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A group at a motoring
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other event
- Everything else of interest. These items are shown for information only

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September

- 5th—6th North Cotswold Steam Show
www.northcotswoldsteamshow.co.uk
- ⇒ 17th Lunch Run - Gary Haynes - gary.haynes0509@hotmail.co.uk

October

- ⇒ Lunch Run—Mike & Helen
- 26th — Restoration & Spares Show Stoneleigh
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November

- ⇒ Lunch Run—Gary

Gloucestershire Vintage & Country Extravaganza

Seventeen club members' cars braved the weekend's weather to attend the 51st Gloucestershire Vintage and Country Extravaganza, AKA South Cerney.

Friday morning the USAF B1 planes decided to show how much noise two of them could make taking off over the site.

In blazing sunshine on the Friday members made the walk from the club's area to see what the trade stands had on offer and view the steam engines and other displays. I measured that during the Saturday I had walked nearly three miles around the sight.

Those who attended on the Saturday were able to sit in the club's gazebo which did offer some shade. The attendance of members for the Sunday was questionable, so thanks to those who helped take down the gazebo on Saturday.

The show attracts many classic vehicles of all description and classic cars were in abundance and owners polishing their already highly polished paintwork.

Despite the possible fire risk steam engines were plentiful in all shapes and sizes. Engine drivers had the reassurance that fire engines were on site just in case the grass under the ash box caught fire!

It was a pleasure to see Ann Cooper at the show, with thanks to Jane and Jon Crane. I hope she had a comfortable journey home in the J2.

Unlike previous years leaving the site at the end of the day was easier than getting on to the site!

Thanks to Ken for organizing FCCC attendance at the event.

See you all for the 52nd show in 2027.

Keith Handley

[Click here to view pictures from the event](#)

Photo shoot

A friend called us and said they were going to do a photo shoot of his car and would we like to take our car so they could compare them

We arranged to meet at The Red Lion Laycock at 1.0 pm on the Thursday one of the hottest days of the year.

We set off as we got closer the temperature gauge got higher in the end we opened the window and switched the heater fan on, the engine cooled down and we got hotter.

When we arrived the photo people were all ready there so we had a drink and a chat then our friend sent a text he was running late, they decided to start with our car so we drove down the road to another car park where they started filming (we got told off for talking and moved farther away)

After a while our friend arrived and they filmed his car.

Then we went for a short drive and parked in front of a posh gate and took more photos, while we were there the owner arrived and was not amused but she did like the cars.

When they had enough photos they went for a drive and took some drone footage then we all left and went home.

If you would like to see the results it is on youtube the programme is called

Driven by Classics

(Click on the Picture below for the link)

Thanks to Brian & Kath



Fairford Traction Engine Rally

Fairford Steam Show – 15/16th Aug 2026

Two years ago the show suffered torrential rain whilst this year we had Sahara conditions so dry it was impossible to drive a stake into the ground! Although there were seven fire engines at the showground and strict fire instructions in place, it was sensibly decided that the steam engines would not fire up. However, the site of some of them being pulled/pushed around the arena on the Sunday, by massive British made lorries, helped to allay some people's disappointment.

The heat certainly did not put off the Classic Car Owners as we had over 120 cars in total on the Saturday and around 90 on Sunday. FCCC turned out in style with around 25 cars on Saturday including Phil Heneghan's 1927 Daimler Q20, Coln Fitzgerald's lovely 1954 Alvis and Len Barr's 1928 Standard. This year the organisers changed the time, to a mid-morning slot, for the Classic Cars to go around the ring, but after a bit of cajoling we managed to get a good number out to show off to the general public.

This year I believe we had a greater range of makes and age of cars than in previous years (the American cars certainly put on a good show) and a number of people then and since, have remarked what a good display of Classic Cars there was. Many more cars applied to come than we had room for, but next year I hope we will have a more efficient booking-in system. Remember, this is a Steam Show, not a Classic Car Show, so we better be careful – they are bigger than us!

A big thank you from the club to Steve Evans and his group for, once again, organising a very successful show. Also, to all of you who helped in the organising of the cars especially Chris Land-Font (also keeping me 'lubricated'), John Manley, Simon Williams, Rob Ambler & Len Barr.

Malcolm Cutler

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Oakridge Show Finds Keith's MGB's previous owners daughter!

(Confused? Please read on...)

Oakridge Show Flickr Album can be found here...

<https://flickr.com/photos/fairfordclassics/albums/72177720335519618>

The last photo in album is the MGB's first owner's daughter with me. She lives in Oakridge Lynch! She heard me talking about my MGB over the PA system and put 2+2 together. Could it be her late father's car? When I said, was your father's name Paul and lived in Wotton Under Edge? That was where I used to live; it was his car. She remembers being taken to school sat in the front seat. She was over the moon when I said I had met her dad at Saul Junction and showed her a picture of him standing by the car. It was nice to meet Tasmin and reunite her with the car she would have last seen 45 years ago

