



Member of the Federation of  
British Historic Vehicle Clubs

# Newsletter

Rather a lot to fit in this time. However there is plenty to interest you and can I please draw your attention to the several planned events for which we need to know the numbers intending to participate.

Lunch Runs contact Barry at least a week before for lunch bookings

St. Georges Day Run ONLY 2 PLACES LEFT contact Colin Biles

Crypton Diagnostic event contact Nigel Godwin

GWSR Classic Transport Day contact Geoff. Tebby

Visit to Morgan Sports Car Factory contact Rob Bevan

Visit to the Imperial War Museum contact Bunny

All the contact numbers are shown below so please let us know as soon as possible—why not **NOW** ?

Geoff.



## 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

- ⇒ Lunch Run Sunday March 22nd. Contact Barry 01285 851 821
- ⇒ Skittles Evening Wednesday 25th. March contact Mike Cox 01865 300 929
- ⇒ Lunch Run Sunday 12 April contact Barry 01285 851 821
- April 12 Prescott Bike Festival website
- April 19 Corinium Run Cirencester Car Club
- ⇒ St. George's Day Drive & Lunch Thurs.23 April contact Colin Biles 01666 860 231
- Corinium Stages Rally Cirencester Car Club
- ◇ May 4 Fairford Festival Queen contact Malcolm Cutler 01285 712 173
- ⇒ May 6 Lunch Run contact Barry Cooper 01285 851 821
- ⇒ May 8-9 Crypton Diagnostic event contact Nigel Godwin 01285 850 726
- ⇒ June 3 Lunch Run contact Barry Cooper 01285 851 821
- ⇒ June 3-10 FCCC Away trip to the Somme contact Malcolm Cutler 01285 712 173
- ◇ June 6 Fairford Festival Day contact Malcolm Cutler 01285 712 173
- ◇ June 14 GWSR Classic Transport Day Toddington contact Geoff Tebby 01453 883821
- ⇒ June 16 Imperial War Museum (coach trip) contact Bunny Lees-Smith 01666 577 275
- ⇒ June 22 FCCC Committee Meeting contact Geoff Tebby 01453 883821
- June 25—28 Goodwood Festival of Speed website
- ⇒ June 27 Hunters Care Home & Memorial Trophy event contact Malcolm 01285 712 173
- ⇒ July 1 Visit to Morgan Factory & Run contact Rob. Bevan 01989 720 840
- July 3-6 British GP Silverstone website
- ◇ July 11-12 Atwell Wilson Run & Show contact Bunny Lees-Smith 01666 577 275
- ⇒ July 29 Lunch Run contact Barry Cooper 01285 851 821

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# Diagnose Your Engine

## A VISIT TO PLANET CRYPTON



Remember when cars were not plugged in to a computer as soon as they rolled into a workshop? Thanks to the prodigious efforts of *Nigel Godwin* and *Alastair Kinross*, our Club can now return to the past when **Crypton Diagnostic Tuners** were the state of the art for telling us what our engines were doing. Our lads have gathered a horde of Cryptons and now have four in working condition. Members are invited to bring their cars to our first **Diagnostic Session** which will be held over a day and a half. The aim is to provide you with a report on engine condition and performance. It is not a tune-up day *per se* as we will not make adjustments to your engine. Should you wish to have a tinker after your results, feel free to cycle through again. If your car is running well, it will give you a record of your current settings for a baseline. A great opportunity to see what your donk (*Aussie slang for engine*) is doing and yarp on about really blokie stuff with your mates.

**WHEN:**            **FRIDAY**      **8<sup>th</sup> May**      **1300 - 1800**  
                          **SATURDAY**   **9<sup>th</sup> May**      **1000 - 1600**

**WHERE:**            **The Paddocks, Meysey Hampton** (*Chez Nigel*) There is plenty of parking space.

**COST:**              **There will a £3 fee per car which will go towards charity.**

Two stands will be set up under cover where we will hook you up to a Crypton. They will run a series of tests, give you a written report of how your engine is performing (ie: fuel/air mixture, dwell, cylinder balance, etc) and where possible, an indication of condition of engine components. If you then wish to make some adjustments and go for a short road run, you can return for another go through. ***Please bring your own tools if you wish to make adjustments.*** Whilst we have some data for a range of cars, it is unlikely we would have everyone's. It could be useful to bring some basic information about your engine (ie: capacity, firing order, compression ratio, your favourite timing, points gap, etc) but don't worry if you don't have it. Note that for more modern cars with electronics, the Crypton may not be that useful as a diagnostic tool. And please, we are not experts and are learning the machines and the ancient skills that go with them so be kind! Reckon it will be a fun and learning day for all of us.

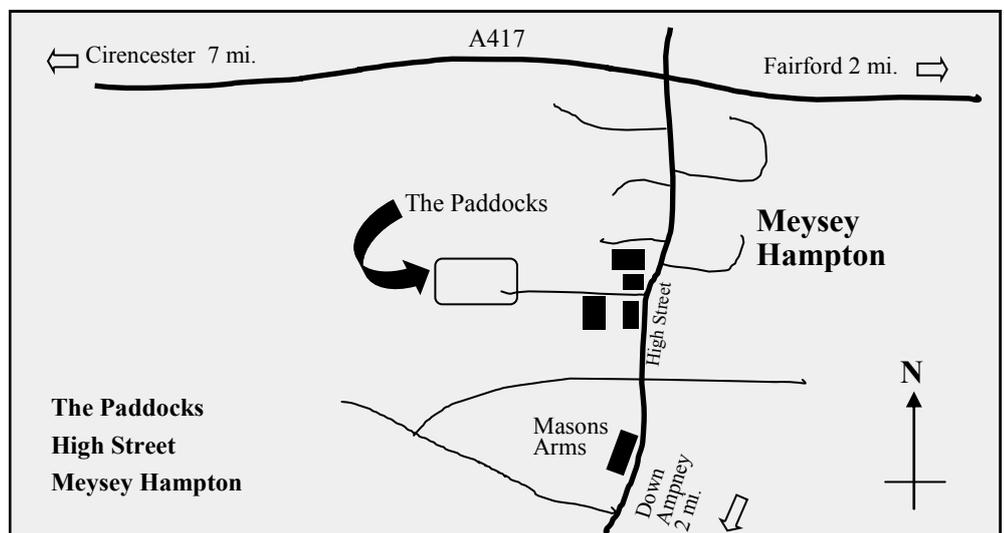
Feel free to bring the usual array of folding chairs, tables, etc to make yourself comfy - just like any other Club day out yeah? The local pub, **The Masons Arms**, is nearby and is absolutely top notch! Not to be missed after a hard day tinkering and talking deep and meaningful car stuff.

### CONTACT

For planning, it would be helpful if you could let us know you are coming. The sooner the better but please, by 6 May at the latest.

Contact:

**Nigel Godwin**  
[nigel.godwin@btinternet.com](mailto:nigel.godwin@btinternet.com)



## FCCC visit Williams Automobiles in Horton near Chipping Sodbury

Fourteen members visited Williams who specialise in Morgans and Lotus cars. This is a long standing family firm which had a presence in Bristol and has now moved to Horton way out in the country. They are dyed in the wool enthusiasts and this becomes evident immediately you arrive with their spotlessly clean and environmentally friendly showroom and workshop.

The company also won Exporter of the Year, Family Business of the Year and Small Business of the Year.

Richard Williams, dad of current managing director Henry, said: "We have been in Bristol 104 years, my grandfather started the business renting blue painted goats to rector for tidying up the churchyards. Blue because no one would steal them! Then he bought an early car, sold it quickly but soon recognised there may be a future in automobiles. Premises were bought and for many years he traded in Bristol. I took over after WW2 and now Henry has taken over the family business, and he knows he wants to travel a different road."

At the time, the business had been stalling as a franchised dealer for Saab and TVR and was facing heavy losses.

Entrusted with the family firm, he sold the old premises and franchises and built a new business in a field in Horton, South Gloucestershire, specialising in British sports cars, such as Morgan and Lotus.

Four years on, Williams is thriving selling cars around the world, with around 25 per cent of the firm's business in exports.

In addition the Company modifies standard models to customer's desires in terms of suspension upgrades, Special upholstery designs and materials and in fact almost anything is possible.

A most interesting evening was had by the club who had the opportunity to pore over some beautiful cars and talk in the technical language that we all love about the bits under the bonnet.

To finish we adjourned to a local pub for a rather nice meal and to talk about the dreams of great cars we had or wished we had.

Bunny



### 'Nicely Run In'

**Our motoring year can be considered as being well underway, there having been two Sunday Lunch Runs most successfully completed. It isn't every year that FCCC can claim to have been able to stage both the January and February events without hindrance from the weather. Both the lunch runs attracted a healthy number of participants.**

**For our most recent run our coffee rendezvous was the very same hostelry as was selected as our lunch venue in January.**

**It meant that the newcomers to these Sunday jaunts into the Cotswold countryside did not need to seek out a different coffee rendezvous. That will occur however when our mid-week runs get underway on Wednesday 6th. May.**

**During the lighter, warmer, drier ?, weather it is hoped that club members will wish to get out and about in their cherished 'Classics' and then our Lunch Runs will take on a more adventurous character.**

**Then our members will be encouraged to go further afield across county borders to lunch venues quite new to them with, in the afternoon, the opportunity to visit places of interest (often a grand garden opening especially for us) and most often afternoon tea on the lawn or patio with donations going to worthy charities.**

**There are two Sunday Lunch Runs remaining on FCCC's 'Winter' calendar; one on the 22nd. March and the other on the 12th. April**

**Here's hoping that they will be equally successful and, maybe, Spring really might be a little early in coming this year.**

Barry

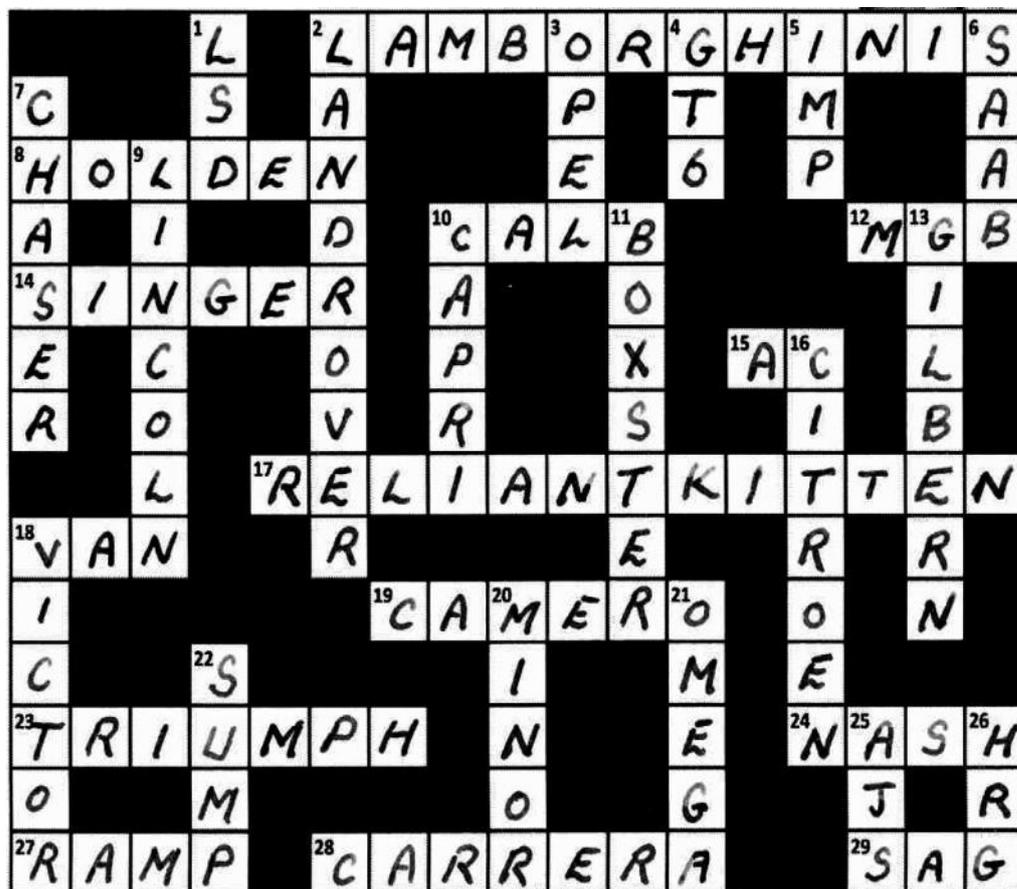
## Bicester Heritage - 26th. April—Drive it Day

Drive it day has become an important event in order to promote the use of our classic vehicles to the wider public. This year Bicester Heritage is holding a 'brunch' meeting at their 1920's RAF Bomber Station and are inviting owners/clubs of classics vehicles. A number of organisations and companies will have displays, including Brooklands, and the VSCC, as well as being able to visit the classic restoration companies on site and a display/flying of vintage aircraft (more details on [www.bicesterheritage.co.uk](http://www.bicesterheritage.co.uk)). If there is enough interest we will organise an FCCC display/run to Bicester but we will have to be there by around 10.00 as it is open from 09.00 - 14.00hrs.

**Please let Malcolm Cutler know if you are interested in coming along.**

### Crossword Results

Whilst only four members sent in completed entries for the FC3 crossword, we have had a number of positive comments from other members who enjoyed the challenge. Well done to Dave Barton for his hard work in designing the crossword. Of those answers received, 100% correct entries were sent in by Pete & Sue Hughes and Pam and Ash Holmes who will be presented with the magnificent prizes of chocs and FCCC key rings, when next we meet. Answers shown below.



## Fairford Steam Rally 2015

Dear Members,

As you know we were asked to take part in the Steam Rally at Fairford in 2014 with spaces for 16 cars on both days. This year we have been asked back again with spaces for 20 cars, it will be a two-day event so if possible I would like to see if we could fill our site on both days.

If you are interested in taking part please let me know if it will be Saturday or the Sunday.

I need to know by the **beginning of June** at the latest so as I can make all the arrangements.

Yours truly,

Ken Hinton.

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## Natter at the Force Brewery, Cirencester—26th. February



It may be small and his business plan may be novel, but there is no doubting that Charles Malet, the owner of The Force brewery, produces some very drinkable cask beers. Having left the army Charles started the brewery a year ago, selling direct to the public and not going through the traditional pub route. He also has room upstairs where on Thursday/Friday afternoon/evenings (or to appointment) you can go and purchase his beers (£2/pint), watch television, play darts etc.

Charles gave twelve FCCC members a very interesting talk on brewing and the brewery, with very generous (for those not driving!) samples of his four different beers. Having ordered take-away pizzas (Dominos – very good), we then moved upstairs for our more traditional Noggin & Natter. All agreed that it was a very interesting and convivial night and to prove the quality of the beer, one member has been reported to have returned the next day for more supplies! Take a look at their website: [www.forcebrewery.com](http://www.forcebrewery.com), it is certainly worth a visit.

## Visit to Bugatti Trust Museum Prescott 12th. March

A very enjoyable visit started with an excellent lunch in the Bugatti Owners Clubroom and continued with a conducted tour of the museum led by their current chairman. A more detailed report will appear in the next FC3.



## Advance Notice

**Visit to the Morgan Sports Car Factory  
On Wednesday 1st July—more details to follow  
Contact Rob Bevan 01989 720 840**

## A visit by Coach to the Imperial War Museum at Lambeth on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2015

Another of the joint society trips organised on behalf of the Fairford Classic Car Club, Cirencester Science and Technology Society, and The Hankerton History Group.

We plan to visit the hub of the Imperial War Museum housed in the old 'Bedlam' Hospital at Lambeth in London. This part of the museum has been recently revamped and currently is running several very important special exhibitions covering life during the wars, the holocaust, Afghanistan war, and fashion in wartime. This is of course in addition to the huge coverage of the work of the Navy, Air force and Army over history.

It will be a long day, the coach leaving Cricklade at 8.00am, returning from London at about 7.30pm. Members will appreciate that this is necessary so that we get sufficient time at the museum and can make use of the cafe facilities. There is free long term parking at Cricklade, details will be provided to intending participants. Entry to the Museum is also free.

Coach fare is £25 but may be less if we can fill a coach.

Telephone or email Bunny right now if you want to go.

01666 577275 or [bunnyleessmith@btinternet.com](mailto:bunnyleessmith@btinternet.com)

## GWSR Classic Vehicle Day



We have been invited to take a stand at the Gloucester and Warwickshire Railway's Classic Vehicle Day at Toddington Station, just north of Cheltenham, on **Sunday June 14th 2015.**

It would be good if we could put on a good display of our cars and you get free entrance to the railway with lots of trains and engines in steam, stalls refreshments etc.

And one **FREE** ticket to ride on the train.

Please let me know if you can come and I will make arrangements with the GWSR

for us to have a group area.

Entrance forms can be downloaded from their website or I can send you one in the post **BUT Please let me know as soon as possible if you are intending to come and return your completed forms to me so that I can arrange the group site.** Geoff. Tebby  
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