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COMING UP

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- ⇒ 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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August

- ◆ 31st July 1st–2nd South Cerney Steam Extravaganza
- ◆ 15-16th Fairford Steam Rally
- 15-16th Broadway Car Show
- 29th Gloucester Goes Retro
- Wanborough Village Car Show

September

- ⇒ 5th Oakridge Village Fete Mike & Helen - lyda.j.1973@outlook.com
- 5th—6th North Cotswold Steam Show
www.northcotswoldsteamshow.co.uk
- ⇒ Lunch Run - Gary Haynes - gary.haynes0509@hotmail.co.uk
- Newent Classic Car Show

October

- ⇒ Lunch Run— Mike & Helen
- 26th — Restoration & Spares Show Stoneleigh
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Allen & Abby's Tour of Wales

Llanerchindda Farm - Classic Tours of Wales - 3rd to 6th July.

We arrived at the very remote hotel about 4pm on Friday and got a very friendly welcome from Martin Hadley and his sons. Having got all the cars parked we were all treated to afternoon tea on the patio - a good chance to start to get to know the other guests.

After a wash and brush-up, we all made our way to the restaurant for a welcome glass of Pimms and later a lovely three course meal.

On Saturday morning there was a drivers briefing regarding the route for the day and by 10am we were all in our cars and on our way following a very well documented route using tulip diagrams and copious notes - including where to access E5 along the way!

The route took in a stop at Carreg Cennen Castle - rather spectacular - drives through the Black Mountains on the Brynamman mountain road so beloved of the Top Gear Team. And later part of the Brecon Beacons with the final section over the Epynt Ranges, an MOD area. 95 miles in all. Back to the hotel for more afternoon tea and later on a superb dinner.

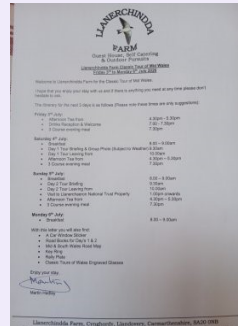
On Sunday yet another wonderful route taking in the Llyn Brianne Reservoir and dam which was a sight to behold. The drive round the valley was very enjoyable. Tiny twisty roads, also very popular with motorcycles. Just had to watch out for the sheep!

Onwards through Tregaron and to Aberaeron on the coast where Allan and I stopped for lunch. Such a pretty place. In the afternoon we all visited Llanerchaeron National Trust property - house and gardens with an exhibition of farm machinery which was actually very interesting.. Then on through Lampeter and then Llandovery and home. 85 miles this time.

Unfortunately one of the guest's cars decided to pack up - an MGB. But Martin was immediately on hand to arrange for a mechanic to come out and sort it. And dinner was slightly delayed until they all got back which was lovely - a big cheer and applause as they arrived back.

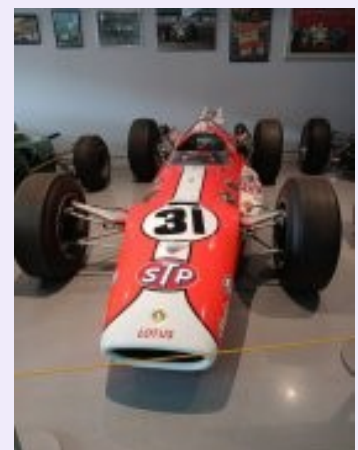
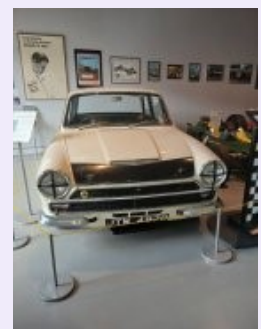
This morning after breakfast we all went our separate ways having had a wonderful trip. Martin and staff could not have done more for us. We highly recommend having a go next year. If you are interested there are single marque club events. This afternoon 12 Jags of varying types are arriving for a few days. But all car clubs are welcome.

Pictures from the run (Click on pic for larger image)



Abby and Allens Trip to Jim Clarkes Museum

A wonderful informative and moving visit to the Jim Clarke motorsport museum. In Dunns. All the cars in the photos were actually raced by Jim Clarke some of them haven't been raced by anyone else. His 2nd car was an Austin Healey 100/6 we think. His 3rd was a 1600 Porche 356. They hope to have that at the museum next year.



Hunters Care Home Summer Fete

A gloriously hot day welcomed us to the annual Hunters Care Home Summer Fete. Fairford Classic Car Club having displayed cars there for a considerable number of years is almost part of the care home! This year we showed 9 cars ranging from Len Barr's 1922 Standard to Dave Chamber's 2024 Jaguar.

We all tried to sit under the tree for shade where we were entertained by Gloucester String's Ukulele Experience, playing many songs which we could sing along to and even remember the words (shows our age), and the Ragged Old Men Morris Dancers.

Hunters laid on an excellent BBQ with all food and drink free, and some had more than two cakes!

The welcome chimes of the ice cream van suddenly saw large queues of eager customers which kept the ice cream man busy for some time.

We must have sympathy for Malcolm trying to eat and drink one handed even with the dog on his lap. Let's hope the bandage is now off and now back driving the 'Beamer'.

Keith Handley



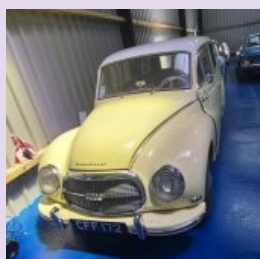
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FCCC Picnic – 2nd July '26

Once again we have to thank Fredrik and Cathy Folstad for letting us use their paddock which provided the ideal setting for the picnic and the chance to view his fantastic classic car collection. Add to this the wide range of marques and models of the 16 FCCC member cars present (see photos) and we had our own “classic car show”, which would be the envy of many other clubs. Unusually this year we were not worried so much about wet weather but feared that it may be too hot for us to sit out in the sun. As it happened the temperature was fine and we were able to enjoy our picnics. We were even treated to our own air show as the paddock is nicely in line with the Fairford airfield runway and we had close up views of B1s and the odd Boing 747.

Once again many thanks to Frederik. If you could not make it this year we hope you can join the FCCC picnic next year – finger crossed for the same weather!

Malcolm Cutler



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