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The Newsletter of the *Classic Vehicle Group*

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CVG stand at The NEC 2021

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Introduction from Bernard Ward, Chairman



Welcome to our winter issue of the Squeaky Wheel

Greetings all, and a Happy New Year to everyone – those in the driving seat, in the passenger seat or even just following what we do without the ownership pleasures [and problems] that come with classic motoring.

Many of us braved the challenges of getting our classics on the road for the first event of the year, the New Year Run. Others more circumspect appeared in their regular cars (their proper cars as I would call it) but everyone was treated to a grand day out, courtesy of AG. Despite some last-minute set-backs, like the finish venue cancelling the day before, we started the year off well.

Some of the events for this year remain to be confirmed and the organisers are awaiting confirmation that the venues are ready to take visitors, as the pandemic has left many uncertainties over the future of the venues.

First off though is a new event, on 2nd April, formed out of discussions at the Boundless Eastbourne air show with one of the commentators, and his involvement with the Army base at Middle Wallop. The intention is to create a nucleus of members who would form a new local Hampshire group, along the lines of the existing Severn & Avon and South West. Middle Wallop should prove to be an ideal base for this new group, and anyone from the area is invited to register to attend on the 2nd, have a breakfast snack and take a look round the Army Flying Museum with mine hosts the Bacons.

April gets busy with our Drive It Day on Sunday 24th, running again after two postponements, and starting from Privett and then a repeat appearance at Donington over the last weekend. Supersaver tickets for this are available up to end February.

The Spree entries are filling up nicely but there are still plenty of places left for this, and for the Isle of Wight Tour the following month. Details of all these are given inside and are on our website, with information on how to register.

We are investigating which of the car shows to attend in the York area, as there is quite a choice, and we are also looking at having a presence at Kop Hill late in the year.

Quite a lot to look forward to, so keep an eye open on the website and our Facebook page for updates.

Bernard

Articles, event reports and original photographs are greatly appreciated for Issue 56 of Squeaky Wheel and should be sent to Editor.CVG@talktalk.net to arrive before **28th February 2022**

Please note that any articles received after the date will be held over to the next issue

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Local Classic Vehicle Groups

Severn & Avon

All details are now on our web site and Geoff Davies' Severn and Avon local group is still going strong although Coved-19 and the lockdowns completely disrupted the 2020/21 program.

The Noggin 'n Natters will resume when the Coved-19 restrictions permit. If you are in the Severn and Avon area and would like to come along then get in touch with Geoff to make sure that he expects you and then get along to their meetings.

Contact Geoff Davies on

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North Staffs and Stone Classic Car Group

Pete Cresswell, Boundless by CSMA CVG member, has been unable to arrange any meetings at the regular watering hole, the George and Dragon, but hopes to get back to normality before too long. One of the events this summer was his 10th Anniversary Tour, as that's how long this successful group has been running.

When back to normal, the George and Dragon is on Meaford Road, Stone ST15 0PX on the first Monday of each month, from 7.30 pm onwards. It is not a club as such, so no entry fee, just a monthly meet for people interested in classic cars. For more details on this group contact Pete direct at:

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South West Breakfast Meets

Meet up with members who have an interest in all aspects of motoring. You do not have to own a classic car or bike. Or bring them to the meet. Noggin'n' Natter every other month at South Devon Railway Café, Buckfastleigh Devon TQ11 0DZ (not too early, 11 am). For more details, please contact Peter Adams at:

Email: peterandrosemary@talktalk.net

Windlesham, Surrey

Boundless by CSMA CVG members are invited to join in with the classic car Noggin & Natters that take place at The Half Moon, Church Road, Windlesham, nr Bagshot, GU20 6BN (2 miles from the M3, J3) on the 3rd Sunday of each Month, from 08.30 to 11.30 with Coffee and Bacon Rolls available in the Bar from 09.30. All are welcome to stop for Sunday Lunch.

This has been run over the last year by Boundless by CSMA CVG member Colin Manley who will welcome Boundless by CSMA CVG members in the coming year.

For more details, please contact Colin at:

Email: sundayclassiccars@gmail.com

Dates for your Diary

The story behind Middle Wallop, and a potential new Hampshire CVG local group

A certain Boundless member, George Bacon, is better known to many of us for his popular Airshow commentaries at Eastbourne and Bournemouth, but he is also the inspiration behind a collection of vintage Army aircraft at Middle Wallop where CVG members showcased their vehicles last July.

The 'Wallop Wheels and Wings' event was the first of its kind, held shortly after lockdown restrictions eased, on the largest grass airfield in Europe at the top of the attractive Test Valley in Hampshire. In talking to George, Pete Gregory discovered that George has also been very involved with classic vehicles in his past event production work with Brooklands, Bicester and Thruxton and having also showcased his vintage aircraft at the Goodwood Revival.

It also emerged that George's wife Melanie is not just a classic car enthusiast herself but actively plans and leads classic car tours across Europe in partnership with a close friend and business associate. George was Melanie's navigator on a recent 2000 mile road trip 'recce' around the Pyrenean Basque and Catalan regions!

This has resulted in George and Melanie offering to help develop a CVG local group in Hampshire, using Middle Wallop as the base. Accordingly, they would like you to help celebrate the return of British summertime by inviting you, and your vehicle, and a partner to a CVG Brunch meeting at Wallop on Saturday 2nd April when you will also benefit from a discounted opportunity to visit the Army Flying Museum and perhaps book a future flight in a vintage aircraft or helicopter.

Take a look at the flyer for this event which gives the contact details of Melanie to enable you to register your interest. The price for the breakfast roll, coffee and entry to the Museum is still to be confirmed

Wallop Brunch Meet Saturday 2nd April at Middle Wallop

We are pleased to announce this new event on our calendar. As you will have read from the article, member George Bacon and wife Mel are inviting our Hampshire members (and beyond even) to the Wallop Brunch Meet at Middle Wallop, SO20 8DY.

George and Mel will be hosting this meeting, introducing themselves and guiding you round the site to first partake of a welcome late breakfast/early lunch as the aim is to arrive at 10.30 or thereabouts, meet up with old and hopefully new members and tour the iconic Army Flying Museum for a good look round. The breakfast (bacon roll and a



hot drink) plus the discounted entry to the Museum will cost you approximately £20 tbc, dependant on final negotiations at the venue.

Wallop will make an ideal meeting point for a local Hampshire Group and the intention is to arrange run-outs and visits during future summer months and it will be a good thing if we can be well-supported for this first meeting, to gauge your interest and potential for future activities.

To register please contact Mel Bacon on mel@classictravelling.com

Drive It Day Sunday 24th April

The Federation of British Historic Vehicle Clubs' Drive It Day events take place nationwide providing the opportunity to dust off those cobwebs and give our classics an early season un out. The *FBHVC* is encouraging clubs around the country to organise runs or days out to send out the message to politicians and the general public alike that we exist and are very part of the country's economy.

The *Classic Vehicle Group* has, for several years now, supported this by organising a run on the St George's Day weekend but we are conscious that this has tended to be in the South so, this year, we can also offer a few suggestions further afield. All taking place on St Georges Day Sunday.

Entry forms at www.boundless.co.uk/cvg, or from

Dave Roshier at daverosher@gmail.com

Severn & Avon – A mid-morning start and a run out to a local attraction

Contact : Geoff Davies a6gcdgeoff@gmail.com

Hampshire – This Run will start at Privett on the A32, and move initially north, before passing some of the best countryside in the South Downs National Park, and finishing at the Royal Armouries, Fort Nelson near Portsmouth. The run will follow a route in Hampshire, passing through some of the best countryside in the South Downs National Park and finishing at the Royal Armouries' Fort Nelson.

Contact Chris Laver chris@whitesands82.co.uk (mobile 0737746 415)
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Staffordshire – Stone Classic Car Group hold their run on the Sunday and any CVG members in the area are invited to join in the group run.

Contact: Pete Creswell pete.cresswell.t21@btinternet.com

Essex – Starting at Rettenden, with the option of bacon rolls, the Charity Classic Vehicle Club (CCVC) has invited us to take part in their run through Essex, finishing at Great Dunmow. Spaces are limited and anyone interested should, in the first instance contact the organiser with their details, name, car reg etc who will get back to them when bookings are open.

Contact: Les Smith ccvs.info10@gmail.com

Or, just get out and about in your classic and you will have the virtual company of the Nation's classics on the road with you and, should you actually meet one, then you must wave!



30th April–1st May 2022

It's never too early to block out your diary for a key event – and the 2022 Donington Historic Festival is a definite 'must-do' entry for classic car and motorsport fans. For two glorious days on 30th April and 1st May 2022, Donington Park will see motorsport history come to life, as hundreds of racing cars spanning nine decades take to the track.

Spectator viewing points are famously fantastic at Donington Park, and the whole event has a wonderfully family-friendly feel while showcasing world-class historic motorsport.

This is a truly international event, bringing together drivers, cars and spectators from around the world to enjoy exhilarating, close-fought racing around Donington's sweeping lines and challenging corners.

Festival visitors have unrivalled access to the competition cars in the open-access paddock – great for those all-important photographs or to get a really good look under

the bonnet of a 1920s Bentley, a D-type Jaguar, a Ford GT40, a 1960s Ferrari or a classic 1990s Touring Car. Add to this a host of off-track attractions including the presence of dozens of classic car clubs, and you have a superb weekend to look forward to in 2022 – so get April 30th & May 1st into your diary!

The Classic Vehicle Group has once again signed up for the 2022 club package deal **for 50% discounted entry including free car club parking in the infield**. "Early Bird" tickets available already offer a great saving on the on-the-gate prices. As registered club members you can enjoy an even more significant saving, as you receive a 50% discount off the price for all types of ticket.

When you book your club discounted tickets you will also need to request a free parking pass to join the CVG display. Please note, only cars which are club-display appropriate are allowed into the infield, you will be asked to provide the car's year of registration, make, model and registration number at the time of ticket booking. Club members who are not planning on arriving in a display car are able to park in the free general public car park.

See the official web site for more detail, Donington Historic Festival Home - Donington Historic Festival

Contact Geoff Davies a6gcd@btinternet.com for club discount details and to register interest.

Sussex Spring Spree

28th May 2022



For 2022 we have decided to pay a return visit to the finish venue of our very first run back in 2010 – yes, it really was that long ago...! Those of you who took part then will remember visiting Filching Manor, near Polegate in East Sussex, where Karl Foulkes-Halbard not only has a large collection of interesting vehicles and memorabilia but is also custodian of Sir Malcolm Campbell's K3 Bluebird powerboat, used to break the water speed record back in 1937; as well as Gina Campbell's 1984 record breaking powerboat.

As well as being able to visit inside the 15th century Manor House, museum and vehicle collection, Karl has kindly offered to give us a talk on the history of the K3 Bluebird.

On arrival, vehicles will be able to park around the Go-Kart track, where there will be plenty of space for those of you who want to bring and enjoy a picnic. We will also be providing tea & coffee, as well as some light snacks.

The start will be at The Old Barn Garden Centre, A24 Worthing Road, 8NR, where a wide selection of breakfast options will be available from their restaurant; then, after a short briefing, cars will head off at around 9.45am.

Entry fee will be £45 per car and two occupants to include:

Tulip Roadbook, Rally Plate, Entry and tour of Filching Manor, Tea/Coffee/Juice and light refreshments at the finish.

Extra passengers are welcome but there will be a charge of £12 per passenger

Entry forms are available on the website at: www.boundless.co.uk/cvg , or email Dave, who will send you one direct.

For more information, email:

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Isle of Wight Tour

Monday 6th to Thursday 9th June 2022



Savour a delightful wonderful 4 Day break to the Isle of Wight staying at the excellent 4 Star Lakeside Park Hotel in Ryde. The Isle of Wight is a unique landscape of long golden beaches, towering chalk cliffs, undulating green scenery and diverse wetland habitats. Steeped in history, with 60 miles of stunning unspoilt scenery and a wealth of attractions, the Isle of Wight has something for everyone. From historic sites to natural delights. Explore miles of stunning coastline and winding roads which will take you on a magical tour of the beautiful countryside.

Total Package Price

£549.00 per person sharing in a twin/double room

£848.00 per person in a double room for single use

Price includes

Return Wightlink ferries to & from the Isle of Wight
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Breakfast included each morning at the hotel

Dinner included each evening at the hotel
Complimentary car parking

Detailed Road Book & Commemorative Rally Plate



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Event Reports

Cream Tea Caper July 2021

Our mid-Summer event for our Classics began this year from the rather splendid Taplow House Hotel, in err Taplow (!) on the border of Berkshire & Buckinghamshire.

A bright and sunny day greeted our crews, with all kinds of Classics in the car park represented, from a Triumph TR2 though to a Mercedes AMG SL63, and almost something of everything in between.

A quick briefing by Organiser AG, with thanks to our hosts, and our 51 members and guests set off into the countryside. Our route wiggled and squirmed in and around the Thames Valley, predominantly using quiet B and C class roads skirting around the riverside villages of the area until we all arrived at our light lunch / coffee stop at a nice little Garden Centre at Hare Hatch known as 'Sheeplands'. Here, apart from the aforementioned Lunch and Coffee in the tented area of the garden, we were treated to an 'AG mini-quiz' whilst digesting our culinary treats.

Moving on, and it was more of the little-used country lanes and by-ways in the area as we meandered our way around Jealott's Hill, Nuptown and Maiden's Green and into the ever picturesque Windsor Great Park and the home of our hosts, Joanna and Mike.



Once we'd arrived, they, and their wonderful gardens, provided the usual exquisite afternoon tea, follow by the usual fun'n'games on the lawn, including a boys vs girls dribbling' race; a Boules match; and, somewhat inevitably, a Paper Aeroplane competition ! In addition there was the annual 'Pride of Ownership' award – the latter won this year by the beautiful MG RV8 of Jim and Joy Munro (and little Timmy the dog!).

All too soon it seemed, the day was done. It had stayed dry all day but a few drops of rain did arrive after most cars had left for home, so those remaining stayed in the awning, had another glass of wine or a coffee, and AG *presented another entertaining mini-quiz until the rain had ceased !*

Our Cream Tea Capers have always been popular over the last two decades, all down to Joanna and Mike's catering expertise, and AG's enthusiastic organising ... well done to all !

*Kam Rashy
(Car 13)*

Silverstone Classic

30th July-1st August 2021

Over the years, I've found that it's pretty much guaranteed to rain on at least one day of this event – but I don't ever recall it raining every single day !



Bernard and I set up the “X-Gloo” inflatable shelter on Thursday afternoon whilst waiting for his weekend accommodation in the form of a bright green, VW Type 2 “e-Dub” to arrive. I chose to use my own, more conventionally fuelled, camper van.

The handover went OK and once “Indy’s” various electrical idiosyncracies had been explained by Joss, it was off to the campsite to settle in for the evening. Fortunately, we had access to two electrical hook-ups, so Indy was always kept topped up each night.

I think it started raining during that first night and continued to do so, more on than off, until Sunday afternoon. Undeterred, around three quarters of our expected members for each day turned up and headed off to explore what was on offer, despite the conditions. A few of those that had them, decided to swap their vehicle for their more modern (and weatherproof) classic on the day but it was good to see the convertible Healeys and MG’s and, top marks to the Bray’s Caterham on Sunday, which had just a lady’s umbrella for protection.!



If any of you watched the ITV4 coverage, you will have had a pretty good idea of the conditions and safety cars were the order of the day for many of the races. Unlike the Spa F1 race though, I think each one did manage a fair number of competitive laps.

Despite the conditions, we probably had a few dozen members call by our stand to say hello and make enquiries about the group; so thanks for taking the time to search us out. Although, having said that, our position alongside the Wellington Straight did make conversation impossible during most of the races.

Sunday afternoon brought some sunshine which at least enabled us to pack up the shelter in the dry.

My thanks to all those of you who made it to our display, especially the first timers, and to helpers AG, Jim, Pete and Geoff, who had to endure the confines of the X-Gloo for most of the time.

I suppose one upshot of the weekend, is that Bernard and I can at least say we have now driven an EV, albeit only a few miles, but as to whether we are converts ?

Dave Rosher

Retro Run

17th - 19th September 2021

This year's event was based at the family run Metropole Hotel in Llandrindod Wells. For those of you new to the Retro run, the format is that there are usually non-competitive runs on both the Saturday and the Sunday around the local area, with visits here and there along the way where there were appropriate places of interest or suitable stops for refreshments etc.

The route is given via a road book containing tulips giving directions at junctions where required, together with mileages between the junctions. The route is normally straight forward, with landmarks and sign post or road names given as well to aid one as you progress along the route. The timing is very relaxed, in fact there is no set time, except one needs to get back for dinner in the evening! It is certainly not a speed event, far from it.

Malcolm and Madeleine Grubb were once again responsible for the route and everything else over the weekend and a remarkable job they did too, with the road book containing not only a photographic quiz to complete over the two days, but also details of attractions and places of interest along the way, where one might be tempted to stop and enjoy the interesting historic and varied sites to account for our varied tastes.



The weekend began with a drinks reception at 7pm, followed by dinner for all the competitors in a private dining room on the Friday evening, after which there was a briefing. This gave you all of Friday to make your way there to the hotel.

On the Saturday after breakfast, we assembled in the car park of the hotel for a relaxed start at 10am and then returned around about 5pm for dinner at 7.30. Fancy dress was optional and we enjoyed a quiz afterwards. The total mileage for the day was approx. 131 miles, provided you didn't divert or go wrong!

A similar timetable was run on the Sunday, but the mileage was reduced to 110 miles and there was an earlier return for cream tea at 4.30pm, where the event concluded and

some people left to go home, but the majority stayed on for another dinner and departed the next day after breakfast.

Ann and I took the Sprite and made a somewhat leisurely start leave home at around 11am, driving up the M40 to Oxford before turning off on the A40 to head up to Chipping Norton and Stow-on-the-Wold and then on to Tewkesbury, which is the route that Doug and I used when competing on the Curtis Bennet Rally (CB) back in the good old days of road rallies, which was also based at the Metropole Hotel in Llandrindod Wells.

Unfortunately, we had to follow a diversion at Chipping Norton to avoid a street market in the town and whilst on the diversion picked up a rear nearside puncture. At first I thought the exhaust had dropped, but no, because of the puncture the car was riding on the exhaust! Fortunately, it stayed on, although the front clamp had disappeared. Having found a place to pull in, I unloaded the boot to get to the spare wheel and changed the wheel and fitted a new clamp, as I now always carry a spare. Ann quickly found a tyre place in Tewkesbury which was only 300yds off route and fortunately they had a tyre of the right size, mind you they only had one and they gave me two brand new clamps for the exhaust, as spares at no cost as they liked the car!

With that little drama over, we continued on our journey, avoiding the signs telling us to use the M5 (it was a car park anyway) to Ledbury and Hereford and Kington, before finally heading down into Llandrindod Wells via Crossgates and arrived at the Metropole at around 4pm having enjoyed a nice relaxed sunny drive up (apart from the puncture that is). Memories of the CB!

That evening we enjoyed the pre-meal drinks reception and meeting old familiar faces and a really impressive 3 course meal. In the morning we tucked into a good old full English (or Welsh) breakfast, after which we attached the Rally Plate to the front of the car and took the roof down as it was nice and sunny and expected to stay that way all day hopefully and lined up for the 10.30am start out of the car park. Oh yes, mustn't forget to mention the 2am fire alarm that saw us all assemble either at the front of the hotel or the car park at the rear. Apparently someone decided they needed to smoke in their room!

There were 20 cars on the event, all different, some more modern than others, but all cherished by their owners and from far and wide. The couple in the Brown Porsche had travelled all the way up from Devon, but unfortunately chose the M5 and I think it took them 6 hours to get to the hotel on the Friday!

The first part of the route took us Westwards towards Rhayader and then South West into the Elan Valley (well used on the CB, except I was used to driving it at night and now in daylight I didn't recognise any of it). Here we stopped for a coffee at the visitors centre and enjoyed the views, which were fantastic. The visitor centre explains the history of the valley and the series of reservoirs set in the outstanding scenery of the Elan and Claerwen have created what is known as the Lakeland of Wales. The reservoirs were built to supply the city of Birmingham and work started in 1883 and continued until the last dam (the sixth) was completed and open by Queen Elizabeth in 1953.

Next, we headed off Northwards up through the valley and lakes and then turned westwards to Ceredigion and Cwm Ystwyth. Cwm Ystwyth is considered the most



important non-ferrous metal mining site in Wales, with evidence of mining from the Bronze age all the way through to the early 20th century and is a scheduled ancient Monument. Silver, Lead and Zinc was mined. From the mine we headed up into Devil's Bridge where we paid a visit to the Vale of Rheidol Railway, there by combining my two



main interest, Cars and trains! (just ask the kids). The railway goes all the way to Aberystwyth on the coast, but takes about 2 hours for the return trip, so it wasn't possible to take a ride this time, but the coffee was excellent. It was opened in 1902 and from 1968 until 1989 it was the sole steam operated railway on the BR Network.

The bridge is unique, in that three separate bridges all co-exist, each one built upon the previous bridge. The previous structures retained rather than demolished! The original bridge is medieval and the most recent was built in 1901. Here one could elect to visit the Devil's bridge fall nature trail, which takes you into the wooded gorge, the trail taking approximately 45mins.

From the Railway car park, which was free for us on the run, the route took us South along the B4343 to Rhosygel and Tregaron after which we turned off the B4343 and onto a single track road heading East across the mountain towards Abergwesyn, but then heading South to enjoy spectacular views of the Llyn Brianne reservoir and once

again driving along some great roads.

The Llyn Brianne is a man-made lake or reservoir and was constructed in the 1960s and early 1970s and the treated water is piped to a large area of South Wales, which includes Swansea and Neath. The dam is the UK's tallest at a height of 91m or 300ft.-

From here we headed into Rhandirmwyn and then travelled Eastwards via the A40 and Llandovery, eventually reaching Halfway (place name not ½way) before heading back Northwards to Tirabad and took the A483 through Beulah, Newbridge on Wye, back to Llandrindod and the hotel for a well-earned rest. Along the way after Halfway the route took us over the famous Epynt Range stages, on which Doug and I have competed on in both the Lancia and Chevette, all be it, at a much reduced speed! The Epynt live firing ranges are the third largest military training area in the UK and were requisitioned in 1939.

The roads were fantastic, the Sprite really eats up fast smooth roads of which there are plenty in Wales to enjoy and we only had to stop once to put the roof up under a large oak tree, when a heavy shower appeared late on in the afternoon towards the end of the highly enjoyable day.

We didn't meet many of our fellow competitors enroute, but we did come across several groups of cars who were obviously doing a similar trip as ours, TRs. Lotus's and Caterham's as well as some groups of mixed super cars and quite a lot of bike groups, all of which were well behaved.

The road book was excellent and we only went wrong once, which is pretty good given the Sprite doesn't have a trip and we guess the distances.

In the evening we all met up again in the private bar and swapped stories of the day's adventures and to have a pre-dinner drink. Here we enjoyed the clever and interesting fancy dress combinations on display, the best of which won a prize which was awarded after dinner. After another excellent dinner, Ann and Derrick Holden put on a very entertaining quiz for us all to enjoy and we entered as a table and won! The prize was a box of chocs, which I gave out to all the competitors the following morning to munch on their way around day 2 of the run.

After another good breakfast we all gathered in the car park once more ready to enjoy day 2 of the event. The sun was once again shining and those of us lucky to have soft tops stowed our roofs away, so we could enjoy the sun and fresh air.

This time Malcolm and Madeleine took us westwards to Rhayader and then North to Llanidloes via the B4518 passing through St Harmon, Pant-y-dwr and Tylwch along the way. From Llanidloes we headed North again up the B4518 to the visitors centre at the Llyn Clywedog reservoir for a welcome coffee break.

The Bryntail Lead mine is sited at Afon Clywedog in the shadow of the reservoir and dam and there is still quite a good collection of buildings on the site associated with the mine. The construction of the dam started in 1963 and it was opened in 1967, despite a bomb attack in 1966 from local opposition to the dam, as it flooded 616 acres of the valley.

After enjoying the views of the reservoir we once more headed North along the B4518 to Llanbrynmair at the junction with the A470, we then turned right and head back South to Carno, where we turned left over a level crossing on to single track road heading generally Eastwards to Llanfair Cafreeineon where we once more turned right onto the B4385 to Welshpool. At Carno the route travelled through a wind farm of 68 turbines which started operation in 1996 and covers an area of over 600 hectares.

Just before this junction we cross the Welshpool and Llanfair Light Railway on an unmanned level crossing and this is where the photo was taken at the start of the article of the Sprite and the train.

In Welshpool we found the railway station closed, so we diverted and back-tracked up the road to the railway terminus at just North of Llanfair Caereinion along the A458. Here we discovered the Welshpool station was closed because of the Covid restrictions and once again the round trip was too long for us to enjoy, but we know where to come, when we are next in the area. Photos of the train were taken as well as presents brought for the grand kids.

The Welshpool and Llanfair light railway runs for 8.5 miles and runs westwards from the town of Welshpool via Castle Caereinion to the village of Llanfair Caereinion and it opened in 1903.



After the diversion for the train, we once more headed back to Welshpool where the route took us to Powys Castle and grounds, here we stopped for a rest and a chat with fellow competitors, having to park on the grass rather than actually in the car park, as the demarcation between the estate road and carpark was defined by a row of rather large square edged granite setts which would have easily taken the exhaust off the Sprite and a few other competing cars.

Powys Castle is a medieval castle, fortress and grand country house and is the seat of the Herbert family, Earls of Powys and the castle is known for its' formal gardens and

for its interior.

Complimentary comments on our cars were made by quite a few of the passing castle visitors. Ann and I didn't visit the castle as we were running late having enjoyed the steam trains instead, but that's the good thing about the retro run, there is no pressure to stay to the set route and places of interest, if you want to go off and do your own thing, you can and in fact Malcolm and Madeleine encourage you to do so, they clearly just want you to have a good time!

Finally leaving the car park we turned left and headed back South using the A458 to Newtown and then the A483 to Llandrindod Wells for a very welcomed cream tea in the hotel.

Whilst on route over the two days we also for our entertainment had the opportunity to enter into a photo competition, where we had to place the correct photograph into the correct location on the road book. Most were fairly obvious, but one or two were a challenge. Well you've got to get a winner after all and it certainly wasn't us!

For those of us who elected to stay on the Sunday night we were once again treated to another excellent meal and we all swapped stories of our adventures over the two day event and memories of our nights out on the very same roads whilst competing on the Curtis Bennet Rally many years ago!

It was a fabulous weekend, both Ann and I really enjoyed it and we will most certainly be out again next year. Glad to say we had a very uneventful drive home on the Monday with once again sun filled skies and no traffic !

My sincere thanks to Malcolm and Madeleine who must have put many hours of their time into the event, but were hopefully rewarded with many smiling faces at the end of both days.

Mike Harrison

NEC Classic Motor Show

November 2021

I was surprised to receive an invite to have my car on the club stand at the NEC Classic Car Show in November, as I didn't think its condition is good enough to be a show car. I needn't have worried, because everybody who visited our stand and spoke to me about the car was very complimentary with the majority saying it was refreshing to see a car that was obviously used on display. Perhaps they were being polite and really saying scruffy. One guy even said it inspired him to get his car back on road. I arrived at the NEC on Thursday afternoon after driving up from Essex through the rain so the car was rather dirty despite being washed the day before but I had come prepared with a waterless wash kit, so a quick wipe over and it looked OK. The 3 days on the stand was an interesting experience and hopefully I have encouraged a few people to join the

I've owned the car for 12 years. It is a 1967 Triumph 2000 MK1 which originally had a 2 litre engine and manual gearbox with overdrive but as my health has deteriorated I've had to do modify it so that I can keep using it. It now has a 2.5 litre engine, automatic gearbox, power steering and a pair of heated front seats from a Saab which surprisingly a lot of visitors at the show recognised.

I have taken it to Le Mans twice, Spa once and in 2018 I went to Turin in Italy with Italian Job Mini's, the highlight of the trip was driving around the roof of the old Fiat factory.

After the show I found out that my car appears in the Rimmer Bros You Tube video review of the show (www.youtube.com/watch?v=3uL7DH5s8p0).

Mike Kimmens



CVG members may be interested in the Boundless by CSMA Social Group's short break at the Birmingham Metroploe Hotel for the NEC Motorhome and Caravan Show from 19-21 October. As well as the show nearby attractions of interest are: The British Motor Museum at Gaydon, NEW Jaguar Classics Works Tour, Jaguar and Landrover Factory Tours and the Motorcycle Museum. If you are interested contact Alan Murray at alan.murray@boundlesscommunity.co.uk or visit the web site : www.boundless.co.uk/events/interest-group-events/social-group-events/

Member Communities Communiqué

Summary of the September 2021 Update

This summary was included in Squeaky Wheel Issue 54. For a complete copy of this communiqué please see the web site www.boundless.co.uk/our-community/member-communities-communique

Car Manuals for sale

Tony Jones has 28 genuine old handbooks/manuals for 28 cars, a Beardmore taxi and a Morris-Commercial lorry plus an almost complete set of 'Motor Repair and Overhauling' magazines from before 1939. These were all used when his late father had a repairing garage business in London (before it was bombed).

He is looking to find appreciative new owners for these publications and wants to sell to real enthusiasts.

If anyone is interested, please contact Dave Roshier (daveroshier@gmail.com) for a full list and he can put you in touch with Tony

The post of Club Captain

At the recent Association AGM the position of Club Captain was voted to be removed. This has resulted in Allan Goddard being no longer on the committee, as he was there as Club Captain, although his tenure came to an end at that time anyway. It has been proposed to invite him back onto the committee as a regular member, as his contribution is much valued.

Boundless by CSMA CVG regalia

CVG badged shirts and caps

The Classic Vehicle Group have arranged for Polo shirts. These maroon shirts are available in sizes Small to 5XL at £18.43 plus P&P.



CVG hats are available. Please contact Geoffrey Wooldridge for details.

The Shirts and hats can be ordered direct from K and K Printing and Embroidery by phone 01235 516699 or email sales@kandkprinting.co.uk.



Payment can be made by credit/Debit card by email, over the phone or by post quoting the reference CSMA-CVG. Other coats and shirts may be available. Contact Geoffrey Wooldridge for details. Email Editor.CVG@talktalk.net

Programme of EVENTS for 2022

All dates are provisional and subject to confirmation/change especially given the COVID19 situation. We have assumed that we will not be able to organize any events before 12th June.

Runs: Any decisions for the future should be based on the following assumptions:

- the virus will still be around,
- the majority of our entrants will be vulnerable to some extent and will have had at least one inoculation.

- We may be limited to family members only in a car but expect that this would be widened to including friends in bubbles.
- By the time runs are planned, venues should have got their acts together and will have completed their individual Covid-19 risk assessments and we would know if we can be accommodated. We might even have to suggest bringing refreshments.

Displays: These are another matter; if they are running then our organisers would need to be able to stay safe and it would be a personal choice as to whether to attend.

Each respective CVG organiser can pass on anything that is published by the main event organiser to help with those decisions.

Contact: daverosher@gmail.com

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More details to be announced in the January Issue of Squeaky Wheel.

April

- 2nd **Wallop Brunch Meet** -*Display at Wallop*, Middle Wallop, Hampshire. A chance to display your classic and visit The Museum of Army Flying
Contact: **Mel Bacon** on mel@classictravelling.com
- 24th *Drive-it-Day, Hampshire.* Starting from The Angel, near Privett, a tour around the Hampshire countryside ending at Fort Nelson, overlooking the Solent.
Contact: **Chris Laver** chris@whitesands82.co.uk
- 24th *Drive-it-Day, Severn & Avon.* Join our S&A members for a mid-morning brunch before setting off to one of the areas many interesting attractions
Contact: **Geoff Davies:** a5gcdgeoff@gmail.com
- 24th *Drive-it-Day, Staffordshire* Stone Classic Car Group hold their run on the Sunday.
Contact: Pete Creswell pete.cresswell.t21@btinternet.com
- 24th *Drive-it-Day, Essex.* – Starting at Rettenden, with the option of bacon rolls, , finishing at Great Dunmow.
Contact: Les Smith ccvs.info10@gmail.com
- 30th –1st May *Donington Historic Car Festival, Leics.*
We shall once again have a display area during the weekend.
Contact: **Geoff Davies** a5gcdgeoff@gmail.com

May

- TBC** *Display at The South Devon Steam Railway, Buckfastleigh, Devon.* This event gains in popularity every year and members come from far and wide each year to be part of the display.
Contact: **Peter Adams:** peterandrosemary68@gmail.com
- 28th *Sussex Spring Spree*
For this year's event we are looking to maybe to take in some of the venues we visited in some of our very early runs.
Contact: **Dave Rosher** daverosher@gmail.com

June

- 6-9th *Isle of Wight tour.* We are planning a short trip across the water to visit some of the island's many attractions
Contact: barry.haughton@sky.com

July

2nd *Wheels and Wings— Middle Wallop, Hampshire*
A chance to display your classic and visit The Museum of Army Fying
Contact: **Pete Gregory** pete.gregory@boundlesscommunity.co.uk

24th *Cream Tea Caper*
Contact: **Allan Goddard** allan.goddard@boundlesscommunity.co.uk

August

6th *Display at Coolings in The Meadow, near Sevenoaks, Kent*
After another very successful year, CVG members are once again invited to this friendly display held in aid of St. Christopher's Hospice.
Contact: **Mike Twomey** miketwomey2@gmail.com

7th tbc *Display at The West Berkshire Classic Car Show, Newbury Held at Newbury Racecourse*
a chance to join us once again at this friendly show in aid of the Bloodwise charity.
Contact: **Allan Goddard** allan.goddard@boundlesscommunity.co.uk

20th *Capel Classic Car & Motorbike Show, Surrey*
This show features hundreds of classic vehicles along with all the other attractions and atmosphere associated with a traditional village fete.
Contact: **Dave Roshier** daveroshier@gmail.com

21st *Windrush Run*
A full day run around the roads of Oxfordshire and the Cotswolds.
Contact: derrickholden72@gmail.com

26–28th *Display at the Silverstone Classic Weekend, Northants*
We will once again be registering for a Club display area enabling you to use the discounted Car Club Package and details of how to register for the booking code will be on the website.
Contact: daveroshier@gmail.com

September

9–11th *Retro Run, Oxford and The Cotswolds (Date and venue both provisional)*
This popular hotel-based weekend offers two daytime runs and evening entertainment.
Contact: malcolm.grubb@gmail.com

18th tbc *York Historic Vehicle Rally*
This show takes place at The Knavesmire next to York Racecourse and our display is being run in conjunction with members of the local York group.
Contact: bernard.ward3@btinternet.com

tbc *Cider Hop Run, Kent*
An early autumn run around the rural lanes and villages of Kent.
Contact: Bruce Manning: mail@brucemanning.co.uk

November

tbc *NEC Classic Motor Show*
Thanks for visiting us and we hope to be able to see you all back here again next year.

Further events and displays will be announced when details are available. Please check the web site for announcements at: www.boundless.co.uk/cvg or email: classicvehicles@boundless.co.uk

Why not try one of our Noggin 'n' Natters .?'

For more details, contact:

Severn & Avon - **Geoff Davies** : a5gcdgeoff@gmail.com
South Devon - **Peter Adams** : peterandrosemary68@gmail.com
Stone, North Staffs - **Peter Cresswell** : pete.cresswell.t21@btinternet.com

CVG - 2021 Event Interest form

If you do not have email and wish to be posted details of any of the events below when they become available, please tick where appropriate and return completed form to: Dave Rosher, 5 Barnsite Gardens, Rustington, Littlehampton, BN16 3QG

Date	Event (run by CVG)	Tick
2 nd April 2022	Wallop Brunch Meet — Display	
24 th April 2022	Drive-it-Day—Severn & Avon	
24 th April 2022	Drive-it-Day—Hampshire	
24 th April 2022	Drive-it-Day—Staffordshire	
24 th April 2022	Drive-it-Day—Essex	
30 th April—1 st May 2022	Donington Historic Car Show—Display	
TBC May 2022	South Devon Steam Railway—Display	
28th May 2022	Sussex Spring Spree—Run	
6—9th June 2022	Isle of Wight Tour	
2nd July	Wheels and Wings Middle Wallop — Display	
24 th July (TBC) 2022	Cream Tea Caper	
6th August 2022	Coolings Car Show	
7 th August (TBC) 2022	Display at the Newbury Classic Car Show	
20 th August 2022	Capel Car Show	
21 st August	Windrush Run	
26 th —28 th August 2022	Display at the Silverstone Classic Car and Bike Show	
9 th — 11 th September	Retro Run,	
18th September	Display at the York Historic Vehicle Rally	
TBC September	Cider Hop Run	
TBC November	Display at the NEC Classic Motor Show	

It's your Club... enjoy it !

Our Classic Vehicle Group is run by enthusiasts for enthusiasts and caters for lovers of any vehicle, regardless of age.

For more information:

Visit: www.boundless.co.uk/CVG

Email: cvg@boundless.co.uk

Call: 0800 66 99 44*

*Lines open 9am to 6pm, Monday to Friday and 9am to 1pm on Saturday.



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