

# Wigtownshire Yesteryear Transport & Machinery Club

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## CLUB INFORMATION

Our Club website is open to a wide range of readers so please remember that the content reflects on the Club and its members. Nothing derogatory, contentious or rude please. The Committee have full editorial control. No phone numbers will be shown on the site but key members will have an email address linked to the site. Thank You.

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## YOUR COMMITTEE

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## **Ed's Bits**

Hello dear reader, it's AGM time again and the start of a new year of show activity. The AGM is the next meeting which is on Monday March 6<sup>th</sup> at 2p.m., at the Belted Galloway in Newton Stewart. We also welcome our new Secretary, Rudy Bruens, not only as a new office holder, but as a new full time resident of south west Scotland. Welcome Rudy.

If you have not yet paid your membership subs for the coming year Treasurer David Carle would like to receive them at or by the AGM. We will also be needing a new Treasurer soon as David wishes to step down, so would the accountants amongst us please step forward.

Sunday April 23<sup>rd</sup> is the FBHVC Drive It Day and we are looking for suggestions as to where we meet for this year's event. Last year we met at the New England Bay caravan site picnic area. The run then went on to several venues around the Mull of Galloway so where do you want to go this year?

**Ed.**

## **MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 6<sup>TH</sup> 2017 WYTMC MONTHLY MEETING.**

The meeting opened at 2 pm with a good turnout of 26 members for this, the first meeting of 2017.

Chairman Ian opened by welcoming all and especially our new Secretary Rudi who, together with wife Josie, are settling in to their new home in Portpatrick. He then handed over to the Blood Bike guests of Kelly and Alan to give us a background on this essential service.

Kelly opened by giving us a brief history of the formation of the service which is staffed entirely voluntarily. Initially volunteers used their own bikes, but gradually this was backed up by machines donated from various sources – local businesses and others. The machines are kept at various convenient points in the area for use as necessary. They are now fully equipped thus. This required that the bikers had to pass the advanced motor cycle test. The service is nationwide with all areas cooperating. In effect a relay of machines would cover a need to transport from Stranraer to Coventry or Bristol where a particular expertise was located. The service covers a wide variety of goods and product and also involves cars where necessary dependant on the bulk of the items to be moved. Taxi back up would also be used in extenuating circumstances. Nearly 500 runs were involved last year covering the whole of the UK. They handle up to 4 calls a day and it is all done by volunteers. Kelly then told us her personal experience which led her to get involved in the organisation. Her daughter Nicola experienced very serious health issues which necessitated fast transfer of samples for analysis to points of expertise. Kelly is to be congratulated for her strength of character throughout the long ordeal and to be prepared to back this by getting fully involved in the Blood Bike service. We understand that Nicola is well on the road to good health and we wish them well for the future.

Biker Alan took over and gave us an idea of what it is like to be a volunteer. He admits that he has, as a 74 year old, a hobby for a job. He is retired and had to take his advanced test at a cost of £150 from which he got discount of £15 for being a Blood Biker. He had his Bike, a BMW, on show. Interestingly they are not immune from speeding although they would be unlikely to be booked for obvious reasons unless they were doing something really stupid. Normal traffic is usually pretty good at letting them through. Probably think they are the police.

In summary this is an essential service staffed by dedicated people from all walks of life and is to be highly commended. A vote of thanks then followed backed up by donations given by all in attendance. Thanks also to Keith for inviting them to tell us of their service.

Ian then handed over to Rudi for his first Secretary's report.

Rudi started off by thanking John K for standing in so valiantly for the best part of a year while his move from Holland to Scotland was finalised. They finally arrived last week and are still surrounded by boxes.

Treasurer David then told us that we a reserve of £1670 and reminded us that membership fees were due now. £13 if we paid now and he was able to collect quite a few subs after the meeting. (*PayPal payment facility would help outlying members make payment. Ed.*)

Nothing else to report other than that we should be looking to a replacement Treasurer as David is now over 80. A subject for the AGM (*Not sure if ageing or replacement Treasurer is subject for AGM. Lol. Ed.*).

#### **ANY OTHER BUSINESS.**

Keith said that we should invite the Blood Bikes to come to our Rally. He also mentioned the Men's Shed in Stoneykirk and they could well have a presence at the Rally.

Keith then reported on his visit to the SVVF AGM which had a good turnout and no bickering. They have a fund of £31000 in the Bank and it was stated that some of this could be used to back up any shortfall at events.

Liz then brought up the question of the Club Away Trip. She had looked into the possibility of Dundee staying at a Best Western Hotel as at Hull last year. Prices are as last year at £360 per couple for 3 nights DB&B. Two dates have been suggested with 3 nights starting either 25 or 26 September and 9<sup>th</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup> October names to Liz please. The Hotel is the Invercarse in Dundee if you want to look it up. (*More elsewhere in this Newsletter. Ed.*)

Ian then declared the meeting closed but asked that committee members stay behind for a brief meeting called up by Sandy.

Sandy is keen to bring the full membership list up to date covering life membership and any other detail that may be necessary. We also could have a membership number for each entry. It was agreed that David would liaise with Sandy to carry this out and finalise in time for the AGM.

Rudi raised one other point in that he could do with a list of members who need a hard copy newsletter. (*'Tis done. Ed.*)

Meeting closed.

**THUMPER**

A wee bit of modern - Merc C200 and Low Rider bike – at Mercedes World. Ed.



## **CLUB 3 NIGHT BREAK AWAY**

At a recent meeting it was agreed that we go to Dundee. I have contacted Best Western Invercarse Hotel and the details are set out below. There is plenty of car parking at the hotel and the hotel is on a bus route into Dundee..

Date I have enquired about is Monday 25 September for 3 nights.

Cost for 3 nights Dinner, Bed & Breakfast is £120 per night per room. Total cost per couple is £360. (This includes a £20 per person food allowance for the evening meal).

I have a note of some who would like to go and these rooms have been booked and the deposit of £36 per room has been paid. Will you please let me have your deposit at the March meeting.

If someone cancels and we cannot re-allocate the room, your deposit will be lost.

If you are interested please let me know as soon as possible either by phone (01671 403926), or email ([ericlizhamilton@btinternet.com](mailto:ericlizhamilton@btinternet.com)) as they may go quickly. **Liz.**

## **EXTRACT FROM 2017 EVENTS PROGRAM**

### **WYTMC 2017 Events Program**

	<b>Day</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Text</b>
<b>January</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>1 (BH)</b>	<b>No Meeting</b>		
<b>February</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>Club Meeting</b>	<b>02:00 PM</b>	Belted Galloway, Newton Stewart – talk by Blood Bike riders and users about Blood Bikes
<b>March</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>Club AGM</b>	<b>02:00 PM</b>	Belted Galloway, Newton Stewart
<b>April</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Club Meeting</b>	<b>02:00 PM</b>	Belted Galloway, Newton Stewart
<b>FBHVC</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>Drive It Day</b>	<b>01:00 PM</b>	Any good ideas for a place to meet.
<b>May</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>1 (BH)</b>	<b>Club Meeting</b>	<b>02:00 PM</b>	Belted Galloway, Newton Stewart
	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>Club Road Run</b>	<b>01:00 PM</b>	Any good ideas for a place to meet.
	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>Club Rally</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>Stranraer Rugby Club</b> - Please be on site by 10.00am. Rally organiser Keith Jakeman has arrangements well in hand but still <b>needs volunteers in all departments</b> on the day. He is issuing an urgent plea for someone to run the tombola. Please help if you can.

## **4 SALE – CARS, COLLECTIBLES, SPARES, SUPPLIES**

Deadline for inclusion is 10<sup>th</sup> of the month of issue to allow for processing

**Please Note.** After some discussion at a club meeting I have been asked that Club Members who want to advertise their cars or spares as “reasonable offer” please help their fellow members by quoting a price. Please also note that ads will continue to appear until the advertiser tells me to remove the ad either by phone or email, thank you.

### **Club Copy of 2016 Moffat Rally Video**

The Club has a copy of the excellent video of the 2016 Moffat Rally & Run. It features every car at least twice that were on the Saturday jaunt (about 300 entries) & shots of the rally day, many by drone. The club has agreed to make it available to members for a rental of £1 per member.

Contact Rally Secretary, Keith Jakeman, contact details on newsletter front page, for details.

**WANTED** *(Members please contact me if you want to place a wanted ad for cars or parts)*

**WANTED** – another plea for help - could any of our members out there help James and Linda Wallace out by letting them know where they could get someone to replace the roof lining on their Morris 10/4 – call them on 01776 810380.

**WANTED** – **Tools for Volvo Sugga 1950s 4x4 Radio Car** - Vintage, or old looking, one heavy duty axle stand plated to a minimum of 3 tonnes or a pair – both of each plated the same- for use with a Volvo Sugga TP21 which is about 2900 kgs unladen. Fuelled up and with the equipment I have inside it might be around 3300 kgs. A certified 2 tonne trolley jack will not look at lifting one wheel off the ground when placed under the axle and just behind the wheel. This defies my logic – can any member explain this?  
Please call Ken Clarkson on **01557 814672** if you are able to help.

## **SPARES**

### **Austin**

**Austin Allegro Spares** - Brand new old stock

Drivers side indicator/sidelight unit. Part No BAU1856, boxed and unused. £40

Passenger side rear light bulb holder/circuit board. Part No HAM1826, boxed and unused £20.

Both items are untested and sold as seen. Both can be had for £55 the pair.

Phone Paul Townson on **01988 700253** for more details or to view.

### **Saab**

**Saab 99 glass** – 2 laminated screens and some rear side windows for Combi hatchback and 2 door booted saloon. **Saab 900 glass** - 2 rear windows and hatchback glass from 900. Free to good home. Please call Sandy on **01655 770393**

## TRADE SUPPLIERS

### Batteries

**Lincon Batteries, Southend on Sea**, Essex, supply batteries by post if required, the acid is also supplied complete with instructions on how to fill the batteries. **Their number is 01702 525374/528711.**

### Ford Spares

Ford Enthusiasts Club for all Ford models, Dumfries Organiser, Paul Pattinson, 01387 268422

### Upholstery

**Lyon Leathers Ltd, Northampton**, can supply **leather skins** for small and large projects. Small parts, e.g. straps and gaiters, can be made to measure. **Telephone 01604 639346**

### Engineering

**Thomas McKean, Precision Engineers & Engine Reconditioners**, 66 Annan Road, Dumfries - tel: **01387 253091** Fax: **01387 259877**

### MoTs

**Edinburgh Hill Autos**, Stranraer will offer a deal on MOTs (both classic and more recent vehicles), mention the club when booking in, **Phone 01776 702451**

**Sandmill MoT Centre**, Commerce Road, Black Parks Industrial Estate, Stranraer. **Ask for WYTMC members rate**, Old and modern cars, m/cycles, 3 wheelers, campers & minibuses, very competitive rates for tyres, Ring Harry or Jamie on **01776 889635**

### Windscreens

**Solway Windscreens** - We offer a complete chip and repair replacement service as well as repair and replacement of classic car windscreens. Over 25 years experience. Mike Richardson 01387 261465 or 07860 922333 ([www.solwaywindscreens.co.uk](http://www.solwaywindscreens.co.uk))

### Bodywork

**Reids Accident Repair Centre**  
Blackparks Industrial Estate,  
Fountain Way, off Commerce Road,  
Stranraer DG9 7UD  
Phone 01776 702538

(Recommended by Bob Fryer for work done on his MGB)