

December 2017

Merry Christmas



**Nigel Evans'
Top 10**

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Black Country Classic Car Club

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Message from the editor

Special points of interest:

- Remember to check out the website for info on Breakfast runs and events.
- Promotional clothing—see page 12.
- You can pay for your membership by PayPal on our website.

Welcome to the December 2017 magazine. I must start off with an apology for the lack of a Summer magazine, unfortunately, life kind of got in the way a bit, but rest assured next year will be back to normal as the editor won't be moving house and changing jobs etc (I hope).

We've welcomed a fair few new members in the last few months, with a range of cars which adds variety to our shows.

We are planning a road trip next year, named "Black Country Classic Car Club does Top Gear®". Please see page 4 and the website for more details about this event.

The club has had a good turn out for the majority of the shows, the Netherton Park show was fantastic, nearly 40 cars on site, even if a few of them were "visitor class" and not belonging to club members!!

The committee is reviewing the shows that the club will attend next year as some of the traditional events have been disappointing the last two or three years. If you have ideas for events in the future, let Howard or Nigel know (or in their absence any committee member and we'll pass it on).

The website has been updated and is now more mobile friendly, it is now also secured with SSL certificates so that any forms you fill out are encrypted and now longer sent across the Internet in plain text. If you have any issues using the site, then please let me know so I can either fix the website or help out with any usability concerns.

As always, please contact any of the committee members if you have any ideas for the club or there's something you'd like to bring to our attention (as if something is bugging you, we can't do anything about it if we don't know about it).

Finally, the committee would like to wish all members and their families a very Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year

Steve

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MoT Exemption Legislation

From May 2018, cars (and motorcycles) that are older than 40 years old will no longer require an annual MOT check. This is an extension to the legislation that already exempts pre-1960 cars.

The 40 year rule also applies to vehicle excise duty (road tax), which are exempt from any fees, although drivers will still be required to have valid insurance for their classic cars and bikes.

The thinking behind the decision, according to the DfT, is that these cars are “usually maintained in good condition and used on few occasions”. The decision also eases concerns that garages may not be adequately testing cars over this age, as the modern MOT applies less to cars of this age

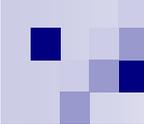
These new regulations place an emphasis on owners to ensure their vehicles are in a roadworthy state. While an MoT certificate will no longer be compulsory, drivers and riders may still present their vehicles for a voluntary MoT test and it remains their responsibility to ensure that their vehicles have no defects that would see it fail the government tests when they take to the public roads.

New Speeding Laws

Gone are the days of the £60 (more recently £100) fine and three points on your license if you get caught speeding (unless of course you were doing more than 30mph over the limit). The new rules mean that your fine is now linked to your earnings (subject to a minimum fine of £100 and a maximum of £2500)

The table below summarises the new fine system, the bands are effectively how much faster than the speed limit you were caught at, for example, for a 30mph speed limit, Band A is 31-40mph, Band B is 41-50mph and Band C is 51mph or higher

	Starting point	Range
Fine Band A	50% of weekly income	25 – 75% of weekly income
Fine Band B	100% of weekly income	75 – 125% of weekly income
Fine Band C	150% of weekly income	125 – 175% of weekly income



Black Country Classic Car Club does Top Gear ®

A £1000 budget, a vehicle at least 20 years old and a road trip with some challenges. Sound familiar? Well this is the premise of “BCCCC does Top Gear ©”.

This event has been generally planned; the final details need to be worked out but the general plan at the moment is that interested club members would purchase a car that is at least 20 years old, costing not more than £1000 and on June 16th 2018 arrive at the start point (Ma Pardoes Car Park) where all taking part find out what cars have been purchased.

From there a drive down to Cornwall and back will begin, with stops for challenges (yet to be decided) on the way. Overnight stops will be “tenting” (Neil and Sylvia take note, hotels are not allowed) and participating members will document and film events along the way where possible (and safe to do so). We will then put a display alongside the “normal” Netherton Park Fun Day event in July 2018.

The currently planned itinerary (subject to change before the event) is as follows:

Sat 16th June—Ma Pardoes to Bucklegrove Holiday Park (Cheddar)
Sun 17th June—Spend the day in Cheddar Gorge or Weston Super Mare
Mon 18th June—Pack up and drive to Umberleigh Campsite (Devon)
Tue 19th June—Depart Umberleigh and drive to Trevaylor Campsite (Cornwall)
Wed 20th June—Day trip to St Michaels Mount
Thu 21st June—Pack up and drive to Halfway campsite (Yeovil)
Fri 22nd June—Day trip to the Haynes Motor Museum
Sat 23rd June—Pack up and head for home

We realise that this is not going to be a cheap event and not everyone will be able to or willing to take part, members could club together to reduce the cost and remember that the £1000 is a maximum amount, not a target :) We would therefore like an indication of whether you would like to participate so that we can plan accordingly.

We would also welcome ideas for the challenges from club members as it wouldn't be fair for the organisers to know what the challenges are before hand so the plan is to gather as many challenges as possible, and then pull them out of a hat each day so that there is an element of surprise for everyone involved on the trip.

The website will be updated with further information about this event so for the latest information, please visit the website and click on the link on the front page.

Booking for shows/events

IMPORTANT INFORMATION



All information for shows, breakfast runs and events is on our website

blackcountryclassicarclub.co.uk

A full list and regular updates are also available at the club meeting nights.

IMPORTANT

You **MUST** book into all shows 6 weeks before the show date (unless otherwise stated). Bookings after the closing deadline will not be accepted.

You **MUST** enter your details on the booking forms provided at the meeting nights or call Howard Stockton or Nigel Evans if you are unable to make it to the meetings

All bookings must be paid for at the time of booking if a fee applies.



Your pass cannot be ordered if the required information and payment is not supplied.

If booking via the website and paying through Paypal there will be a 50p surcharge.

2017 Meetings

The last club meeting of 2017 will be on Tuesday 12th December. We will welcome all members back in 2018

2018 Meetings

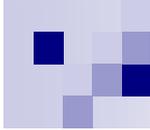
The first club meeting in 2018 will be Tuesday 16th January, then every fortnight until December 18th 2018



See you all in 2018

Check out the club website for all information on shows, breakfast runs, promotional clothes etc....

www.blackcountryclassiccarsclub.co.uk



Have your say!!

We want to hear from you!! We can only make the experience of being in the club better by knowing what you, the members, want. Let us know your views and the committee will endeavour to improve the experience for all members.

Shows and Events

As mentioned in the welcome message some of the events the club has attended regularly have become more and more disappointing,

Weston Park and Himley Hall are just two of the regular events that many club members have expressed reservations about and as such, the committee has decided that we won't be attending as a club next year. Of course, if club members still wish to attend these events then let us know, if enough members are interested then maybe this decision can be reversed and a club stand can be organised.

As well as negative feedback about some of the regular events, we have had a lot of members state that they would like to attend different events or shows rather than going to the same ones every year. The committee is more than happy to accommodate this wish (if we're honest, we've had the same thought) and will keep an eye out for alternative events, however, if any member knows of an event that they believe will be of interest to the club then let us know.

Club organised events have a dual purpose, one to provide an interesting day out for our members, and two, to promote the club so local(ish) events are preferred, the majority of our new members come from people seeing our stand and then joining the club. However, events that are further afield are still of interest as long as the majority of club members are prepared to travel. How far are you prepared to travel for a show?

Website

The club website had a few changes this year, the format was changed to make it more mobile friendly and it is now accessed via secure channels so there is no clear data traffic flowing over the internet from your browser to the site. Upcoming events are shown on the front page as are the last few posts made (the full history of posts is accessed via the News/Blog section). If anyone is having problems navigating the site, or has suggestions on how to improve the site as a whole, then let us know. Is there anything you would like adding to the site?

How to pass on your suggestions

There is a "Have Your Say" section in the members area of the website so feel free to send suggestions from there or just come and speak to a committee member at a club night. For website issues, either use the Have your say form on the website or speak to me (Steve) on a club night.

We will welcome suggestions for anything club related, not just shows and website issues so if you have any ideas to improve the club please let us know!!

Nigel Evans' Top 10



10. The first car I bought, a **1978 2.0S Capri**, I loved it, I even insured it for special occasions!! It reminds me of not having a care in the world – pre-mortgage and kids.

9. **The Cortina Estate**, My Dad had a 1974 Arizona Gold 2.0GL, we used to go everywhere in it, holidays to Wales cramped in with the dog in the back and the luggage wrapped in bin bags on a roof rack flapping about. No seat belts in the back for us then – still alive though!



8. **The Opel Manta GTE**, this was one of my favourite cars I had in my 20's it was a proper pulling car, up town in Libertys and the Hagley Duck, loads of space in the back! (This was important when you still lived with your Mom & Dad)

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7. GOLF GTI 16V, I had arrived in the 80`s with this, I never got the red braces but what a car, it stuck to the road like glue, had a sound all to itself, and the most uncomplicated dash and interior. Complete with a golf ball gear knob and a tiny little red 16V badge stuck to the glovebox, it was completely understated. Plus I could get my golf clubs in the boot if not the kid`s pram!

6. Rover P6 3500 V8 , When I can no longer get out of my MG, which may not be that far away. This is the car in Black, complete with spare wheel carrier. My then “rich” Uncle had one when I was a boy and I thought it was amazing. I love these cars and WILL have one.



5. Porsche 356, I’ve had an ongoing love affair with these cars for years, ever since watching all of the 80’s films, a real one is way out of most peoples price range, but the Speedster is a really good balance of modern technology with the classic looks. Again it has to be Black with a red interior.

4. Ferrari DINO, Picture says it all, plus I had to have an Italian car on my list for obvious reasons. An absolute pure driving machine. (“Una macchina di guida pura e assoluta!”)



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3. **Jaguar XK120**, A truly elegant British sports car, who could not appreciate these iconic looks, it brings with it an aura of opulence and style that cannot be matched with any modern car.

2. **Jaguar E Type**, if memory serves, this was voted the most beautiful car ever built, and who are we to argue. It's stunning! I was only a new fitted kitchen away from one of these, unfortunately the wife won and the prices have rocketed out of most people's reach. This truly is an Icon, when designers weren't afraid to break the mould.



1. **ASTON MARTIN DB5**, My ultimate car, from watching the blades coming out of the wheels in James Bond as kid, through to drooling at them at car shows as an adult. This is it; no more words just



Funnies

The Pope goes to New York, and gets picked up at the airport by a limousine. He looks at the beautiful car and says to the driver, "You know, I hardly ever get to drive. Would you please let me?"

The driver is understandably hesitant and says, "I'm sorry, but I don't think I'm supposed to do that."

But the Pope persists, "Please?"

The driver finally lets up, "Oh, alright, I can't really say no to the Pope."

So the Pope takes the wheel, and boy, is he a speed demon! He hits the gas and goes around 100 mph in a 45 zone. A policeman notices and pulls him over. The cop walks up and asks the Pope to wind the window down. Startled and surprised, the young officer asks the Pope to wait a minute. He goes back to his patrol car and radios the chief.

Cop: Chief, I have a problem.

Chief: What sort of problem?

Cop: Well, you see, I pulled over this guy for driving way over the speed limit, but it's someone really important.

Chief: Important like the mayor?

Cop: No, no, much more important than that.

Chief: Important like the governor?

Cop: Way more important than that.

Chief: Like the president?

Cop: Much more important.

Chief: "Who's more important than the president?"

Cop: "I don't know but he has the Pope DRIVING for him!"

And for anyone who's had electrical problems on their old British car...



Promotional Clothing

Promotional club clothing for sale t-shirts, hoody's, Jackets, Gilets and Caps are all available. See Ellen at meeting nights.



Promotional Clothing



Netherton Park



Best in show

Steve Byng—Mustang



Second in show

Tony Onions—Cortina 1600E

Netherton Park



Third in Show

Cavan Hulbert - Porsche 944



Best Engine Bay

David Tranter—Cortina Mark II

Netherton Park



Best Wheels

Richard Peace—Pastiche TA



Best Visitors Car

Trevor—Ford Consul Capri

Netherton Park



Best interior

Justina Gibbs—Rover SD1



Best Chrome

Dave Daly—Jaguar 1.5

Netherton Park

Best Horn

Russ Butler—Ford Capri



Public Vote Winner

Dave Daly—Jaguar 1.5





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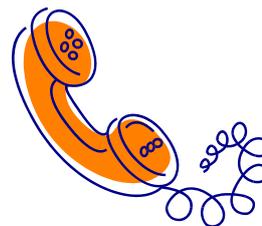
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Club Rules

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 classic vehicle.
- 2) All members vehicles representing the club at a show must be at least 25 years old, hold a valid insurance policy, hold a current road fund licence, in a clean presentable road worthy condition and have a current MOT certificate if appropriate to the year of registration. All vehicles should also display the BCCCC car sticker, in accordance with our Public Liability Insurance Policy. Any variations to this ruling will be at the discretion of the committee.
- 3) Any conditions, including speed limits, time of entry/exit or any other rules imposed by show organisers must be strictly adhered to.
- 4) 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.
- 5) Membership may be refused or terminated at the discretion of the committee without notice or reason.
- 6) Vehicles over 25 years of age will be eligible for judging at our own event or at the discretion of the committee.
- 7) Members due fees are to be paid at the time of booking for organised events attended by the BCCCC. Failure to do so will result in the member and their vehicle details not being put forward for the event.
- 8) The Committee's decision is final.