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October

- ⇒ 22nd—Lunch Run (Now full)— Mike & Helen : Email lyda.j.1973@outlook.com
- 26th — Restoration & Spares Show Stoneleigh
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November

- ⇒ Lunch Run—Gary : Email gary.haynes0509@hotmail.co.uk
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December

- ⇒ 18th - Christmas Lunch : Email malcolmcutler214@gmail.com
- ⇒ Bunny's After Christmas Run

Oakridge Show

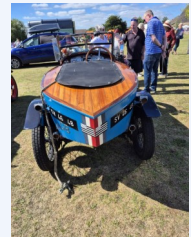
Saturday the 5th of September saw a lovely sunny day for the Oakridge Fete celebrating their 80th anniversary!

We always love going to this as it's a traditional fete, tombola, Bric a Brac, cakes, skittles, food and drinks (alcoholic if required) I did partake, just the one Mrs Wembley.

The Oakridge gardeners had their very own stall selling wonderful plants and posies at very reasonable prices! They always have a dog show which is fun. A canteen serving delicious cakes and serving tea and coffee. A produce show in the main hall is always worth a look at with some wonderful things and of course there is also the good display of Vintage and Classic Cars which is always popular.

All in all, we had a great day along with other members from the club. If you have never, been I thoroughly recommend it for next year.

Click on pic for larger image..Thanks to Wendy for the reveiw



September Lunch Run

Thursday morning in mid September started well in bright sunshine which bode well for a pleasant cruise along Gloucestershire and Oxfordshire bi-lanes. Our meeting venue was The Lakes Bar and Kitchen on the outskirts of Lechlade (a new venue to the writer). What an unusual style of architecture, a permanent form of tentage. All very snug and welcoming.

Copious amounts of coffee and cake were consumed amid lively conversations. There had been recent inclement weather and many of the participants were in their “modern” cars (I cannot get the Saab wet if it can be avoided!).

Departure time arrived and my very competent navigator was Helen Scott. I cannot navigate and drive solo at the same time. Thank you, Helen. Our route headed for Lechlade and continued through Burford (busy as usual). We then hit the back roads through Taynton, Great Barrington, Great Rissington, Windrush and ending at The Fox back in Great Barrington. Much of this route was new to me and was extremely attractive. Light traffic in the back lanes was an additional bonus.

The Fox was an excellent choice for lunch and a convivial time was had by all. Our thanks must go to Gary and Rose for making all of the arrangements.

A lot of effort is expended in organising these events to ensure they run smoothly and it is very much appreciated.

Happy classic motoring to you all.

John Manley.

<https://flickr.com/photos/fairfordclassics/albums/72177720335693503/with/55535657441>

When I were a lad - by Rob Ambler

When I were a lad of about 6 years old my dad had a Mk3 Standard Vanguard which was fitted with Overdrive, good job really as it only had 3 gears. The gearlever was column mounted (3 on the tree, so it was called) and this also had a leather covered bench seat and I used to sit on it. There weren't any seat belts and my dad used to drive it like it was a race car, so off he would set and then brake very hard and would shoot off the seat and end up in the footwell where I would clamber back out and sit down and wait for the next race.



My parents lived in Kenya as my father worked for East African Airways as a Flight Engineer and they lived in Nairobi. Now Nairobi is 6000 feet above sea level and the air was rather thin so much so that to start breathing was slightly difficult and cars performance was affected. We used to go on holiday to Mombasa which is 300 miles away on a dead straight road apart from the bends and as you travelled along the car's performance improved and at sea level it was how it should be and where we ended up. The car we had then was a Ford Zephyr 2.5 V6 <https://www.ukcardata.co.uk/c/spu391d-1966-ford-zephyr-v6/>



I was at boarding school and when my father flew to the UK he sometimes came to see me and he used to rent a car which was usually a Fiat 125. Now this thing used to go...it had a 1600 twin cam engine and a weber carb and I loved ending up in the footwell.



https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fiat_125

After this it all went small and we ended up with a Fiat 500 (can you believe it?) A rear engine 2 cylinder 500

CC car. It was actually quite a nice little car, I can't understand how the 3 of us fitted in and I never ventured into the footwell



Then we went bigger...Mini Clubman



Just a few more pics



The Bench Seat, very slippery



My Dad looking for his glasses



We lived in a Bungalow at this hotel