

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.

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