very many years, but I don't really know about their cars. I bought our Stag in exchange for my MB B Roadster and £2,000 in 1979. In 1984, another Stag owner at work suggested I joined the SOC, which I did.

An early simple adjustment I made was to the boot. I put in an MDF divider plate, splitting the Boot compartment in half, laterally, but perhaps keeping the floor plate above the Spare Wheel a little larger. To the right of the Divider, are a gallon of petrol, spare oil, Coolant, Gearbox oil, Power Steering Fluid, Jump-leads, Chamois leathers and so on. A full range of cleaning solutions, mostly Auto-glym. Ultimately, this side is fully packed. Without removing any of the packed right-hand side of the Boot compartment, I can fold the carpet right, remove the left-hand floor-plate and easily take out the spare wheel, after my modification.

Long ago (1999), after coming 3rd in a Concours inspection at the Norwich Stag gathering car show. After this, I decided that to spend 3 days on a holiday long-weekend in East Anglia, under my car, polishing and cleaning, rather than raging around and having fun, was not a good enough reward, as good as a 3rd place was. Since then I have gone rather more high-tech', along with many others, not changing the look of the car, but ...

My inspiration was Lesley Phillips' husband, Roger. At various meetings I was fascinated by his modifications, particularly moving the Alternator across and adding a Header-tank. I began by ditching the Twin Stromberg's and buying a Twin-Choke Weber, set up and modified

especially for the Stag by Chris Spain. That certainly made the old girl feel like a new car !

Now, this is a bit of a memory test, but I reckon I have fitted the following non-standard items:

1. Oil-Cooler.
2. Spin-off Oil-Filter.
3. Stainless-steel exhaust system.
4. Re-ground Crankshaft, Tuftride hardened.
5. N/S mounted Alternator (as opposed to standard O/S mounted)
6. Graduated, 3-speed Electric Water-pump (as opposed to Jack-shaft driven, single speed)
7. Digital, Coaming mounted, Digital Water-pump / Fan controller and monitor, (with displays of battery condition, Fan mode and Water-pump speed mode and cylinder-head temperature – a Davies Craig Australian Race modification)
8. Hi - torque Starter Motor
9. Competition Coil and large-gap Spark-Plugs.
10. Heavy-duty Battery : 70 Ah (standard battery is 35 Ah)
11. Electronic Petrol Pump (as opposed to old-fashioned oscillating one)
12. 3-point Central Locking
13. A Rally Dead-switch – a removable key which kills all electrics, so no flat battery when left a while.
14. Immobiliser, (isolating Ignition and Fuel-pump, plus a warning siren, when you turn on the Ignition, to remind you to de-select the immobiliser.)
15. Electric High-Efficiency Cooling Fan (binned the one attached to Crank-shaft)
16. Header-tank (additional 2 litres of Coolant in the flow system, additional to the Radiator)
17. Five-row Radiator. (standard is three)
18. Alternator Fitting kit for Upper, L.H. position (standard is lower R.H.)
19. Coolant fed to R.H. Cylinder bank, via special plumbing (standard is L.H. only)
20. Weber Twin-choke Carburettor and Modified Engine Manifold.
21. Additional Catch-box for Breather Oil spray.
22. Perspex Wind deflector and rear compartment Tonneau cover
23. No Thermostat (rendered obsolete by this control system)
24. Two manual over-rides for Cooling fan (emergency only) from different electrical circuits.
25. Stainless-steel, logo-ed cover for Carb' Air Filter



26. Wiring modified so that when the ignition is off, the Headlamps go off.
27. Stainless-steel pipes replacing all external pipes around engine.
28. Modified Differential: strengthened, altered gear-ratio.
29. Datsun Constant Velocity Half-shafts.
30. Cool-running Ignition Coil, (mounted outside the engine bay, in the Plenum Chamber, and thus immune to over-heating)
31. The original Odometer was old and slipping, so I fitted a Caerbont Automotive Systems digital unit, which reads the rotating stainless steel bolts on the Propshaft and transmits this through an interface to the new instrument, that looks like the original. You can enter bias figures and thus match what you are reading from your mobile phone GPS App.
32. Blaupunkt Radio / DAB / FM / CD system, which also takes Music USB drives. (with five speakers, including a Sub-Woofer, fitted on a solid aluminium frame, behind the rear seat)
33. The Sub-Woofer is controlled by a volume switch, velcroed to the transmission tunnel, by the driver's left knee.
34. Switches and status light for the Fuel-pump, (which allows me to empty the fuel lines when I park and the engine is hot. When I next need to drive, I can supply cool fuel to the carbs, which gives me a clean start every time.)
35. As a concession to me being a bit old and deaf, there is a microphone sited beside the Fuel-pump and a small speaker beside the Handbrake, which before I start, allows me to hear the fuel pump until it has filled the Filter before the Carb intake. This means a clean start, when the carbs are ready.
36. I fitted 195 tyres all around, being the largest diameter not to catch the wheel arch. Obviously this necessitates changing the bias in the Digital Odometer.
37. I have put a tiny switch beside the Boot-light, so as I can switch it on and off at will.
38. Noticing the rear Lamp cluster was scratched and clouded, I had new ones fitted, with two-tone lamps in the Reversing lamps, wired to the stop-lights, giving a much-improved rear display.
39. All the indicator-lights and switches in the cabin are mounted below the coaming on wooden panels I hand-carved in Pitch Pine.
40. I removed the Rocker Boxes and had them powder-coated a nice Silver-grey colour.
41. A couple of years back, I had the car closely inspected for rot and before re-spraying, a metal worker welded in new panels as required. I believe that there were 18 areas needing attention. He had a very interesting system. He coated all his repairs with fibreglass resin to finish. The Sprayshop undersealed over this, preventing rusting beneath the underseal.



42. I substituted the rusting inertia switch with a new style, from Rimmers, that is more reliable.
43. I had Koni Shock-absorbers fitted all around, plus those purple, hard bushes everywhere, to give a better ride.
44. The Bonnet Deafening retainer-plates have been replaced by stainless steel ones, but instead of rivets, captive Allen screws

I ordered most of my spares, down the years from James Paddock, in Chester. Pretty much all the work on my car has been done by Danny Taylor. He had been the Service Manager at Neil Ross Motors, in the North East, at the launch of the Stag and once I had met him, I took my Stag to three different garages, as he moved around the place. When he retired he modified the garage at his house into a major workshop, with an overhead gantry and everything and continued to look after a wide variety of Classic Cars.

A lot of money has been spent renewing parts, as they wore out and keeping the car roadworthy, but those are not modifications. It has had four front wings in its time and three boot lids. Then there are sills. An exchange Gearbox. The engine has been out twice. The usual stuff, I suppose. There was 21,000 miles on the clock when I bought her. Now it stands at 135,000 miles. I have never been stranded and had to get the bus home.

I have heard it said that with a modern car, its value drops £2,000 each year, regardless of constant care and good maintenance. Now I wouldn't regard a classic car as an investment, but it does hold its value. I do think that the tens of thousands I must have spent on it, in its lifetime are well spent, for the pleasure of ownership and the fun of driving it and the family holidays.

Anyway, in a few weeks' time, I report to Edinburgh Infirmary for a major heart Op' and there will be no driving for a few months after that. Someone else should have this Stag and see if they can nurse it towards that Classic Volvo Es-1800, with 300,000 miles on the clock.

Malcolm McDougall (8484)



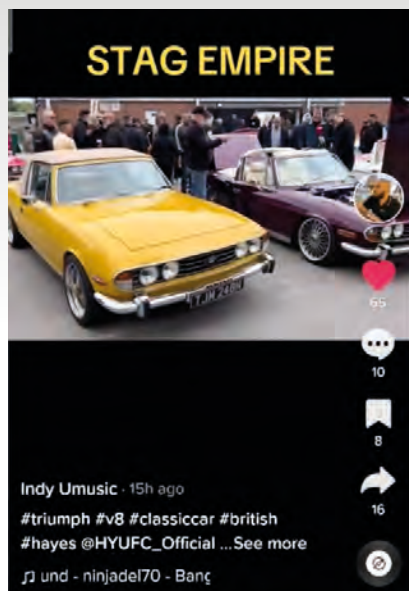
THE STAG EMPIRE SHOW

Six Stags from the Herts & North London area met up at the Miller & Carter car park in Rickmansworth to set off in convoy for this unique event.

Unfortunately we arrived at the event late due to a bit of a muddle with directions on the way. However once parked up and looking around I was very impressed with the quality of the modified Stags there. The atmosphere was welcoming, inclusive and very friendly. I think I counted 54 Stags at one point and that is great turnout for what could be classed as a 'local' show. I, for one, am already looking forward to the next event!

There were also a few running repairs going on with parts and spares being interchanged freely to ensure nobody was left stranded! That is a measure of the Stag community that we are a part of and it was great to see.

Peter Goodman





I've been chatting with Parmo about the Stag Empire show, a club member who is now in Derby. Parmo had a chat with the main organiser, Indy. It gives you a bit of background about the show and the people involved and we hope to get more info later on – Carl.

"Indy phoned me yesterday, we had a 45 minute conversation which went really well. He said the show was more of a success than he thought it would be, that the turn out was pretty amazing, and he was very pleased that some SOC members came and enjoyed the event. They are planning a Cruise event in the next few months from Windsor through a couple of boroughs and back, it's the Sunday 12th July, more details in July issue. See right.

Indy told me about his Stag journey from when he was a kid, it's a bitter sweet story that may even bring a tear or two. I told him about my Stag story, being about 6 or 7 years old and seeing a beautiful yellow convertible on the way to school, to 50 years later when I got one myself.

We also spoke about the situation in Southall back in the 1980s; he remembers being a kid and hearing stories from his Dad and Uncle about the two rivalries at the time – one side owned Stags and the other guys on the other side of Southall owned a few Capri 2.8 injections. I lived down there when I was 18 for a few months, my mate Pete and I got to know guys on both sides and enjoyed our time down there, but seeing those beautiful Stags on a Saturday afternoon cruising down Broadway was a great sight!"

Parmo Johal

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WATCH THE VIDEO

Hi guys & gals, spotted a video today which gives a good flavour for the Show last Sunday.

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– Chris Liles, Norfolk Area

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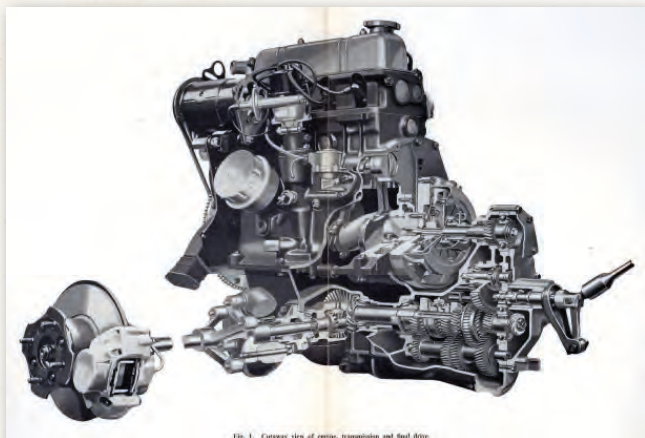
THE CLUB STAG ARCHIVE

The Triumph Story, Part 27 – Project Ajax

Having sorted out the large car slot in their sixties product line-up, Triumph went back to the small car as they knew that the Herald idea would not last forever. Discussions started in late 1961 but there was plenty of work on and it was not until May 1963 that the final style was agreed.

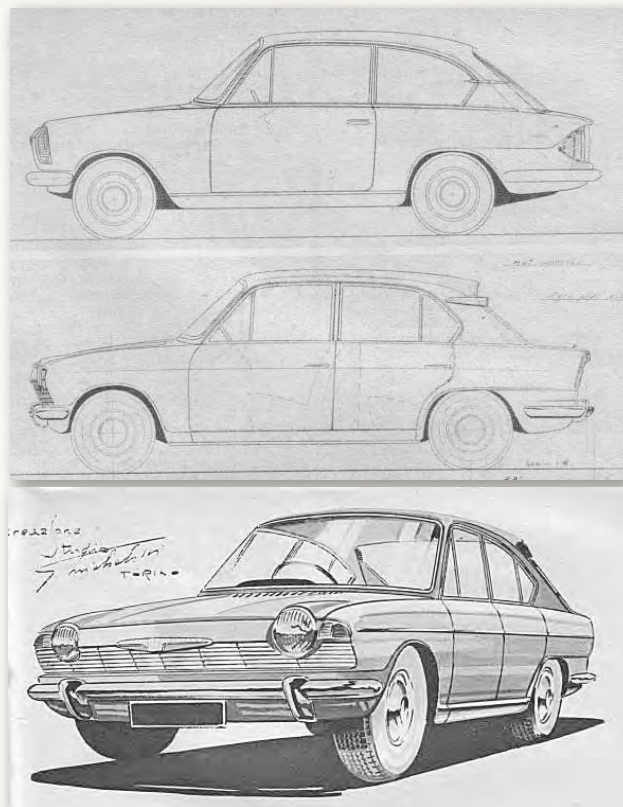
A First Within Triumph

Harry Webster had been thinking of front wheel drive since his time as Chief Chassis Engineer in 1953 and, with the success of the Mini and then the 1100/1300 over at BMC, it now seemed to be the time to pursue the idea. A study of possible engine/gearbox arrangements was considered before an arrangement of a front-to-back engine position with rear drive to a gearbox mounted behind and below was decided upon. The final drive was under the sump and this allowed for the most compact layout, the easiest from a manufacturing point of view and for a future 4-wheel drive development.



Engine on top, clutch immediately behind, gearbox under the clutch and final drive under the sump with rubber Rotoflex couplings to take up the continual realignment of the drive shafts as the car hit bumps. Compact and tall but simple !

This layout produced a high bonnet position for Michelotti to work with alongside the general instruction that it was to be a 'junior 2000'. The engine was to be the SC Herald engine, bored out to 1296cc while the suspension was double wishbone at the front and simplified semi-trailing arm independent at the rear and the drive at the front was through rototflex couplings. The initial idea was for both a 2-door and a 4-door version.



Some of Michelotti's ideas for Ajax.



Initial wooden mock-up with a very different frontal treatment.



A Later wooden model showing both 2-door and 4-door possibilities on the styling studio turntable at Canley.

As the project developed it became apparent that the new car would not be a suitable replacement for the cheaper Herald. However, the success of the well appointed 2000 showed a niche in the market for a similarly well appointed small car and the 2-door version was dropped.

As with the 2000, a driveable floorpan, suspension and drive train 'birdcage' was constructed and used for road endurance tests. Utilising a 1147cc Herald engine it was given the commission no. X724 while an initial full prototype (X725) was running by January 1964 although the Experimental Chassis Register records this as 'written off, awaiting insurance claim'.

Second, third and fourth prototypes (X732 – AVC 23B, X734 – AKV 265C and X735 – FHP 639C) were completed during the second half of 1964 and the new model was ready for presenting to the public in October 1965 at the Earls Court Motor Show. Interestingly, the second prototype was later fitted with a 1500cc slant-4 engine as part of the Saab test programme while the fourth prototype was fitted with a Borg Warner automatic gearbox, although this did not ever come to production.

Before being announced to the public, it was normal for new models to be announced to the press so that they could write their copy and present the car in their magazines at the same time as the car became public knowledge, thus maximising the publicity hit. This press presentation was often a get together at a prominent hotel where the car was shown off and opportunities to drive the car were available to the invited participants.

I believe that the 1300 was the first Triumph model to take this press presentation to the next level as for the event the publicity department hired hotel space for a week at the private village of Portmerion in North West Wales and entertained selected groups of press people for two days – which sandwiched a late night drinks session attended by the great and the good from the company – including Harry Webster and the newly knighted Sir Donald Stokes. Once wine, dined and been given the freedom of North Wales in a 1300, the group were hustled off to be replaced by the next group.

Good food, good drink and plenty of driving time around the North Wales mountainsides, led to good reviews for the car and when it was shown at Earls

Court the publicity accompaniment was all that could be expected and the orders flowed in.



The new front wheel drive model was announced at the Earls Court Motor Show in October 1965. I have no idea what is supporting the car as I cannot see any wheels on the ground.



Sold on the ad-line 'Britain's best equipped car next to the big ones' it filled a handy niche in the market and was announced as Car of the Year by Car magazine.

Further Development

Once released the 1300 was left to sell without much alteration until it was withdrawn in 1970. It would never sell in the numbers of the BMC 1100/1300 but it was not intended to and for Triumph a model selling nearly 150,000 in 5 years was deemed a definite success. The only real change was the introduction of a second carburettor in 1967, in effect utilising the engine already used in the Spitfire Mk3, after which the 1300TC sold alongside the standard model.

Also during 1967 an estate version was considered and a prototype built for assessment. Unfortunately, it was decided that this would not be taken forward and thus the idea joined the list of 'Sixties Triumphs which could have been'.

However, Triumph could not stand still for too long and the Herald could not be expected to go on forever so plans were being drawn up as soon as the Earls Court stand was being torn down. Basically, the 2-door

body was rethought, retaining the short tail while the drivetrain reverted to the Herald's rear wheel drive system. Codenamed 'Manx' (short tail – see ?) this was ultimately adapted with a new flat styled front in keeping with Michelotti's ideas for Stag and named 'Toledo'.



The only prototype (X750) of the 1300 FWD estate which to me actually looks better proportioned than the 2000 estate.



Two Manx 2-door prototypes were built. This is a view of 'Manx II' during foreign trials, probably fitted with a 1500 engine. A mention in next month's mag to anyone who knows where this was taken.



From the advertising brochure for the Toledo, the 2-door successor to the 1300 / Herald. Triumph are continuing to present their upmarket view of the car. The hat box is labelled 'Harrods' and I presume the photo was taken outside the store in Knightsbridge.

Whereas the Toledo brought the model range downwards into cheaper territory and allowed Triumph to retire the Herald, there was still a niche for a small, well appointed front-wheel drive car and designs were drawn up to continue the 4-door model but to give it a longer boot, the larger 1496cc engine of the Mk4 Spitfire and a similar 'Triumph' flat styled front. This was pursued under the codename 'Ajax !!!' and was released as the 1500 FWD – and, after a change to rear wheel drive, the body, with style changes, was utilised for the Dolomite range. .



The 1500 FWD brochure photo is a bit more difficult to reproduce as it is printed across two pages – hence the 'kink' in the photo. The twin headlights give the car a greater presence and advertising is still aimed at 'posh' scenes – this time a late night restaurant with suits and best dresses.

We will return to these models in a later article when we arrive at the seventies but, for now we should note that, although the now standard idea of front-wheel drive was discontinued in 1972, Triumph were one of the very few British manufacturers to be investigating that particular future during the sixties. We should also remember that the basic idea of a well appointed small car continued in production – badged as 'Dolomite' but definitely being styled on the 1500 - until 1980 and was the penultimate 'proper Triumph' to be manufactured at Canley (the Spitfire 1500 being the last model to remain in production there after Dolomite finished).

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Thought for the Month By Rupert Klaiber

I had a lot of worries in my life, most of which never happened.

Mark Twain

STAGGERING RESULTS!

1976 TRIUMPH STAG FIXED BY THE DREAM CAR FIXERS

In November 2025 I saw an article in Classic Car Weekly asking about potential clients for *Dream Car Fixers* series 3. This piqued my interest as I had just settled my brothers' estate and cleared the family house and found two side glasses for a Stag Hardtop.

This reminded me of my Father's love of cars covering: Rover P6's, MGB, Morgan, Scimitar, Capri 2.8, Lancia Beta's, Dolomite Sprint, numerous BMW's, Mercedes and 3 Stags.

There was some inherited capital, and my daughters had said get something for yourself. Having owned a Stag 1995 – 2016 and regretted selling it on in retirement, finding the glass further reinforced my desire to get a Stag again. I thought why not – a request was made giving details of my liberation in 1976 of a White Stag (whilst my parents were on holiday) to see my then girlfriend in Haywards Heath (I lived near Southampton). The A 272 in a V8, roof down, was to say the least captivating. The memory of that drive remained with me so did my girlfriend she became my wife.

Wiser Films liked the back story, so the hunt began. Interestingly there are a lot more manuals out there than Autos. I had specified an auto, any colour but not Brown, rear seatbelts. A suitable car was found, the team assess each potential candidate and two were rejected.

The process is that Dream Car Fixers then go through the car and improve areas they consider are within budget before presenting the vehicle. Their assessment meant the following was attended to: new Softop, new Carpets, new Foams and covers for Front seats, new seatbelts, recover Dashtop, new Rear Shocks, new Headlights, new battery, new seal for auto box.

Filming comprises of a client brief and reveal. In the briefing details are discussed concerning model, colour, modifications and why you might want such a car. The reveal covers presenting the car, talking through what has been done, a drive and acceptance.

The reveal was the interesting part, as I arrived the car was covered and behind it was a Lancia Beta Coupe (a model my father had owned) This was another client's car part of Series 3. With covers removed the car was stunning. I was speechless until asked what I thought to which I

inadvertently replied "I'm staggered". The director loved that, so the scene was re-shot. The car really did look good.

Will Trickett pointed out the soft top and his hand stitched leather dash top cover, Sheldon Nichols explained about the seats and minor mechanical improvements, having gone through everything and being presented with the keys. I was about to drive out of the workshop for a test drive when Sheldon diverted me to the side of the workshop where a covered Hardtop was leaning against a wall. I was asked to peel back the cover and was then told "See the glass on the side windows, that's your fathers!" Well, that resulted in an emotional hug as I was taken aback. I had taken the glass with me at the briefing, and they had asked to borrow it for additional filming, I never expected that it would then end up where it did.

The test drive was fantastic Go-Pros along the dashboard recording our conversation. Being told off by the director because I kept blipping the throttle and Sheldon and I would break out in a grin, we were told to stop talking about the engine and talk about my father's connections with Stags and my Wife's.

The car is everything I asked for, the team were brilliant so accommodating and genuinely interested in cars. Needless to say, even in my short possession to date with a nearly 50yr old car some additional things have required attention. An exhaust blow on the RH manifold, my friend Charlton Gregory and I sorted that on his ramps, not easily but we sorted it. I didn't know Stags and TR7s left the factory with no gaskets on the manifolds. A fact we found to be true, as we looked at the fitting and said where's the gasket or evidence of any sealant? Sorting an errant electric aerial and interesting wiring in the engine bay. Replacing 10yr old low mileage tyres which had developed some flat spots.

The story will continue, I've taken my father's old personal numberplate and put it on the Stag, which seemed fitting given the circumstances. One of my granddaughter's has been out in it just like her mum used to in my old one. I'm starting to go to car shows again with a car rather than just as a spectator.

Simon Cushing (17249)



NORFOLK BLOOD BIKES

HOLDERS OF THE QUEEN'S AWARD FOR VOLUNTARY SERVICES

Last year Norfolk SOC raised £2,000 for Cancer Research UK. For 2026 they have adopted Norfolk Blood Bikes as their chosen charity.

As part of creating awareness of this amazingly worthy charity, local SOC member & Blood Bikes volunteer Ray Prescott recently brought a Blood Bike to pose with local Stags. Ian Luff of Norfolk Blood Bikes gave a fascinating presentation to Norfolk SOC's Noggin 'n' Natter. He created such a powerful impression that this article is devised to encourage other SOC Areas to seriously consider helping this very worthy cause. The Nationwide Association of Blood Bikes (www.bloodbikes.org.uk) covers 36 Member Groups across the UK & Ireland. So, there is likely to be a Group near your SOC Area.

Each Group will have its own profile & Ian outlined the profile for Norfolk Blood Bikes (www.norfolkbloodbikes.org.uk/) which was established in 2011.

- Motto: "We'll go no matter what".
- Norfolk branch has over 100 Volunteers in various roles including; Riders/Drivers; Duty Controllers; Duty Rota Coordinators; Fund Raiser/Event Coordinator; Fleet Manager; Hospital Liaison Officer; Training Officer as well as specific admin roles all overseen by the Committee and Board of Trustees. There's not a single employed person, which keeps outgoings to a minimum.
- Yet it still costs around £60,000 per year to keep Norfolk Blood Bikes operating.
- Funded solely by public & corporate donations i.e. they help our hospitals at zero cost to NHS.
- Accumulated saving to NHS from Norfolk Blood Bikes' free services estimated at £1.5m by 2025.
- 2,305 call-outs in Norfolk during 2025 alone. Up to 300 miles may be covered in just one shift.
- 18 Bikes & 7 Cars, latter primarily for bulkier items or unsuitable biking weather e.g. below 4°C.

- All Riders hold an advanced ticket (IAM or ROSPA trained) and are re-evaluated every 3 years ... and yes, they must keep to speed limits. Vehicles are tracked primarily for safety and their whereabouts.



- Coverage of Norfolk is provided through 4 teams/areas, covering the 3 major Norfolk Hospitals & Community Hospitals in Norfolk, plus a rendezvous team liaising with other counties to reach Addenbrookes in Cambridge & occasional trips into London.
- Provide daily re-supply of blood to the East Anglian Air Ambulance.
- Transporting: Blood, plasma, platelets, samples, vaccines, spinal fluid and any other urgently required medical items e.g. equipment. Special bike boxes keep blood at 4 degrees C for 9 hours.
- Regular transportation of Donated Breast Milk, in partnership with the Human Milk Foundation charity, for premature etc. babies.

Norfolk SOC members can help Norfolk Blood Bikes & potentially make some money for themselves too. Visit www.norfolkbloodbikes.org.uk/ & join their Weekly Charity Lottery from only £2/week.

SOC members outside of Norfolk can help by chatting with their fellow members about how best to support Blood Bikes in your own Area.

Finally, this simple phrase from their website puts into perspective WHY we should ALL consider supporting Blood Bikes: "One day, we may well have the ride of your life".



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*Northumbria Area members at Otterburn Castle
in joint visit with the TR register.*

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May N&N – Despite initial concerns about low attendance following 11 apologies, we were pleased to welcome 35 members to tonight's Noggin 'n' Natter. Incidentally, there is no requirement to submit your apologies, we're all just so polite! It was good to see Andrew Elliot from Dereham again plus a welcome back to Rob & Di Gorbould from Bungay. We also had a local celebrity with us tonight since we found Mags was crowned (beside the May Pole!) as Gorleston's May Day Champion. This was in recognition of her having made a meaningful difference locally & deserving to be celebrated for the fundraising she does for Alzheimers Well done Mags, they certainly recognised you're a Star.

The evening took on a slightly different format as we hosted Ian Luff from Norfolk Blood Bikes, our chosen charity for 2026. Ian delivered an engaging and insightful presentation, giving us a deeper understanding of the vital work carried out by the Norfolk Blood Bikes team. More interesting detail is in a dedicated panel elsewhere in this mag/website.



Adding to the occasion, our very own Ray Prescott arrived on one of the Blood Bikes, 'Nelson', providing a fantastic photo opportunity in the car park with the five Stags. Following the presentation, there was strong agreement among members that we have selected a truly worthy charity, one that will make excellent use of any funds we raise throughout the year.

Our whistle-stop tour through April's events highlighted that Ian & Nancy enjoyed the North Norfolk Classic

Vehicle Club's big St. George's Day run from Sheringham to Holkham Hall. Terry & Colleen & Stu & Ross found Earsham Hall to have again lived up to it's high standards.

As always, May is a particularly busy time for classic car enthusiasts, with two Bank Holidays and a packed calendar of events. It was great to hear that many of our members have already attended, or are planning to attend, a variety of shows and gatherings. If you do attend any events, please remember to take photos and send them to Ray via WhatsApp for inclusion on our SOC web pages. Sharing these moments allows those who couldn't attend to enjoy the highlights and it also helps others plan ahead for next year.

It was good to see Aidan tonight who advised us that Norwich Cathedral is holding a 'Night at the Movies' on the evening of July 8th. This is a chance to see films by Laurel and Hardy, Charlie Chaplin and Buster Keaton with improvised accompaniment from the awesome, renovated Cathedral Organ played by renowned organist, Donald MacKenzie. More details & booking at <https://cathedral.org.uk/events/a-night-at-the-movies-8-july-2026/> Note this is not an SOC event, purely a heads-up for something unusual & quite spectacular. Several of us went previously & experienced entertainment as it was a Century ago - we all left with broad smiles on our faces!

First Tuesday each month - Noggin 'n' Natter 8pm+ Village Inn, School Lane, Little Melton, NR9 3AD just outside western edge of Norwich Southern Bypass. Browse <https://www.stonehouserestaurants.co.uk/> then put NR9 into search box and visit local website for menus etc. Park behind pub, use rear entrance & our room is first on right through the doors. We're a sociable bunch of mainly couples so please join us 6.30pm onwards if you want to sample very good value food pre-meeting (no need to book).

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BEDFORDSHIRE & NORTHANTS

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April Natter and noggin was well attended again with the management making room for us in the restaurant

With the world football cup starting on June the 11th and the number of large TV screens in the bar and restaurant I expected the venue to be very busy and therefore if the weather is fine we will meet in the garden otherwise look out on What's app for change of venue.

Some of you will have noticed that Guy Foster and Ken Symmonds have agreed to be my Deputy Co ordinators and have been approved at the last National Committee meeting. Please welcome them and support them as I am not able to attend some car shows while my car is being resprayed and some interior and engine improvements.

Events and car shows

I have not been able to go to many of the local midweek events but was lucky to get to the mid week show at the Compass Greenfield which my Neighbour took me to. But from what I have read on What's app a number of you have made it to Oakley and Blunham. Please if you wish for me to send the pictures into the editor for inclusion in the magazine I need hi res images sent via Email.

Drive it Day

A big thank you to Richard and Wendy Hare for coming up with a run and organising the printing of the route and the finishing point of a lovely Farm café. 10 Stags turned up at the car park at Woburn all managed to leave in convoy as they left to go through the Woburn Deer Park, But due to road closures over the weekend Richard

had come up with a quick revision to the route but still all managed to stay together until we all had to cross the S5120 just south of Westoning. This did cause a problem when the split convoy reached Barton and the lead car was now without a navigator and took a wrong turn with all behind following. Most realised the error and turned back but Guy was not sure so I asked him to follow me as I was at the back as Tail End Charlie in my euro bus. As by this time we were quite delayed, so we headed straight the finish at Disco-licious where I was able to find out where the Stag Designated parking would be. After a lovely feast and drinks we all started to break up and make our way home.

Stag National Weekend Shuttleworth

Last Day for booking is 19th June Bookings for attendance are going well and plans for the weekend are finalising with some new attractions for the Saturday Night and the program for Sunday VIP quest "Harry the Stag" Tony Armstrong and Traders confirmed are Robsport, Rimmers, Tony White, Mick Moore and the Hood Factory

Kimbolton Country Fayre and Classic Car Show Kimbolton Castle

I have booked a club stand again for this local show which I know a lot of you like to attend

Flitwick Car show

As many of you know I help marshal on this event and you can imagine my surprise when the organiser had made a poster to advertise the show with me on the poster

What's App Group

Again this is very active showing off your cars on those sunny days out and help required. Howard experiencing trouble folding down his soft top now the suns out, with a lot of help coming forward with suggestions.

May I remind you to keep postings to only Stag related postings, although it might be nice to post its your birthday or your holiday snaps Please, please keep it Stag Related. If you wish to post holidays birthdays etc please set up a separate What's app group to cover these events Bedfordshire Web Page

<https://www.stag.org.uk/bedfordshire-landing-page/>
Note to new members please let Russell have pictures of your cars and some information about the cars. Or any

reports on trips to shows and events.

DIARY DATES

- ✔ June 9th Tuesday Oakley sports and social club car meet Bedford MK43 7RJ 6:0pm onwards
- ✔ June 17th Wednesday at the Compasses 44 high street Greenfield MK45 5DD 6pm onwards
- ✔ June 18th Natter and Noggin RED LION Elstow Bedford MK42 9XP 7:30 onwards
- ✔ July 4/5th STAG NATIONAL WEEKEND at Shuttleworth Old Warden Aerodrome Biggleswade SG18 9DX
- ✔ July 7th (prov) Tuesday Oakley sports and social club car meet Bedford MK43 7RJ 6:0pm onwards
- ✔ July 15th Wednesday at the Compasses 44 high street Greenfield MK45 5DD 6pm onwards
- ✔ July 16th Natter and Noggin RED LION Elstow Bedford MK42 9XP 7:30 onwards
- ✔ July 18/19th Bedford River Festival
- ✔ July 19th Sunday Kimbolton Country Fayre and Classic Car Show Kimbolton Castle PE280EA
- ✔ July 24/26th BDRC Silverstone Classics Silverstone Circuit Towcester Northampton NN12 8TN
- ✔ August 2nd Sunday Rushden Classic Car Show Hall Park Rushden
- ✔ August 4th(prov)Tuesday Oakley sports and social club car meet Bedford MK43 7RJ 6:0pm onwards
- ✔ August 16th Sunday Flitwick Lockdown Car show Millennium Park MK45 1HP
- ✔ August 19th Wednesday at the Compasses 44 high street Greenfield MK45 5DD 6pm onwards
- ✔ August 20st Natter and Noggin Red Lion Elstow Bedford MK42 9XP 7:30 onwards

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at The Stag, the manager had reserved some of the limited parking spaces for us with beer barrels which, once moved, enabled us to get six Stags out front. A great photo opportunity which I hope you can see here or elsewhere in the magazine? The lunch that followed was excellent and we left later on wondering why we hadn't frequented the pub before now, as we certainly intend to return.

I will finish with a quick note on the Stag Empire Open Show which I am fresh back from today. Six Stags from the Herts & North London area met up at the Miller & Carter car park in Rickmansworth to set off in convoy for this unique event. Unfortunately we arrived at the event late due to a bit of a muddle with directions on the way. However once parked up and looking around I was very impressed with the quality of the modified Stags there. The atmosphere was welcoming, inclusive and very friendly. I think I counted 54 Stags at one point and that is great turnout for what could be classed as a 'local' event! Hopefully there'll be pictures elsewhere in this or next month's magazine as well as coverage on social media and specialist video channels. I, for one, am already looking forward to the next event! There were also a few running repairs going on with parts and spares being interchanged freely to ensure nobody was left stranded! That is a measure of the Stag community that we are a part of and it was great to see.

You are most welcome to join us at our meetings held on the first Thursday of each month, alternating between The Golden Eagle, Ashley Green and The Woodman Inn, Brookmans Park. Please contact me if you wish to be added to our area WhatsApp group to get the latest updates on upcoming events, or simply to let us know you'll be joining us, so I can book a large enough table! (You do not have to eat at the meeting, just bring yourself!) See the diary below for what's coming up:

Peter Goodman

DIARY DATES

- ✔ Thursday 4th June – H&NL monthly meet around 7pm at The Golden Eagle, Ashley Green, HP5 3PW.
- ✔ Thursday 2nd July – H&NL monthly meet from 7pm at The Woodman Inn, Brookmans Park, AL9 7TT. (Food orders must be made by 7:25pm, if you want to eat, but you don't have to.)
- ✔ Saturday/Sunday 4th/5th July – SOC National Weekend, Shuttleworth Collection, Old Warden Aerodrome, Biggleswade. SG18 9DT. Same location as last year's brilliant event. Not to be missed!
- ✔ Wednesday 22nd July – Classics on The Common, Harpenden. AL5 2JF. Biggest midweek classic car meet in the country! See website for entry details.

HERTFORDSHIRE & N. LONDON

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Six members of the Herts area made it to our May meet at the Woodman Inn with just mine and Dennis's Stags in the car park. We all enjoyed great food with the discussion mainly centring around the very successful recent Drive It Day event. Eleven days before, nine Stags met up in the Monument car park of the Ashridge estate for a planned 35 mile drive through the beautiful countryside of Herts, Beds and Bucks. We set off with lots of people waving to us as we headed out in convoy towards our eventual planned stop at the Garden Centre at World's End. Unfortunately here we found we'd lost Giles due to a misbehaving boot lid! After a brief comfort break, the remaining eight cars headed on for our lunch destination at The Stag at Mentmore, passing through the infamous Kop Hill climb on the way. Arriving

- ✦ Thursday 6th August – H&NL monthly meet around 7pm at The Golden Eagle, Ashley Green, HP5 3PW.
- ✦ Thursday 3rd September – H&NL monthly meet from 7pm at The Woodman Inn, Brookmans Park, AL9 7TT. (Food orders must be made by 7:25pm, if you want to eat, but you don't have to.)
- ✦ Thursday 1st October – H&NL monthly meet around 7pm at The Golden Eagle, Ashley Green, HP5 3PW.

ESSEX

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April was our Drive it Day organised by Bob and what an excellent day it was. Scenic drive up to the Eastern Colne Valley Railway and then on to a Sunday carvery. We were blessed with sunshine and tops were down. Thank you Bob and of course Elaine for organising this day.

Last month we had the Little Baddow Open gardens which at the time of typing this, it was well supported with around 10 Stags, report to follow.

This month we have our Summer Picnic run kindly organised by Denis, Thank you Denis. By now, you will have received an email for names and numbers.

Ricky and Maggie have kindly come forward to host the Summer BBQ, details to follow, thanking you both. Details to follow and look out for an email.

We are attending the Jaguar Drivers Club Classic Car Show and again, very well supported. Different venue after all these years so will be interesting

Chris has been doing a great job in organising the Long weekend with bookings going well, Thank you to you Chris

Maldon Classic car show has been announced to be for the 13th September and if you book online <https://maldoncarshow.co.uk/>, please let me know to ensure parking area.

Please have a look at the current events as below.

If you wish to be added to the email circulation list then please drop me an email and if you wish to be removed from the email circulation, then let me know and I will remove you.

If you have not been a long to a club night before, we meet on the first Thursday of each month from 7.30pm at the Old Windmill in South Hanningfield, post code CM3 8HT. We have the back room booked, so just look out for our club board.

DIARY DATES

- ✦ June 4th – Club night, Old Windmill
- ✦ June 28th - Picnic Run
- ✦ July 2nd – Club night, Old Windmill
- ✦ July 4th to 5th - National Day
- ✦ July TBA - Area BBQ



- ✦ July 26th - London to Southend Classic Car Run
- ✦ August 2nd - William De Ferrers School (Previously Hyde Hall)
- ✦ August 6th – Club night, Old Windmill

SUFFOLK & N.ESSEX

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Drive it Day
 A dozen Stags assembled in the ever popular supermarket carpark at a very respectable 11 o'clock for a lovely drive through the stunning Suffolk countryside including a bizarre deviation through a co-op carpark (the wisteria on the grand house opposite the exit was worth it though) in Debenham to our first stop at the Long Shop Museum in Leiston. We were joined in the carpark by a large gathering of Citroens of all shapes and ages. After a cuppa and an introduction from a museum guide we looked around this most interesting place - home to the Garretts, makers of traction engines and machine tooling, even a washing machine. It was then time to head off on part two of our drive. We headed down the stunning coast, visiting Thorpeness, Aldeburgh and Woodbridge before finishing up in Martlesham for a late lunch. What a great day out on our first group run of the year thanks to Robin and Trish for arranging our Drive It Day.

Ipswich to Felixstowe Run

We set off to join the others once again in a supermarket carpark, this is becoming a bit of a habit. 13 of us assembled for the short run into Christchurch





Park where we joined probably in excess of 600+ other vehicles; from a penny Farthing to a Rolls Royce. We then joined what is always a slow but memorable procession to Felixstowe, especially this year with Ipswich Town being promoted to the premier league so lots of flag waving along the way. We finally parked up on the promenade near to the big wheel and had some lunch and an ice cream of course. Thankfully the promised rain held off and we had a great sunny day at the sea side.

Things coming up include Ray's Drive and our Shine and Show evening.

We meet on the first Wednesday of each month 8pm (6:30 for a meal) at The George Pub, Hintlesham near Ipswich IP8 3NH. Please come and join us for a chat and a drink.

Check out our page in the website for news and upcoming events. <https://www.stag.org.uk/suffolk-n-essex-home/>

You will need to sign in to the members area to view this page.

DIARY DATES

- ✔ 3rd June N&N The George. Hintlesham IP8 3NH (Shine and Show)
- ✔ 7th June Ray's Drive out
- ✔ 21st June The Lawns car show
- ✔ 28th June Ringshall
- ✔ 1st July N&N The George. Hintlesham IP8 3NH
- ✔ 4th July SOC National weekend

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This year for National Drive It Day we had fourteen people taking part, 7 Stags and 1 MG (As Stag not ready yet) attended the event along with an adorable Cocker Spaniel. Unfortunately, Chris Grove our Co-ordinator was unable to attend due to a recent operation.



The day started with lovely sunshine, a coffee and a chat at Notcutts, Brampton. This was the first proper drive for most members in their cherished Stags this year. The group then set off in convoy through Huntingdon and Godmanchester catching the attention of many we passed, at traffic lights or out walking. It is rumoured that dogs from the Woodgreen Animal Shelter became excited and raised their ears when they heard the burble of numerous Stags coming along the A1198 only to disappear into the distance. Unfortunately, no visitors for them on this occasion. Hopefully, members now are aware of the Centre location and may return in the future, should they need a new pet. Our final destination, the George & Dragon in Elsworth was reached without any mechanical issues. The Hosts were very accommodating, food was very good and a very pleasant afternoon was had by all.

Members were asked to send a photo taken on the day to Chris. He will award a small prize for the best to be published in the magazine.

Our next event will be the Cambridgeshire County Show, Abbots Ripton on Saturday 30th May 2026.

Ivan

DIARY DATES

- ✔ Saturday 30th May Cambridgeshire County Show, Abbots Ripton
- ✔ Sunday 14th June British Car Museum, Gaydon
- ✔ Saturday 4th & Sunday 5th July SOC National Day, Shuttleworth Collection, Biggleswade
- ✔ Sunday 26th July Southwold Boating Lakes Classic Car Rally, Suffolk IP18 6BN
- ✔ Sunday 23rd August Bottisham Airfield & Museum, Bottisham,

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Drive It Day

Despite the fact that I have been unwell again, we did venture out in the Stag on Drive It Day. We went to the Great British Car Museum, at Ambergate which of course is on our doorstep. We arrived about 10.30 and stayed for a couple of hours. As the weather was nice, Les read her book over a coffee I had a chat with a guy who had restored a gorgeous 1962 E Type Jag and another guy who had a pre war Jowett, which he had up for sale. The chap with the Merlin engine on a trailer was there, which he fired up a couple of times. There was a good turnout of mixed classics and a few moderns to boot. From there we had a leisurely drive down to Matlock for some lunch and a walk round the antiques centre before heading home.

Paul and Les Haigh.

We had a run out to Mercia Marina for coffee and then the back road to Ashbourne, didn't see another classic until we arrived at Fairways garden centre and met a large group of TRs and a few others from Derbyshire Dales. They insisted that we joined the line for photos then they went off to the Arboretum and we had lunch. Didn't meet any others again on the way home.

Alison and Phil

Monday 4th May 2026

Papplewick Pumping Station Steam Event and Classic Car Show.

It was a poignant, sad day for my friend Tracey and I, both having lost partners on this same day. We decided to celebrate the lives of Steve and John by doing something memorable. What better way than a drive in the Stag!

We wandered around, looking at the fascinating, decorative and marvellous engineering works created in the late 1800's to provide a water supply to Nottingham.

There was something for everyone - model boats on the pond, miniature steam railway rides, bric a brac stalls, live music and the tractor ride to the underground reservoir as well as many different refreshments.

We took our own picnic and a bottle of Prosecco- (I only had one glass). It was cold outside so we found out how to recline the seats [I've only had the car 5 years] and



lay back for an alcoholic infused nap! That would have made a good photo - 2 sleeping beauties!

Nicky Fletcher.

May Meeting

A busy night with 23 of us. We have several new members join the Club this month, Prem and Sally Singh, Parmo Johal, Mark and Sarah Ockenden and Dave and Yvonne Mellor, who some of us know, Dave was a Stag owner in the past but in recent years has sometimes joined us, bringing their Jaguar E Type. Dave told me he had bought a 1977 car, so another previous member back in the fold so to speak. It was good to see some of you last night, hopefully we will see you and all recently joined members again at future meetings and events. If you know of any that might be of interest, please say so.

We had the usual raffle and yes, Frank did have another win.

Hopefully we will get some nice evenings so more Stags will be out at meetings over the summer.

New members

For anyone who has recently joined the Club or hasn't got round to attending a meeting or event, please be assured we would love to see you and you will be made very welcome. Please get in touch if you want anymore information.

WhatsApp Group

If anyone who hasn't already joined and wants to join our area WhatsApp group

please get in touch with Andy Williams on 07917 876292. There are currently 35 of us in the group.

We meet on the first Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm at the Cooper Arms, The Green, Weston on Trent DE72 2BJ and members from all areas are welcome to join us.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 3rd June

Events and Shows for 2026

If anyone has any ideas for events, shows, road runs etc we can attend, please let us know, we need a few new places to try.

DIARY DATES

All dates could change, so please check with the organisers or Phil.

Booking is direct with the organisers where contact details are supplied

For a full list of events, please see Phil's monthly Smiley Faces list.

Any marked as TBC haven't been confirmed as exact dates and booking information aren't yet available or not or not confirmed.

- 🚩 7th June Nottingham Motor Show
- 🚩 21st June Crooked Spire Classic Run Start and finish Barlow Village Hall near Chesterfield www.crookedspire-classic.co.uk
- 🚩 23rd June (Tuesday 3.00pm – 8.00pm) Eckington Motor show, Renishaw Hall, Nr M1 Junc 30 No booking required
- 🚩 25th June Canal Trip. Loughborough, Contact Phil for information
- 🚩 5th July Stag Owners Club National Day, Shuttleworth Collection, Old Warden.
- 🚩 12th July BMC/BL Day British Motor Museum, Gaydon
- 🚩 26th July Derby Motorfest
- 🚩 1st – 2nd August Hebden Bridge Vintage Weekend (Early booking essential for the event and accommodation) www.hebdenbridge-vintageweekend.org.uk
- 🚩 9th August Ilkeston Classic Car show
- 🚩 15th August Barlow Carnival info@barlowcarnival.co.uk

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Here we are almost halfway through the year, doesn't time fly when you're having fun. I remember those days when fun normally involved activity, enough to work a sweat up, but that's another story and probably not for publication in a car clubs' magazine. Now there's a thought for increasing membership and readership numbers, Carl, are you reading this.

Anyway, what with holidays and DIY next door (Daughter's house) and school runs not much has been done in the last month. However new subframe mountings have been fitted and I'm half way through fixing my self-park wiper mechanism on the stag. Turns out apart from a busted wiper rack to slider the self-park brush had disintegrated, so I'm just repairing that as we speak.

2k running quite well now and no progress on GT6.

We had a great turnout for Drive it Day and we reprised the Drive your Triumph Day run we did, missing out the turn of death onto the A5 from a very dodgy right hand turn onto what is a very busy trunk road. Thanks to Mart and Tres for putting this together. Our destination was a Warwickshire conference centre who host regular classic car meets and there were probably 4 or 5 hundred classics parked up in their big field overlooking the lake, a nice way to end.

We're looking forward to our planned events and hopefully one or two impromptu events too.

Check out diary dates on our website and let me know if you're wanting to join in any event.

A reminder that we now have a WhatsApp group. Let Di know if you want to be included on that dragonsnap192@outlook.com

Tony and Di

DIARY DATES

WARWICKSHIRE - Every FIRST TUESDAY evening of the month, from 6:30pm, unless otherwise advised below. - The BULLS HEAD, 9 Coventry Road, Brinklow, CV23 ONE

LEICESTERSHIRE - Every THIRD TUESDAY evening of the month at THE CHARNWOOD ARMS, Beveridge Lane, Bardon Hill, Coalville, Leicestershire, LE67 1TB from 6:30pm, unless otherwise advised below.

SOUTH WARWICKSHIRE - Every FOURTH TUESDAY of the month at the BUTCHERS ARMS, 11 Fisher Rd, Bishop's Itchington, Southam CV47 2RE. From 6:30pm onwards. Any one-off changes look out for emails.

Check out our Warks/Leics Area Website for more details on how to book events etc.

Recurring events.

1st Sunday of the Month – Middleton Hall nr Tamworth.
- £5 per car. Just turn up? (Starts again April 26)

2nd Tuesday of the Month – The Gaydon Gatering. Just turn up.

2nd Thursday of the Month – Southam Meet. Just turn up.

NOTE we now have a WhatsApp group, so if you want to added just let Di know dragonsnap192@outlook.com

June 2026.

- ✔ Saturday 6th – Kenilworth – Book Direct
- ✔ Sunday 7th – Coventry Motofest – book via Steve Cox
- ✔ Sunday 14th – Charity run to Burghley House – book direct
- ✔ Sunday 21st – Cars at the Spa – Book direct
- ✔ Sunday 21st – Princethorpe College Fete – Book direct
- ✔ Sunday 28th – VACANT at the moment

July 2026.

- ✔ Saturday/Sunday 4th/5th July – National Day at Shuttleworth
- ✔ Sunday 12th – Brinklow Festival – let Tony know
- ✔ Sunday 12th – British Motor Museum BMC/Leyland Day – let Tony know.
- ✔ Sunday 19th – VACANT at the moment
- ✔ Fri-Sun 24th-26th – Silverstone Classic – book direct.

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Our N&N's have been at The Oak, Upton Snodsbury for many years. It was a busy pub/restaurant/coffee shop and was the perfect venue for us with its position very central to our area. They also did us meals, light bites, and our breakfasts at our winter N&N's. So it was very surprising when we heard in the middle of April that it was closing and was being put up for sale. The recent increase in gas and oil prices was apparently the final straw.

So at very short notice we arranged for our May N&N at The Crown and Sandys at Ombersley, a venue we know well as we have our Christmas dinner there.

April was busy with our spring break and Drive-it-Day (see separate reports).

At our May N&N we discussed various ideas for N&N's in the future, and having occasional meetings in other parts of our area will be a consideration.

David and Jan gave us details of our June run out that will be starting at Hillers Farm shop, Dunnington, and finishing at Broom Hall Inn.

And we finished with a cheery round of Happy Birthday

to Andy, we recon he's the baby of the group!

So for our next N&N, if you are travelling and you are unsure of the venue, please give me a call.

DIARY DATES

- ✔ 4 June - 8pm Evening N&N, Venue tbc
- ✔ 14 June - Run out
- ✔ 2 July - 8pm Evening N&N, Venue tbc
- ✔ 4 July - Highnam Court
- ✔ 4 - 5 July - National Weekend, Old Warden
- ✔ 12 July - Apley Classic Motor Day
- ✔ 19 July - Classic Nostalgia, Shelsley Walsh
- ✔ 26 July - MacMillan Afternoon "Coffee and Cake"
- ✔ 6 August - N&N The Fleece, Bretforton

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Last month 16 members attended our monthly meeting at The Edgmond Lion.

26th April Drive it Day was celebrated in different ways. Two stags and members enjoyed a drive to the pub for lunch, as I am sure many others will have done. Some members joined organised runs even though they were the only Stag. There were Stags making the run up the Shelsley Walsh Hill Climb as the climax to the MAC Classic Run.

One of our members has fitted the engine to his Stag, which will hopefully be on the road shortly. The Spring and Summer months are a good incentive to get the cars out for a drive.

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Noel's Notebook

April turned out to be a quite eventful for some of our members. Scotty and Leia were in Tenby for a week and posted a number of photos and a video on our WhatsApp group of the Tenby lifeboat being hauled back into its station and also responding to a call out. Luckily they were there when the sun shined all week.



Gary and Phil attended the show at the Wythall Transport Museum. Apparently, someone who was taking pictures of everything persuaded them to pose with their cars. Rumour has it that they are now considering signing up with a local model agency. Good luck to them I say!

Gary has also been working on his car. He has cured a problem with one of his window that refused to close. The problem lay with the switch contacts needing a deep clean. He has posted some excellent photos on our WhatsApp site and I will duplicate them and the description of the process for repairing the switch on our website in the projects and repairs page due course.

Scotty and others also attended the Wheels on Wednesday show. As usual the show was very well attend with a large variety of vehicles on display.

Summer is just around the corner so hopefully the weather will continue to improve and we can look forward to get out and enjoying our cars.

Noel Sargent.

DIARY DATES

June

- ✦ 1 Bowling Green Classic Cars Droitwich Rugby Club
- ✦ 6/7 Best of British Shelsley Walsh, WR6 6RP
- ✦ 7 Classic Car & Bike Show for Parkinson, Bodenhams Arboretum, Wolverley, DY11 5TB
- ✦ 10 Wheels on Wednesday Churchurchfields Farm, Droitwich, WR9 0AH
- ✦ 13 Classic Car Show Holy Ascension Church, Redditch, B80 7DJ
- ✦ 13 Hampton Ferry Car Show Boat Lane, Evesham, WR11 4BP
- ✦ 14 Father's Day Motor Show & Ragley Hall, Alcester, B49 5NJ Autojumble
- ✦ 18 Cars in the Valley Shelsley Walsh, WR6 6RP
- ✦ 20 Feckenham Wake The Square, Feckenham, B96 6HY
- ✦ 24 Wheels on Wednesday Avoncroft Museum, Bromsgrove, B60 4JR
- ✦ 24 Bowling Green Classic Cars Droitwich Rugby Club

July

- ✦ 4 Bike Bonanza Shelsley Walsh, WR6 6RP
- ✦ 4 Hanbury Show Park Hall Farm, Hanbury
- ✦ 4 Family Day Highnam Court, Gloucs
- ✦ 8 Wheels on Wednesday Churchurchfields Farm, Droitwich, WR9 0AH
- ✦ 11 Ombersley Car Show Ombersley Memorial Hall, WR9 0DY
- ✦ 12 Apley Classic Motor Day Apley Farm Shop, TF11 9ED
- ✦ 18/19 Classic Nostalgia Shelsley Walsh, WR6 6RP
- ✦ 22 Wheels on Wednesday Avoncroft Museum, Bromsgrove, B60 4JR
- ✦ 23 Cars in the Valley Shelsley Walsh, WR6 6RP
- ✦ 27 Bowling Green Classic Cars Droitwich Rugby Club, Hanbury Road WR9 7DU

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Well, we seemed to be kicking this year off well, being spoilt with North Yorks Cobweb run and again with our own Ian Kaye and John Phillips, 'Drive it Day' run. Once again the weather was on our side and with a good turn out of cars too I'm sure I counted 21 Stags and 2 normal every day cars joining in. this run headed into South Yorkshire but we made our start at Blacker hall Farm where some took time to refuel our bodies while others just had coffee/ tea, It was a first time visit for me as well as some others. I must say I was in pressed with the range of fare on offer as well as the café, there was a selection of meats from the butchers and pies and a companying cakes and buns.

Leaving the farm behind us we then travelled through some small ex mining villages passing by at least 3 golf courses still heading south and more mining villages Woolley, South Hiendley, Brierley and towards Hemsworth. Heading through Hooton Pagnell towards Sprotbrough and on towards Conisbrough passing some strange named lanes such as Hangmans stone road, into Conisbrough passing the castle on our righthand side then onwards to Worksop, Bawtry Rossington and ending the run



at Doncaster at the South Yorkshire Aircraft museum. Everything aviation past and present. Real life, stories, interactive cockpits, The South Yorkshire Aircraft Museum has a wide range of aircraft on display from the earliest days of aviation, through to modern military fast jets. There is also a large collection of civil aircraft and gliders. The museum is also home to the largest permanent display remembering and honouring the men and women who fought during the Falklands War, with a collection of aircraft on display having been flown during that conflict, or representative of their type. The museum also preserves a large collection of aircraft with links to the local area, many having flown from local airfields such as RAF Finningley, Doncaster Sheffield Airport and Doncaster Airfield (the former RAF Doncaster).



Many of the exhibits have been painstakingly restored by volunteers, notably the Avro Vulcan B.2 XL388 cockpit section, Bristol Sycamore HR.14 XE317, Gloster Meteor T.7 WA667 and Cessna 150 G-AVAA.

onsite restorations and more. This place is a great place for all ages. Hot and cold drinks, cake, snacks available. Seating area inside for guests to use. Toilets and gift shop. Once we had looked around the exhibits as per norm the picnic tables came out for a spot of lunch before we headed back home.

A big thank you for all that turned out that day and to Ian and John for the effort put into organising the event.

At our next Noggin & Natter. I was to also be going south but with only a couple of hands showing the willingness to attend this run was put on hold, maybe something to do with the cost of fuel at the time who knows?

Over the winter months as reported before W Yorks Stags had been entering Inter Car Club Quiz, I would like to congratulate everyone who has helped our club to win first prize in this our fourth time of winning this trophy

The West Yorkshire Stag Owners Club meet at 7.30 for an 8pm start on the first Tuesday of every month, at The De Lacy Social Club, Rally House, Old Great North Road, Brotherton, WF11 9ES for a 'Noggin & Natter' to plan and discuss future events.

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Well, it's May already, where has the time gone? Feedback from our Cobweb Run was very good, we were a little bit worried about as it was the first one Lorainne and I have organised and planned.

Our next run is our Garden Centre Run. It is a 73-mile run, starting at Tates Garden Centre in Ripon. We first head for Masham where we will stop and regroup in the Market Place. Leaving Masham, we head out past Leighton and Roundhill Reservoirs, and over Colsterdale Moor to Lofthouse and Pately Bridge.

Our lunch stop is at the Wellington Inn at Darley. The lunch menu is online, and choices must be booked with the pub via email.

Leaving Darley we pass Stump Cross Caverns and Blubberhouses and finish our run at Otley Garden Centre.

Lorainne will put out a WhatsApp poll so you can let us know if you intend to join us!

Our monthly meeting and Sunday lunch at the Watermill Bar and Grill at Carlton Minniot went well.

The idea of afternoon runs during the week seems popular and is something we will look at. A picnic run was another idea that everyone wants, we may be able to

organise one for the end of June if time allows, again we'll let everyone know on WhatsApp.

Another item that was mooted post Cobweb Run was having tulip instructions available as a GPX file so participants can follow the route on their mobile phones. Lorainne and I may have to delegate this to our more 'tech-savvy' members.

As a footnote to this, we also discussed getting AI to plan and print a route one of our members has already had a stab at this, with some success.

Finally, we have an awful lot of members in North Yorkshire who we have yet to meet since regrouping. We understand that a lot of people don't like the meetings or the social side of the club, but we mainly just chat about Triumph Stags, plan a bit, have a meal and a bit of banter.

If you would like to come along to our monthly meeting, or come on a run with us, even if it just the once, it would be great to meet you and you never know, you might just like it!

DIARY DATES

- ✔ Sunday 07th June – NYSOC monthly meeting at the Water Mill Bar and Grill Carlton Miniott YO7 4NJ. We meet in the Sorts Bar at Noon for a short meeting and then move into the restaurant for a carvery lunch.
- ✔ Saturday 13th June – NYSOC Garden Centre Run. Meeting at Tates Garden Centre Ripon HG4 2QR. Look out for a WhatsApp poll and/or email.
- ✔ Sunday 21st June – Father's Day Classic Car Show. Castle Howard Estate, York YO60 7DA
- ✔ Also Sunday 21st June – Yorkshire Air Museum Cold War Wheels 2026. Halifax Way, Elvington, York YO41 4AU
- ✔ We have members going to both the above events if you would like to join us.
- ✔ Sunday 05th July – NYSOC monthly meeting. Watermill Bar and Grill, Carlton Miniott. YO7 4NJ.
- ✔ Sunday 19th July – Historic Vehicle Rally. Newby Hall, Ripon, HG4 5AE
- ✔ Sunday 26th July – Ripon Old Cars (WYSOC stand). Ripon Racecourse HG4 1UG
- ✔ Sunday 02nd August – NYSOC monthly meeting, Watermill Bar and Grill
- ✔ Saturday 08th August – NYSOC 6 Dales Run. Meet at Tenants Auctioneers Café, Harmby Road, Leyburn DL8 5SG
- ✔ Sunday 06th September – NYSOC monthly meeting, Watermill Bar and Grill, Carlton Miniott. YO7 4NJ.
- ✔ Sunday 13th September – Hunton Steam Gathering, Bedale Road, Hunton DL8 1QF

If you have any questions or queries, please contact Lorainne on the NYSOC WhatsApp Group or email lorainneh59@gmail.com or text Lorainne on 07818 410797.

We look forward to seeing you soon.
John and Lorainne Holliday



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On 18 April our Club drive took us to our first private castle of the year - Grade II listed Otterburn Castle originally built in 1086 as a stronghold against incursions by East of Scotland members, rebuilt in 1830 and now under new private ownership. We were the first 25 classic car visitors for many years, parking in front of the castle for some unique photos with 3 new members - Dave Y in his magenta Stag, Alan McG in an Austin Princess (he also has a TR6) and Trevor in a TR5. The chance photo of Andrea shows we are becoming quite a varied Area in terms of members' classics; and there were special memories for John & Lynne who had been married at this castle decades earlier!



The new owners, two energetic welcoming young ladies hungry for business with other interests in F1 and music, made us all very welcome in the dining room putting on homemade scones with jam & cream and fresh coffee. Then, with the prior permission of the Otterburn Military Range Officer, we embarked on a carefully planned 23 mile convoy drive on single track roads unsullied by any other vehicles across the MoD Ranges with Triumphs spread out across unspoiled Northumberland moorland as far as the eye could see. The day concluded with tray bakes and coffee at the Bird In Bush in Elsdon with our Triumphs parked round the village green.

Drive It Day on 26 April was another great day because we had special permission to park our 25 classics in front of the main entrance of Grade I listed Belsay Hall around the lawn where our display of Triumphs had been advertised to the public by English Heritage. The café staff laid on bacon and sausage sandwiches and hot drinks for us outside one of the stables. This was the first British country house built entirely in the Greek Revival style – hence the impressive aerial photo! Then, following a lovely scenic drive along the Roman Wall and across the Pennines specially planned for us by our friends in the TR Register, we were joined by 3 of our Cumbria members, Dave M, Chris & Diane and Terry & Marie in 3 well sorted Stags for refreshments outside the 12th century Lanercost Priory, one of the best preserved monastic sites in Northern England. Unfortunately Simon, on his first club drive, took an unplanned early break near Gilsland with a failed head gasket and had to be recovered – at the time of writing parts have arrived awaiting rebuild and Brian & I met up with Simon for a restorative sympathetic coffee on North Shields Fish Quay.

Should members have wanted more excuses to get their Triumphs out, for the first time we had a third club event scheduled. This event on 9 May broke the mould with previous events. Although a Grade II listed Lutyens-

designed fortified country mansion was involved, the emphasis of our visit to 17th century Whalton Manor was to have a natter in the cosy tea room followed by a tour of the gardens by Barbara the Head Gardener. The gardens provided something different from peering under bonnets especially for longsuffering supportive partners. The weather wasn't great but the garden tour was excellent and some in their own time will no doubt revisit the laburnums, climbing roses, clematis and wisteria on a sunnier day.

DIARY DATES

- ✦ 7 June – RV at Path Head Watermill in Blaydon then drive to private country house and garden near Haydon Bridge – tour of garden – views over Tyne Valley
- ✦ 28 June - drive to Grade II listed private country house dating from early 18th century in its own 6 acres of historic gardens
- ✦ 5 July – Triumph Cars display on Tynemouth Headland – charity fundraiser
- ✦ 18 July - special N&N parking on the lawn of a Grand Home in Gateshead courtesy of one of our very hospitable members!
- ✦ Aug TBC - drive to Rothbury garage then to Beadnell for N&N coffee & cake
- ✦ 23 August - Flagship event - drive to Tudor Grade I listed private country mansion in same family ownership since 1402 making this one of the longest held estates in England. Tour by owner
- ✦ 13 Sept - Flagship event – drive to private Grade II listed Georgian mansion in manicured grounds – home to the Mayor of Newcastle in the 18th century. Meet owner - short talk

Roland & Brian

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On Sunday April 12th we had four stags meeting up for the drive to Easingwold for the North Yorkshire Classic Tour. Again this year a really good day out with a lunch break to recharge the batteries along the route, which went through many small villages via interesting roads.

Our end of April meeting was organised by Debbie, this time at The Ship Inn, Worsall. A smaller attendance than of late, but still a successful and enjoyable evening was had by all, thanks Debbie.

The following day, Saturday April 25th was time to meet up for our drive down to Dudley to take part in the MAC Classic on the Sunday which was to be our Drive it



Day event for this year. Again we had four stags taking part. It was a very pleasant and uneventful journey, filling up for the following day before parking up for the night at the hotel. Up bright and early for the short drive to our starting venue, Halfpenny Green Vineyard. After signing on and receiving the route there were bacon sandwiches with tea/coffee before heading back to the cars and setting off. We had a route of 109 miles to cover in order to get to Shelsley Walsh and the famous hill climb. Despite one or two hiccups we arrived there having covered almost exactly the stated mileage. A quick comfort break before assembling at the start line to have our drive up the hill, followed by afternoon tea. By the time we got back to the hotel in the early evening, I think everyone was pretty tired after such a long day, but it had been thoroughly enjoyable and exactly what we should be doing to make the most of stag ownership – that's my view anyway!

Into May and, something of a theme here, we had four stags at the Croft Classic to Modern Motor Show. Unfortunately the weather was terrible, cold and wet virtually all day. The stay until 4pm order was relaxed somewhat with many leaving well beforehand. It was nice to warm up on the journey home.

DIARY DATES

- ✦ Sunday June 7th West Hartlepool Rugby Club, we will have our own pitch courtesy of Gerry, no charge to enter.
 - ✦ Sunday June 14th Barnard Castle Classic and Retro Car Meet.
 - ✦ Saturday June 20th Stokesley Classics on Show.
 - ✦ July 4 – 5th SOC National Weekend at Shuttleworth Collection, Bedfordshire. At least three of us are venturing down, come along.
- Mike & Brian

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Well folks April & early May has proved to be a busy start to our season. On Sunday 12th April three cars paid a visit to Anderton Boat Lift, Northwich for a Classic Car Sunday meet with a small but interesting group of various classics. There were vehicles from the 1930s through to 90s with a few commercials thrown in for good measure.

It was then on to The General Elliot for our regular monthly meeting. Despite apologies received from 14 people, we still had a good turnout of members, including family and friends of our sadly missed pal Alan, who attended to celebrate his 79th birthday. His grandson Harry brought along Alan's car to give it a good run out.

We have agreed to miss out on monthly meetings for the next couple of months due to date clashes with some

of our regular events, but I hope to arrange a midweek evening get-together to keep people in touch.

Sunday 26th saw us turn out for the Drive it Day run, with 8 cars planned but Paul & Polly had to miss out due to picking up Covid infections, while Will and I doubled up in his car to aid with the navigation (or so we thought!). It was a typical run out for us, with a good start for breakfast at Billy Jean's Diner and a good pub for a late lunch at the finish with the inevitable hitches along the route. Hey isn't that just part of the fun? We had some lovely countryside as we passed through the Welsh borders and Shropshire, and the weather was kind enough to allow some top-down time, stopping off for refreshments in Ellesmere and Llangollen.

Next up on Sunday 10th May we joined the Cheshire area MG Owners Club for their annual charity run. Once again, the weather was reasonable as we enjoyed our drive through Cheshire towns and villages and on to the edge of the Peak District before finishing at Gawsorth Hall for a picnic. The MG club had done a great job on the organisation but still encountered an unexpected road closure which required a bit of adjustment. Will and I paired up again as we were both going "solo" but this time very little navigation was required as the organisers





provided an electronic version via the "Beeline" app. on iPhone. This was my first experience of that technology and something I will look at trying out for one of our runs soon.

We have plenty to look forward to in our diary dates but still have room for more if anyone has any suggestions. Please come along and join us if you can and let me know if you want to be added to our email circulation list

Nick Rowland

DIARY DATES

June

- ✚ Sunday 6/7th Tatton Park Classic & Performance show
- ✚ Sunday 14th Peaks & Dales Run
- ✚ Sunday 28th Lymm Historic Transport Day

July

- ✚ Sat/Sun 4/5th SOC National weekend
- ✚ Thursday 9th Bowls evening v Jaguar club
- ✚ Sunday 12th Caerwys Practical classics show

August

- ✚ Sat/Sun 1/2nd Hebden Bridge Vintage Weekend
- ✚ Sunday 9th Meeting- Vera's garden party
- ✚ Sat/Sun 15/16th Tatton Park Classic Revival Show

September

- ✚ Sunday 13th Meeting venue TBC
- ✚ Sunday tbc Walled Towns Run

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NORTH WALES

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There was no "last Thursday of the month" run out in April as it was only a few days before "Drive-it-day". This year, Drive-it-day was celebrated by over 20 cars, including five Stags, representing the combined resources of Borders and Clwyd Practical Classics. We met at the coffee shop at the Rhug Farm Shop on the A5 near Corwen and travelled to the Anglesey Transport Museum. Several of us also enjoyed an evening meal at the Tal-y-Cafn in the Conwy Valley on the way back home. I covered 125 miles, top down, mainly through the spectacular scenery of Snowdonia.

Three Stags, together with a Vitesse, a TR8, a Lotus Elan, a BMW Z4 and 3 MGBs, provided the catalyst for an excellent long weekend away in Shropshire, based in Much Wenlock. I hadn't realised what varied vistas the county provided. including Long Mynd, the Burway, the Severn Valley Railway and the Ironbridge gorge. All agreed that we should repeat the long-weekend-away experience!

The May meeting attracted over 20, which included 4 Stag owners, but no Stags! We discussed the forthcoming shows, particularly Tatton Park and Caerwys, several of us being involved in the organisation of the latter.

If anyone is planning to attend any of the Classic Shows events (formerly Andrew Greenwood), such as Capesthorpe Hall, I suggest that, as in previous years, we should each book our own tickets and try to park together on the day.

There are lots of small shows across North Wales and the Borders right across the summer. Listing them all here would take up too much space. Please contact me for details if you are interested and don't come to our meetings. There are so many that quite a few clash, and some are on Saturdays.

North Wales S.O.C. meetings are on the first Tuesday of each month, starting at 19.30 at the Northop Hall Cricket and Hockey Club CH7 6DE. The meetings incorporate several clubs, including TSSC and MGOC. There is a run-out, with a pre-booked lunch, on the last Thursday of each month.

2026 Shows (Provisional)

- ✚ Sat/Sun 6th/7th June Tatton Park
- ✚ Sat 13th June Caerwys Agricultural Show
- ✚ Sat/Sun 5th/6th July Llangollen Transport Festival
- ✚ Sunday 12th July Caerwys.
- ✚ Sunday 19th July Capesthorpe Hall.
- ✚ Sat/Sun 15th/16th August Tatton Park
- ✚ Sun/Mon 30th/31st August Capesthorpe Hall
- ✚ Mon 31st August Prestatyn

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Had N&N last night with 14 members present, Aaron is just waiting to get his second Stag back after engine rebuild unfortunately additional work was discovered which needs doing. Paul now has his Stag back again after engine rebuild all seems good our next outing is our 5 night jaunt to the Isle of Man next week, we were hoping for wall to wall sunshine but it looks like we will not get it, more next month about trip. Last month we had 7 cars out for drive it day a decent top down day with morning route taking us through the Trough

of Bowland up to White Scar Cave where we had our mid break, then on through Hawes and Aysgarth and back to our end of run meal at the Punch Bowl at Earby a total of around 150 miles a good day with everyone reporting a lovely drive and stops with it being just right regarding roads and distances. Keith was with us for his first longer drive in his newly on the road Stag and all went perfectly. Unfortunately everyone was enjoying the day out so much that no one thought about photos for the magazine so no drive it day pictures from north Lancashire. On Monday the 25th some of us are going to the Chipping Steam show and on the 31st May we are at the Heskin Steam show more about these events next month.

Meetings have started again and will be held on the second Tuesday of each month after that except July when we go out for an evening meal instead of a meeting

The location is:- The Bay Horse on the A59 at Osbaldeston post code BB2 7HX around 20:00

Everyone welcome

DIARY DATES

June

- Saturday / Sunday 6th / 7th Tatton Park
- ✦ Saturday / Sunday 13th 14th Slaidburn Steam Show
- ✦ Saturday / Sunday 27th / 28th Fylde Vintage Steam Show
- ✦ Sunday 28th Townley Hall Burnley

July

- ✦ Tuesday 9th Evening Meal instead Of Meeting
- ✦ Sunday 12th Leighton Hall near Carnforth
- ✦ Saturday / Sunday 18th/19th Masham Steam Engine and Fair Organ Rally near Leyburn
- ✦ Sunday 19th Newby Hall Near Rippon

August

- ✦ Saturday / Sunday 1st / 2nd Hebden Bridge
- ✦ Sunday 9th Trawden Agricultural Show Near Burnley
- ✦ Sunday 9th Classics over Sands....Grange
- ✦ Monday 30th Stanley Park Blackpool

September

- ✦ Saturday/ Sunday 5th 6th Great Harwood Transport Weekend
- ✦ Sunday 6th Harley Hall Cheshire
- ✦ Sunday 13th Lytham Green Near Blackpool
- ✦ Sunday 13th Victoria Park Southport
- ✦ Thursday 17th Afternoon Car Show Wray
- ✦ Sunday 20th Elland Show????? Not Sure Of Date
- Monthly.....Meeting (N&N) Second Tuesday 20:00 Bay Horse Mellor
- Monthly Events Check To See If We Are Attending
- Third Thursday Afternoon Each Month.....Wray Car Show
- Bridge House Tearooms Wray



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A small classic car show has been held in Linlithgow for the past 15 years or so, and this year it's on Sunday 30th August. There's an (optional) scenic run in the morning followed by a display in the town in the afternoon. The cars are in and around the town centre, so a walk around the loch or a visit to the Palace are options. Entry is free – please let me know if you'd like to attend. A run out late July/early August is on the cards – if anyone is up for this please let me know (route suggestions welcome).

Club nights continue to be held in the Hawes Inn at South Queensferry on the second Monday of the month, starting at around 8pm, at which all members are welcome.

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At last our first drive out for this year. Drive it day was our first outing this year for the club, we decided that as its the first time most of the cars are back on the road after a winter layoff, this year we would do an easy run. Meeting up at Bothwell services we headed over to the next set of services near Kilmarnock to meet with David and Theresa before continuing on down to the Ayrshire Coast. We had planned to spend a couple of hours at Culzean Castle until we found out it was a bit too expensive to just stop for a short break. It's an amazing place to visit if you want a lovely day out with plenty to see and the castle is stunning but a bit expensive for just a pit stop. We decided to head back to Dunure which is just along the same coastline, we parked up and enjoyed a little light refreshment, a lovely





catch up and a glorious few hours soaking up the beautiful sunshine and scenery. We then headed down to Girvan to finish our day with a Fish and Chip tea. We couldn't have asked for more, we had great company and glorious weather. Roofs were down the whole time which made the perfect day out.

Show season starting next with the first one at Bridge of Allan on the 10th May, some of our members are doing the show and a few of us are doing a run, this looks like being another great weekend for everyone.

All shows apart from Biggar are fully booked (Bigger is always last to send in the booking forms) therefore, unfortunately if you want to attend we will have to put your name onto a reserve list for any cancellations nearer the day.

Look forward to catching up with everyone at either a show or our usual watering hole

DIARY DATES

- ☛ 14 June Errol
- ☛ 27/28 June Moffat
- ☛ 11/12 July Glamis
- ☛ 16 Aug Biggar
- ☛ 12/13 Sept Scone

Meetings still held at the Redhurst Hotel, Busby on the first Tuesday of each month.



We counted 127 cars at the Museum who put on food and gave us a discount to enter the halls to see the exhibits. We have attended our first Rally, the Forres Theme Day, where we were able to show our new SOC sail flags.

Monthly meetings are at the Leys Hotel, Main Road, Blackburn, AB21 OSS.

They are on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 8pm. All welcome.

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The season is well and truly started. We had our Drive it Day event from Aberdeen Beach to the Grampian Transport Museum in Alford. There was a huge turnout at the Beach where there was a cold wind from the North Sea. However when we moved inland to the Museum the sun came out and it was a warm day.

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Meetings are held on the last Saturday of the month in the form of a morning drive followed by lunch. Details are circulated shortly before or upon request.

Experience indicates that a run start point with facilities is a good idea and the possibility of a coffee also well received. However, if you do seek refreshment please be aware of possible slow service. Recent experience saw a shameful 15 minute wait for coffee and 40 minutes for food. Consequently, time your arrival accordingly if you seek sustenance to avoid being left behind.

I understand unexpected delay, but should you be unable to make the scheduled departure time, please send a message to advise.

It should be remembered that Drive it Day is a commemoration of the 1000 mile reliability run which was held in 1900 to advertise the then new fangled motor car and has only recently been passed off as a charity event.



A record turnout for us this year and the greatest number of encounters with other classics en route, all of which were duly saluted to the point of arm ache. Most occupants smilingly responded, but I have noticed that drivers of certain marques maintain a vice-like grip on the steering wheel while staring grimly ahead.

Fourteen cars set out, only to be swiftly separated by traffic and junctions. Mostly by good fortune and absolutely nothing to do with furious driving, we closed ranks through the Herefordshire countryside to arrive in convoy at our destination, Weston's Cider Mill. A most enjoyable day of cars and company.



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After that long spell of dry warmish weather during April, May seems to have brought with it weather more akin to March, but we did at least get three Stags in the Milkchurn car park for our May Natter & Noggin evening, all arriving with Tops Down. I did keep the hood down for the drive home, but I did have four layers on.

As the number of Stags suggest we didn't have a great number of members at our meeting, there were several apologies for absence at the last minute, however those that were present joined in the enthusiastic chat about our cars, the state of the roads and our health. Jane Clifford, who's husband was a member, brought along some great pictures of her late husbands Magenta Mk1 Stag, Jane is looking to sell it, so keep an eye in next months mag in cars for sale.

We discussed our up and coming events, including the Triumph Picnic and Classics on the quay, which hopefully won't be cancelled due to the weather, we'll be meeting on June 7th at 9:30am at the Cafe Nero in Ringwood (near the Sainsbury car park), we'll then drive the last few miles in convoy into Christchurch on to the quay.

Another event that was discussed was the Lions on the Green (Devizes) on June 14th, a classic vehicle show, with funfair. Market stalls and music, the organisers would love to see some Stags arrive.

Our Drive It day run was a great success, we had six Stags on the run, which met at the Three Trees farm shop for coffee and a chat, it was a lovely warm sunny morning as we drove off on Peter and Judith's organised run, they had put quite some thought into the route as it wound its way along quiet roads (not narrow and no grass in the middle), through Lambourn across to the Queens Arms at East Garston, where we enjoyed a really great Sunday lunch, the chef was definitely afraid of slicing his fingers based on the thickness of the slices of meat we were presented with. A great day out, thank you to Peter and Judith for organising it

John Slade's latest update on the Family day at Highnam Court on July 4th, now shows sixteen stags attending.

There were only a few comments about the state of members cars, Ian and Julie have water in the vee on their Magenta Stag, and a loose fan belt, Nick, is hoping his Stag will be returned from the mechanics next week, (following its engine rebuild) Lois has told him, "it must be back by September" this is when our Trip to Wales will happen, Chris is thinking about renovating his steering pump on his Stag



A fortnight later eight Stags lined up in static display for Classics at Prescott and did that wonderfully British thing of enjoying a picnic and social despite a very cold wind.

Meanwhile, three other Stags advertised their ability on the Hill and all generated a lot of interest.

ARCTIC DRY ICE visit, Saturday June 20th

A new process to me whereby CO2 pellets give a non-abrasive clean to vehicle underside or engine bay. Numbers soon grew for this visit but there may still be space if you have yet to sign up.

HIGHNAM COURT FAMILIES DAY, Saturday July 4th

Sixteen Stags among twenty nine Triumphs comprising almost a third of the total had booked in at the time of writing. There is probably still time to join in but please be aware that this event unfortunately clashes with National Weekend.

However, if you are really keen, Sunday will see many Stags at Shuttleworth and it could be a day trip.

GLOUCESTER GOES RETRO, Saturday August 29th

No charge to display your Stag but commitment to stay for the duration, and I quite enjoyed the atmosphere last year, as a spectator. Entries are limited due to space constraints so worth booking early if you fancy attending.

DIARY DATES

- ♥ Entries below are for information and reference.
- ♥ June 14th: Pied Piper, Highnam
- ♥ June 20th: Arctic Dry Ice visit, Smart Farms, Highnam GL2 8AA
- ♥ July 4th: Families Day, Highnam (our usual one)
- ♥ July 4th / 5th: SOC National Weekend, Old Warden Aerodrome, Bedfordshire
- ♥ July 11th: Stow on the Wold Show
- ♥ July 18th / 19th: Shelsley Walsh Classic
- ♥ August 29th: Gloucester Goes Retro
- ♥ August 31st: Pershore Plum Festival Show

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A reminder that this years Wiltshire SOC Pride of Ownership is at our July meeting on Tuesday 7th, in the Milkchurn car park. This is the opportunity/excuse to polish and shine your cars, lets hope for some late evening sunshine.

Our next Natter and Noggin meeting will be the first Tuesday in June 2026, the 2nd , it will be at the Milkchurn SN12 6AD its always quite informal, just a drink and a chat

Details of all the our events and venues that we will be attending as Wiltshire SOC will be included in our online Diary. The 2026 diary is up-to-date and is on our Wiltshire web pages on the main SOC web site

Please check our online diary as to where and when our monthly meeting will be. Sunday lunch meetings are more popular during the winter months

You will need to log in using your Membership No and password

The Wiltshire Area SOC Club night, February – November is held on the First Tuesday of the month from 8pm, at the The MilkChurn Melksham SN12 6AD unless the diary says different.

All SOC Stags, Owners, Partners and Children are very welcome!

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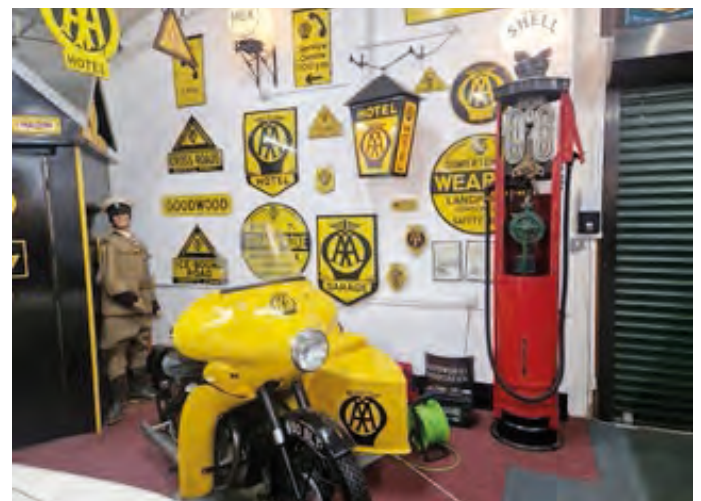
April's monthly meeting was a well-attended affair, including two new members who have both recently acquired their Stags. So, welcome Mike and Kevan, we hope we didn't scare you off and we see more of you soon!

This month's run out was hosted by Guy and Lisa. We met at Ower services on a sunny Sunday morning and took a pleasurable run through the New Forest and onto the South Downs, finishing at the Seven Stars, Stroud, near Petersfield, where some of us stayed for lunch. Others continued on their own to make a day of the fine weather. All in all, a very pleasant day. Thanks again to Guy and Lisa.

Drive it Day came, and, as there are so many other organised events available, we decided to leave organising this year, so Stephanie and I settled for a slow drive through the New Forest for the afternoon, meeting many other classics with the same idea. Others attended more organised events, such as this one, reported by David and Sally:

For Drive It Day, Sally and David went to see a private collection which was opened to ticket holders; all funds raised going to women's cancer charity, Grace. The collection is housed in a series of wooden sheds and barns. And what a collection!

It is not just old and exotic cars but also petrol pumps, signs and all sorts of car related ephemera. There was so much to look at, it was almost too much to take in. In addition various owners and car clubs had also arrived to show their own cars. There was a big display of Jaguars, Alfa Romeo and others. Quite a day out.



DIARY DATES

Our calendar can be found on our area page of the Club website, where it is constantly updated.

If you wish to come to one of our monthly meetings, we meet at 8pm on the first Monday of the month at the Empress of Blandings pub, Romsey Road, Copythorne, SO40 2PF

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OXFORD

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Well, May certainly felt like a bit of a throwback — in the best possible way — with the return of the Drive at Five. It used to be a regular fixture before our pub nights took over, and thanks to long-serving member Jimmy Brady answering my call for more member involvement, we were treated to a cracking route through the Oxfordshire countryside starting from Brill.

And honestly, the weather couldn't have been more on our side. Blue skies, proper sunshine, and seven Stags gleaming away — it was the sort of day that reminds you exactly why we love these cars.

Richard and Tracy also joined us, even though they're no longer technically Stag owners (we won't hold that against them!). They came armed with cameras and managed to capture some brilliant photos and even a video of the cars rolling out from the windmill. Fingers crossed it looks just as good in the digital magazine.

Sadly, work kept me away this time, but judging by the excited chatter afterwards — and the rainbow of Stags filling the pub car park — it's clear the event was a hit. Definitely one to repeat. The pub, affectionately known as the 'Spud Pub', also went down a treat. Good food, plenty



of parking, and that classic pub charm we all love.

We've also added a new slot in our meeting agenda where members can highlight upcoming events. It's still early days, but it's already helping us feel more organised and more collaborative — which is exactly what we want. The more voices involved, the better the area becomes.

A couple of members also encouraged us to look beyond our borders to the Stag Empire meet in Hayes and Yeading. Adrian King went along with his Rover V8-powered Stag and kept us all updated on WhatsApp with photos of some fantastic standard and modified examples. It's definitely one we'll be talking about again — and hopefully attending in bigger numbers next time.

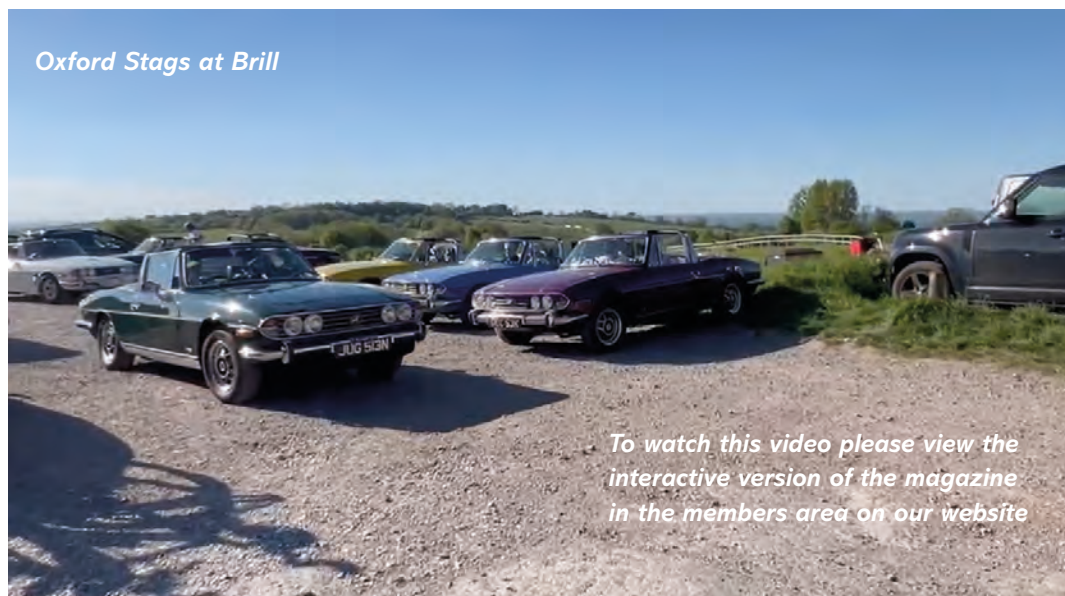
Looking ahead, the big June highlight is the Bloxham Steam Rally. It's a proper country fair weekend — steam engines, tractors, classic bikes, caravans, motorbikes, a funfair, and even camping if you fancy making a weekend of it. A brilliant family event and well worth the trip.

Not too many mechanical updates from members this month — which probably means everyone's too busy actually driving their Stags now the sun's out. A few of us with new hoods are still fettling and adjusting to the quirks of a 50-year-old design, but that's all part of the charm, isn't it? And the money we all pour into these cars

just proves how strong their appeal still is.

At our monthly meetings, we always try to coax out the best stories from members as they plan their summer adventures. Hopefully these tales inspire others to get out and enjoy their cars too.

As I say every month, we're a warm, friendly bunch — so if you haven't joined us yet for the lively chat, the helpful advice, and of course the tasty food, do come along.



To watch this video please view the interactive version of the magazine in the members area on our website



We'd love to see as many members as possible.

This Year's Meeting Venues

- The Lamb, Chalgrove
- Sturdy's Castle, Kidlington
- The Ben Johnson, Weston-on-the-Green
- The Packhorse, Milton Hill

Richard Green

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This month's magazine is in no doubt full of reports from Drive it Day, so who am I to buck the trend!

Chris and Mike kindly organised a trip out to Dover for our contribution to Drive it Day. We all made our way to a rendezvous at a classic car show at the Dover Transport Museum. Rather than try and organise a convoy, we all made our own way down, people travelling together and taking whatever route they wished. It makes for a more stress free journey. Some people didn't bring their Stags so we had an assortment of vehicles, along with 7 or 8 Stags. I was in the odd and pleasant situation of driving Geoff's stag, following him in his modern car! I'm grateful to him for allowing me to borrow his Stag for the day. Mine is still a little poorly and limited to around 25 miles of travel. Kevin calls his Stag "Old Smokey", I'm beginning to refer to mine as "Old Steamy"! It's a job for me when I can get it stored back at home so I can work on it...anyway, I digress...despite travelling different routes, we broadly arrived at the same time. Chris and Zoe were somewhat delayed, Arthur, the star of some of my more recent reports, decided to bite Zoe's hand causing an unplanned trip to A&E before heading down to meet the rest of us. Once we had all arrived, we headed into the

museum for a well needed cuppa before having a good look around. The museum had an interesting mix of cars, commercial vehicles, tools and machinery and naturally maritime exhibits. Of course there were also assorted classic cars outside to look at.

After we left the show, we all made our way down to the coast at St. Margarets Bay for lunch at "The Coastguard" pub. I managed to take a wrong turn and ended up driving back and forth on the clifftop roads, before I eventually found my way down to where everyone else was! Being below the cliff line, everyone's phones jumped an hour to French time just to add a little confusion to proceedings! Confusion aside, the food and venue were lovely. After lunch some of us took a wander around the shoreline and then we headed back home.

Lots to look forward to coming up, the diary seems to be pretty packed for June and July including our annual trip away – this year we are off to the Peak District – it has come round really fast – I need to check I booked the time off work!

Dave H

DIARY DATES

- ♥ June 4th 7:30pm – Monthly meet at the Bo-Peep (BR6 7QL)
- ♥ June 14th -18th – Area trip to the Peak District
- ♥ June 20th – Northiam Bonfire Society Classic car and Vehicle show.
- ♥ July 2nd - 7:30pm – Monthly meet at the Bo-Peep
- ♥ July 4th-5th – SOC National Weekend
- ♥ July 12th – Warlingham classic car and Bike Show.

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Drive it Day at the end of March saw eight Stags set off from Bolney for a leisurely drive through the country roads to Standen House, Nr. East Grinstead. We had a reserved parking space set up for us on arrival, then we set off to tour the House and grounds. The staff took photos of our group and cars and asked if they could use the photos for their advertising, which we agreed, they then came back and said that they would have



to black out faces and number plates if they were published. But asked if we would return, sign forms, and have a proper photo shoot and then use the photos for publication and advertising for National Trust, we again all agreed and will make arrangements for a future day out there.

We met up at Lewes for an early start and eight Stags convoyed to Eastbourne for the Magnificent Motors show on Eastbourne seafront. A good display of various cars and clubs with the weather staying fine for us, another good day out.

May looks like a busy month where we have quite a few things planned. Our show at the ex Bromley Pageant now held at Ardingly Showground Nr. Haywards Heath are going well with 70 plus Stags already booked in, we have had our proposed site moved due to the large amount of Stags attending. If anybody else would like to join us on our display, please pre- book your tickets to secure your place otherwise you will be directed to public car park or private entry section.

Bob

DIARY DATES

- ✚ June 21 Brighton and Hove Classic, Hove Park (£5 per car, book on line BHMC club if you want to enter, or you can get free access if parked on the road.
- ✚ June 28 Broyle Country Show (free entry, book on line)
- ✚ July 19 Bromley Pageant- Ardingly Showground (pre-book Bromleypageant.com)

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Drive It Day - Leeds Castle 26th April 2026
We were lucky to have a warm sunny day for our visit to Leeds Castle, Maidstone, Kent, at the end of April. We met at the Clacket Lane Services on the M25 and then drove on to Leeds Castle. Most of us displayed the "Child-Line Drive It Day Plaque" so hopefully we raised a bit of money for the charity.

At Leeds Castle the events team were very helpful and had reserved us a parking area near to the main ticket entrance with space to picnic. When we arrived the car park stewards knew exactly where to direct us and we were able to buy a group ticket which provided a good discount – all in all a very easy day out from a co-ordinator's point of view. Lovely woodland walk, a castle to explore, boat trip and falconry display so lots to enjoy along with a land train to save any aching legs. We had 14 Stags parked up and as usual they were the focus of much attention and lots of photos were taken by other visitors.



Comments from our members: -"good to see everyone today, great turnout, great venue and great weather", "nice drive – Staggy likes motorways and other roads, perfect weather and great company".



DIARY EVENTS

- ✚ 13 Jun: BBQ at Buckland – Please let me know if you would like to come as we need to know numbers.
- ✚ 22 Jun: Monthly Social Meeting – The Fairmile, Cobham, 7.00 p.m.
- ✚ 28 Jun: Drive Out to Littlehampton and Lunch
- ✚ 4-5 Jul: National Weekend Shuttleworth
- ✚ 18 Jul: Leigh Village Day & Classic Car Show
- ✚ 19 Jul: Bromley Pageant (Booking Required – bromley-pageant.co.uk - access code STagoWCL26)
- ✚ 20 Jul: Monthly Social Meeting – The Fairmile, Cobham, 7.00 p.m.
- ✚ 26 Jul: Liberham Lodge Care Home Visit, Great Bookham, 11 – 12.30 a.m
- ✚ 09 Aug: Cranleigh Car Show (Booking Required)
- ✚ 15 Aug: Capel Car Show (Booking Required)
- ✚ 24 Aug: Monthly Social Meeting – The Fairmile, Cobham, 7.00 p.m.

Please let me know if you would like to join us for any of the above events and I will let you have more details. I will continue to send regular emails to keep everyone updated too. If you are not receiving regular SOC emails and would like to, please give me a call and I will do my best to sort it out.

Surrey Area - SOC Website

Further information is available on the Surrey page of the website and is regularly updated. <https://www.stag.org.uk>

Go to the Members Login, Members Area, UK Area Website and then select the leaping stag in Surrey, once it turns from red to green.

I'm also happy to answer any queries about future events by phone.

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On Tuesday 21st April two Stags and a daily runner (due to poorly Stag) visited Horn Park Gardens near Beaminster for a wander round the garden to admire the great views over the countryside and of course have coffee and cake.

After visiting the garden, the two Stags continued on to Eli's pub as it was their Classic Car meet and early arrival is recommended. Paul was already there and the first car park was filling up quickly. As we were parking two more (unknown to us) Stags arrived but by the time I managed to get to them, the drivers had gone. During the evening, another (unknown to us) Stag had parked up and the driver had disappeared. Another great turn out of vehicles, including a very good condition Fiat 125S Samantha, of which only about 100 were built and only about 20 RHD.

We had decided to combine Drive It Day with our Sunday Lunch and a drive over the Mendips. Six Stags and a daily runner (still due to poorly Stag) met at Podimore Services for a scenic run over the Somerset Levels towards

Cheddar where, we drove up Cheddar Gorge towards our lunch at East Manor Farm Cafe on the banks of Chew Valley Lake. As we drove up the gorge there was another car group coming down so a lot of waving taking place. At the top of the gorge was a white stag with St George's cross flags fluttering waiting on a side road. They joined us for a short distance before turning off. We had a good lunch but for some reason no pud. The rhubarb tart looked rather scrumptious so we bought a couple of slices for tea and yes, it was very good. It was suggested we should stop for photos and an ice cream by the side of Chew Valley Lake, then pop along to Blagdon Lake whilst in the area before we made our way home. A very enjoyable day out with some interesting roads over the levels and up on the Mendips.

Over the early May Bank Holiday we did not have any club events arranged, but members found events to attend. Saturday May 1st was Sturminster Newton car meet and the weather looked OK for the morning so I popped along. As I arrived and parked up I met with Mark & Debbie, Jane & Mark, Nick, Graham and Geoff & Margaret. Six Stags were dotted around the field and I did manage to have a quick chat and pass a SOC application form to the new owner of one of the Stags as he was leaving.

Pete had a good day at Abbey Hill Steam Rally, but a fuel leak meant the Stag stayed at home.

Rob visited the Goodwood 20th anniversary breakfast





meet but was unable to display "Custard".

Mark & Debbie, Mike & Jackie and Jane & Mark took their Stags to the Kingsbury Episcopi May Festival and had good weather and enjoyed the day.

Last year some of us took part in the Hardy Country Classic Tour, organised by the Transport of Yesteryear and enjoyed the drive around Dorset, finishing up on Weymouth seafront. This year it is on Sunday 7th June, let me know if you are going.

Our June Sunday lunch will be on the 14th, contact us if interested in coming along.

Cerne Abbas is holding a village open gardens on Saturday the 20th June so thought we could pop along to combine a drive, some gardens and coffee and cake.

DIARY DATES

We will be continuing our monthly Sunday lunches/ N&Ns. Other events listed below are for information; let me know if interested in attending.

- ♥ Sun 7th Jun – Hardy Country Classic Tour.
- ♥ Sun 14th Jun – Ilminster Experience Car Show.
- ♥ Sun 14th Jun – Sunday Lunch/N&N at The Royal Oak, Swallowcliffe.
- ♥ Sat 20th Jun – Cerne Abbas Open Gardens.
- ♥ Sat/Sun 4/5th Jul – National Day, Shuttleworth.
- ♥ Date TBD – Visit to Middle Wallop Army Flying Museum.

SOUTH WEST WALES

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The South West Wales group meet on the third Wednesday of the month. From May we normally have an evening run with a normal meeting places of junction 47 M4 and Pont Abraham Services. Should anyone like to join us you would be very welcome but please contact me to check the meeting place and time in case it has changed. This year we have decided that through the winter we will not have a single venue but will try different places. If anyone would like to join us over the winter, please contact me first so that I can inform them of the venue.

Our N&N this month was on 15th April and in the Harvester Restaurant in Gowerton I had planned to have

a short drive out but the weather forecast put an end to that so it was just a meal and chat. On the evening there were twelve of us so not a bad turn out considering the weather and just to make a point I did take my car to the restaurant as it's only a short drive from my home. Next up was Drive it Day again a trip had been organised to Aberystwyth but unfortunately I had to cancel it not due to weather but due to numbers. The usual suspects all had various arrangements that coincided with Drive it Day so they were unable to attend never mind it does mean that we have a day tip that we can do later in the year. As previously mentioned in early monthly reports that Swansea Classic Car show has been cancelled this year so we have not really had a good start to the year so far.

Now for some better news there is another local show called Wales on Wheels and is organised by the Bus



Museum and its outside the National Waterfront Museum. We decided to attend this at short notice and had five cars two from West Wales and three local cars and I'm pleased to say that one of our cars won best in show a bonus for its owner. The show itself was well organised and was enjoyable as we had entry to the Waterfront Museum and where a craft market was in progress. The weather on the day was dry and when the sun came out it was very warm due to this there were a number of visitors. There is always a down side and that reared its head the following morning when one of us was moving his car and found



hard yellowish spots on his car this turned out to be tree sap so we all ended up washing that off the next day. Our North Wales trip is making some progress and a route has now been agreed and an itinerary for the stay has been put forward. Before we travel north there are two more shows that we will attend they are Kidwelly Classic Car Show at Ashburnham Hotel on 23rd May we hope to have about 5 or 6 cars there. Then on 25th May I am going to join with South Wales for the Vale of Glamorgan Show held in Sully on the sportsfields this is normally a large show with many auto jumble stalls.

Clive Perman

DIARY DATES

- ✚ N&N 20th May
- ✚ Kidwelly Classic Car Show 23rd May
- ✚ Vale of Glamorgan Show 25th May
- ✚ Pembrokeshire Class Car Show
- ✚ North Wales Trip 8th June
- ✚ N&N 17th June
- ✚ Viv's Pasty Run Sunday 3rd May

CORNWALL

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Last Sunday we held the longest running fixture of our calendar. The Pasty Run has been going for over 20 years and was initially devised by Dave Philp. The aim is to meet somewhere nice and accommodating with tea and coffee, supplied, once again, by Laura and Vince in typically generous style, and then run around Cornwall for an hour or more before ending at Carleen Village Hall for pasties, chat and a collection for charity. We drove through Perranporth, St Agnes, Portludlow, Portreath and Hayle (lovely views across the bay on the way down the hill). Six Stags and two more modern cars formed the convoy. On arrival at Carleen we were met by two more Stags. Sadly the photographs only show seven due to the layout of the car park but there was



definitely another one round the back.

Viv and Ivor have been organising this run for years and, over the time we have been doing it, thousands of pounds have been raised for charity. Ivor met us at the hall but, sadly, Viv was not able to attend. This year's total was £200. Massive thanks to all who contributed and to Viv and Ivor for their hard work over the years. The pasties were, as expected, exceptional.

I thought I had shown dedication by driving down from Bude but this paled into insignificance when Neil, Denise and John's son, arrived in his beautiful blue Stag having driven down from Surrey that morning and then back home in the evening, a round trip in excess of 500 miles. The pasties really are that good.

The weather was kind, until the journey home (it was raining inside my car at one stage), the views lovely and the company excellent. Thanks to all involved.

Reviews of previous meet ups, plus all details around the future meetings are sent each month in the email sent to all the Cornwall SOC members.

If you are a SOC member in Cornwall but not getting my emails, or indeed a SOC member elsewhere in the UK and would like to be aware of what's going on here, please just send me your email address and I will include you in the future Cornwall updates.

DIARY DATES

- ✚ June 7th - Healeys Cyder Farm
- ✚ July 5th - TBD
- ✚ July 19th - Wadebridge Wheels
- ✚ August 2nd - Bodmin Airfield, provisional
- ✚ September 6th - Launceston Steam Railway with Devon SOC
- ✚ October 4th - Bude Trip
- ✚ November 1st - Cornwall Air Ambulance visit
- ✚ December 12th - Christmas Dinner
- ✚ January 3rd - AGM 10.15 for a prompt 10.45 start.
Location TBA

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As the days get warmer, the number of opportunities for us to get together with our Stags increases. In April we had our first breakfast run of the year. Meeting up at the Lavender House Hotel for breakfast before heading out on Sue Franklin's excellently planned route across the moors. Despite the weather, which improved as the day went on, we had a great turnout and it is certainly an event that we will build into our programme again. This year's breakfast will possibly be best remembered for Bill K looking as if he'd

returned from the far side of the moon, having had an argument with his golf buggy – get well soon Bill.

Later in the month we were kindly invited by our good friends at the Devon Branch of the TSSC to join them for their Drive It Day run. We all met at the House of Marbles, and then follow a 40-mile route across Dartmoor via Widecombe, Princetown, Burrator and back to Postbridge Village Hall where a very welcome cream tea was laid on by the ladies of the WI. This was a well-attended event which saw Stags mingling with a great variety of other Triumph models. It was good to spot other classic out marking Drive It Day as we drove across the Dartmoor. Many thanks for TSSC for organising this event and inviting the SOC along.



You will see from the Devon Area emails that there are still plenty of events to come this year, new additions to our programme include the return of Sue and Mark's lovely BBQ on 14th June and the addition of a Summer Picnic hosted by Claire and Stephen on 4th July. You should have had an email with all the booking details, if you haven't received the emails then get in touch with me using the email address below.

Also in June, we have a N&N planned at The Dartmoor Inn and an SOC Area at the popular Darts Farm Classic Car Show on Fathers' Day. Even if you are not joining us in the SOC area you can always drop in and see us and the great array of classics that are always on show at this charity event.

DIARY DATES

There are a massive number of shows coming up over the Summer in Devon, here is a selection of the events that we are coordinating over the coming few weeks:

- ✔ June 10th - N&N at the Dartmoor Inn
- ✔ June 14th – BBQ at Sue and Mark's
- ✔ June 21st Darts Farm Classic Car Show
- ✔ July 4th – Summer Picnic
- ✔ July 11th – 12th – Powderham Historic Vehicle Gathering

N.B. The Classic Car Show at RHS Rosemore has been cancelled for 2026 and we may never see it again.

A full programme can be found on the Devon Area Webpage

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Firstly, some of our members may know that our co-ordinator, Bob Dowsell, had an operation on the 6th May and we all wish him a speedy recovery.

As predicted things were busy with the club in April and early May with three events taking place. This report and write ups for the events have been written by Gary who organised all three events.

Drive it Day Sunday 26th April 2026

A day of mixed fortunes is how I would describe Drive it Day this year.

Firstly, Colin and Jill could not take their Stag on the run as, whilst driving back from West Wales the day before, their accelerator began to stick causing over revving. They wisely came on the run in their Skoda. Then before reaching the starting point my horn and clock stopped working. This was not a major problem and something to fix after the run..... I thought.

There were eight Stags on the day and everyone had their hoods down. My wife said – “let's do the same and put the hood down”. I commenced lowering the hood when one of the pivot bolts parted company with the frame. Whilst trying to drop the hood, part of the frame ripped through the vinyl on my newly refurbished T bar cover. Grrrrrrr! I left the hood up and we departed Cwmbran on a positive note in fabulous hot and sunny weather. But then the chrome strip on the front of Terry's Stag flew off, narrowly missing his windscreen. He stopped and searched around but did not manage to find it! Eventful start to the day!

I led the convoy and we made our way to Abergavenny then out into the countryside via Crickhowell and Talgarth with our first stop being the Honey Café at Bronllys. The refreshments were most welcome and we then set off again in the direction of Builth Wells. We passed Llangoed Hall which was once owned by the Laura Ashley family and caught glimpses of the River Wye as it made it tumbles through the rapids just outside Builth.

We all kept together which is quite unusual on our runs but probably helped by me following a request to keep my speed down! Actually, keeping the speed down really paid dividends in terms of fuel saving!

I was concerned about the group making its way through Builth without getting broken up as the route took something of a jiggle through the town. However, we all stayed together and left on the B4520 towards Upper Chapel.

Once again, we were in the beautiful open countryside of mid Wales. We passed the MOD gunnery range and the



road provided fabulous views of the Welsh mountains. This is quite a demanding road and well used by bikers a few of which we encountered riding way too fast. Eventually we arrived in Brecon and passed the Gurkha regiment barracks and headquarters before finally reaching the large roundabout at the edge of the town.

We followed the A40 back in the direction of Crickhowell where we had a table booked at the Manor Hotel for Sunday lunch.

We arrived bang on time, but just as I turned onto the drive up to the hotel, I lost my indicators, rev counter and some other gauges so I waved the group past and up the driveway. My car kept going mechanically and we all parked up in the lower carpark which looks out onto beautiful countryside.

My heart sank when a number of the group said that the food was awful when they visited in the past. However, the food on the day was excellent probably as the hotel is under new management.

We also learnt that it was Chas's birthday on the day so we gave him rousing renditions of "Happy birthday" and "When I'm sixty-four".

After the meal Bob and Andrew tried to find the cause of my electrical maladies but were unsuccessful. Thanks for trying guys.

We all set off on our way home with me sandwiched between Ian and Bob as I had no brake lights working in addition to everything else that had failed.

We travelled back to the Raglan turn on the A449 where Bob headed south and Ian and I took the back road to Monmouth. Thank you, Ian, and Bob for getting me home safely.

Later that day we learnt that Bob had broken down on his way back to Newport and had to be recovered. This turned out to be a build-up of rust from his fuel tank blocking the fuel pipe.

In all this was a tremendous day with great weather

and good company. Everyone appeared to enjoy the run with certain parts new to some. The cars all went very well on the run mechanically with Bob being the unfortunate one to have had the mechanical issue at the close of the day.

Monmouth and Borders Show 3rd May

After some fabulous sunny weather things did not look good on the Saturday night the day before the show. Heavy rain was forecast and we did wonder whether to cancel our attendance. However, on the morning of the 3rd May, the weather was fine and sunny so I led a convoy of six Stags on the short trip from our meeting point to the Vauxhall Fields show ground in Monmouth. The event shelter was swiftly erected and Ian and Terry prepared bacon rolls (thanks guys). Huw and Helen met up with us later in the day but without their Stag which is having some bodywork done at present – thanks for joining us. The show had its usual displays of steam engines and classic cars plus craft and autojumble stalls.

From about 2.30 the sky grew dark and there were a



few spots of rain. This prompted us to pack everything up. There's nothing worse than trying to dry out a soggy event shelter! The heavy rain that was predicted did not happen so we stayed until 4.00 when we headed home.

It was a very pleasant day in the sunshine and good to chat amongst ourselves and also talk to the general public about the Stags. Having attended this show a number of times we may try an alternative show at the Monmouth Show Ground next year.

Evening Run Tuesday 5th May

Seven Stags met at the Cwmbran Boating Lake for my evening run. Three of the Stags were from the Bristol area and it was great to meet coordinators Sarah and Andy for the first time.

We left at 7.00 and I led the convoy firstly on the busy dual carriageways to Pontypool then through Abersychan to Blaenavon. The first part of the run was tricky as there was a lot of traffic on the road. Keeping everyone together was a bit of a challenge! Things were much easier with much less traffic around when we climbed the road out of Blaenavon, past the old Ironworks and out into the beautiful open countryside on the top of the Bloreng mountain. I had planned a photo shoot at the Foxhunter carpark but things were looking a bit tight timewise if we were to be able to order food at our destination.

The views were superb on a clear fine evening and I led the convoy down the old mountain road where we lucky not to meet any other vehicles as the road is both steep and narrow. We then took the A4042 to the outskirts of Abergavenny then onto the "quick" country backroad to Raglan. From there we made our way to Mitchel Troy and from there onto the Trellech road. After a mile or so we took a left turn down a narrow lane through the picturesque village of Whitebrook where many derelict mill buildings remain that were used to make paper between 1760 and the 1880's.

As we left Whitebrook, the beautiful Wye Vally opened up before us and at the end of this road we turned right to finally reach our destination at the Anchor Inn by Tintern Abbey.

We arrived at 8.30 – too late to order food but we enjoyed liquid refreshments and a good chat.

I had tailored the run to make it easy for the Bristol contingent to get home at the end of the evening. This bit of the plan was a success but for some of us from South Wales our return journey home was disrupted by roadworks at the Bigsweir bridge. Anyway, I think we all found our way back home okay and there were some positive comments from Bristol and South Wales members about the run.

Gary Ross

We welcome all Club members in the South Wales Area or further afield. We keep in touch by emails and WhatsApp. We meet on the first Tuesday of every month at 7.30 at the Crow's Nest Cwmbran.

In the summer the time changes to 7.00 when we normally have an evening drive which ends up at a pub for light refreshments.

DIARY DATES

- ✦ Sunday June 7th Fonmon Castle TBC
- ✦ Sunday June 14th Highnam Court
- ✦ Saturday June 20th Hogs Head Show
- ✦ Weekend July 4th and 5th SOC National weekend
- ✦ Tuesday July 7th Evening Run
- ✦ Sunday July 19th Gloucester Goes Retro (self-arranged)
- ✦ Sunday July 26th Brynmawr Show

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Unfortunately, our planned first evening drive of the season in April had to be called off, due to very poor weather on the night. Instead, 11 of us West Wales members decided to drive directly (but Stag-less) to the restaurant for a delightful meal at the characterful, corrugated iron, community pub Tafarn Sinc, in north Pembrokeshire. We may have been disappointed that we were not able to hold the drive, but the atmosphere and the company was excellent, and we had a delicious meal. I'm sure we will return to Tafarn Sinc in the future, hopefully in our Stags next time.

Ironically, the following week was probably the best weather of the year so far, and although too late for our evening drive, I did manage to take my own Stag out for some hood-down motoring around the Pembrokeshire coast, and to do some planning for a potential future evening or weekend drive. Watch this space for information on that.

I had hoped to take my Stag to a couple of shows over the Mayday bank holiday with some of the West Wales members, but unfortunately my Stag ended up off the road for that weekend, due to some minor complications with a wheel bearing and modified Jaguar brakes, so I ended up taking my VW Campervan to the Classic Cars at the Castle at Carew Castle on bank holiday Monday, and I was joined by Maurice and Mary and their new puppy, Sandy, in their Stag, and also Clive and Lesley drove down from Swansea in their everyday car to visit the show. It was an enjoyable day out, with reasonably good weather, apart from the last hour when the heavens opened, and most people made a hasty and early departure!

On Saturday 9th May, a few of us from west Wales and south west Wales attended the Wales on Wheels Show at the National Waterfront Museum in Swansea. It was an excellent show, with lovely sunny weather. Altogether, six Stags from the SOC had an excellent position on the show field in front of the museum, with at least another two



Stags seen at other places at the show. We were able to fly our Club flag, and put on a good display of Stags.

We are now looking forward to our next N&N, with hopefully an evening drive this month, on Tuesday 12th May. We are planning a drive through the back roads of rural north Pembrokeshire, to end at the highly acclaimed local fish and seafood restaurant, Something's Cooking in Letterston. I hope to report more positively on this evening drive in next month's magazine.

Coming up at the start of June, the Pembrokeshire Classic Car Club Annual Show is being held at Carew Airfield on Saturday 6th June. This is always a good show, and the largest show in the West Wales area, and we are hoping to have a good display of Stags from West and South West Wales. Please note that this year it is a requirement that ALL exhibitors have pre-registered, or you will not be permitted on the show field. Please get in touch with me for further details and to let me know if you wish to join us on our Club stand, but you can also register by downloading the entry form from the website <https://www.pembrokeshire-classic-car-club.co.uk/>

Our next evening drive and N&N for June is due to be held on Tuesday 9th June. The details of this event are still to be arranged, and will be sent out by email nearer the time. If anyone would like to suggest a route and/or a venue, or even to organise a run, please let me know.

This year marks the centenary of the World Land Speed Record being broken by Parry Thomas in his car, BABS, on two consecutive days in April 1926 on Pendine Sands in West Wales. To commemorate this centenary, BABS is returning to Pendine, and a number of events and exhibitions are being held over the next few months. On Saturday 20th June, the members of the West Wales and South West Wales areas have been invited to show our Stags at a display of classic cars at the Pendine Museum of Land Speed. If you would like to attend this display

with your Stag, please contact me as soon as possible for further details, and to register your interest.

On the weekend on 27th & 28th June, the Towy Valley Vintage Club will be holding their Vintage Show at the Cothi Bridge Showground, Pontargothi, near Carmarthen. There are a few members from west and south west Wales SOC who are hoping to attend this show. If you would like to attend with your Stag, you need to complete and return a registration form, available from their website www.tvvc.co.uk and please let myself or Clive Perman know so that we can arrange for all Stags to go into the show together.

The West Wales Area usually meets for our monthly N&N on the second Tuesday of the month, at various venues, but in the summer months we plan an evening drive, ending at a suitable venue for food and socialising. Please get in touch with me for details of when and where we are meeting, or the venue for our N&N.

We also have a WhatsApp group for the West Wales area, so that we can keep in touch with updates, news, and general chat between area members. Please let me know if you would like to be added to this WhatsApp group.

DIARY DATES

- ✔ Sat. 6 June Pembrokeshire Classic Car Club Show at Carew Airfield
- ✔ Tue. 9 June Evening Drive and N&N tba
- ✔ Sat. 20 June Display of classic cars at Pendine Museum of Land Speed
- ✔ Sat. 27 & Sun. 28 June Towy Valley Vintage Club Show at Pontargothi
- ✔ Tue. 14 July Evening Drive and N&N tba
- ✔ Sun. 26 July Cardigan Classic Car Show
- ✔ Tue. 11 Aug. Evening Drive and N&N tba
- ✔ Sun. 16 Aug Skewen Motor Club Vintage Car Show at Gnoll Country Park, Neath

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We continue to enjoy our new N & N home at the White Hart Inn in Iron Acton, which is proving itself to be an excellent choice for our growing group. Following contact being made with Bristol area group members who were missing out on the joys of our N & N monthlies, we were delighted to welcome three new members and one returning member.

We had a thoroughly enjoyable drive of over 100 miles on National Drive It Day in April. Blessed with glorious weather, we gathered at the Cross Hands Hotel in Old Sodbury (where the Queen once stayed in a weather-related emergency whilst visiting Prince Charles at Highgrove, just up the road). Our route then took us on a merry jaunt around the Wiltshire and Gloucestershire countryside, finishing at a suitable hostelry where we were fed and watered. There were 6 Stags in attendance, as well as a couple of other classic marques. No major dramas unfolded, although one of the 'other' cars did suffer from a problematic sticky throttle cable that thankfully only brought a temporary pause to its participation. A small selection of photos from the day are included in this article.

During May, 7 of us from the Bristol area continued our inter-area collaboration and met up with our friends in the South Wales club for their N & drive out. Many thanks go to Terry and the welcoming members we met that evening. The weather behaved itself and we all benefitted from Gary's hard work in planning the route across some glorious Welsh countryside.

Being new to our coordinators roles, Sarah and Andy attended our first AGMs for the Coordinators and SOCTFL at the British Motor Museum at Gaydon. It was great to reacquaint ourselves with Peter Jones and Paul Smith, who visited us at our March N & N. It was equally good to put



faces to names for a number of the National Committee and other UK area coordinators. A day well spent in excellent surroundings.

DIARY DATES

Monthly N & N's for 2026 – all on Wednesday evenings.
Meeting at 7:00pm for a 7:15pm start:

- ✔ June 3rd
- ✔ July 1st
- ✔ August 5th
- ✔ September 2nd
- ✔ October 7th
- ✔ November 4th
- ✔ December 2nd

Events

- ✔ Pied Piper Classic Car Show at Highnam Court, Gloucester – Sunday 14th June.
- ✔ Bath Festival of Motoring, Walcot Rugby Club, Bath BA1 9BJ – Saturday & Sunday 27th & 28th June.
- ✔ Chipping Sodbury Classic Car Run, Chipping Sodbury High Street BS37 6BA – Sunday 28th June.
- ✔ SOC National Day. – Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th July at Shuttleworth House, Bedfordshire again. At least 5 attendees/3 Stags are currently going from our group – hopefully we can increase this.
- ✔ Families Day at Highnam Court, Gloucester – Saturday 4th July. Unfortunately, this clashes with the SOC National Day.
- ✔ KLB Carnival and Classic Car Show, Wotton-U-Edge/Kingswood – Saturday 11th July.
- ✔ Classic Car Show, Newark Park, Wotton-U-Edge (GL12 7PZ) – Sunday 12th July.
- ✔ Gloucestershire Vintage & Country Extravaganza, South Cerney Airfield, Cirencester (GL7 5QD) – Friday 31st July – Sunday 2nd August.
- ✔ Clutton Flower Show, Rudge's Field BS39 5SJ – Saturday 8th August.
- ✔ Kingswood Village Classic Car Show, Kingswood Hall Playing Field (GL12 8RF) – Saturday 5th September.

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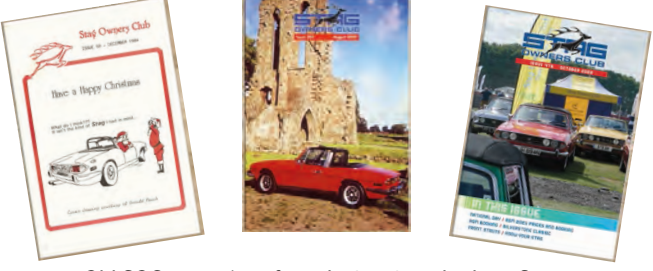



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