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EDITORIAL

Peter Robinson stepping down from his roles in the club means now we do have another vacancy, that for registrar as well as membership secretary.

We are moving forward quite quickly with the implementation of a new membership system which should give more benefits to users and co-ordinators alike.

New features such as proximity placing of members, so we could provide a list of members within 20 miles of your meeting place for example.

Also members will be able to update their own personal details online.

No more cheques

In November 2023, the committee decided that we would be phasing out the use of cheques and also standing orders.

We have been accepting cheques, but now this is changing so soon we shall no longer be accepting cheques.

Membership renewals and applications will be totally online as at present the majority already are.

If you are thinking of attending our AGM, please remember that this is a change from last year and it is a full weekend event with a dinner dance on the Saturday evening.

It makes a great weekend, but if you're pushed for time, then you can just attend the actual AGM meeting on the Sunday.

There will also be a co-ordinators meeting on the Saturday afternoon.

Carl Fuss

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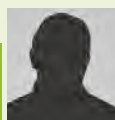
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MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY AND REGISTRAR

Following Peter Robinson's decision to bring forward his resignation.

We now have immediate vacancies for both of these posts so if you're interested in either of these, please let us know and contact our secretary at the email address below.

TREASURER

If you are interested in the post of treasurer and have the necessary skills and experience, then please contact our club secretary.

SECURITY LIAISON OFFICER

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.

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

DIARY DATES 2026

- **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.

SOC AGM & SOCIAL DINNER 2026

SATURDAY/SUNDAY 28/29TH NOVEMBER 2026 AT SEDGEBROOK HALL,
CHAPEL BRAMPTON, NORTHAMPTON NN6 8BD

The Stag Owners Club Annual General Meeting and Social Dinner 2026 will take place on Saturday/Sunday 28/29th November, held at the picturesque Sedgebrook Hall, Chapel Brampton, Northampton.

Booking via the Stag Owners Club web site:
www.stag.org.uk

You will need to log into the members area on the club website and the page for booking the AGM is under the Members Area heading. Closing date for last booking is 30th October.

Prices range from £218 for the weekend package per couple with extra nights from £125 per couple. **See the website for all options and prices.**

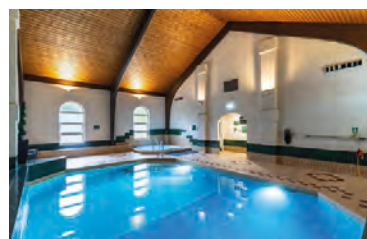
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Notice of AGM and co-ordinators meeting on the Saturday 28th and Sunday 29th November at the Sedgebrook Hall Hotel Northampton
Both meetings are free to attend but notification of intention to attend to be sent to the secretary so the club can provide adequate seating, tea and coffee.

Why not make a weekend of it and stay with a dinner on the Saturday night and entertainment provided by Amy Roberts Jazz Trio. The picturesque hotel was once owned by a wealthy shoe manufacturer and provides a gym and swimming pool to relax. Northampton is a historic market town with the market in the square on Saturday and a museum displaying the history of the town and surrounding ancient battles plus a display of shoes which Northampton is famous for.

Limited rooms are available on the Friday night so don't hold back if you wish to make it a weekend!

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WITH THANKS

PETER ROBINSON

Following Peter Robinson's decision to bring forward his resignation this August, I believe we should express our gratitude to Peter for all of the 37 years of dedication to the club, as well as for his enthusiasm, efforts, and behind-the-scenes work. It is important to note that he had already offered his resignation from the role as Membership Secretary and that he made the decision to leave his role as Archivist and Data Protection Officer at the same time.

Richard Smith National Committee Chairman



STAG MAINTENANCE

TOP TIPS – FUEL PUMP



A member enquired; 'Should a modern, electronic fuel pump tick all the time?' Well, mine does and I really hadn't thought about it having encountered electric diesel lift pumps which run constantly.

Although still concerned, said member continued to use his Stag without issue until a longer than usual layup of some three weeks led to failure to start.

Enthusiastic ticking but no fuel suggested blockage (less likely due to layup) or air ingress. Drawn by instinct and luck to the banjo connectors, both were found to be finger tight thus allowing air in but happily no fuel leakage.

Due I suspect to one or more of the following:

1. Cautious tightening into plastic pump body and threads;
2. A hard plastic square section seal;
3. Bounce of fuel pipes (hard plastic in this case) putting load on the union and effectively loosening connection.

With an old fuel tank there is also a possibility of the suction pipe corroding through within the tank and thus allowing air in.

Alternatively, when driving, suspended rust particles may be pulled into the tiny brass basket filter which sits within the inlet banjo connector and may still be present in older cars without an in-line filter between tank and pump. In this case the engine will re-start once fuel and particles have drained back to the tank and settled.

Note the yellow Stag has straight connections to fuel pump (supplied option), and missing breather components among it's various foibles but nevertheless goes extremely well.

Rupert Klaiber



FBHVC SOC UPDATE

LATEST FEDERATION NEWS



You might have noticed that there hasn't been an FBHVC update in the magazine recently – that's because there really hasn't been anything of great interest to update our members about. Rather than write something for somethings sake and take up valuable magazine space, I've just kept quiet. But, to quote the two Ronnies, "Here is the News..."

FBHVC examining two consultations

Two consultations issued by the Department for Transport are currently being examined by the Federation's Legislation Committee, which will consider its response.

The consultation on "Regulating environmental impact of in-use emissions of road vehicles" seeks views on proposals to strengthen the law around emissions from road vehicles. It aims to ensure that vehicles "continue to meet the same legal emissions requirements that applied when they were built and first registered for use on the roads."

While it does not affect historic vehicles, there have been concerns that it might affect those who modify vehicles that could one day become historic. The DfT says: "We are not seeking to prohibit all vehicle modifications. Our view is that vehicle alteration is a legitimate practice that has been embraced by car tuners, repairers and enthusiasts worldwide."

"Additionally, we are not seeking to stop owners or businesses from installing parts that are generic rather than manufacturer-specific original equipment manufacturer (OEM), although we would advise that anyone installing parts to vehicles does check that they are legally approved for use. It is already illegal to fit or supply unsuitable or illegal vehicle parts and can be punished in the courts with an unlimited fine."

However, it makes clear that removing catalysts and DPFs can never be legal and there are many businesses advertising this service. To clarify, the consultation is about putting Euro 5 and later vehicles (from 2011 onwards) on the same regulatory footing as earlier Euro standards and tightening up the law and, possibly including other vehicle classes like motorbikes for the first time. See: <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/in-use-emissions-of-road-vehicles-regulating-environmental-impacts/regulating-environmental-impact-of-in-use-emissions-of-road-vehicles>

The second consultation "Automated vehicles: statement of safety principles" follows a previous consultation last summer (to which the Federation responded see <https://fbhvc.co.uk/consultations>) about setting the 'safety principles' for automated vehicles (AVs). This consultation is effectively asking for views on the draft document created as a result of feedback. It doesn't

affect historic vehicles, but we have made our position clear previously that all AVs must be able to identify historic vehicles, which may have different characteristics to modern vehicles (e.g. use of hand signals, rather than indicators) depending on their age, type (including steam) and design.

Working with FIVA on Alps 'ban'

A ban on all vehicles in groups (such as organised tours) from using roads over 1,600m in elevation in the Italian Alps (Sud Tyrol) was suddenly implemented on 25 July, without notice.

This ban includes the famed Stelvio Pass, which marked its 200th anniversary of opening last year <https://www.fiva.org/en/post/italy-bicentennial-of-the-stelvio-pass-a-road-turns-200 >

Further details are awaited, including how it is being enforced, but it is understood that the ban covers all ages and types of vehicles (including motorcycles) and has been brought in primarily due to congestion on the road. The ban only covers 'organised' groups of vehicles; individual vehicles are not prohibited.

The international body for historic vehicles FIVA (Fédération Internationale des Véhicules Anciens), of which the FBHVC is a member, has taken immediate action to establish the facts and challenge the ban to exempt historic vehicles.

As it is local government measure (rather than one brought in by the national Italian government) the options for challenging this under EU law are not easy.

There is concern that this ban could spread leading to similar measures being adopted by the local regions covering the French and Swiss Alps, which are also popular with tour organisers.

FIVA points out that tours by historic vehicle groups bring in hundreds of thousands of Euros in revenue to the region, of which much is spent with the hotels in the area.

Martyn's Law update

If you remember this is the new Anti-Terrorist law affecting people and organisations putting on events. Even our largest events do not attract the minimum number of people (200) that the act refers to. Also, our larger events are not put on completely by ourselves but are held on someone else's premises. So, the 'Responsible Person' the act requires us to have would not be considered to be the SOC member organising the event but the venues representative.

Andy Hedley
SOC FBHVC Representative

2026 SOC PHOTO COMPETITION

'CLASSIC TRIUMPH STAGS IN CLASSIC BRITAIN'



We received a fantastic number of entries this year, showcasing a wonderful range of Triumph Stag colours, locations and interpretations of our Classic Stags in Classic Britain theme. The quality and variety of the photographs made for a very successful competition — and a particularly difficult job for the judges!

Many thanks to Richard Smith, Clive Tate and Carl Fuss for joining me on the judging panel and helping to select our winners. There were some fantastic photographs, and choosing just three was no easy task.

The competition may be over for 2026, but we're already looking ahead to 2027. The intention is to run the competition again next year, so get thinking, get exploring and, most importantly, get clicking!

Let's see if we can raise the bar even higher in 2027.



1ST PLACE

Frank Houlder

£100 Howdens Insurance
voucher & £100 Rimmer
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2ND PLACE

Ian Jackson
£100 Rimmer Bros voucher



3RD PLACE

John Holliday
£50 Rimmer Bros voucher

THE WINNING ENTRIES

1ST PLACE

Frank Houlder's beautiful blue Stag, photographed in front of the magnificent **Ribblehead Railway Viaduct**, was a popular choice with the judges. Set against the rugged beauty of the Yorkshire countryside and beneath a brooding sky, the photograph has a wonderfully cinematic and dramatic quality. It captures both the character of the Stag and the spirit of classic British motoring perfectly.

2ND PLACE

Ian Jackson's Modern day *Hay Wain* offers a clever and imaginative take on Constable's famous painting, replacing the traditional horse and cart with a rather different kind of horsepower – a Triumph Stag!

3RD PLACE

John Holliday's superb green Stag looks right at home in front of **Rievaulx Abbey**, with the car perfectly positioned against this spectacular piece of British heritage.

A huge congratulations to all three winners, and our thanks to everyone who took the time to enter.

Wayne Hall

HEBDEN BRIDGE VINTAGE WEEKEND

As always, an excellent weekend, sixteen of us in 5 Stags, 2 TR's and a 2000 saloon and then on Sunday we were joined by Nicky and Tony who brought his Alfa 4C.

We arrived in Hebden Bridge on Friday afternoon after taking a bit of a diversion up Cragg Vale (of Tour De France fame) to take a photograph of my car in the same place as one had been taken when the car was new in 1975. The area hasn't changed much so it wasn't too difficult to find, but only after we realised we had just taken one outside the wrong house!

Once parked up where we were staying, we walked into town to see the others all driving through in convoy to their accomodation.

Saturday was the day for newer cars, from NSU Ro80, Rover 800s, Lancia Stratos kit car, quite a lot of '90s cars and a very nice Datsun 260Z behind us which was sold on the day. That might have taken some explaining when

the buyer got home. There was also a number of Stags from West Yorkshire, Lancashire plus a few stray ones, so probably around 30 in total. Once we were parked up, the ladies went in to the town for coffee, probably hoping (in vain) that we men will have done all the car stuff by the time they came back.

This is also the local Steampunk weekend, so plenty to entertain you, it's all very friendly and the whole town is involved one way or another. We all spent most of the day between the town and the showground which are only separated by the canal.

Saturday evening was at a pub called the Dog and Gun in nearby Leeming and next door to where most of the crowd was staying. We had a really good night and the food was excellent, the drive back to our accomodation through open countryside was quiet and spectacular scenery.

Sunday is the day mainly for older cars, somehow with the Stags, we are able to do both.

Again it was a very busy, sunny and the ladies went for coffee again.

The oldest two cars were both built in 1925, the oldest motorcycle in 1917. As the previous day there were a few rarities, such as a Gordon Keeble and a home build using an Armstrong Siddeley chassis, with a Jaguar V12 engine and aluminium boat tail sports body, mpg in single figures according to the owner.

Two of our members came home with prizes, but neither in Stags. Steve got 2nd prize for his immaculate TR250 in the sports car category, behind a Lancia Beta Zagato and Tony and Nicky got 1st prize for Tony's Alfa 4C in the supercar class.

A great weekend all round. Many thanks to those who sent me photographs for the magazine.

Andrew Bradbury





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



OXFORDSHIRE GROUP SUMMER RUN

STAGS, SUNSHINE AND A QUESTIONABLE QUIZMASTER!

On a sunny Sunday morning in July, 16 members of the Oxfordshire Stag Group gathered at Jason and Catie's house for the essential pre-run rituals: hot drinks, cake and a briefing on the day's activities.

The refreshments were very well received – as refreshments involving cake generally are – and there was plenty of time for a chat before we remembered that we had a lunch booking to get to.

With maps in hand and engines ready, the cars set off in dribs and drabs for a scenic tour of East Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire. The route took us through a string of lovely villages including Brill, Oving, Whitchurch and Wingrave, with the usual mixture of admiring glances, narrow lanes and the quiet hope that everyone had read the same instructions.

A splinter group inadvertently back tracked on themselves followed by a couple of other “blind leading the blind” Stags. Their day was thankfully saved by reference to Google Maps and all were able to get to the destination.

The organisers took a discreet shortcut to arrive at the lunch venue early and check that everything was in order. We were delighted to find that the pub had not only expected us, but had also put up bunting and prepared an area of the village green opposite the pub for the Stags to park. It made a splendid sight as the cars gradually arrived, joined by a couple of members who had come direct.

In total, 11 Stags lined up on the village green, looking very much at home and attracting the sort of attention only a row of Triumph Stags can. Naturally, there followed the obligatory photographs, bonnet-peering and friendly comparisons of who had solved which problem most recently.

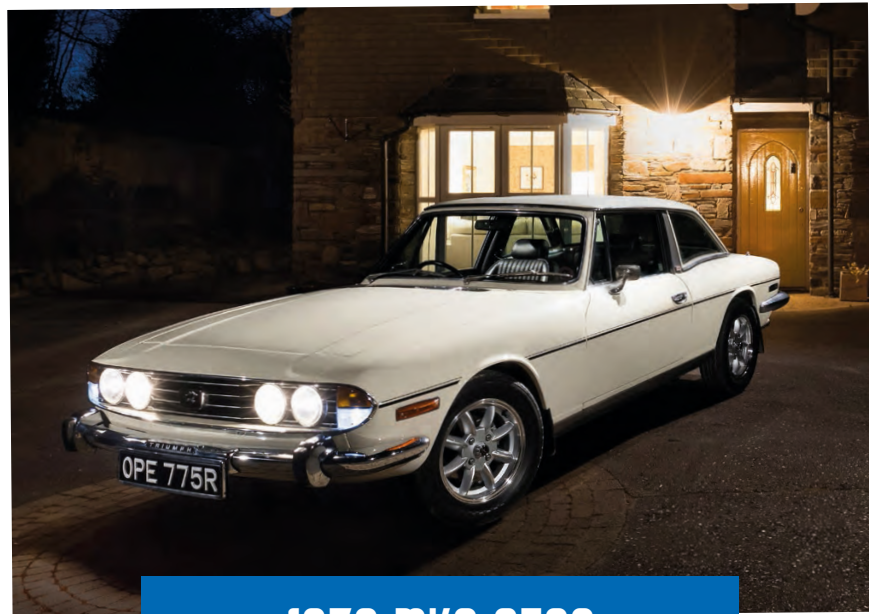
Once inside the pub, 22 diners were comfortably seated across two large tables. The food was excellent, the company even better, and conversation flowed as freely as you would expect from a group who can happily discuss cars, routes and mechanical mysteries for hours.

To add a little light entertainment, Jason had arranged a quick Stag quiz with, it must be admitted, some assistance from ChatGPT. There was a minor query over some of the answers, but in the finest traditions of village green motoring events, the quizmaster's decision was declared final and mildly disputed in good humour – did Bergerac drive a Stag, or was it his ex-wife Deborah?

After lunch, everyone went their separate ways, agreeing that it had been a thoroughly enjoyable day out. Good weather, good roads, good food and good company made for a winning combination – and the general feeling was that we really ought to do this sort of thing more often.

Jason Williams





1976 MK2 STAG

Mervyn Waugh, Downpatrick, Northern Ireland.



SE LONDON AREA PEAK DISTRICT TRIP

For our annual trip away this year we took our merry gang up to the Peak District, basing ourselves out of the Palace Hotel in Buxton.

To save any faffing about, we all made our own way up to Buxton, which meant that we could all take our time and stop when and where we wanted. I drove up in my modern as there is no way my Stag would make it that far at the moment!

We all made it up safe and sound and met up in the bar – naturally! – in the evening for a drink before sitting down to eat. After a quick explore after the meal, we found the games room which set us up for an evening venue for the rest of the trip. Darts and Pool skills were pretty much diabolical for the first night, but a bit of practice and a couple of evenings later and we were all just that little bit less diabolical after skills hard earned in our youth started to kick in again!

The first day we had pre-booked into a tour of the Buxton Brewery. Our guide was very knowledgeable and really knew her stuff. The tour concluded in their bar sampling assorted beers that they produce – in small quantities naturally. After that we headed off to a car museum that focused on British cars. Most of the cars were ones that we could all relate to so something for everyone. Some of the exceptions though were Vera's Landrover from the TV detective series, and unbelievably,

Sir Baden Powell's Rolls Royce.

Day 2 was not a good one for me – I thought I was having a repeat of an issue that put me in hospital last year and I must give huge thanks to Chris who took me to the nearest A&E and hung around all day for the full 7 hours I was there being checked over. Much to my relief I was ok, so I feel very guilty for robbing him of a day's holiday, but I am very grateful.

For the rest of the gang, the plan for the day was a drive around the hills and valleys of the peaks, I'm told it was a great drive with amazing scenery so well done to Mike for sorting out the route, especially as it had to be hastily rerouted as we discovered the Snake Pass was going to be closed for the duration of our trip!

The drive was followed by a visit to a cave system for those able to tackle the large quantity of steep steps and confined spaces. I'd love to have done that, but wasn't in a fit state to do so on the day!

Day 3 saw us heading off to the magnificent Chatsworth House. I've seen some houses in my time, but this was unbelievable. I don't think I have ever visited a house where I exclaimed "Wow" so often when entering a room! Well worth a visit if you've never been.

And just like that, it was sadly time to head home.

Chris Skinner

STAGS GO TO SILVERSTONE

Hooray! finally the powers that be at Silverstone have noted the demands of the clubs to bring the Classic back to July away from the bank holiday. Boo... how late were they with the details? In itself I think that reduced the interest and, therefore, the number of cars attending. SOC had six shiny Stags in attendance.

Ticket price for car club members was the usual two people for the price of one and the promise of in circuit parking for your classic and this year that meant a total of just £65 for all three days! So for just over £10 per day per person you could watch the exciting action on the track with the classic and vintage racing, visit the pits while the mechanics are working on the cars, free travel around the site on the classic coaches, watch the action on the new kart racing circuit, wander amongst the club displays, gain entry to the Silverstone Museum (alone a saving of over £20 per person), and maybe spot a VIP like Sir Chris Hoy who was co-driving a Lola and achieved second place in his class. To visit the auction did mean an additional charge of £20.

This year the trade village was disappointing, probably as a result of the change of date, with only half a dozen stalls to browse and a small fun fair, but there was a variety of food outlets including the plush Escapade hotel overlooking the circuit at Becketts and Maggots. You too can sit in your jacuzzi on your balcony watching the race in your hired lodge.

In fact the SOC parking was a very convenient area with the Jaguar Enthusiasts on the banking opposite Escapade and the new lodges with an excellent view of the action between Copse Corner and Becketts and with a view of the Hangar Straight too. We spent some time on Friday protecting our tyres by scouring the floor for screws and metal in the gravel we were parked on, but a complaint to Silverstone brought a man with a large strong magnet on wheels to scan the area. The debris was from contractors breaking down the stands for the F1 Grand Prix, but did they really have to abandon the metal?

So a reasonably priced weekend with all the thrills of the racing AND it was hot! Let's hope Silverstone get the information out early for the 2027 event.

With grateful thanks to Martin Mills for booking the club in so our members can get the discounted tickets.

Lesley Phillips



GUERNSEY STAGS REMAKE HISTORY



I have been a member of SOC for about a year, and have been looking for a Stag while also building a double garage in which to house her.

I bought one in April and have had some work done on her by Pete Edwards of the Stag workshop in Poole, 1st stage of work completed, he brought her over on the ferry so I could enjoy some of the summer with her.

Last month I managed to get 4 (of the only 5) members of SOC in Guernsey together, not a very well thought out photo I'm afraid, it was a bit impromptu (one of the members does not currently have a car).

One of the members, Vince Cockett had his Stag appear on the front cover of the September 1992 magazine, issue 145. While on our trip I've managed to re-create it.

Derek Rossiter



NO MORE CHEQUES?

REMEMBER THIS

The national committee as part of its drive to modernise the operation of our club, have decided to discourage the use of cheques as a payment method starting from the 1st January 2024.

Well, over two years later we will be very shortly not accepting cheques at all. All membership renewals can be done on our club website, you don't need to login. If you have difficulty with the on line payments a relative or friend can do that on your behalf.

Any problems contact membership@stag.org.uk



NEW COMPANY SURREY HILLS CLASSICS

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We quite often get new products which I feature in the magazine, however it's not too often we actually get a new company. And this one in particular, run by a young person with good experience in the Classic Car business.

It's a problem within the Classic Car industry that the people with the skills and the knowledge are getting older and retiring and there's not enough young people coming into the business, so it's really refreshing to welcome Harry Whybrow and his business.

Here's a few pictures and some details from his business, Surrey Hills Classics. Various Surrey area members have trusted him with their cars and all the feedback has been very positive.

ABOUT SURREY HILLS CLASSICS

My passion for classic cars started from a very young age having been brought up around cars, My father was in property however he has always had a love for anything automotive.

When I was around 6 years old, my dad started taking me Go Karting and from that point onwards I was hooked on anything with wheels and an engine!

Fast forward 10 years when I had just left school and started my apprenticeship at Hendy Performance as a mechanic I knew at that point I wanted to be involved in the Motor Trade no matter what, I continued to work for Hendy's for the next 3 years until a fantastic opportunity arose to work at a Aston Martin heritage garage restoring classic DB4, 5 and 6's which is a position I thoroughly enjoyed until July 2026, I then took the leap to take on Surrey Hills Classics as my full time role.

In March 2024 at the age of 22, was when I decided to start Surrey Hills Classics to expand my passion of classic car sales along with maintenance work.

As you can appreciate It has taken quite some time, resources, knowledge and energy to ensure the cars I sell are the best I can find.

My mission here at Surrey Hills Classics is to provide the best available vehicles to the market with customer satisfaction as my main priority.

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Harry Whybrow





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A street scene in a village with colorful houses and classic cars. A red classic car is in the foreground, with a white classic car and another red classic car behind it. The houses are painted in various colors like red, blue, and orange. There are trees and a stone wall on the right.

SOMERSET & DORSET DRIVE THE ERYRI 360

In preparation for our foray into Wales, we had a local drive out in our Stag just to check it was running OK. Unfortunately, we heard a strange whooshing sound when braking which was attributed to the brake servo. Oh dear!

It was Bank Holiday Monday and we are going away this Saturday. Early on Tuesday morning I phoned my local garage and they said they would do their best to get it fixed. Friday; a call to the garage and the servo had arrived and should be fitted by lunchtime. Friday afternoon, Stag was repaired and we picked it up.

Sat 30th May

On Saturday 30th May a trio of Stags set off from locations in Somerset to rendezvous at the Moto Severn View services on the Old Severn Bridge as our preferred route into Wales is along the Wye Valley, this time on the East of the river. En route to our overnight stop at Hereford, we visited the National Trust property, The Weir Garden. 114 miles today.

Sun 31st May

Refreshed on Sunday morning, we continued on the way to our Welsh adventure to explore The Eryri 360 Route. We had a short refreshment break at Powis Castle and stretched our legs around the stunning garden. Our next stop was Llanberis for a four night stay at the Royal Victoria Hotel. 120 miles today.



Mon 1st June

On Monday morning we awoke to rain and the forecast of rain for the next week. Undaunted we drove to Caernarfon to see the Castle and then to the Airworld Aviation Museum at Caernarfon airport. We had pre-booked a drive through and photo shoot at Portmeirion Village for the afternoon so we made our way to meet our guide.



At Portmeirion.



Snowdon Trig point.



Stags in Portmeirion.



Trams on The Great Orme.

We had a very pleasant afternoon exploring Portmeirion, first a drive through in our cars (twice), then in the guide's buggy with interesting stories of the village and then on foot. 70 miles covered on Monday.

Tue 2nd June

We had pre-booked the train to conquer Snowdon for Tuesday morning. Although rain was forecast we set off in good weather and had views for more than halfway up the mountain before the mist started to close in. We heard there are only two days a year when you get a clear view from the top, today wasn't one. We did make it to the blustery trig point and there was still a queue to take photos. There was a marriage proposal at the top and it was accepted (not one of our group), who said romance is dead?

In the afternoon we decided to visit Llandudno and take the tram ride up Great Orme. It was a lovely sunny afternoon although a little blustery on the top. National Trust Bodnant Garden had late opening to see the Laburnum Arch, so that worked well into the return route to Llanberis, 61 miles covered today.

Wed 3rd June

On Wednesday we drove to Aberdaron, the Llyn Peninsula, then onto Whistling sands and Plas Glyn y Weddw Gallery at Landbedrog, an interesting art gallery, house and cafe. We returned through Beddgelert to Llanberis, a further 90 miles of the Eryri 360 ticked off.



Whistling sands.



Llanfair... Station.

Thu 4th June

Our next stop on Thursday night was Hotel Trecastell, Amlwch, Anglesey. We crossed the Menai Bridge and made our way to Beaumaris Castle, then on to the obligatory photo stop at Llanfairpwllgwyngyllgogerychwyrndrobwllllantysiliogogogoch station.

Onward to Plas Newydd, where we had to decide whether to explore the house and garden or make our way to South Stack Lighthouse. Mike and Jackie decided to stay, Jane, Mark, Janet and Garry decided on destination South Stack. We made it just in time to buy tickets for the walk down 400 steps to the bridge across to the island where we climbed the 108 steps inside the lighthouse for the tour before returning. The heavens opened as we walked down, but the weather cleared as we reached the lighthouse, so we had good views and a leisurely walk back, a tour highlight for us.

After the lighthouse a scenic drive to Amlwch, a 70 mile drive today.

Fri 5th June

Friday and time to drive home, we started out at 09:30. We made our way off Anglesey via the Britannia Bridge to Betws-y-Coed. At this point Mike and Jackie decided to make their way to Chirk Castle and stay in Hereford on the return leg. The remaining two Stags decided to carry on through Snowdonia National Park to Dolgellau and Machynlleth. En route we were treated to a flypast by the Red Arrows.

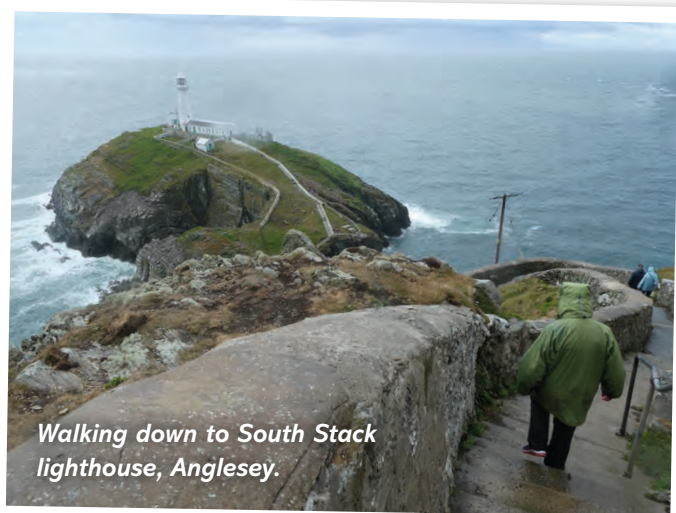
We had a few stops on our way to Monmouth, then down the Wye valley and across the Old Severn Bridge to Somerset. We finally arrived home at 22:30, covering 285 miles on the day.

We had a thoroughly enjoyable varied trip of about 800 miles total, with good company, all seasons of weather and varied modes of transport taking in the superb views of mountains, valleys and seaside. Definitely worth a visit.

Garry Martin



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Walking down to South Stack lighthouse, Anglesey.



On our way home through North Wales.



Last morning of our trip at Amlwch, Anglesey.

BMC/LEYLAND DAY BMM, GAYDON

The annual BMC/Leyland Day was held on Sunday 12th July at the fantastic Gaydon museum. There were over 800 cars booked into the show, including 11 Stags from our area, plus a couple of independents.

The museum itself has over 400 cars (including the last Stag) so there was plenty to do and see.

I was accompanied by a good friend, Carl, who is a Land Rover and Range Rover fanatic. He disappeared within 30 seconds of our arrival, it turned out that we had followed a pre-production Range Rover Classic into the museum grounds. It was only the offer of a bacon batch in the museum café that brought him to heel.

Amongst the big displays were 'Land Crabs' (I didn't know that there were that many left); a dozen or so Rover 200 BRMs, and lots of Rover SD1's who were celebrating the 50th anniversary of the cars launch. Amongst the SD1's was a twin turbo V8 that appeared to have 'cooked' almost every under bonnet component at some point, including the brake master cylinder.

Thank you to all those who came along with their cars, and put up with the stifling heat; and also to Tom Caren, Show Manager at the BMM for inviting our club again

Steve Cox Deputy Coordinator
Warwickshire/Leicestershire Area

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With over 800 classic cars booked in and probably another 100 drop ins, all with a link to British Leyland the day was always going to be a nostalgic visit to the past as well as an opportunity to catch up socially.

The three Triumph Clubs holding their National events were well represented and had enjoyed a warm evening celebrating the football. Virtually every relevant Club was represented but Standard Triumphs and Rovers were probably the largest groups.

By opening time the car parks were all but full within an ocean of familiar cars. The coffee stalls were doing a



roaring business and the museums cafe was busy offering breakfasts. The museum itself was filling too maybe in the search for air conditioning? But air conditioning apparently affects the display cars so is banned.

A few antique and memorabilia stalls were in the gallery together with a couple of model car salesmen. Wandering around the displays revealed intriguing modifications as well as "original" cars and some stunning one offs. It's an unmissable annual event for the enthusiast. Thanks to Steve Cox for organising our display.

Lesley Vice-President, Stag Owners Club



Thought for the Month By Rupert Klaiber

The older I get, the more clearly I remember things that never happened.

Mark Twain



SHROPSHIRE GROUP & TR REGISTER

WITLEY COURT RUN – JULY 2026

Six cars joined in this run of which four were SOC/ TRR members. There were three Stags and three TRs (Tr4a; TR6 and a TR8). Some of us met at the Bridge Builder pub in Wellington and others joined us en route.

We tootled down the lanes to Much Wenlock then followed the A458 to Bridgnorth where we took the road to Highley. On the way we came up to temporary traffic lights on red. So obviously we waited and waited and waited for so long it was getting ridiculous. Then a car coming the other way suggested lights were stuck on red.

So, reluctantly we drove through the red light and stopped to tell the road workers that the lights were stuck on red. Oh dear! We were faced with a road worker who looked none too pleased with us. "The lights are red for a reason!" said one – apparently they were on red to allow the workers to drive their site vehicles up and down, only no-one warned vehicles approaching the traffic light that this was the case. We were told other cars were sitting at the lights for 15-20 minutes!

We met up at The Engine House at Highley. The building is used to house several of the Severn Valley Railway's steam engines, and includes a shop and a very good cafe. The primary function of the building is to dry store engines that are not in use until such time as they can be fully restored. Before this facility was built, engines were kept in sidings open to the elements.

The building is also used as an educational resource and on the day we visited it was full of small children enjoying a short play delivered by two actors.

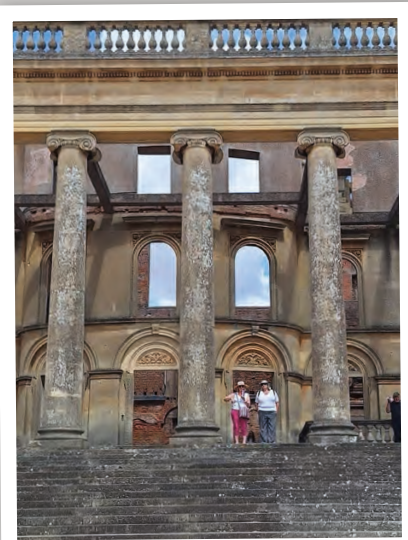
It was a good drive from Highley to Witley Court on relatively quiet roads, but there was a longish wait at a police road block for an oncoming wide load, a mobile home being delivered to a holiday park. Witley Court is the site of a now-ruined stately home – although its current state does make it an interesting place to visit.

The house was damaged by a fire in the 1930s and, being uninsured, no money was forthcoming to repair and rebuild the fire damaged house. Consequently, the house was an unattended ruin for many years until English Heritage took it over, stabilised the structure and opened it as a place for everyone to visit. English Heritage have also restored the magnificent stone Perseus and Andromeda fountain which, in its heyday, had the tallest water spout in Europe. Sadly the spout is now not quite so spectacular but it is nevertheless a very fine spectacle to behold.

There is a splendid church at Witley Court decorated in the Baroque style. It is the parish church for the village of Grate Witley. There was an older church on the site serving the village which the owners of the house had relocated because the village got in the way of their views.

After spending three hours looking around, the group parted for home.

Peter Napier



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STAG EMPIRE WINDSOR CRUISE

We left with 33 Stags, with another 7 or 8 joining us along the way. It didn't go as smoothly as last time because we had more than double the number of cars!

The cruise was smooth overall with just 3 or 4 stops during the run to get the convoy back together. We had one breakdown – nothing serious, just a sump nut came off. The car had to be towed away, but there were no overheating issues. Everyone else held together really well.

There was a lot of camera action, and it was a real treat for the tourists!

Indy



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EUROPEAN STAG MEETING 2027

YOUR EXCLUSIVE INVITATION



SINT-MICHIELSGESTEL, NEDERLANDS FRIDAY MAY 28TH - SUNDAY MAY 30TH 2027

May 28 to 30, 2027 – that date is coming sooner than you think! On those days, the Stag Club Nederland is organizing the biennial European Stag Meeting. It will take place in Sint-Michielsgestel, a small town just outside Hertogenbosch, the capital of the province of North Brabant, a cosy province in the Netherlands.

A little luxury is allowed once in a while

Hotel/congress centre De Ruwenberg has been contracted in Sint-Michielsgestel. The management has made us a wonderful offer so that we can let you benefit from it.

What you can expect

We expect our guests on Friday. For early arrivals, a scenic route has already been mapped out, which can be interrupted, at your request, by a visit organized by us to a brewery or to the Van Gogh Museum in Nuenen.

On Saturday, a beautiful route has been planned, which will be interrupted halfway through by lunch on a large electric boat taking us through the Biesbosch. De Biesbosch National Park is a unique protected nature reserve on the border between North Brabant and South Holland. After this break, the ride will take us through even more stunning regions, returning to the hotel around four o'clock. There, we will take a moment to ourselves before ending the day with a gala dinner, followed by a pleasant get-together to the sounds of our band. And, of course, dancing is allowed.

We are reserving Sunday for another beautiful drive that will eventually take us to Altena, where we will be

• guests at an old fort that formed part of the defensive
• ring around the west of our country in the 19th century.
• We will have a 'high tea' here, and we have also
• scheduled the closing meeting.

• For the most enthusiastic Stag drivers we have the
• option to arrive on Thursday. The room in the hotel is of
• course available and breakfast on Friday is also provided.

• We have also taken care of guests who would like to
• stay under the same roof on Sunday evening. Breakfast
• is also ready for them on Monday morning before
• packing their suitcases and embarking on the onward or
• return journey.

Intrigued?

• From July onwards, you can read everything on the website
• of Stag Club Nederland, which is www.stag-club.nl
• or check out www.ESM2027.nl There you will find all
• sorts of information about this ESM, and updates on
• our progress are constantly being kept up to date there.
• Also, starting in early July 2026 the option to register will
• be available there as well. So block out your calendar for
• the end of May 2027 and let the fun begin.

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Gressenhall Farm & Workhouse Museum Our day started at Black Barn on Salhouse Road, Norwich for breakfast prior to a scenic drive through Wroxham, Coltishall, Buxton, Aylsham, Cawston, Reepham, Bawdeswell then Gressenhall Farm & Workhouse Museum.

Today 35 people were in 9 Stags, an XK8 & Euroboxes. Charles had negotiated a stunningly cheap entry deal for the Museum. We reckon our last SOC trip here was 2001, since which time it is now almost unrecognisable as a quite mind-bogglingly broad resource covering all aspects of Norfolk's rural history. Listen to 3D-like projections of period story-tellers, displays of steam etc engines, carts & caravans, Norfolk's oldest car & even a small recreated street from over a century ago plus many traditional static museum displays. All combined to keep us fascinated & some wanted to return with grandchildren, for whom this resource is ideal. So, Gressenhall Museum caters for all ages.

Adjourning afterwards for a lovely meal at the nearby White Swan, Gressenhall, we offered profuse thanks to



At the White Swan, Gressenhall

Charles & Karen for giving us all an enjoyable & also educational day out. Photo by Graeme Budge.

August Noggin 'n' Natter. The warm summer weather certainly added to the atmosphere at tonight's meeting. Once again, we enjoyed an excellent turnout, with 47 members attending. Even more impressive was the sight of 15 Stags in the car park, many with their roofs down, making the most of the beautiful evening. It was a wonderful display and a reminder of what these cars were built for. Photo of 10 of the Stags by Keith Phillips.

It was also a pleasure to welcome three new members to the Norfolk Area. A warm welcome goes to Lynne & Gary from Lowestoft, Debbie & Steve from Garboldisham plus Keith & (son) George from West Runton. Keith has a great plate on his Stag 'RUT 1N' ... yes, as in



August N & N

Stags rutting! All were soon chatting with fellow members, making new friends, and benefiting from the wealth of advice and support for which our club is renowned. We hope you all enjoyed your first visit and look forward to seeing you at many future meetings and events.

Our round-up of events attended last month included Barry & Su joining the Charles Clarke Memorial Rally which seems to still be thriving. Helmingham had about 1,200 cars, Rickingham & Arminghall continue to be popular & Steve reported on several shows in the Yarmouth/Bradwell area plus a nice small one at Hoveton.

One of our members, Mike, has generously offered an almost complete collection of Stag Owners Club magazines, from Issue 1 through to Issue 510, FREE to a good home. Only a handful of the very early issues are missing (14, 15, 18–27, 32 and 44). Issues 1 to 401 (before the magazine format changed) are neatly stored in binders. If you would like to give this remarkable collection a new home, please email me and I'll put you in touch with Mike.

Don't forget that our Norfolk Area Google Calendar is available to all members. It contains details of our planned events, local shows, and other activities, helping you keep up to date with everything that's happening. If you don't already have access and would like it, just let me know and I'll be happy to add you.

Please remember we're always looking for new ideas for future area events. If you know of an interesting destination, a scenic driving route, or somewhere that would make a good start and finish for a club run, we'd love to hear from you. We're also keen to hear from members who would like to help organise a drive. Don't worry if you've never done it before—there's plenty of support available, and you certainly won't be left to do it on your own. Organising an event is a rewarding way to contribute to the club and helps to ensure we continue to enjoy a varied programme of outings for everyone.

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/> put NR9 into search box and visit local website for menus etc. 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).

Norfolk Area Team: in addition to our Co-ordinator & Deputies as above, our Team also includes ...

- Ray Prescott (Photos Archivist) send him your photos via WhatsApp.
- Steve Bradbury (Events Co-ordinator) send details of events of potential interest to steve.j.bradbury@btinternet.com

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Natter and Noggin

The first meeting at the White Horse in Newnham Ave Bedford with 12 in attendance went well and agreed we should return for our next N&N. It was a lovely sunny evening bringing out 8 Stags but not all could park in the car park with a couple having to park on the road. The landlord has said if I know how many stags will attend in the future he will reserve parking for us in future.

Events and car shows

Oakley Sports and social Club I was lucky to get a lift to this event from my neighbour who has a very nice Alpha Romeo Giulia and gave me the chance to catch up with some members which was good to see long standing Beds member Dave and Sharon with their White Stag making a rare trip out. Apparently Dave has now cleared a path from his garage of all the project cars so he can get the Stag back out on the road





Kimbolton Country Fayre and Classic Car Show Kimbolton Castle

Again this is popular with members and was combined with attendance from Cambridgeshire Thanks to Howard for the report and pictures

There were quite a number of Stags, albeit only 6 from our region namely, Paul & Jackie, Simon & Trudy, Christine Cartwright and family, Jane Martin, her daughter Alix & partner, Tony & Debbie, and Anita and myself. The majority of the other Stags were from the Cambridgeshire region, Regional Coordinator(Chris Grove) was also there.

The event was slightly different this year with the main arena being much smaller than the norm. Vikings re-enactment, The Dancing Dogs, Gun Dog display and the Dog and Pony Show, took place throughout the day in the two small arenas. Live bands and Morris Dancers performed throughout the event, together with children's entertainment and attractions. Mid afternoon saw the Battle of Britain flight - Hurricane this time, fly over three times, cameras at the ready!

Stotfold Classics On the Green

Another popular car show with Guy and Tony parking together and display the club flag (see Picture) later joined by Peter and Cheryl.

The show was well attended with a good mix of Classics but due to the hot weather many left early to escape the heat of the day.



All Triumph Day at Shuttlesworth this is a very popular event on the calendar with many members already booked as I write. Pre booking is essential details below in the diary dates. Suggest we meet up at the Green Man at Stanford SG189JD at 9:30

Sywell Classic Piston and Props, again pre booking is advisable to get on the club stand, but entry on the day is available. I have booked a club stand for up to 20 cars and believe cars from Suffolk and Derbyshire have booked to join us

What's App Group

Again this popular way of informing the club members of meetings and showing off the Stags at shows is proving very informative. If you have not yet joined and wish to let me have your mobile number so I can add you to the group.

NOTE: May I remind you to keep postings to only Stag related postings, although it might be nice to post 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

- ✔ September 6th Sunday Lunch time meet at Danish Camp Willington MK44 3QG arrive 11:30
- ✔ September 8th Tuesday Oakley sports and social club car meet Bedford MK43 7RJ 6:0pm onwards
- ✔ September 16th Wednesday at the Compasses 44 high street Greenfield MK45 5DD 6pm onwards
- ✔ September 13th All Triumph Day at Shuttlesworth pre booking essential <https://shuttlesworth.digitickets.co.uk/event-tickets/75162?catID=70449&>
- ✔ September 17th Natter and Noggin White Horse in Newnham Ave Bedford MK41 9PU. 7.30 onwards
- ✔ September 25/27th Sywell Classic Piston and Props booking www.sywellclassic.co.uk
- ✔ October 15th Natter and Noggin White Horse in Newnham Ave Bedford MK41 9PU. 7.30 onwards
- ✔ November 13-15th NEC Classic Motor Show
- ✔ November 19th Natter and Noggin White Horse in Newnham Ave Bedford MK41 9PU. 7.30 onwards
- ✔ November 28/29th SOC AGM and Dinner at Sedbrook Hall Northampton.

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Our July event took us to Kimbolton Castle, the home of Katherine of Aragon, upon her annulment from Henry V111 and until she died in1536. The Kimbolton Country Fayre & Classic Car Show has the largest showing of classic cars in the East of England, with approximately one thousand cars displaying. We had a sunny start which got increasingly hotter throughout the day. However, an early start from our professional gazebo erecting team soon provided the cover required, in a lovely shady area, as we settled down alongside our colleagues from the Bedfordshire & Northants area, who were also supporting this event. Together we produced a fine showing of Stags (as per photo).

There were numerous market stalls and booths to browse, a fairground area for the young at heart and also performances all day in the Showground Display Arena. There was also a flypast from a World War Two Hawker Hurricane fighter plane which happened to be the last Hurricane ever to be produced.

Everyone seemed to enjoy the day with lots of natter and relaxation which could be witnessed from under the gazebo. It was also good to welcome our new member Ron Dean who has recently acquired his Stag and we hope to see him at more of our future events.

The September event is currently being planned by Ivan Higgins and details will be emailed to you as soon as possible.

Chris

DIARY DATES

- ✔ September TBA
- ✔ Wednesday 21st October "QuizNite", Admiral Wells Pub, Holme - Starting at 6.45pm
- ✔ Sunday 29th November End of Year Lunch and Secret Santa Venue: TBA

ESSEX

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Last month was National Day, well done Roger and the team. A lot goes into organising such events, we should know, Essex has done it more than once.

Last month was the Jaguar Drivers Club Classic Car Show at William De Ferrers School. Not as well attended by us due to holiday season and maybe due to the fact that last year it was held in Hyde Hall, so a lot to see and something for the ladies. Let's see what happen next year.

Last month was our area BBQ at Ricky and Maggie's and at the time of writing this, well attended and thank you for a generous day Ricky and Maggie and kindly hosting.

Chris's Long Weekend will have taken place, report to follow. Thank you Chris

This month it is the Maldon Classic car show, 13th September. We have good numbers and will be a great day out as the show always has around 500 cars of all types. Don't forget that ice-cream!

Please mark up your diaries early as the Christmas do will be on the 12th December.

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

- ✔ September 3rd – Club night, Old Windmill
- ✔ September 4th - 7th - Long Weekend
- ✔ September 13th – Maldon Classic car Show
- ✔ October 1st – Club night, Old Windmill
- ✔ October TBA - Night Run
- ✔ November 5th – Club night, Old Windmill
- ✔ December 3rd – Club night
- ✔ December 12th - Christmas meal, raffle and awards



HERTFORDSHIRE & N. LONDON

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Hello again. First area event of the last month was the Shiny Car night hosted by the North London Group of the TR Register at The Red Lion in Hemel Hempstead. I attend this event every year as the TR group always have some stunning cars on display. It's also a good opportunity to further our links with our sister Triumph clubs but unfortunately this year I was unable to go due to illness. Rotten timing but it happens! Despite my absence, Martin and Dennis flew the flag for the area with Dennis winning the prize for best non-TR there, which I know included competition against a good number of very interesting cars in outstanding condition, so well done Dennis and thoroughly deserved.

Following on from that was the next breakfast meet at The Red Lion, Waterend. Four Stags and I believe 8 people made it for a hearty breakfast with more opportunities for photos in the car park. We hope to fit one or two more of these meets in before the end of the season, so look out for them on the WhatsApp group notices.

Finally our August monthly meeting at the Golden Eagle was a roaring success with 4 Stags in the car park and 13 of us enjoying great food and varied conversations. New member, (to the group) Keith Buckle joined us (although his Stag is currently off the road) and I hope we made him feel very welcome. Hope to see you again Keith. A few upcoming trips to add to the calendar were discussed with proposed visits to The de Havilland Aircraft Museum, Tring Brewery visit and another curry night all being met with enthusiasm! So Mary, our events coordinator and I hope to organise these soon. I was also able to share the good news about Yvonne and I recently becoming first time grandparents, so the next round was on me!

You are most welcome to join us at our meetings held on the first Thursday of every month, alternating between the Golden Eagle, Ashley Green and The Woodman Inn, Brookmans Park. Please contact me if you wish to be

added to the area WhatsApp group to get the latest updates on our 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 calendar below for what's coming up:

Peter Goodman

DIARY DATES

- ✔ 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.)
- ✔ Saturday 5th September – Redbourn Classics Motor Show. Noon until 5pm. No advance tickets needed. Show starts at noon, but you're advised to get there earlier if displaying
- ✔ Mid-September – Proposed visit to the de Havilland Aircraft Museum, Potters Bar. See WhatsApp group for further updates
- ✔ Thursday 1st October – H&NL monthly meet around 7pm at The Golden Eagle, Ashley Green, HP5 3PW.
- ✔ Thursday 5th November – 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.)
- ✔ Mid-November – Proposed visit to the Tring Brewery, Tring. See WhatsApp group for further updates
- ✔ Thursday 3rd December – H&NL monthly meet around 7pm at The Golden Eagle, Ashley Green, HP5 3PW.

SUFFOLK & N. ESSEX

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National weekend at Shuttleworth

We, along with Paul & Christine, travelled over on the Friday on yet another blisteringly hot day to our hotel in Biggleswade where thankfully the beer was cool. Saturday morning we headed over to Shuttleworth



for the drive out. Once parked up and joined by Mick, Mick & Michaela we set off on what was a superb drive, finishing up at Shuttleworth listening to the band for a while before heading back to our hotel. On Sunday we set off in good time and had breakfast on site before settling in to the day, there was plenty to do and even a bus ride to get us to the house. Altogether we had 11 stags from Suffolk & N Essex which was great. Well done to Roger and his team for organising a great National weekend.

Culford

After a couple of years' break we returned to this rather nice show in the grounds of Culford School. It was a brilliantly sunny day so the Gazebo was put to good use and with 9 Stags on show it was a great day out.

Helmingham Hall

Ten of us met up at the Sorrel Horse in Barham and Mick led us in on a route to avoid the inevitable queues which worked a treat, we were soon safely parked up on site, set up the gazebo and then after a cuppa it was time to explore this vast event. This is always a favourite and we had a great day.

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/>

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DIARY DATES

- ✔ 2nd September N&N The George. Hintlesham IP8 3NH
- ✔ 6th September Classics at Glemham New venue Woolverstone
- ✔ 13th September Maldon Classic Car show
- ✔ 27th September Sywell Classic: Pistons & Props
- ✔ 7th October N&N The George. Hintlesham IP8 3NH

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B MC / BL Day, Gaydon

Amongst the huge number of cars spanning the life of BMC and British Leyland were several Stags parked together and a couple of others dotted about including this Stag Estate built by Ian "Del" Lines at Atlantic Garage in Weston Super Mare. Originally built to tow his rally car, a 2000 mk1 estate with a very tired engine and a written off Stag with just 500 miles on the clock being the inspiration.



When asked to build cars for customers, he used new bodysells until BL refused to supply him as they didn't like what he was doing. Twenty six cars were built including 3 saloons, only four survive. This particular car was Del Lines own car and carries his number DEL 33.

This car is for sale, so if you fancy a Stag that's a bit different, now is your chance!

I have the details of the current owner who can give a far more detailed history than this little snippet.

Frank Kirby

Sadly we have lost another long term member. Frank sadly died on July 11th while in hospital.

Frank and his wife Judy, who died in 2021 were very much part of the Notts Derby Area and rarely missed anything we did, both were full of life and always great company. He used to get a bit of stick for the brown colour of his Stag, but it was a completely original unrestored car



and he was justifiably proud of it. He sold the car a few years ago, but more recently had said he would like to buy another and had looked at a couple, but it wasn't to be.

One thing Frank was very good at, was winning the raffle at our monthly meetings, if he was there, which was most months, the first raffle prize drawn was almost certainly one of his. I don't think he ever went home without winning. Frank being Frank, if there were chocolates or biscuits as a prize, he would take them and then share them out and when his number came up again, which it often did, he asked for it to be redrawn.

His funeral was held in Lichfield on 11th August, with a good turnout of Stags.

As a tribute to Frank, the August raffle takings of £120 were donated to his funeral collection and no numbers drawn or prizes given.

Andrew

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 36 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 meetings is on Wednesday 7th October

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 confirmed.

- 🚗 12th – 13th September Road, Rail and Ale, Statfold Railway near Tamworth
- 🚗 20th September Hinckley BID Classic Car Show
- 🚗 27th September Thorseby Hall Classic Car Show
- 🚗 13th - 15th November Lancaster Classic Car Show NEC
- 🚗 29th November SOC AGM, Sedgebrook Hall, Northampton

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We've been having a lot of fun lately at shows, monthly meetings etc and mostly legal...

I'm a tad busy at the moment, so I'll keep this report very short. Yippee, I hear you say.

Starting to get the NEC sorted as we speak and unlike last year, I have enough car volunteers to man our stand with an eclectic mix of cars, only 4 cars in total this year as the NEC bless 'em have cut our stand size down a bit.

Managed after 18 months of ownership to fit my CV driveshafts. Our Sam was off work for 3 days in July, so I borrowed him. Much smoother ride I have to say with

no sign of twitch either. Expensive but looks like being a reasonable investment in the 'long term'. That's another story. I have found myself looking at 'long term' projects and thinking, hang on a minute, I'm 76, what constitutes 'long term'? I certainly won't be planning 30 years ahead....

The 3k is running well and just sailed through its MOT. No progress at all on GT6.

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 at THE SPARROW, Combe Fields Road, Ansty, Coventry CV7 9JP, from 6:30pm, unless otherwise advised below.

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 Gathering. 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

🚗 September Sunday 20th – Hinckley Show – Book Direct

WARWICKSHIRE / LEICESTERSHIRE AREA WEBSITE

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Our normal second Tuesday of the month meeting at The Edgmond Lion Edgmond Nr Newport Shropshire was held on 14th July with 7 members enjoying a meal and two members calling in for an hour for a chat. Peter Napier our member kindly organised a

run to Whitley Court on 23rd of July. We had a great run. calling for coffee at the Engine House Cafe at Highley before we continued to Whitley Court.

After paying our entrance fee we quickly followed the path to the fountain which is switched on hourly and we saw the 1pm display of famous restored fountain. We then had lunch at Whitley Court splendid cafe.

The return run finished at Quatford cafe near Bridgnorth.

Thank you to Peter for organising. He has given a full account of the run in an article which may be in the magazine.



Another satisfied customer. Never cease to amaze me how quickly you complete these jobs.

On my way to the Classic Nostalgia event my car developed an intermittent misfire that shook the whole car for a second or two and then cleared and ran perfectly well. Speaking to Scotty about I discovered that he was experiencing the same fault with his Stag. He had traced the fault to a failing coil. So it looks as though I shall have to invest in a new one for my car.

Finally may I wish everyone happy motoring in this very fine summer this year but stay safe in these exceptionally high temperatures.

Noel Sargent.

DIARY DATES

September

- ✔ 6 Classic & Retro Himley Hall, DY3 4DF
- ✔ 6 Breakfast Club Shelsley Walsh, WR6 6RP
- ✔ 6 Rubery Festival St Chads Park, Rubery
- ✔ 12 Hampton Ferry Car Show Boat Lane, Evesham, WR11 4BP
- ✔ 12/13 Harvest Festival Meeting Shelsley Walsh, WR6 6RP
- ✔ 12/13 Road, Rail & Ale Statfold Narrow Gauge Museum
- ✔ 17 Cars in the Valley Shelsley Walsh, WR6 6RP
- ✔ 19 Chill on the Hill Shelsley Walsh, WR6 6RP
- ✔ 19/20 Stoke Prior Steam Rally Little Intall Fields, Stoke Pound, B60 4LF

October

- ✔ 11 Breakfast Club Shelsley Walsh, WR6 6RP

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NOEL'S NOTEBOOK

I guess there two highlight recent events worthy of mention.

The first being the Macmillan Cancer Support fund raising event hosted by Tony and Christine Gibbs on 26th July. This has become an annual event and one that is very well attended attracted by the copious amounts of tea, coffee and delicious cakes. Tony, Christine and the team are to be congratulated for the success of this gathering as well for raising over £1300 for the charity. A truly magnificent result.



The second event was the Classic Nostalgia event held at Shelsley Walsh where Scotty was once again able to organise a Stag Owners Club area and a discounted ticket price for club members. Really good day out with lots to see as well as a social opportunity to chat to about almost everything under the sun against the background of car racing up the hill climb.

An up date on Alan's car and the problems with the quiller shaft bear and drive shafts. Speaking to him at the last N&N he said that Scotty had completed the repairs and he was delighted with the results. Well done Scotty.

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Quite a busy month for us beginning with a picnic run setting off from Tates Garden Centre in Ripon. It's a good starting point as the car park is vast and the food in the large café is excellent. We left Ripon at 11am with 6 Stags and welcomed new member Andy Lockwood who drove over from Silsden to meet us. Andy's bright red Stag has a few interesting modifications under the bonnet but the most striking being the walnut dash and console being 'wrapped' in red vinyl to match the paintwork. We were also joined by some of our friends from West Yorkshire SOC who are always welcome. After a short drive we stopped for a comfort break at Thorpe Perrow Arboretum and then worked our way through the countryside before stopping for a picnic on the recreation field at Masham.



Out on the Picnic Run

Following a leisurely walk into Masham, we all set off again for the short drive to Druids Temple, stopping at Swinton Castle on the way for a few photos. After a short saunter through the woods to take in the spectacular views over Leighton and Roundhill reservoirs, we drove to



At the Druids Temple

the White Bear in Masham for refreshments and a good natter before going our separate ways.

John and I joined West Yorkshire SOC's midweek run from the Balloon Tree Café in Gate Helmsley where we enjoyed a fabulous breakfast. The run took us to the Yorkshire Wolds Heritage railway at Fimber Halt where we were given an informative talk and a short ride in the guard van pulled by their diesel shunter locomotive. The run continued to Flamborough Head where we enjoyed fish and chips, a walk along the cliff to see the seals and a good catch up. On the way back, some of us called in at the Three Cups pub in Stamford Bridge before making our way home. A big thank you to Dave Purnell for organising a great day out as well as driving the locomotive.

Lastly our 6 Dales run on Saturday 8th August was a resounding success. As well as our own members, we were joined by some from West Yorkshire and Cleveland & Co Durham SOC making 12 Stags in total. We set off from Tennants Auctioneers, Leyburn in glorious sunshine after enjoying a hearty breakfast in the café. We decided to split into 2 groups of 6; a big thank you to Melanie and Ian Leatham who took the bull by the horns and volunteered to lead the second string. After 20 miles meandering over Grinton Moor, Castle Bolton, Aysgarth Falls and Thornton Rust, we stopped in Bainbridge for a break and a chat.



12 Stags on Bainbridge Village Green

Having 12 Stags parked nose to tail along Bainbridge village green was a truly spectacular sight. Setting off again we drove through more amazing countryside, down past lake Semerwater, over Wether Fell, and on to Burtsett and Hawes. From Hawes we headed into Upper Wharfedale and Langstrothdale to the Buck at Buckden for lunch. The Management and staff at the Buck did us proud, reserving parking space and setting up an exclusive dining room for us all together. After eating our fill, we gathered outside in the sunshine to put the world to rights before setting off again. When we reached Kettlewell we were treated to a fabulous display of scarecrows, part of their annual scarecrow festival. After Kettlewell, some took the spectacular drive to the Foresters Arms at Carlton, navigating around some inquisitive cows along the way, whilst others headed back to West Yorkshire. It was another very enjoyable day out and a big thank you to all who took part.

Of course, it was not only the runs that got us out and about. We attended Newby Hall Historic Vehicle Rally, joining a club stand kindly organized by West Yorkshire SOC. This was a popular event with over 30 Stags on show. In total there were over 1000 classic vehicles to admire and the weather was glorious. We could also be seen at Ripon Old Cars at Ripon Racecourse, another well attended event. And finally Hebden Bridge Vintage Weekend on the Saturday. Although there was no club stand, we all managed to park together. This event was very close to the town, which was in easy walking distance, and coincided with the Steam Punk festival.

Thank you to Wayne from West Yorkshire SOC for supplying us with name badges. These have helped put names to faces at our runs and meetings.

Thank you to those who attended these events, and to those who have not yet joined us, please do come along and meet other like-minded people. You never know, you might enjoy it. Any newly joined members who would like to be added to the WhatsApp group, just get in touch.

Lorraine & John Holliday.

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Without wishing to dwell too much on this summer's heatwaves, it is fair to say we have had plenty of sunshine to enjoy—although perhaps less so for those now facing hosepipe bans. As I often say, we would not be British if we were not commenting on the weather: one minute it is too hot, the next it is too wet. While the sun is with us, however, we can keep the soft tops down and make the most of the wonderful countryside we have here in the UK. One of our highlights this year was our annual UK golf competition, with the following report kindly provided by organiser Keith Godber.

The 10th annual West Yorkshire SOC golf competition was played at Styrrup Hall Golf Club near Doncaster on Thursday the 18th June.

The weather was excellent, the hospitality superb, and the course in fine condition. Competitors took part in three nearest-the-pin challenges, a longest drive competition, and, of course, the contest for the much-coveted trophy.

The winners were as follows:

Nearest the pin on the 2nd: Dave Ford

Nearest the pin on the 10th: Graham Falshaw; nearest the pin on the 13th: Jeff Jackson

Longest drive: Vince Garvey

Overall winner, with 35 points, was myself. The trophy was presented by last year's winner, Richard Horton.

Many thanks to all members and guests for helping to make the day such a success. Details of next year's competition will be announced soon.

With best regards
 Keith Godber



At Flamborough

Another memorable outing was organised by two of our members, David and Christine Purnell, who arranged a day trip to Flamborough. The group met at the Balloon Tree Café at Gate Helmsley, near Stamford Bridge, for breakfast before continuing to the Wolds Railway near Fridaythorpe and Fimber. After learning about the history of the line, its regeneration, and future plans, the day was made even more special when Mr Purnell drove the train with us all on board. We then headed to Flamborough for a fish and chip lunch at the cliff-top restaurant next to the lighthouse. On the way home, some of the group stopped in Stamford Bridge for a refreshing drink before calling it a day. A big thank you to David and Christine for organising what could well become an annual event.

The Hebden Bridge show, which takes place over two days, is another favourite in the calendar, although we usually attend on the Saturday. This year I counted around 28 Stags. Many were parked together in an impressive line, while others were displayed elsewhere around the field. As usual, the town centre was alive with the Steampunk crowd, with David and Christine once again attracting plenty of attention in their own Steampunk attire.

Ripon Old Car Show is another event we enjoy attending each year. While some of the ladies take the opportunity to walk into Ripon—perhaps with time for a drink or two—the gents usually enjoy browsing the many stalls selling car-related items. The show attracts several hundred cars, along with a number of motorbikes, and this year we were pleased to be joined by friends from North Yorkshire Stags.

This brings me to another excellent run, organised by Lorraine and John Holliday. This time it was the Six Dales Run, taking in some spectacular scenery along the way, including Castle Bolton, Hawes, Aysgarth Falls, Wensleydale, Bainbridge and Horseshoe Falls. We also drove through Langstrothdale, passing several locations associated with All Creatures Great and Small. After

stopping for lunch at The Buck Inn in Buckden, some members continued the route back towards Leyburn, where we had started, while others made their way home via Pateley Bridge and Knaresborough. If you have not yet joined one of John and Lorraine's runs, you are missing out on some truly wonderful experiences.

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On 18 July, with thanks to Andrea for organising, we tried something completely new – an afternoon N&N at Alan & Susan's wonderful home in Whickham. Their lawn, big enough to land a small aircraft, was temporarily repurposed as a display area for our 20 classics and the glorious weather provided no excuse for members whose car electrics wilt at the suggestion of moisture. It was great to be able to welcome new members David F (Gateshead), Chris & Gillian (Whitley Bay) and Eric & Gill (South Shields). Les took the opportunity to reveal his 1958 Beardmore London Taxi which arrived with the meter running – for this effort and not charging me the fare of 6 shillings and 4 pence he received our very own Northumbria Area trophy. Also given its first exposure was Malcolm's awesome shiny red 35 year old Lotus Esprit which didn't have skis on the roof or turn into a submarine but from which one or two of us, unlike Roger Moore, found extraction difficult crawling out and getting dirty knees. Alongside his pimento Stag Alan M modestly unveiled his two other classics – a Riley RMB 2.5 and a Jensen Healey. Next came the 50-question quiz – a marathon of useless Triumph factoids, artful



N&N at Alan & Susan's home



New members Eric and Chris – quiz winners

guesswork and creative cheating on the large table. New boys Chris & Eric with their respective Gillians stormed it leaving the rest of us to applaud politely and plot revenge. The social highlight, Andrea's buffet, was so impressive that members were briefly distracted from talking about carburettor tuning, with some returning for 'seconds' that were actually 'fourths'.

On 1st August, after a leisurely convoy from Stanington on which everyone maintained a civilised pace led by Chris on his first Club drive avoiding the need to demonstrate full throttle up the A697, 11 members' classics supported WB&Sons, our local classic car auction house, at their inaugural Wings & Wheels in Longframlington. The arrival queue resembled a polite Northumbrian traffic jam – next year they hope to expand the event when an extra marshal with a louder voice would be a sensible tweak. We had organised a 'Club stand' with the TR Register but relaxed marshalling caused Roger & Sheila, Alan & Jean and the TRs to park separately. This year entry was free, you could leave whenever you liked and no one stood with a clipboard authorising parking on a particular patch of grass. Coffee and burgers were on

sale and the whole event had the air of a village fete that had accidentally acquired a grass runway. Many plan to return next year.

Simon has sold his Stag and purchased another one; Colin seeks a Lucas starter motor; Albert sports a new windbreak; Jonathan is recovering medically and our bookings for the 2027 ESM in Holland have started. We look forward to welcoming Members from North Yorkshire and Durham & Cleveland Areas to our September Flagship event at another magical Northumberland stately home never before visited by classics, followed by a drive to a remote café with parking – details to follow on WhatsApp or from Roland or Brian... and we already have a date in the diary to visit a stately home with North Yorkshire Area for the first time in the Yorkshire Dales in 2027!

DIARY DATES

- ✔ 13 Sept - Flagship event – drive to Georgian Grade II listed private mansion west of Alnwick in manicured grounds – home to the Mayor of Newcastle in the 18th century. Meet owner - short talk; drive to café.
- ✔ 4 Oct – drive to café in Beadnell for light lunch
Roland & Brian



Longframlington Wings & Wheels



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This time we have to start with some very sad news, Mark Taylor, who will be remembered by the longer established members, died on July 19th. He was deputy area co-ordinator on two occasions; he and Tracy organised a number of events for us including our trips to Laon for the Historique and a weekend in the Isle of Man. Our thoughts are with Tracy and his family.

We met up with TR Register on Sunday morning July 12th in Guisborough for a drive over the moors taking in lunch at the Blacksmiths Arms in Westow near York. As has been the norm this year the weather was warm and sunny to contribute to an excellent day out including the aforementioned Sunday lunch which was of a very high standard. Thanks to Jonathan for doing the organising and inviting us along.

The following Sunday brought the yearly trip to the Newby Hall Historic Rally. Four stags met at Exelby on the A19 with Chris and Alison joining us at Dishforth so that we could arrive together. After the last few years of falling attendance, we had a much better turnout, mainly from

West and North Yorkshire as well as us from C&D. As usual there was lots to see with the weather being kind once more. During the afternoon David Martin held a briefing of West Yorkshire's plans for next year's European Stag Meeting in Holland. So far, we have four C&D stags joining them for their week-long trip in May 2027. Anyone else interested?

Jo and Karen's daughter, Becky, married Jonny on August 8th. Thanks to C&D members they had seven stags to provide transport to the church in Richmond and back to the reception at Middleton Lodge. The photo is of five of the drivers, Jennifer, Chris, Peter, Bill and Mike. Brian was taking the photograph, and for some reason Jo was required in the church at the time. On behalf of Becky, Jonny, Karen and Jo grateful thanks to everyone for their support in helping to make it such a special day. My take was that the bridesmaids loved the experience of travelling in the oldest car they had ever been in!

DIARY DATES

- ✦ September 27th Rally at Beamish Museum. A meeting time and place will be arranged, just get in touch if you would like to join us.

Mike & Brian

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On Sunday 26th July, the Lincolnshire area group had a really good meeting event at the International Bomber Command Centre, at Bracebridge Heath, Lincoln. There were six Stags in attendance, with one Staguar (a heavily modified Stag in the guise of an XJS).

The weather was great, and one lined up in front of the visitor centre, with a large scale model of a Lancaster in the foreground, we were given a free guided tour of the facility, which revealed some very interesting little-known



The Wedding drivers



International Bomber Command Centre

facts about the flying missions during World War II. Many thanks to deputy Paul and both Tracy Hulme and Ian at the IBCC, who made our visit so interesting and worthwhile. There was good food on offer in the restaurant to enable us all to recharge the batteries and catch up and process our visit.

On chatting with some of the group members, it has been fascinating to learn of individual stories, whilst looking to purchase a Stag and then getting the vehicle back home. We are looking for any one preparing to share interesting experiences when purchasing their Stag. this will then be a regular feature article and be included within forthcoming reports for the magazine.

DIARY DATES

- ✦ Sunday 20 September- a group meet at The Walled Garden, Baumber (on the A158 Skegness road). This is a reserved slot, final details to be confirmed, once interest and numbers have been gathered. The venue is open from 10.00am, with a wide-ranging food menu offer, including breakfast.
- ✦ October 2026 - East Kirkby visitor centre. The former RAF East Kirkby is home to 'Just Jane' a World War II surviving Lancaster with four Rolls-Royce Merlin engines, enabling it to taxi along the runway. There may be a possible photo shoot for Stags in front of the aircraft. More details will emerge once arrangements are known.



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On Sunday 12th July we joined North Wales area and their friends from MGOC and various other Triumph clubs, for our regular visit to Caerwys Practical Classics show. The continuing hot weather was eased by a lovely breeze blowing across the show ground, although this did provide some entertainment when setting up our event shelter! Once again this was a first-class show, although I noticed a few gaps, so perhaps not quite as many cars as in previous years. Nigel Cross had done all the planning and setting up but was unable to attend due to being unwell. None the less all went well and we had a good day out

Next up was our visit to Vera's house for our annual garden party and monthly meeting (a very short one!) Her garden was in fabulous order, and she was so pleased to catch up with everyone. The ladies provided lots of extras to add to our picnic with cakes, scones, sausage rolls etc. which were eagerly consumed. I also set up our recently received replacement sail flags, which bear the updated "Manchester & Cheshire Area"

It has been agreed by the National committee that our area now covers the whole of Cheshire rather than just the "north" part of the county. This has come about since there has been no progress in someone taking over the previous "South Cheshire and North Staffs area run

for so long by Judy Harrison. Of course, we have always welcomed members from any part of the region so in a practical sense nothing has really changed.

We have also settled into our new regular meeting venue, so from now on our monthly get-together will be at The General Elliot pub, Croft, Nr Warrington, at 4.00pm on the second Sunday of the month, unless advised otherwise.

That's about it until next month, and I will update by email as anything develops for the end of the season, including plans being made for our traditional post-Christmas night out in January 2027.

Please keep me informed of any news or activities, or call me if you need any further information

Nick Rowland

DIARY DATES

- ✔ September Sunday 13th Meeting at General Elliot pub, 4.00pm
- ✔ September Sunday 20th Cholmondeley Castle show
- ✔ September Sunday 27th Walled Towns Run
- ✔ October Sunday 11th Meeting at General Elliot pub, 4.00pm
- ✔ November Sunday 9th Meeting at General Elliot pub, 4.00pm
- ✔ Sat/Sun 28/29th SOC National AGM Weekend, Northampton

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Last month's meeting was our July version which instead of our normal meeting we have a short local run and end it at a restaurant for an evening meal altogether 20 of us sat down for the meal with what should have been 6 stags on the run before. Me being the one in my everyday car. I had been planning on being in my stag but in the early afternoon I found the o ring in the bottom of the carburettor bowl leaking not a major problem to fix so in a rush I changed it. I started out from



Vera's garden party



At the Dalton Arms

home with the wife but found what sounded like a rubbing noise when revving the engine so checked and with nothing obvious I didn't want to break down on the run so went back for my daily driver.(more later) The meal was a success although some of the dishes were not up to the usual high standard we usually get at this location, after the meal we all went home on a pleasant evening.

During the month 3 of our members went to Slaidburn Steam, its a village show with a history of steam engines attending this year was no exception but with the nice weather we are having at present the show was very busy.

We also attended Fylde vintage steam show. Maybe because of the weather even more entries than usual this show gets better every year the usual cars, bikes, commercial, tractors, along with a busy arena programme lots of stalls and food outlets.

Townley hall was on our programme but the people going forgot the date of the show so we were a no show.

3 of our members went to the afternoon car show at Wray again the weather was really good so lots of cars there.

We also had a late event added to our programme. As we had a break in our programme we decided to have a run on quiet roads for about 2 hours to the Dalton Arms at Glasson Dock where we had booked in for lunch. We had 5 cars on the run and 8 cars at the Dalton Arms, they had reserved space on their car park for us and provided an excellent meal for 18 of us. Unfortunately the landlord is retiring and we don't know if anyone is taking over. After the meal we had a 1 hour return run again on quiet roads but a different route to Mitton Fold which is near our day out starting point for a natter and end of day drinks. On the return leg there were 5 Stags and we finished what had been a perfect top down day in the sunshine around 18:00.

I am writing this on the 3rd August after being at Hebden Bridge vintage weekend on the 2nd This is a very popular show organized by the Rotary Club Again a very busy show with lots of excellent Cars Bikes and military vehicles of all ages, food and drink outlets with entertainment and stalls. In excellent weather 5 of us attended from North Lancs but Notts and Derby where there also a total of 13 Stags on the Sunday, the programme also showed 32 stags were registered to attend on the Saturday.

Back to my problem with the rubbing noise. To get the car ready for the run I had completed the repair of the carb but rushing to put it all back together the rubber

bellows connecting the air filter to the inlet above the radiator had not been fitted correctly it looked as though it was all ok but the underside of the bellows was not over the inlet but trapped inside it therefore when the air rushed past it it caused the rubber to vibrate interesting enough this could also be heard through the exhaust at the back of the car. Don't rush take more care comes to mind.

Our Monthly meetings are held 2nd Tuesday of the month (Except July)

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

Everyone welcome

DIARY DATES

September

✔ Saturday/ Sunday 5th 6th Great Harwood Transport Weekend

✔ Sunday 6th Arley 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

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NORTH WALES

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The July "last Thursday of the month" run through the Cheshire countryside was well supported with 23 of us in 16 Classic cars, including 4 Stags, all topless. We dined at a canal-side pub near Whitchurch, which was quite quiet as the canal was not open fully due to a breach only a couple of miles away.

The August meeting was well attended. I announced that I had failed to get a club stand at the August Tatton



Park event, for, I believe, the first time ever! The show promoter, which has changed for the second time in 4 years, said the decision was generally in line with it's intention to focus this particular event on "more modern" classics! Discussion also took place on further events this year.

The main event of the month was the Clwyd Practical classics show at Caerwys on 12th July, which several S.O.C. members were involved in organising. Unfortunately I missed it as I was poorly with a stomach upset on the day, but we had a busy stand combined with TSSC and MGOC. Thanks for the photos Nick, and I understand that your gazebo provided very welcome shade, as it was another sweltering hot day, which possibly put off some entrants and spectators.

The following week, a few of us went to the show at Capesthorpe Hall, but it was not as well attended as some events there and there were less traders although it was sunny.

We had four Stags parked together at the event at Claremont Farm on 9th August, another hot day. This event was organised by the Farm Shop themselves, after the long-term organising club pulled out. The level of attendance was well down on previous years.

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.

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This years season is well underway with our last show attended being at Glamis Castle in July. This is one of the largest shows we attend in Scotland with cars, bikes etc of all shapes and sizes exhibiting. There is always plenty to see and do with loads of stalls to spend your money on. There is everything from Carparts, Autojumble, wine, woodcraft, garden furniture and anything else you care to think of, I even managed to get fresh Ayrshire tatties. The stand was well attended with a constant stream of visitors all day. The kettle was kept extremely busy welcoming our guests. With the added bonus of a lovely sunny day everyone had a really good day out.

Our next show will be at Biggar in August (if we ever get the passes though).

We will be organising a run for later on once the shows are finished, all ideas of a destination would be greatly appreciated.



Car Show at Glamis Castle

Meetings continue to be held on the 1st Tuesday of each month, at our usual watering hole of The Redhurst Hotel, Everyone welcome.



Car Show at Glamis Castle



Car Show at Glamis Castle

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After a few weeks of great weather we are back to being unsettled. Our local rally in Oldmeldrum on Sunday the 2nd August had a very lucky escape. We had some heavy rain the 2 days before but it cleared up for our 414 entries and we had a lovely day. Let's hope that it stays settled for the rest of the season. After all these years I've finally found a part which is unavailable. It's a new offside brake calliper. There are plenty nearside ones but no offside ones. They're waiting to receive them from abroad.

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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That's summer over then - all the heat waves have been and gone and only about one hundred shopping days to Christmas. It's therefore time to think about our traditional Christmas lunch, which will be in Edinburgh, probably on Monday 14th December (instead of the club night). Venue is as yet to be decided. Please let me know by phone or email if you'd like to come, as restaurant bookings fill up early for December.

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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M eetings are usually held on the last Saturday of the month in the form of a morning drive followed by lunch, with details circulated shortly before or on request.



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A shorter run in July in order to accommodate a 'Secret Visit', very kindly arranged by Mike and Caroline.

Only revealed on the day and what a treat it was to visit Retro Track and Air, appropriately situated between the historic aircraft manufacturing centres of Bristol and Gloucester. Aero piston engine rebuild is the prime business here, of both in-line and radial units, all of which require strip-down inspection after 500 hours use. Rolls Royce Merlins were much in evidence, their longevity perhaps due to being constructed in the same grade of aluminium currently used in F1 engines.

Spares being somewhat scarce, the company has Certification to design, engineer and construct to airworthy standard.

Yes, they do cylinder heads too and no, the Merlin V12 will not fit in a Stag! A Bristol radial engine with 2 banks of cylinders in partial build is a wonder to behold.

In addition, an early wood and canvas Focke Wulf is being constructed and a Spitfire is work in progress. Of two aircraft lost in a 1943 Spitfire training flight collision over the Severn, one aircraft was recovered 50 years later to be used as a template for a full reconstruction. There is no customer for this complex and expensive project but a great deal of confidence that ultimately one will materialise.

A very wide range of skills is concentrated here from cabinet making to CAD /CAM and it was a privilege to witness some of the output, which could end up in service anywhere in the world.

No photos I'm afraid, by request, and should anyone fancy a visit our tour was very much a one-off as groups are not usually welcome. However, as the company name suggests, work may be undertaken on car components. Needless to say enquiries were initiated regarding Stag cylinder heads and any progress will be advised.

Post visit thirteen Stags and a Bond Equipe took to the local hills, further disproving the common 'They all overheat don't they?' myth, calling in at Coaley Peak viewpoint en route lunch at the Weighbridge Inn which is known for its pies. Just the thing on a hot summer day!



At Coaley Park



Many heads were turned, arms waved and phones whipped out with numerous drivers giving way to our colourful convoy at junctions. Smiles all round, with thanks again to Mike and Caroline for organising visit, run and lunch.

Finally, welcome to new attenders Nick and Julie who chose an excellent day on which to join us.

More accessible and of possible interest is Coln Engineering in Gloucester which specialise in rebuilding all kinds of carburettor. They do not remove or re-fit but have the facilities to bench test on completion. I haven't used them but the three man team are enthusiastic and knowledgeable.

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COTSWOLDS CONTACT LIST AND REJOINING MEMBERS

Group communication is via email list which all new members are invited to join, but should your SOC membership lapse you will need to request rejoining the list. You are welcome to join or leave the list at anytime by advising request to Mark or Rupert.

Do be aware that your email system may divert unfamiliar emails to Junk / Spam so please monitor accordingly.

STANWAY CLASSIC CAR SHOW Saturday September 12th

With only vintage and selected individual cars displayed around the house, we are relegated to the 'general display area' adjacent to the public parking entrance and may arrive / leave at will. Run time is 1400 - 1700 and £5 per head admission.

DIARY DATES

Entries below are for information and do not guarantee Area attendance.

- 🚗 September 6th: Newent Car and Classic Show
- 🚗 September 12th: Stanway Classic Car Show
- 🚗 September 16th-20th: Derbyshire trip

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I think this is the longest period since I've had a Stag(30 years) where I have not had to put the roof up when out and about, I think its nearly 50 days without rain.

It was a little disconcerting on the Tuesday of our August run that we found a few spots of rain hitting our windscreens, not enough to cause us to use our windscreen wipers, but enough to frighten us all to put up our roofs when we parked up. We carried on, on wet roads to our destination. We were driving from our usual meeting place, The Milkchurn at Melksham, all be it an hour earlier than normal,(apologies for those who didn't get the email), to Malmesbury via Corsham, Castle Comb and Sherston, just on 30 miles and an hours drive, we parked up in the square in Malmesbury, unfortunately it was that busy not one Stag was parked next to another, so no pictures, we did spend a pleasant hour in the Kings Arms before returning to our homes.





At Somerford Show

On Saturday 8th we were invited to The Great Sumerford Agriculture show, this was our third year in attending, thanks to Nigel Parmenter, who invited us and who was organising the Classic car display, he owns a Stag, and is a member of the club, The classic car attendance this year was excellent, in addition to our six Stags, there were several Landrovers, a MiniMoke, a Jensen Interceptor, an Escort Mexico, an Armstrong Sidney, a 1962 Gibern GT and a Porsche 911, the commercial section included a Chevrolet pickup, which the cab, you could mistake for a Bedford J type. A really relaxing day out, a little warm but our gazebo kept us in the shade to enjoy our picnics, we did have a height issue when putting it up, to reach the top cross member meant we needed to use my Stag as a set of steps.

I've not been made aware of any of our usual Natter and Noggin attendees cars are suffering from any gremlins, and we assume that Nick and Lois have got their Stag back, I will give them a shout, it was good to see Chris and Mary at the Sumerford show, hopefully all their medical worries are behind them

Our next Natter and Noggin meeting will be the first Tuesday in September 2026, the 1st

Meet at the Milkchurn SN12 6AD for 8pm

I'm having an issue with updating our online diary at present, its being investigated by those that know about these things, so if you are not sure what's happening you can always drop me an email, or give me a call

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

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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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We were unable to attend this month's Sunday run, therefore the following report was supplied by David:

The July run out with our cars was organised by Kevin and was an absolutely excellent day out.

We set off in beautiful weather from a car park in Titchfield just next to the ruined medieval abbey for a run thorough delightful Hampshire countryside. The coffee stop was at Beechcroft Farm Shop and Tea Barn. Of course, with the weather we were able to sit outside and were treated to some delightful views across the





countryside towards the Isle of Wight. Refreshed with a good cup of coffee and the best Swedish cinnamon bun (Kanelbulle) that I have eaten in the UK we set off again.

After more countryside and quiet roads, we arrived at Wilton House near Salisbury. The house itself was closed for a refurbishment of the plumbing, but we were able to visit the Duke of Pembroke's car collection which is housed in an old riding school and watch a film about the history of the house and family that own it. This was followed by a stroll in the grounds.

We also went to see the Italianate Church in Wilton town centre. This mid Victorian church was constructed using artefacts imported from Italy including pillars from a Roman temple of Venus at Porto Venere.

The traffic gods even smiled upon us for the return journey as there was almost no traffic passing through Salisbury and none of the usual queues. A most unusual situation!

Once again, we were invited to the Wessex TR mob's annual meeting at IBM Hursley, which saw the grass outside their Social club packed with a wide variety of over 80 cars, ranging from very modern Aston Martins, back to pre WW1 models such as Model T's and rarities like a 1910 Britton next to a 1913 Humberette, no, me neither! This meeting seems to be getting bigger and better every year, so congrats to Jasper and co for the organisation. Highly recommended!

Our monthly meeting again took place in fine weather, meaning there were several Stags in the car park and a lively crowd inside. Welcome to two new members, Trevor and Kim. Trevor was having problems with the hood of his recently acquired Stag, so hopefully we've now steered him in the right direction and we see them both again soon.

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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With the summer sunshine seemingly in endless supply, Oxfordshire members have been making the most of their Stags, enjoying weekend drives, local events and classic car gatherings across the county and beyond. As the season begins to wind down, there has certainly been no shortage of activity to report.

One of the highlights of recent weeks has been the welcome return of organised group drives. Most notably, members enjoyed a Sunday run to The Stag at Mentmore, an event that is covered in more detail elsewhere in this edition. By all accounts, it was a fantastic day out. There is always something special about seeing a convoy of Triumph Stags winding through the Oxfordshire countryside, and with around a dozen cars taking part, it must have been quite a sight for anyone fortunate enough to see them pass by.

A huge thank you goes to Jason for organising the event and for hosting the pre-drive coffee and cake gathering. Both were perfectly judged and provided an excellent opportunity for members to socialise before setting off on the road.

My own Stag nearly missed out on the day following some last-minute tyre concerns. These appeared to stem from a particularly hot run back down the M42 the previous weekend. Thankfully, after some attention and a cautious re-inflation, the tyre behaved itself for the remainder of the afternoon and the car completed the journey without further complaint. As many of us know, classic motoring often comes with a few unexpected challenges, but overcoming them is all part of the experience.

Although the Mentmore drive technically took place in July rather than August, it certainly deserved a mention. August itself saw the return of another popular tradition. At our meeting at Sturdy's Castle, Jimmy kindly resurrected the much-loved "Drive at Five" concept. Members gathered at The Chequers in Weston-on-the-Green

before embarking on a scenic route through some of north Oxfordshire's finest villages.

Reaching a little further back, but covering an event that did not make the last edition, Steve Bedford attended the British Motor Museum's celebration of all things British Leyland at Gaydon. Steve reported that more than 2,000 vehicles were on display, representing virtually every model produced under the British Leyland banner. As always, one of the highlights was the opportunity to chat with owners and enthusiasts, making for a thoroughly enjoyable day. It is this combination of impressive machinery, knowledgeable owners and a welcoming atmosphere that makes events at Gaydon so consistently popular.

The drive took in Middleton Stoney, Fritwell and Great Chew before returning via Upper Heyford and eventually arriving at Sturdy's Castle. Unfortunately, work commitments prevented me from attending on this occasion, but by all accounts attendance was excellent, and those who took part thoroughly enjoyed the pre-meeting run. It is always encouraging to see these informal drives gaining momentum again, as they create precisely the sort of experiences for which our cars were built.

When it comes to supporting local events, Stephen Dance continues to lead from the front. Stephen seems to have an uncanny knack for discovering interesting classic car gatherings and is often spotted representing the club at events throughout the region. During a recent visit to the Millets Farm gathering, he reported meeting a new enthusiast who was keen to become involved with the club and join us on future outings.

Interestingly, the car in question appears to be none other than Kim Lassiter's former Stag. Kim has recently swapped his immaculate Triumph for something rather more exotic: a Ferrari 328.

Having had the pleasure of seeing the Ferrari in person, I can confirm it is a stunning machine. Whilst it may be a very different proposition from a Triumph Stag, it remains a beautiful example of classic motoring. We hope to see Kim at future events, although I suspect he may now be tempted by some slightly more glamorous meeting venues than our traditional selection of excellent English pubs!

Elsewhere, Raj, Stephen and Adie represented the club at the Haddenham and Thame Show in early August, ensuring a strong Stag presence amongst the varied display of classic vehicles. Adie's Stag developed a few starting problems prior to the event but thanks to the collective knowledge and experience within the group, the issue was quickly diagnosed and resolved. It was another good reminder of one of the greatest strengths of the



club: wherever you are, there's usually someone nearby who has encountered the problem before and can offer a helping hand.

Looking ahead, the end of August brings the ever-popular Brackley Classic Car Show. This event typically attracts a wide range of vehicles and enthusiasts, with much of the town centre closed to create a fantastic display area. It is usually very well attended and offers something for everyone, regardless of marque loyalty. I am hoping to attend this year and, if all goes to plan, will be sharing photographs and a full report in next month's update.

Perhaps the most refreshing aspect of writing this month's report is that so much of it focuses on members actually using their cars. Whilst we all enjoy hearing about restorations, repairs and modifications, there is nothing quite like seeing our Stags out on the road, doing exactly what they were designed to do.

As always, if you are a new member, a long-standing member, or simply have an interesting story, event report or photograph to share, please do get in touch. These updates are always better when they reflect the experiences of the people who make the Oxfordshire Area such an active and welcoming group.

This Year's Meeting Venues

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

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After a successful meeting at the Bromley Pageant at Ardingly last year, we set about the idea of using the venue as a South East Regional Day to unite the areas with the intention of meeting up with each other. I contacted the organisers to get a bigger display area than last year in the hope that it would work. Then contacted E. Sussex, Surrey, SE London And Kent areas to join us, which were all keen. I went to the venue the prior Saturday to finalise everything & Jim Mundy kindly offered to help. We met up with the organisers there and as we had 81 Stags booked in for the day, easily the largest display on the site, They requested that we had all cars facing outwards so they could be viewed from all 4 sides. We suggested that we formed a Union Jack shape, to which they were very keen and offered to send a drone up for an ariel photo to use in their future advertising. Jim and I spent all afternoon marking out the site ready for the Sunday show, and although it was late on Saturday

evening I posted it on the group WhatsApp forum with meet up times and places. We arrived on the day ready to position the cars, only to find many had turned up early and left their cars in an unorderly fashion. We tried to get as many as possible to move but had little co-operation and the Union Jack display did not happen. The drone went up as planned for the photo and we were told afterwards that they had visions of us winning the best club display, but it just didn't happen as it looked nothing like a Union Jack. The best club display went to a Ford club with just 4 cars on show and one of them being a model Ford Escort peddle car. Despite our disappointment of the outcome, I had messages from all the areas attending saying how much everybody enjoyed the day which was appreciated and we should do it again -We'll see. It was good to see an old familiar car to West Sussex, Richard Lane's old modified Stag that has not been seen for some time, we were told that it had been broken, now it lives in Surrey.

Bob

DIARY DATES

- ✦ September 5 Loxwood Floral Fringe
- ✦ September 6 Laughton Autumn Show (book on line)

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July brought us more great days out in the hot sun of 2026 and it was good to support some local events as well as the major event at Ardingly.

18 Jul: Leigh Flower Show and Country Fayre, including Classic Car Show

Six Stags attended and we were allocated a parking area. There was a large number of classic cars, lorries, tractors and stationary engines. Also, many craft and charity stalls to add interest to the day. We were entertained by Morris dancing, choirs and bands and there was also a dog show. Weather was good, making it a very enjoyable day for all.



Bromley Pageant



Bromley Pageant

19 Jul: Bromley Pageant - Ardingly

Some of the Surrey members met a Denbies Vineyard and travelled down in convoy to the Ardingly showground where we met more of our members. There were also Stags from other SOC Areas and in total there were over 80 Stags parked together. It was a wonderful turnout with lots to see and do – many thanks to Bob Heritage from the West Sussex Area for organising such a wonderful day



Bromley Pageant

26 Jul: Newdigate Family Fun Day

Five Stags attended amongst many other classic vehicles. This was a free public event with plenty of activities for children including tractor and trailer rides, many charity stalls and a dog show. Although a low-profile event it was a good day out.

DIARY DATES

- ✦ 11-14 Sep: Isle of Wight Trip (Warners Hotel Bembridge)
- ✦ 21 Sep: Monthly Social Meeting – The Fairmile, Cobham, 7.00 p.m.
- ✦ 11 Oct: Gatwick Aviation Museum, Charlwood (please let me know if you would like to attend). This invite has been extended to other SOC Areas too.
- ✦ 19 Oct: Monthly Social Meeting – The Fairmile, Cobham, 7.00 p.m.

- ✦ 01 Nov: Autumn Tints – Drive Out
- ✦ 22 Nov: Breakfast & Xmas Shopping at Garden Centre – Drive Out
- ✦ 23 Nov: Monthly Social Meeting – The Fairmile, Cobham, 7.00 p.m.
- ✦ 05 Dec: Christmas Dinner/Party – Thatcher's Hotel, East Horsley
- ✦ 21 Dec: Monthly Social Meeting – The Fairmile, Cobham, 7.00 p.m.

Looking ahead to May 2027

- ✦ European Stag Meeting 28th – 30th May 2027, Netherlands. Details of Hotel bookings are in the July 2026 Club magazine and website. If you would like to join the group going from the Surrey Area, please let me know.

If you would like to join us for any of the other events, let me know 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.

Hope to see you all again soon.

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Another very hot day for our meeting, if this carries on, I will have forgotten how to erect the hood when the time comes!

Another good turn out with 17 stags mostly topless and 32 members. There were a number of items to discuss. A report was given on the BBQ organised by the South London Area at their usual meeting place that a number of us attended, I counted 22 stags in the car park.

The food was excellent with one of the tastiest burgers I have had in a long time, together with a hot dog and a chicken kebab it was excellent value and thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Upcoming events are Penshurst Castle this weekend (16th), The treasure hunt on September 27th, followed by a meal, thanks to Jon and Lesley for this, details of the Christmas party have already been circulated by email, to be held on December 12th at the Marine Hotel Tankerton, please transfer the deposit £10 per person, direct to Vicki on the details in the original email. If you don't have them please contact me and I will send them to you. Thanks to her for all her work over the years on this event.

The ESM (28th-30th May 2027) details are in the magazine and there has already been a good response with at least 120 bookings made. An email has already been circulated with initial details of our proposed 5-day pre-trip to Belgium and a large part of the meeting was taken up with finalising our choice of destination and the attractions we would like to visit. This has been fed back to Scenic Car Tours who will now tidy it up and confirm the price. We have 13 cars going to the ESM and 12 to the pre-trip. I look forward to seeing you all at the events.

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Question for you: is there a collective name for a group of Triumph Stags? Could we say a 'herd' of Stags? Doesn't sound very dynamic to me! Google says you can also say, a 'mob' or 'gang' of stags – and, thinking about our East Sussex group, that maybe more appropriate! Anyway, answers on a postcard please for your best description of a troop of Triumph Stags on the road this summer!

And that's definitely been the name of the game for our 'mob' in recent months! Two major outings in July were the TR Club, local groups' 50th Anniversary event at the Bulls Head, Boreham Street.

This was a very friendly event and it was nice to be invited to attend and we were made very welcome. Eight Stags were there in total, 1 member was in the Triumph Sports Six Club area and one member didn't arrive until after lunch. One Stag wasn't a group member but it was nice to meet Mike with his Jade green car. There were of course lots of TR6's, 5's, 5's and 2000/2500's plus other nice Triumph models. A relaxed small varied show in lovely weather.

The following weekend it was the ever popular, Bromley Pageant – at Ardingly(!). Geoff Allchorn went there and thoroughly enjoyed the day: 'At the 2025 event West Sussex coordinator, Bob Heritage had the idea of a South East England gathering for this year's event. Well, he certainly managed it with 70 – 80 Stags present in one area, groups from South London, Surrey, Kent and of course the two Sussex groups making up the numbers. We added 15 (ish!) to the total, weather was, of course, lovely as seems to be the case every day at the moment. To me the show seemed quieter and the Jamaican Car club

with their big entry were much missed this year. Lots of lovely cars (and people) there though. Many thanks to all who made the effort to go, and thanks of course to Bob Heritage and others who made it what it was.'

August has been even busier and reports will appear in future issues of the main events in our calendar: Hooe Vintage Car and Motorcycle Show, Motors by the Moat at Leeds Castle, Hellingly Festival of Transport, Bexhill 100 and a five-day club tour of the Brecon Beacons.

Looking ahead, a number of cars are already registered for the Laughton Autumn Show in September and coming up in October is the Hastings Classics event at The Stade and the ever-popular Autumn Tints run. So, lots to look forward to for a happy gang of vehicles taking to the road this year. I still think there's better nickname we could come up with, don't you? Looking forward to a heavy postbag!

DIARY DATES

Breakfast meeting: 11th September, Green Man, Ringmer

✔ Breakfast meeting: 10th October, Green Man, Ringmer

✔ Breakfast meeting: 14th November, Green Man, Ringmer

✔ Laughton Autumn Show: 12th /13th September

✔ Hastings Classic Car Show: 10th /11th October

✔ Autumn Tints run: 18th October

Sandy Gent on behalf of Gary Mountford

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It's been quite an exciting month in little ole S.E. London! Our biggest car show of the year, and our first ever area barbeque.

The Bromley Pageant of Motoring once our Premier show of the year is now based at the South of England Showground at Ardingly. It still feels a bit like 'our' show, but in reality it is no longer in our geographical area. We hung onto it last year, but this year it was arranged by the East Sussex area who pulled in the surrounding areas to gather over 70 Stags – close to the maximum I think we had at Norman Park back at its heyday. After the horrendous queues to get in last year, we opted to arrive bright and early and got parked, and had the 12 or so Stags, gazebo set up and breakfast cooking before 8:30. Unbeknown to us, Bob had a grand plan to arrange the cars in a Union Flag fashion with a view to taking a

drone photo. Personally, I think it was a great idea, but unfortunately by the time we found out, we were well set up, cars were parked, bacon was frying, water was boiling (For teas – not Stag radiators!) and some owners had wondered off, so sadly it wasn't an option for us to move the cars about.

Parking issues aside, it was a great show and it seems re-energised now it is in its new location. I actually didn't have my Stag on the Stand, mine is still a bit poorly, so I arrived in my Mate's P5b which was over in the One Make Parking. We did however join some of the other Stags at a couple of meeting points along the way so we arrived in convoy with them.



The next big thing for us was our first ever area barbecue! Our ever-helpful staff at the Bo-Peep pub who host our monthly meets, arranged with Chris to put on a

Summer Barbecue. Invitations were extended to the Kent area and we had 21 Stags in their car park on the day. As always, the food was great and the beer was cold. Feedback from the Kent area was positive so hopefully we will do something similar next year. Thanks to our ever hardworking coordinator Chris for organising and sorting out tickets.

We had another show in the calendar for last weekend – “Motors at the Moat” at Leeds Castle. Sadly this one had a poor take up – despite it being a great show when I've gone in previous years. This is unlikely to make it into next years events list. If you have suggestions for things we might like to do as a group next year, please contact Chris or Mike. Potentially there may be more of a shift to doing events like the barbecue, rather than Classic car shows as these seem to have dwindling support on the whole. These will take some organising, so any help will always be welcomed by them.

Best Wishes

Dave H.

DIARY DATES

- ✔ Sept. 3rd 7:30pm – Monthly meet at the Bo-Peep (BR6 7QL)
- ✔ Sept 12th 1:00pm – Drive to Moto Torque Café for lunch.
- ✔ Oct. 1st 7:30pm – Monthly meet at the Bo-Peep (BR6 7QL)



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Well, this summer seems to have been a scorcher for all of us, as we go from one heatwave to another, with the fifth being forecast within days of writing this report. It has meant that, after a slightly wet start to the season in June, it has been an excellent summer for attending shows and Stag-related events, as well as being able to use our cars for some extended hood-down drives. Unfortunately, it has not been so successful for some of our West Wales members, with some being incapacitated due to health reasons, or because of issues with their Stags. But hopefully, on both accounts, we hope that things are looking up, and we may be able to see more of our area members as we approach the autumn months and the end of the show season.

On Sunday 19th July, I attended a nice little show at

The Snooty Fox pub and holiday park. In fact it was a revival of a show that had been popular some years ago but has not happened for some years. Unfortunately, I was the only Stag owner present but it was a good event in a very pleasant location, and it may well be a suitable venue for a future West Wales N&N.

On Wednesday 29th July, Maurice and I from West Wales joined with some members from South West Wales area for a very pleasant day trip around Gower, organised by their coordinator, Clive Perman. Starting from the motorway services at junction 47, we drove via Penclawdd on the Loughor estuary and Weobly Castle to Rhosili, and finally ending our drive at Bracelet Bay near Mumbles before making our respective journeys home. It was a very enjoyable day with some beautiful scenery and in excellent company, with lots of coffee and cakes and good weather. What more could you ask for? Thanks to Clive for organising this drive.

On Saturday 1st August, I was again the only Stag owner attending a small display of classic cars at the very interesting Makers Market Barn at Great Wedlock Deer Park and Farm near Tenby. Unfortunately, some other members were unable to attend on this occasion. However, although mine was the only four-wheeled Stag present,



At Weobly Castle

I was able to catch an obligatory photo in front of a four-legged variety, positioned strategically in front of the farm entrance.



The next day, Sunday 2nd August, four Stags (including mine) and their owners from West and South West Wales attended the Classic and Vintage Vehicle Show at the Gwili Steam Railway near Carmarthen. This was an excellent day, with lots of nice cars on display, and the opportunity to take a ride on the vintage steam railway and visit the museum and cafe. We even had discounted rates for the train, cafe and shop as we were displaying our vehicles. And as a bonus, it was yet another warm sunny day, but as we were preparing to leave a few clouds and spots of rain threatened, and as I had furthest to drive home I put up my hood for the journey, although it proved unnecessary in the end.



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On to the next weekend, and on Sunday 9th August it was the turn of the Aberaeron Vintage Show hosted by Cardi Cranks at the Llanerchaeron Estate. Here I was joined by Clive & Lesley and Howard & Alison from South West Wales, and we met at Carmarthen to travel up to the show together in our Stags. It was an excellent show, with lots of things to see, and a good selection of trade and market stalls. It also proved a very successful show for meeting potentially two new SOC members who were there with their Stags, and I'm pleased to say that one of them signed up to the Club on his return from the show, so a warm welcome to Scott, and I look forward hopefully to seeing you at some of our future events. I was also able to meet up again with two other SOC members, Andrew

and his wife Julie from Aberystwyth, who haven't been able to attend many club events in the past, as they live at the most northern extreme of our West Wales area, but I hope that we might be able to arrange a few drives and N&Ns towards that direction in the future, so hopefully we will see them again then.

The busy summer season of shows and events continues this month and into September for West Wales members. Next weekend, I will be attending the Car Club Fest weekend at the Malvern Showground, so will hopefully see some more National members there. Meanwhile closer to home, some of our members will be attending the Skewen Motor Club Show at Gnoll Park near Neath. On Saturday 29 August it will be the Camrose Vintage Working Day at Camrose, near Haverfordwest, and on Bank Holiday Monday 31st August it will be the Cresselly Country Fayre at Cresselly House, with a display of classic cars and other activities. I hope to report on these events in the next magazine.

Also in September it will be the Paul Sartori Pembrokeshire Car Run on Sunday 6th September, starting at the Pembrokeshire County Showground. This is always well supported with lots of cars, and draws crowds of spectators along the route.

Then on Sunday 13th September it is the turn of the Carmarthenshire County Run starting from Whitland Rugby Club Ground. I hope to attend both of these runs, and it will be nice to be joined by a few other Stags, so please do join me if you can. Further details are being sent out via email and on our WhatsApp group.

With regards to our regular monthly N&N and evening drive for August, this has been scaled back for this month, due to low numbers as explained above. I decided we did not have enough people (only 3 from West Wales, and only 1 Stag) for our evening drive, so we are meeting instead for just a meal at the Jolly Sailor pub in Burton which is local to two of our other members who are currently temporarily unable to drive any distance, so we should be 5 people in total for that.

For our September N&N, we will wait until nearer the time to make a decision, but hopefully some more of us will have their Stags back on the road by then, so we may be able to arrange another evening drive, especially if the weather is still holding fine, although by then I am sure we will all be hoping for some much needed rain.

Dates of future events are included below in the diary dates, but please get in touch with me for further details.

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

- ☛ Sun. 6 Sept. The Paul Sartori Pembrokeshire Car Run starting from Pembrokeshire County Showground
- ☛ Tues. 8 Sept. Evening Drive and N&N - to be confirmed
- ☛ Sun. 13 Sept. Carmarthenshire County Run starting from Whitland Rugby Ground
- ☛ Sat. 26th & Sun. 27th Sept. Pontarddulais Classic Motor Club Show at Pembrey Country Park

CORNWALL

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There seem to be at least two car shows a weekend in Cornwall in July and August doing good work for local charities. Between us, we have been to several with more to come at Boconnoc and Fowey. There may well be others.

We had a good turn out for Wadebridge Wheels this year. The event is run by the local Rotary Club in aid of charity and raised £15,000 last year despite the rain. Hopefully this year will provide a lot more. We met in a traffic jam outside Strong Adolfo's Cafe (where another car show was being held) with exceptional co-ordination which meant Elwyn could let three of us out of the car park to join the queue. Battle was done with the gazebo which hadn't been put up for a while and provided some challenges but Mike was on hand to take charge. If anyone tall would like to join us for the next time we put it up, they would be very welcome.



The sun shone and the field was more or less full of cars, mostly Porsche it seemed to me. As well as our seven Stags, there were at least another four on display and several owners who had not brought their cars came to see us. It was good to meet Phil whose car is having some mechanical work done and will hopefully see us again in the future. If I had known that red was the colour of the year I would have got a respray. Unusually for this event my car did not blow up on the way home so that was a pleasant surprise and even the first rain for a month didn't spoil the day.



Laura and Vince took their car to the Sticker Vintage Rally and report that they had a good time there, meeting some other owners and potential future club members. This is an event to consider for next year when we put our plan together

I went to the Mount Edgcumbe American and Classic Car Show at, funnily enough, Mount Edgcumbe. This is a charity event which is very well supported by the people of Plymouth, just across the river, and South East Cornwall. It was cancelled at short notice last year and the number of vehicles, although impressive, seemed to be down on what I remember from the past. This did not mean that the traffic jams were any less traumatic. Probably not a show for Stags of a nervous disposition which don't like sitting in traffic for an hour or more. The drive to get there along on the top of the cliffs at Whitsand Bay is always a joy but the residents of several local villages were probably not impressed by the number of cars clogging up their streets. There was some debate as to whether my car was the best or worst Stag at the show but it was agreed that it was the only one so qualified for both. I can't recall ever seeing only one at a show but there were several owners who came for a chat and I met a number of old work colleagues who couldn't believe that the car had actually made it there.

I have received a good letter from Cornwall Hospice following our donation from the Pasty Run. Thanks to Viv and Ivor and all who donated. Hopefully we can do this again.

DIARY DATES

September 6th - Launceston Steam Railway with Devon SOC

October 4th - Bude Trip

November 1st - Cornwall Air Ambulance visit

December 12th - Christmas Dinner - Location Plume of Feathers, Mitchell

January 3rd - AGM 10.15 for a prompt 10.45 start.
Location TBA



At Spetisbury Manor

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We appear to have small groups attending more local events this year and WhatsApp is becoming very useful to pass on information about these shows.

The Green Man pub at Kings Stag has started having evening classic car meets on the second Tuesday of the month and on the 14th July Rob posted on WhatsApp to remind us. I went along to join Rob, Greg and Nick there and it was very busy with little room left in the car park/field. If we go again, earlier will be the key.

Mark took his Stag to The Somerset Steam & Country Show at Low Ham and from the photos I think he was the only Stag there.

Our Sunday lunches have variable attendance and at our August lunch at the Pymore Inn, just outside Bridport we had 23 Staggers attending, but only seven Stags present due to Stag problems. Unfortunately, I was one of them as my Stag immobiliser had decided to switch on and off every few seconds before switching off completely, so a little impractical. It was another extremely hot day but the pub had put us in an outside marquee so a bit of breeze and respite from the sun. It was our first gathering with new members to the area, Dylan and Rosemary and old members to the area getting their Stag out and about after ten years, Ian and Lynn. Welcome to the area and hope to see you again at more of our events.

After lunch we left for a drive along the beautiful Dorset coast from Bridport to Weymouth. The roads were very busy making it difficult to leave together resulting in gaps between the Stags, but we managed to regroup

at West Bexington with only two losses. A detour from the coast road took us up to Hardy Monument (not the novelist Thomas, but Admiral Sir Thomas) where there are superb views around the area. We then took another scenic route back to Abbotsbury along a road Pete told me was in Chitty Chitty Bang Bang, so we had to sing it didn't we. At Abbotsbury it was tea and cake time so we stopped at Cherries Abbey Farm for refreshments before we all went our separate ways home, still with clear skies all around. We arrived home just in time to watch the World Cup final, a game to remember for all the wrong reasons.

Rob used the power of WhatsApp again to remind us of a classic car meet on Poole Quay on Friday 24th July which was for British Classic Cars and there were six Stags present. From Rob's photos I recognised his Stag, Greg's, Peter's and John's, but two I had not seen before. If you were there and a SOC member, let me know.

Through WhatsApp, Nick had posted he was going to Sturminster Newton monthly car meet. Not much response this month but I had fixed my immobiliser problem and did



At the Hardy Monument



make it there to meet up with Nick. Danny & Julie had also made it and I saw Tim's Stag but not Tim, sorry I missed you Tim. Another great collection of nearly 300 vehicles. One that stuck out was an immaculate 1960 Triumph Italia. Only 320 were made, about 75 still exist, only 5 were made in RHD and this is the only RHD one on the road. It lay undiscovered in Germany for 40 years before having a full restoration.

Jackie & Mike had been to Wadys Cider Farm in July and posted they were going again on the 2nd Aug. Another excuse to take the Stag out and get some cider. There were three other Stags there, but none I had seen before and I never saw the owners. Roy was there, he is still putting his Stag back together so was with a friend in his immaculate '58 Chevy.

Rob found himself at Spetisbury Manor retirement home, but only as they had an event raising funds for the RNLI. Looks like a very nice retirement home though.

It is Heritage Days in September which is when some unusual places open up for free entry, let me know if you see anywhere that looks interesting to visit.

Our Sunday lunch will be on the 20th or 27th September. Keep a look out on WhatsApp and for emails.

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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.

On the 4th & 5th July we attended the Bridgend Classic Car Show which was held in Margam Park. On the 4th there were only two of us and the show was disappointing but on the Sunday it was much better. We managed to get 4 Stags on that day which I was pleased with and the number of vehicles was around 100. The down side was that it was poorly organised and the exhibitors were left to sort themselves out with regards to parking and where to go. I believe this is a new show so hopefully they will learn and next year it will be better organised.



Our July N&N was on 15th July we met at Pont Abraham Services. Leaving the services we headed to Crosshands then out to Llandeilo. After Llandeilo we headed to Llangadog turning right in Llangadog we headed up over the Black Mountain. Here we drove around the Top Gear Bend made famous by Top Gear. It is a hairpin bend and once around and up to the top of the mountain the views a spectacular. Down the other side and into Brynamman. After Brynamman it was out to Cwmtwrch and our venue for the evening The George IV Inn. And what a fantastic restaurant it is. We were very well looked after and the food was exceptional with everyone commenting how good it was. This is somewhere we will definitely go to again. A thank here to Phil who suggested we give it a try.

The day trip to Aberystwyth was called off with members having car troubles, holidays and other commitments on the day. But on the good side I now have a spare trip already planned and waiting to use.

Next was the Cardigan Classic Car Show but on the day we decided to stay a little closer to home and went to The Ferryside Classic Car Show. The number of vehicles was about 200 so a reasonable turn out for a small local show.



This show is sponsored by Ferryside Motors and speaking to the owner it is a classic car friendly garage. They offer servicing, body work and interior work. Looking at the vehicles they were displaying you could see the quality of the work. It really nice to find a good local garage that put classic cars first.

As the planned drive to Aberystwyth was cancelled I organised a day drive around Gower to compensate. The date was 29th July and on the day the weather was not the best. We met at Penllergaer Services and there were 5 Stags all with roofs down. We set off and down into Gowerton then out to Penclawdd. A stop here for some photos with the Loughor Estuary in the background. From Penclawdd it was into Croffty and along the Marsh Road. Parts of this road are often underwater when the tide is in but on the day the tide was out. From here it was to Weobley Castle a 700 year old house with a watch tower and views over Loughor Estuary. We were very well looked after here thanks to Alison being friendly with the owner who also own Gower Salt Marsh Lamb a Protected Designation of Origin from Europe. Talking to the owner the PDO was one of the first given out after Brexit. We were given free teas and coffees and the owner Rowland gave a talk about the family and history of the Castle and Gower Salt Marsh Lamb. We planned to go to Llangenith next but the weather decided differently as it started to rain a quick stop and roofs up well all but one Julie and Steve braved the rain and left their roof down. Luckily it was only a short shower so they were ok. Our next destination was Rhossili. Rhossili Bay is noted as one of the best beaches in Britain and the view from the car park is fantastic. We had another coffee/tea break here and sat outside The Worms Head Hotel so we had the views over the beach. Leaving here it was on to our final destination Bracelet Bay. Arriving here we were greeted by a large film crew and a number of cameras. Apparently they were filming a new 5 part show due to be air early next year called Santa Monica. We did cause a stir with some of the crew coming over to talk about the cars and asking a number of questions. After our final tea/ and coffee of the day it was time to make our way home after a lovely relaxing drive and day.

Clive Perman

DIARY DATES

- 🚗 Gwili Railway Classic Car Show 8th July
- 🚗 Aberaeron Vintage Show 9th August
- 🚗 August Skewen Motor Club Show 16th August
- 🚗 N&N 19th August

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July was a slightly quieter month for official club events but several members did their own thing so overall we were still very busy!

Ric Staniforth started the ball rolling when he attended the Powderham Show with his brother on 11th and 12th July. He said that there were loads of Triumphs there as well as many other classics.

Next up Terry Dunn organised a short run with lunch to follow. These are now becoming quite a regular occurrence so we have adopted the word "Runch" to cover these events. The word runch actually exists in the dictionary already and means a short run during a lunch break which is pretty close to what we are doing! (There are other meanings for the word but we'll leave those alone!). Here is his report:-

Runch Run

Friday 24th July saw 8 Stags and 3 relatively moderns leave the boating lake car park for a short run and lunch, several new members attended including Bryan Patterson, who incidentally had only collected his newly bought car an hour earlier. We stopped on Blaenavon mountain for a photo shoot but unfortunately I hadn't noticed my camera was on the wrong setting and they were all over exposed. Several members saved the day by providing some good shots luckily. We then carried on through Govilon, Abergavenny then on to Usk where we were booked into The Kings Head Hotel for lunch. Miraculously, we arrived mainly in convoy and immediately filled the car park. Lunch was enjoyed by everyone and we all had a good opportunity for a good chat as they had allocated us a private room. A thoroughly enjoyable day out with the club.

Terry Dunn

On 26th July some of our members attended the **Brynmawr classic car show** and a photo of Cherry and Bob Dowsell's French blue Stag appeared on Facebook. Bob has always considered the car to look best from ten yards away so was amazed by how good the paintwork looked in the photograph! We thought it had been resprayed!! Apparently this was a very well attended show with lots of cars and spectators.

On 29th July our past coordinator Colin Evans joined up with West Wales SOC for a run to the Gower. He said it was a great run and sent us a great photograph of the Stags at Weobley Castle, North Gower, via WhatsApp.

August Evening Drive

This run was organised by Kelvin and here is his report:-

We met at the Cwmbran boating lake car park on



Tuesday 4th August.

There were six Stags, an MX5 and Mercedes SL in attendance. We drove to Blaenavon and across the mountain road to Brynmawr, then joined the Heads of the Valleys A465 where we attracted lots of admiring glances from the passing motorists.

Turning off the A465 we drove the Valleys road to Pontllytyn, then took the mountain road to Fochriw and then across the common where we turned off towards Bedlinog.

On the top I decided it was time for a photo stop so we all lined up and I took some photos. The skies were very dramatic and the scenery as beautiful as ever. Sadly we could smell the smoke of wildfires in the area although these did not affect the run.

We then drove on through Bedling, Trelewis and Nelson to the Railway Inn where we had a beverage and natter.

A very enjoyable evening.

Kelvin Chambers

The final event in this report was the annual Hog Roast held as Bob and Cherry's

Sunday August 9th Hog Roast

Preparations began on the Saturday morning with a number of our members setting up the event shelters and moving furniture in advance of the Hog Roast on the Sunday.

The weather on the day was hot and sunny and we had a massive turnout of approximately forty attendees. There were fourteen Stags on show and they looked fabulous in the sunshine.

The food at the Hog Roast was excellent but the real stars were our ladies who made absolutely loads of



delicious desserts. I thanked Bob and Cherry for hosting what was the fourth Hog Roast event on behalf of the club. The event was initiated originally by the late Malcolm Collier who sponsored the first hog roast.

A great afternoon enjoyed by all who attended
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

- ✔ September 1st Final Evening Drive of 2026
- ✔ September 27th Cowbridge Street Show
- ✔ October 6th Noggin and Natter Crow's Nest Cwmbran

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After the excitement of the National Weekend the fun and activity has been virtually non-stop throughout the month. Aided in no small way by the glorious (although at times overwhelming) weather, it was soft tops down and high protection sunscreen splashed all over!

Our group members travelled the highways and byways (including some very narrow country lanes) of our little part of the world to attend a multitude of shows. The highlights being:

- Katharine Lady Berkeley Classic Car Show, Wotton-Under-Edge.
- Severnside Classic Car Show, Severn Beach
- Classic Car Show, Newark Park, Wotton-Under-Edge.
- Gloucestershire Vintage & Country Extravaganza, South Cerney Airfield, Cirencester.
- Camerton Classic Car Show, Bath.

Each show differed in size from the gargantuan Vintage & Country Extravaganza aka South Cerney, to a much more intimate event at Severnside. There were so many photos taken that it was difficult to pick one for the magazine article. However, we felt we could not let the sheer size of the South Cerney show pass without pictorial reference to the three Stags from our group being proudly displayed.



Yet another thoroughly enjoyable month with no reported mishaps to dampen the mood – but, oh, if only we could have been dampened by a drop or two of rain!

A small number of our group once again ventured over the Severn Bridge to meet up with our friends in the South Wales for a 'Runch' i.e. a daytime run out with lunch at the end of it. It was reported back that another brilliantly planned route was experienced which was, of course, accompanied by yet more excellent weather.

And finally, if attending shows wasn't sufficient Stag-related fun, Sarah swapped her daytime job to that of chauffeur and duly delivered a family member to his school Prom in her and Matt's gleaming open-topped Stag. Some would say it was the best carriage there! The following picture cannot possibly convey just how hot it was on the day. Our collective sympathies were extended to the hardy Prom-goer trussed-up in that jacket and tie!



DIARY DATES

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

- ✓ September 2nd
- ✓ October 7th
- ✓ November 4th
- ✓ December 2nd We shall be holding our group Christmas meal at lunchtime on this day.

Events

After the last few rather hectic months, we are now reaching the tail end of the classic car events season. The main activities currently known to our collective group are listed below, although we have engaged our 'spotters' to sniff out any additional activities

Kingswood Village Classic Car Show, Kingswood Hall Playing Field (GL12 8RF) – Saturday 5th September.

- ✓ Chepstow Classic Car Show, Chepstow Racecourse – Sunday 6th September.
- ✓ Classics at The Kendleshire Breakfast Meet, Kendleshire Golf Club – Sunday 20th September.

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1. Organise a monthly meeting, this will probably involve going to a pub and eating, drinking and talking. See not too bad so far.
2. Be a point of contact – answer phone calls, respond to emails etc.
3. Delegate.

The last one is probably the most useful, hopefully there will be members in your area who will be willing to organise a run out or something, but on a one off basis.

Writing the monthly report for the magazine, this can vary from nothing to pages and pictures although details of the monthly meeting is helpful. Again, the mantra - **DELEGATE**.




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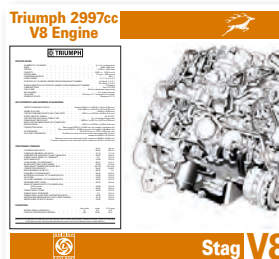
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