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# Newsletter

Well the season has certainly got off to a good start. An excellent Skittles evening and a very enjoyable “Coffee & Classics” morning on Sunday at the Motor Hub at Ablington. Almost 200 cars turned up, not to mention the bikes, and on Friday 7th. a large turn out of members to celebrate our 30th Anniversary with a lunch at the Royal Agricultural University.

Now I have a visit to Croft Castle with the TR club, a social evening with Cirencester CC, the Corinium Run and our visit to the Oakham Treasures Collection before the end of the month !!



Overall winner - Tony Picking gets the skittles trophy from Mike Cox  
Photo by Trish Picking



## What's Coming Up

**Key:**

- ⇒ Club event
- ◇ Club attendance as a group at a motoring or other event
- Everything else of interest. These items are shown for information only.

If you have a question, call **Bunny Lees-Smith, Event Coordinator, 01666 577 275**

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**FCCC Skittles - well it's different you know**

A very enjoyable evening at the "Plough" in Fairford. The skittles were fun, the company was great and the food was good - what else could you ask for ?

The winners were :- Gentleman - Tony Picking Ladies - Jackie Hinton Pairs - John & Diana Airey Overall - Tony Picking  
See page 1 for the presentation photograph courtesy of Trish Picking

**Coffee and Classics at the Classic Motor Hub at Bibury**

Despite the nearness of this site at Ablington, on part of the old Bibury Airfield, to Fairford and Cirencester none of us knew that this business existed. So the owners decided to put on a series of open days on the first Sunday of each month throughout the summer and to publicise these days as widely as possible. It certainly worked well for, at the first of these events, almost 200 cars turned up as well as a good number of 'bikes.

The four showrooms were full of very interesting and some rare cars all in immaculate condition and all for sale. I did find out the price of a very nice XK 150, which is what the gentleman and I sitting on the sofa were discussing - despite what Keith Handley, who took the photo, might tell you. There were plenty of refreshments and the conversation both with old friends and new acquaintances was excellent.

A thoroughly enjoyable way to spend a Sunday morning and I think Malcolm may be thinking of arranging another visit, just for our club, later in the year. I, for one, will certainly look forward to that.



The Alfa I wanted to take home



Keith's caption:-

"I bet you can't hold your arm out steady like this after 5 pints"

**A visit to Oakham Treasures and a late lunch Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April.**

What is it that really turns one on as you advance in years? For most of us it is reminiscing about our past and what it was like in the 'Old Days'. Here is the chance with a welcome to Oakham Treasures, an award winning collection of memorabilia from the last century (no, not the 19<sup>th</sup> but the 20<sup>th</sup> when you all grew up). It will enchant and amaze you, bring back vivid memories for anybody over 50, and may in fact bring you to happy tears.

It is a huge collection by one man of retail and farming equipment with a few cars, bikes, railways, tractors, you name it, it is probably in the collection. There are some five halls to explore, all on one floor so the less able can easily get around.

Coffee and cakes are there to greet us on arrival and we have a pub/restaurant within easy reach for a late lunch of your choice.

Oakham Treasures are located just off the M5 at Gordano (jct 19). Best to use cars which are motorway capable. The entry charge is £8 or £7 concession. If there are enough of us we probably can get a group rate and if even more a coach may be the best way.

The plan would be to meet at the museum in mid-morning and have a scenic drive back after lunch over the Brunel's Clifton Suspension bridge (there is a small toll) to north of the M4.

Please email Bunny ( [bunnyleessmith@btinternet.com](mailto:bunnyleessmith@btinternet.com)) to express your interest right now with the number of persons – **time is short!**



**FCCC 30th. Anniversary**  
Some of the thirty classics which gathered at the Royal Agricultural University to celebrate our 30th. Year  
Photos - Keith Handley

