



*Member of the Federation of
British Historic Vehicle Clubs*

Newsletter

Well here I am again back in harness and off to my first show of the year, as the photograph alongside shows, at The Trout at Lechlade. Quite a good show with many cars, motorbikes, steam engines and a variety of other vehicles and engines. Good for us men but hardly any stalls to provide retail therapy for the Ladies. Still a show we had not been to before.



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.

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Paul Turner

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FCCC Visit to the Historic Engine Company – 8th May 2019 – Open Workshop evening.

On the evening of Wednesday 8th May just over 20 FCCC members and guests visited the Historic Engine Company (HEC) located at the Broughton Poggs Industrial Estate near Filkins, adjacent to Fiennes Restoration. HEC is an affiliate of Fiennes but with its own specialist workshop.

We were warmly greeted by Eric O'Hara his son Jacob, and Chris from Fiennes. Eric had laid on refreshments (coffee, cakes, nibbles etc.) for everyone. In his workshop taking pride of place is a Wolsey Hornet Special which is being readied for competition use. The current state of the build was discussed such as how HEC has grafted a blower onto the inlet manifold and the fettling of the bonnet to accommodate the resulting bulge. Other adjustment along with the various components manufactured some on-site and the modifications made for practical racing purposes e.g. modern remote battery cut-out location with an in-period cover to protect against accidental operation, in-floor access hatches for service points, were all enthusiastically discussed. Also, in the workshop to admire was a Shelsley Walsh Champion 1964 Mini Cooper 1380 cc with evident suspension and tyre modifications, this car having had a new cylinder head fitted in HEC's workshop.

Once refreshed FCCC members, in small groups, were taken on a tour of the Fiennes workshop to see a variety of fabulous Rolls Royce and Bentley restorations. For those awaiting their turn to tour the workshop Eric had also set up a highly realistic Nuerburgring driving simulator to test our driving. Eric offered a box of Heroes for whoever set the fastest lap but this was soon relaxed to furthest around the track without crashing, as even getting out of the pit lane was not easy.

Once returned from the visit to the Fiennes workshop to HEC's workshop there was time for further discussions about the cars and the work that HEC has done and can do. At about 8pm we drew the evening to a close and thanked Eric for his time and the efforts put into organising such an interesting and enjoyable evening. We have a standing invitation from Eric to organise another visit and from the feedback from everyone a return visit looks likely.

What happened to the Heroes I hear you say. Hmm, well yours truly won them as I managed to get around the track without crashing (only just) followed by Malcolm and then Jacob. Next time we'll need more participants.

Peter Hughes



A request from Richmond Retirement Homes in Painswick

Dear Malcolm

I have been passed your email address with regards to 'Classic Cars'. I'm led to believe you own some and I was wondering which ones you own, whether you show them, or would allow us to bring some residents to view them. Possibly take them out for a drive in them etc. We have a few gentlemen residents who I'm sure would like to see them.

Jay Dexter, Events Department, Richmond Painswick, Stroud Road, Painswick, Glos. GL6 6UL

Anyone interested contact Jay Dexter on 01452 596 280 key 2 for reception

May Lunch run and visit to Metisse Motorcycles - 15th May

Given the year's we have been doing our monthly club lunch runs it is getting difficult to find new starting points and lunch venues. However, a recent meeting with Tony Scrivens, one of the co-founders of FCCC, provided an opportunity for us to visit Metisse Motorcycles and have lunch at the Carswell golf club nr Faringdon, both owned by Gerry Isle and on the same site. Also, for a change, the run started with coffee and cake at Bampton Garden Centre in Oxfordshire, one of the best plants suppliers in the area and which has a very natural and relaxing cafe (also good lunches!). The route went through the lovely village of Bampton, where parts of Downton Abbey was filmed, past Brize Norton and then through the villages north of Witney, before wending south along some narrow roads through Stanton Harcourt and to Carswell. Fortunately the weather was glorious, with great views of the rolling countryside. Some people did take some short cuts - of course blaming the directions for confusing them! - but most made the route which was followed by a relaxing drink and a very good food at the golf club. After lunch Gerry took us around the Metisse factory where they build short runs of the famous British scramble/trials bikes, initially made famous by the Rickman brothers and then, to a wider worldwide audience, by Steve McQueen who rode one in the long desert trials in America. Gerry was pleased with the depth of knowledge and questions by club members and it was unfortunate that he had to leave early due to a hospital appointment (maybe the wives were relieved!) and now has plans to enlarge production and to build a cafe and a visitors centre on the site. This was a lunch run with a bit of a difference, but I hope once again shows the wide range of subjects and visits covered by the club and interest of our members.

Malcolm Cutler



For Sale:

1970 MG Midget, 1275cc. 71,000 miles.

Generally in good condition: bodywork is solid, good hood, the carpet is fair; both are non-original. Fitted with 1-2-3 distributor, long centre branch exhaust and small diameter steering wheel; otherwise it's pretty standard. I'm selling it simply because I'm not driving it. It would appreciate some TLC, and would like someone who will use and cherish it. It has an MGCC/ Peter Best agreed valuation of £5000, but I will consider £2,750 ono. Please call me, Dave Irving, on 01453 872 760 or email dave@dji.me.uk



ECHOES OF THE PAST



Bunny & Geoff. on the 7km. Hillclimb at Trois Epis

If Only - Bunny at Brooklands FCCC visit 2014