

April 2014

Black Country Classic Car Club

About time!!

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Special points of interest:

- Remember to check out the website for info on Breakfast runs.
- New page available on website soon, where you will be able to advertise items for sale.
- See back inside page for full list of shows for 2014.

Skittles Night

We are looking to arrange a fun skittles evening Friday 20th June at The Cradley Sports and Social Club, Colley Lane, Cradley. There will be a Fish & Chips supper (with a little choice for those who don't like fish), prizes for 1st, 2nd and third places.

All are welcome, including non-club members, so bring along your friends and family.

Tickets will be available from the next meeting at a cost of £6.50 per person

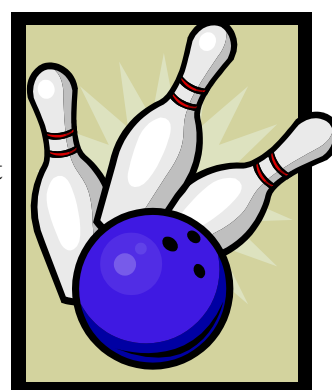
(including the food).

Please see Nigel Pritchard at club meetings or call on 07904 073046

to reserve your tickets, tickets will be sold on

a first come first served basis.

Places are limited to 80 people.



Chairman's Letter

Hello to every-one, I just thought I'd take this opportunity to say a BIG thank you to all our members.

Our club is continuing to grow and succeed, with a steady increase every year on membership numbers, attendance to fortnightly meetings are also steadily increasing and maintaining numbers, which is very encouraging.

The club website www.blackcountryclassiccarclub.webs.com is also increasing in member's/potential member's

use, we try to keep it as up-to-date as possible, so if you need any info please remember you can check there.

Our club is not only growing numbers wise, we are also building up good funds for our general running and maintaining/improving our club stand.

With a separate fund, also steadily increasing to maintain and upgrade our club vehicle. One contribution to these funds is the scrap batteries/metal/car parts that we weigh-in.

Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

Please remember we always welcome help, so if you have any ideas or pieces of information that would be useful in our magazine or on the website, please do not hesitate to bring it to our attention.

I would also like to say a BIG thank you to all the Committee and non-committee members who take an active part in the running of the club.

Neil Moore
Chairperson

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Obolition of road tax

The road tax disc has been around since 1921 with its introduction to prove the payment of taxes for vehicle use on public roads. Prior to 1921, tolls were a form of taxation and anyone who used the public highway would have to pay up.

The first road tax discs had no perforations around the edge. People either cut around the shape, or folded the edges to adhere to the law to make them round. These tax discs were the norm until 1938 when a circular perforation was then designed to make it simpler. Motorists were now able to cut around the perforation easier and slot the disc into a holder.

The introduction of the road tax disc reformation

After all these years of using the road tax disc, it's finally coming to an end thanks to our modern day technology. The abolishment of the disc is October 2014. For some people it will be a time for mourning and others will be a great time of joy.

You either love or hate the tax disc, however it does appear the majority of us won't be sad to see it go. After all, it has been a hassle for most, just the thought of having to find your insurance certificate and last MoT document can be quite a hassle. To

top that, you then need to drive to your local post office and stand in a long queue, for some folks this hassle has to be done on a lunch break. Naturally, this does not sound too pretty so it stands to reason why many are glad to see the road tax disc go. However, the introduction of ordering your next tax disc online has helped in recent years.

There are a minority of drivers who are old-school and may find it quite sad to see it go. Then there are the scrap road tax disc collectors who believe the whole idea of the abolition is ludicrous. The latest story of a young man called Jude Currie aged 11 from Cobham in Surrey has been fascinated by these discs for many years. He has collected thousands, which are now valued at over £10,000. The older the road tax disc the more it is worth.

Sadly, the road tax bill itself will not be abolished, we will still have to pay, but not display. The new system will be introducing annual, biannual or monthly direct debit payment options. Payments that are made annually will not incur any surcharges.

In this era where money is quite tight, monthly direct debits are a welcome relief. However, paying

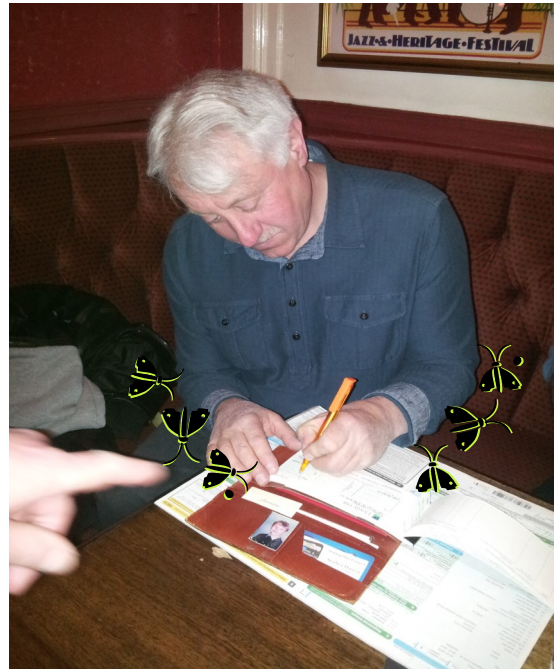


on a monthly basis may not always be the best option as surcharges will be added. These charges can certainly mount up if you have many monthly payments. Please note 'first registration' vehicles, HGV's and fleet contracts will not be able to pay monthly.

Another sad change is that the road tax disc will no longer be transferable on private sales. This is to ensure the seller can't make out there's more tax available on the vehicle than what there actually is. The previous owner will be responsible to reclaim the unused period and the new owner will have to start afresh once the vehicle has been purchased.

Breaking News !!!

I know that some of you will find this hard to believe but on 4th March 2014 Mel Quarry actually got out his cheque book (along with all the moths) and wrote a cheque out to the seller of the Marina Estate he has bought!!!



Driving License

Do you have a photocard driving license? If so please check the expiry date as these driving licenses only last for 10 years, mine's up 2014, I can't believe how quick that's gone!!

Also have you moved home recently??

Have you changed your driving license??

You MUST do this as it is now illegal not to do so.

"Do you have a photocard driving license?"

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www.blackcountryclassiccarclub.webs.com

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Tony Warren's Top 10

Tony is a fairly new member to the club and the proud owner of an MG Midget and a Triumph Renown.

Here is his top ten....

- 10. Triumph GT6 - An extremely good looking small car with a potent engine.**
- 9. Reliant Scimitar - Undervalued and well built, it would outperform many of its pricier rivals.**
- 8. MG Magnette - Classically elegant and refined.**
- 7. Fiat 1200 - Prized for its 'cuteness'.**
- 6. Lotus Cortina - On a race track it left everyone standing!**
- 5. Austin Healey 3000 - The epitome of the classic British sports car.**
- 4. Triumph Vitesse - A roaring 6 cylinder engine. The twin headlight front gives it a bold look.**
- 3. Jaguar XK120 - A sleek sports car, packed with power.**
- 2. Jensen Interceptor - Striking looking car with a 7.2 litre v8 beating away beneath the bonnet.**
- 1. Nash Metropolitan - If it's good enough for The King...**



The Reliant Scimitar was made between 1964—1986. During its 22 year production it developed into a range of versions including a convertible in 1980. In 1984 Reliant launched the smaller Scimitar SS!

MG used the Magnette name on the K-type and N-type cars in the 1930's, but the magnette models of the 1950's and 60's are probably the best remembered. Although still loved today, the use of the magnette name on an MG saloon car with a lowered Wolseley body and an Austin engine brought protest from motor magazine letter writers.



The 1200 was introduced in Turin Motor Show in November 1957. The 1220 Fiat or Granluce Fiat 1200 was intended to replace the Fiat 1100.

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The Triumph Vitesse was a compact 6 cylinder car built by Standard-Triumph from May 1962 to July 1971. The car was styled by Giovanni Michelotti and was available in saloon and convertible models. The Vitesse name was first used by Austin on their 1914-16 Austin 20 (hp) and 30 (hp), this was followed in 1922 by Godfrey and Nash on their GN Vitesse Cyclecar and then by Triumph on a car made between 1936 and 1938. After the last Triumph Vitesse was made in July 1971, the name remained unused until October 1982 when Rover used it on their SD1 until 1986 and once more on their Rover 800, 820 and 827 models from October 1988 to 1991, at which the car was rebodied at the R17 version, which was produced until 1998 as the Rover Vitesse Sport.



It's a Completely New And Different Kind of Automobile



Nash Metropolitan - As owned by Elvis and Paul Newman..... and the young lady neighbour I had a crush on as a boy! The Metropolitan was initially sold only in the US, but it was marketed in the UK between 1954-1962

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Can You Guess The Car???



The first person to contact Neil with the correct answer wins a free pass to any show when exhibiting a vehicle.



Competitions & Funny's

TRUE STORY!!!

Can you guess who this ACTUALLY happened to??

This person was innocently walking his dog, when he starting sweating and then, he had bad cramps and stomache pain, then he realised he could not make it home!! The only choice he had??? Pooh under a conifer LOL!!!

This person made the mistake of telling a number of club members (including me) about his episode when he was in a pub (FOOL)!!!

See if you can guess from the list of people below who it was??

Neil Moore
Mel Quarry
Nigel Pritchard
Allan Lavender
Tony Warren or
Howard Stockton



DID YOU KNOW???

Did you know the word 'testify' derived from a time when men were required to swear on their testicles

Competition

Throughout 2014 we will be running a competition for the most active member (excluding committee members) this will be achieved by attending meetings, shows/events and general involvement with day to day running's. The prize will be given at the Auction night in October.

Other News

AUCTION NIGHT 14TH OCTOBER!!

8.30pm prompt start.

Committee member's on site from 7.30pm
onwards to accept items for auction.

All monies raised go towards club funds.

Most active club member competition for 2014
will be announced on this night.

(see page 7 for further details)

We look forward to seeing you all
And thank you for your continued support.

Other News

Remember Your Discounts!

Footman James: 0121 561 6219 www.footmanjames.co.uk

Classic Car Insurance 10%

Private Car Insurance 5%

Household Insurance 5%

Roadrunner: 01384 79790

Trade Discount

John Downes Garage: 01384 78504

MOT's POA.



Wanted

OLD CAR BATTERIES, ALTERNATORS AND
STARTER MOTORS FOR CLUB VEHICLE FUND,
FREE COLLECTION

PLEASE RING:

NEIL—07752 868717

NIGEL—07904 073046
THANKS.

Shows 2014

APRIL 2014

Pride of Longbridge	Sat 12th
Classic Car & Mini Show	Sunday 13th - Malvern
Weston Park Transport Show	Sun/Mon 20th/21st
	Club stand on Sunday only.

MAY 2014

<i>Catton Hall Classic Car & Transport Show</i>	<i>Sunday 4th</i>
<i>Ragley Hall Classic Car & Transport Show</i>	<i>Sun/Mon 26th/27th</i>

JUNE 2014

<i>Trentham Classic Car & Transport Show</i>	<i>Sunday 15th</i>
<i>New Elizabethan School, Hartlebury</i>	<i>Saturday 28th</i>

JULY 2014

<i>Netherton Park</i>	<i>Saturday 5th</i>
<i>Hartlebury Castle</i>	<i>Sunday 13th</i>
<i>Beaumanor Hall Classic Car & Transport Show</i>	<i>Sunday 20th</i>
<i>Walsall Classic Car Show</i>	<i>Sunday 27th</i>

AUGUST 2014

<i>Shugborough Hall Classic Car & Transport</i>	<i>Sunday 10th</i>
<i>Enville festival</i>	<i>Monday 25th 11am</i>
<i>Pershore Plum Festival</i>	<i>Mon 25th</i>

SEPTEMBER 2014

<i>Peopleton Autumn Show</i>	<i>Date TBC</i>
<i>Dudley Classic Car & Transport Show</i>	<i>Sunday 7th</i>
<i>Bumble Hole Boat Festival</i>	<i>Saturday 13th & Sunday 14th</i>

OCTOBER 2014

<i>Classic Car & Mini Show</i>	<i>Sunday 12th - Malvern</i>
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NOVEMBER 2014

<i>NEC Classic Car Show</i>	<i>Applied for ??</i>
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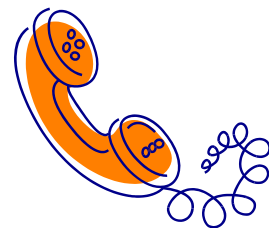
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Neil Moore	07752 868717	Chairman/Shows
Ellen Moore	07783 706250	Secretary/Membership
Stuart Moore	07896 943012	Committee Member
Jim Round	01384 253079	Committee Member
Nigel Evans	07946 290741	Committee Member



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We're on the web
www.blackcountryclassiccarclub.webs.com

Club Rules

As with all clubs and organisations, we have rules that **MUST** be abided by at all times. Serious breach of these rules may result in withdrawal of membership and any associated benefits.

- 1). To become a member you **DO NOT** need to own a vehicle.
- 2). In order for a vehicle to be registered with the club it must be at least 20 years old and will be at the discretion of the committee members.
- 3). Membership runs January to January, as such your membership will fall due on the 1st January irrespective of the date your membership commenced with the club.
- 4). Membership may be refused or terminated at the discretion of the committee without notice or reason.
- 5). Club stickers **MUST** be clearly displayed when attending shows. This is an insurance requirement!
- 6). Any conditions, including speed limits, time of entry/exit or any other rules imposed by show organisers must be strictly adhered to.
- 7). All vehicles attending a show must hold a valid insurance policy, a valid tax disc must be displayed and the vehicle must have a current MOT certificate. The only time a vehicle will not require an MOT and/or Tax disc is if the vehicle is tailored to the event. However the vehicle will still require a valid insurance policy if it will be driven under its own power on site.
- 8). Vehicles over 20 years of age will be eligible for judging at our own event at the discretion of the committee.
- 9). The Committee's decision is final.