



Newsletter July 2018

When You're first on the Scene

For our June Club Night, we were treated to a session on First Aid by Clive Wayland, covering the essential actions we should be able to take if we arrive at the scene of an accident before the paramedics or ambulance. Clive is a very experienced First Aid trainer, and took us through the most basic procedures for the immediate treatment of a casualty. First of all, it is important to ensure that they, and you, are out of immediate physical danger from the environment. Then to assess the casualty and decide on their immediate needs. These may include:

- treating an open wound – he showed us the correct way to apply a bandage, and had us bandaging each other
- dealing with a blocked airway and choking
- resuscitation if they are not breathing – Clive demonstrated how to perform CPR and told us about the use of defibrillation equipment if it is to hand
- putting the casualty into what used to be known as the recovery position.

This was a very valuable and interesting session, and I and others were able to purchase a high quality St John's Ambulance First Aid kit to keep in the MG – I just hope I won't need to use it anytime soon, but, thanks to Clive's session, I am confident that I know what to do with the contents if called upon to do so.

Visit to Cite de L'Automobile

Jackie and I and Dave and Heather Barton had talked about driving over to France, both because we love the country and because we wanted to visit their National Motor Museum at Mulhouse, in the Alsace-Lorraine region of France. So, we booked our places on Le Shuttle, and set off at the end of May. The Shuttle gets you across the channel in no time at all, so we reached our overnight stop in Reims by lunchtime on the Saturday. Reims is a beautiful city, and our hotel was in the liveliest part of the city centre, a few yards from the bars and restaurants, so we spent a very pleasant afternoon and evening there. Next morning we set off for the Alsace, where we were booked into a very smart and convenient hotel in Colmar, 20 miles from Mulhouse. Colmar was a revelation. Its quaint mixture of French and German architecture is beautiful, with narrow cobbled streets and picturesque shops, cottages and houses wherever you turned, so we were delighted with our choice of location for our stay. The cuisine in Alsace is rather different from elsewhere in France, a delightful fusion of French and German – I especially liked the Baekoffe, which I shall have to cook for myself one of these days.



Colmar, Alsace-Lorraine, France



Inside the museum

The Cite de L'Automobile, (<https://www.citedelautomobile.com/>), the French national car collection includes the famous (infamous?) Schlumpf Collection. I have been fascinated by the story of Fritz and Hans Schlumpf since the news of their fabulous collection of valuable historic cars housed in their own private museum became public knowledge in 1977 following the collapse of their textile empire and the Schlumpf's flight from justice across the border into Switzerland. Dave and I spent a totally absorbing day in the museum – Heather and Jackie spent a half day admiring the cars and then disappeared on the tram into Mulhouse to trash the shops. I had visited the museum a few years ago, so I knew what to expect – but, despite having read a book about the Schlumpf obsession, Dave was still gobsmacked by the cars – so much so that he used up all his camera battery in there – he reckons it normally lasts at least a week!! It is almost impossible to describe the wonders within the museum – any red-blooded classic car anorak just has to go and see it for themselves at least once in his lifetime – it is advertised as the best car museum in the world, I for one would not argue with that.



Ettore Bugatti's own Type 41 Royale



If only – I would choose the Esders Royale – just the right size



..... or this beautiful Type 57S Bugatti

520 cars, 120 Bugattis- including three of the six Type 41 Royales built - Hispano Suizas, Isotta Fraschinis, Mercedes, Rolls Royce, Bentley, Maybach are just a few of the exotica on display in this incredible shrine to the automobile, together with probably the best collection of GP cars you will ever see in one place.



Small part of the GP collection



My initial slight slight disappointment was that there was no MG present – but this was remedied at lunchtime when we saw a TD from the restaurant window, which you could drive around the test track. They have an MGA too, apparently. All too soon it seemed, my mobile phone rang, and the girls were on their way back to pick us up – but not before we visited the gift shop and spent our pocket money!! A wonderful trip, would recommend wholeheartedly.

Bicester Heritage Flywheel Festival

I attended the Flywheel Festival on the Saturday. This event grows larger and more well-attended each time, helped this year by a collaboration with The Classic and Sports Car Magazine. I think they will have to sharpen up their act next year in terms of controlling entry for the display cars – the entry was pitifully slow, and left a lot of drivers cursing the arrangements as they sat in a long queue nursing an overheating engine. I was fortunate by being one of the first in (Bicester Heritage is right on my doorstep), but the Jaguar XK120 that parked next to me in the display area was boiling furiously when it parked up, and remained boiling for ages afterwards – happily doing no lasting damage. Brian Deacon and Karen Hall were also there in their lovely 1930s Morris Cowley, and, naturally, dressed in period costume and really looked the part.

Of particular MG interest, I noticed three Costello MGB conversions parked together – one on its own is a rare enough sight – and a University Motors MGC. For those that don't know, MG had a problem selling the last of the MGCs, so University Motors stepped in and bought the lot, upgrading them with various stages of tuning and some trim and badge modifications, and these are now really quite collectible cars.



Three Costello V8 MGs



Rare University Motors MGC

Flywheel would not be complete without the air displays, and this year these included the First World War dogfight team, the Tiger Nine Tiger moth display team – there were only 7 of them



BBMF trio in formation



Lancaster and escorting Hurricane



as two went technical just before the event – a North American Mustang from WW2, the BBMF Douglas Dakota, and the BBMF trio of Avro Lancaster, Hawker Hurricane and Supermarine Spitfire. This trio did a formation flypast before separating and performing solo aerobatics for the crowd. A great display and a great day out.

Upcoming Events - Dates For Your Diary

Tuesday 26th June - Chesham Pride of Ownership

Our neighbouring Natter's annual PoO evening, at the Chesham and Ley Hill Golf Club from 18.30. A week before our own PoO, this is an ideal opportunity both to support our friends at Chesham, and to prepare our cars for our PoO! Chesham support our event, so let's see if we can have a good turnout for this one.

30 June 2018 - Bucks Classic Car Show, Gawcott

From the website:

"Times: 13.00 to 24.00. While this event is primarily for vehicles over 20 years old, we will be pleased to see your more interesting younger vehicles, cars and motor bikes. Please Make your ticket application using the web form and forward it with an SAE and your donation cheques (made payable to Rotary Club of Buckingham Trust Account). D. Jackson, Event Secretary, 1 Villiers Close, Buckingham, MK18 1JH ; 01280 817772, d.w.jackson@btinternet.com .

The location is The Richard Roper Playing Field Lenborough Road Gawcott, MK18 4JG; map ref, sheets 152 or 165, 685316.

The field will be open from 13.00 for the arrival and parking of your vehicles. The main event starts at 14.00. There will be a daytime pig roast and evening BBQ; live music, a folk group and 3 local groups; children's entertainment and games; sideshows; cream teas etc. The event will close at midnight, dont worry you can leave earlier if you wish. Rally Plaques will be presented to those who enter before 18th June. Cars are asked to make a minimum donation of £8 and Motorcycles and scooters a minimum donation of £5. That includes all occupants. Tractors, lorries etc will be considered as cars."

Monday 2nd July – AMGC PoO

Our own PoO – not to be missed. Starts at 19.00 at the Waddesdon Dairy. Get polishing!!

We will be judging the cars in the following categories:

Class A –	Pre-1962	(incl MGA)
Class B –	1962-1980 Roadster	(MGB, MGC, Midget)
Class C –	1962-1980 Gts	(MGBGT, MGCGT MGB GTV8)
Class D –	1981 – 2001	(MG RV8, MGF, Metro)
Class E -	2002 – on	(MG TF)
Class F -	MG Saloons	(ZR, ZS, MG3, MG6 GS, XS)
Class G -	Best of the Rest	(All non-MG Cars)

And again, as we did last year, if you have a costume that is from the same era as your car, please feel free to come along dressed in it, and give some competition to last year's star couple, Brian Deacon and Karen Hall, who really looked the part in their 1930s outfits to complement their beautiful Morris.

Entry fee remains at £5 per car, but this includes a strip of raffle tickets. It would be appreciated if those members who are able to could bring a suitable raffle prize.



8th July - F1 GP BBQ - hosted by Pete & Jill Mansfield in Aylesbury

This year Pete and Jill Mansfield are hosting this event, and Pete has asked me to include the following in the newsletter:

"Once again the British GP is nearly here and it is a tradition for a member to host the GP BBQ at their house. Jill and Peter have volunteered to host the BBQ this year. The date of the Grand Prix is the 8th July and the race starts at 1.00 pm. You are more than welcome to start arriving at Peter and Jill's from noon onwards. Can you please let Peter and Jill know if you will be attending so that they can organise the catering. If you are attending can you please provide your own meat and veggie options, contribute to the Bar and if you would like to bring a sweet then please let Jill know.

They have plenty of chairs etc so no need to bring anything to sit on.

Peter and Jill's address is 11, Hampden Road, Aylesbury, Bucks HP21 8JJ. If you need help in finding them please ask Peter for directions. Their home telephone number is 01296 426037 or 07979 410253"

This is a very sociable and enjoyable event, and it is not just about the British F1 Grand Prix. It is also a wonderful opportunity to socialise and share a very enjoyable afternoon with the other club members – with the option to watch the GP if you want to. So please make a note in your diary and come along.

4th - 5th August – Great Bucks Steam Fair, Shabbington

Very good local show with multiple interest activities going on all day and which I have been to and enjoyed many times, and which we could enter as a club – more details in a future newsletter. See <http://www.greatbucks.org.uk/> for more.

Monday 6th August – Drive and Dine from The Betsy Wynne

Our traditional August Club Night, this time meeting at The Betsy Wynn in Swanbourne to collect a Tulip Roadbook for an evening drive around the country lanes before returning for a meal at the pub (assuming I get around to investigating a suitable route ...). The Betsy Wynn is owned by The Akeman group, so the quality should be comparable with The Akeman itself, our venue for the last two August Drive and Dines. Note that there will be an earlier start to this event – probably 18.30 -, as we have done in previous years, to give us plenty of time to collect the roadbook, order our meals, enjoy the drive and then to dine at our leisure afterwards.

27th August – Craft Fair Run to Cassiobury Park, Watford

Draft details already circulated. A road run to Watford for the craft fair, with reserved parking by the entrance. The day will start with a breakfast meet, and a run in convoy to the park where the fair is being held.

More details to follow when the arrangements have been finalised, but make a note in your diary now, and let Heather Barton know you will be there.

26th - 27th August – Quainton Heritage Festival

This event used to be the pre-78 Classic Car show at the Bucks Rail centre. This year they are expanding the event to include all forms of heritage transport, including cars, commercial vehicles and steam locomotives. And all the attractions at the Rail Centre itself. They hope to have 5 locomotives in steam on the two days.



See www.bucksrailcentre.org for details.

21st - 23rd September – Club Weekend Away

To The Isle of Wight. Details separately published. Please note that the ferry is nearly full, so get your ticket now if you haven't already done so! It seems that the vote for Saturday evening's meal has been decided in favour of the Restaurant option. If you have ideas for activities during the weekend, let Dave and Heather know – visit to Osbourne House has been mentioned

Other Stuff

Club-branded Clothing

Dave Barton has been asked about organising another round of clothing orders, particularly for some pastel shades for the ladies. So please let him know of your requirements so that he can collate an order.

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