

Wigtownshire Yesteryear Transport & Machinery Club

Newsletter February 2018

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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Ed's Bits

Hello dear WYTMC readers, 2018 is well under way, Hogmanay is past as is Burns Night and his wee timorous beasties. Not so sure the ones who attacked my Discovery or Clive's VW were so timorous, but we will hear more about that particular problem within.

Valentines Day has also come and gone and there is a nod to that within.

Next we have the Club AGM in March, then Easter and April Fool's Day clashing but, then in May we have the most important day of the WYTMC year, our Rally in Stranraer.

Please note, Keith, our Rally Secretary, is putting out a request that all contributions for the Tombola should be donated by or on the May Club Meeting on May 7. This gives Keith and his band of helpers enough time to get all the prizes labeled up without the stress of trying to get it done on the morning of the Rally.

Ed.

MINUTES OF 5TH FEBRUARY 2018 MONTHLY MEETING.

The very well attended meeting opened at 2 pm with Ian in the Chair and 30 members in attendance. Apologies were sent from Alan & Judith and we welcomed 4 new members in Sandra & Peter and Gerry & Marilyn. Welcome on board.

Ian then asked to stand for a minutes silence in memory of members lost over the last few months.

He then went on to hope that we will experience better weather in the forthcoming year and with roughly two months before activities start in earnest we should give thought to any other ideas for visits and generally things to do over the coming season.

Two initial events to be finalised are routes for Drive It Day on the 22nd April and our Pre Rally Run on the 19th May. For the Pre Rally Run, the suggested route could be based around the Round House at Whithorn as the focal point.. Details will be issued shortly and likewise details will be forthcoming for the Drive It Day to take in the Bladnoch Distillery. Ian and Rudy have put a fair bit of effort into this and it is much appreciated.

Ian then passed over to Rudy who had a couple of items to pass on. He has had a meeting with the Free Press and Our Wigtownshire with a view to articles being produced to promote us as a club to be reckoned with. The idea is to have a photographic session at a venue to be decided, possibly Portpatrick, with as many members' cars on show. Alternatively they could make home visits to photo member's cars. Further details to follow. He then passed the latest issue of the FHBVC newsletter over to Keith for perusal and comment.

Keith had one point to make concerning the Rally. It would be much appreciated if all donations for the Tombola were handed in no later than the May meeting as it was a bit of a scramble to label things up on the day.

Over now to Liz who told us the books will be up and ready for the March meeting which, it should be noted, will be our **AGM**. She was also collecting membership fees on the day. She then told us that St Johns will be holding a Silent Auction at the Stranraer Rugby Club on the 22nd February at 7.30pm. Donations welcome. See elsewhere for more details. Liz volunteered to handle bids for any who cannot go.

More information was available on the Trimming Lady, name of Tracy in Whauphill (01988 840200) handling all things upholstery including, it is understood, leather. Sandy will add this to the suppliers listing (see final page. **Ed.**).

We then moved on to possible venues for the Club Away Break in October. Liz had details of three possible venues these being as follows:-

New Lanark Mill Hotel.
Tinto Hotel Symington.
Thornhill Castle Hotel.

Liz gave us details of all three and we had a vote for favourite and the New Lanark Hotel came out on top. Liz will investigate further (see separate section of the newsletter below). Names please as soon as you can. Dates would be mid week for three nights with the 8th October being one option. Thanks Liz.

A.O.B. Clive West brought up the subject of problems experienced with rodent attack on edible parts of our cars. Rats and mice are attracted by the soya based items involving servo and fuel lines on modern cars. Rubber is OK with composite materials, **soya based not OK.** Diesels seem more liable to this and a number of manufacturers, VW and Audi among a lot of others are involved which could include legal tussles. What a world we live in. Bring on the oldies. Clive is writing to Chris Grayling on the subject. Have any other club members (see my piece on damage to my Disco. **Ed.**) experienced this problem?

With nothing else on the menu Ian closed the meeting at 2.45pm with the reminder that the March meeting will be the **AGM.**

THUMPER.

CLUB 3 NIGHT BREAK AWAY

At our meeting on 05 February it was discussed about our 3 Night Break and New Lanark appears to be the best choice. The details are set out below :

New Lanark Mill Hotel:

Monday 08 October for 3 nights. Cost for 3 nights Dinner, Bed & Breakfast is £163 per person for the 3 nights (a total of £326 per couple).

The hotel has a swimming pool and is included in the price. There is the Heritage Site with lots to see.

Within travelling distance are The Kelpies, Falkirk Wheel, Summerlea Open Air Museum (free entry).

If you are interested please let me know as soon as possible either by phone (01671 403926), email (ericlizhamilton@btinternet.com) as rooms may go quickly.

Liz.

Please Note -trip has been booked by Liz: 08-09-10-11 October 2018. **Ed.**

Welcome to New Members

Peter and Sandy Sainty, Carsuith – 1928/29 Hillman Fourteen Colonial Saloon, 1981 Westwood W8 Lawn Tractor, WW2 BSA Parabike Pedal Bicycle

Gerry and Marilyn Comstive, Drummore – 1930 Riley 9 Sports Tourer, 1934 Riley 9 Kestrel, 1963 Massey Ferguson

Liz.

VSCC, SALT, THE EU, DAMAGED BRAKE & FUEL LINES

I have a link to the VSCC Newsletters so I was browsing the January 2018 issue when, right at the top of page 9 and the President's Message, I was intrigued by the following paragraph -

“January in The Severn Vale has seen the usual mix of weather but with one new feature, the **salt** mix used on the roads has a new improved **formula** which makes **cleaning** our cars much more difficult!”

I took a closer look to see if the words I have accentuated with bold text occurred elsewhere in the newsletter. I only found Formula to be repeated and that was mostly about Formula Vintage racing. The only other likely possibility was in connection with antacid qualities and that pertained to a fuel additive, not cleanliness.

I hope that the VSCC President will not mind my querying whether the above quote was a throw away remark expressing annoyance at having to clean cherished motors more often in the winter months, or a hint to something stemming from some EU directive. The latter possibility is unsurprising to me given that we, the WYTMC, have just been discussing damage to engine and brake parts by rodents resulting, we understand, from EU vehicle end of life measures that turn plastic diesel and brake pipes into irresistibly tasty morsels for rodents.

Back to the cleanliness theme, maybe I am not the best person to address this as, being a Land Rover owner and past off road Trial competitor, I tend to believe that Land Rover livery is generally muddy all over. I can, however, provide chapter and verse on rodent damage to fuel lines on my Discovery 3. The plastic diesel return pipe from fuel cooler to fuel pump body was bitten through on no less than three occasions. This did not stop until I found some rodent proof insulating tape and wrapped it around the exposed section of the pipe. The fuel cooler water supply pipe from the cooling system was also chewed, thankfully not to the point where it leaked, but I wrapped the replacement pipe in Anti rodent tape.

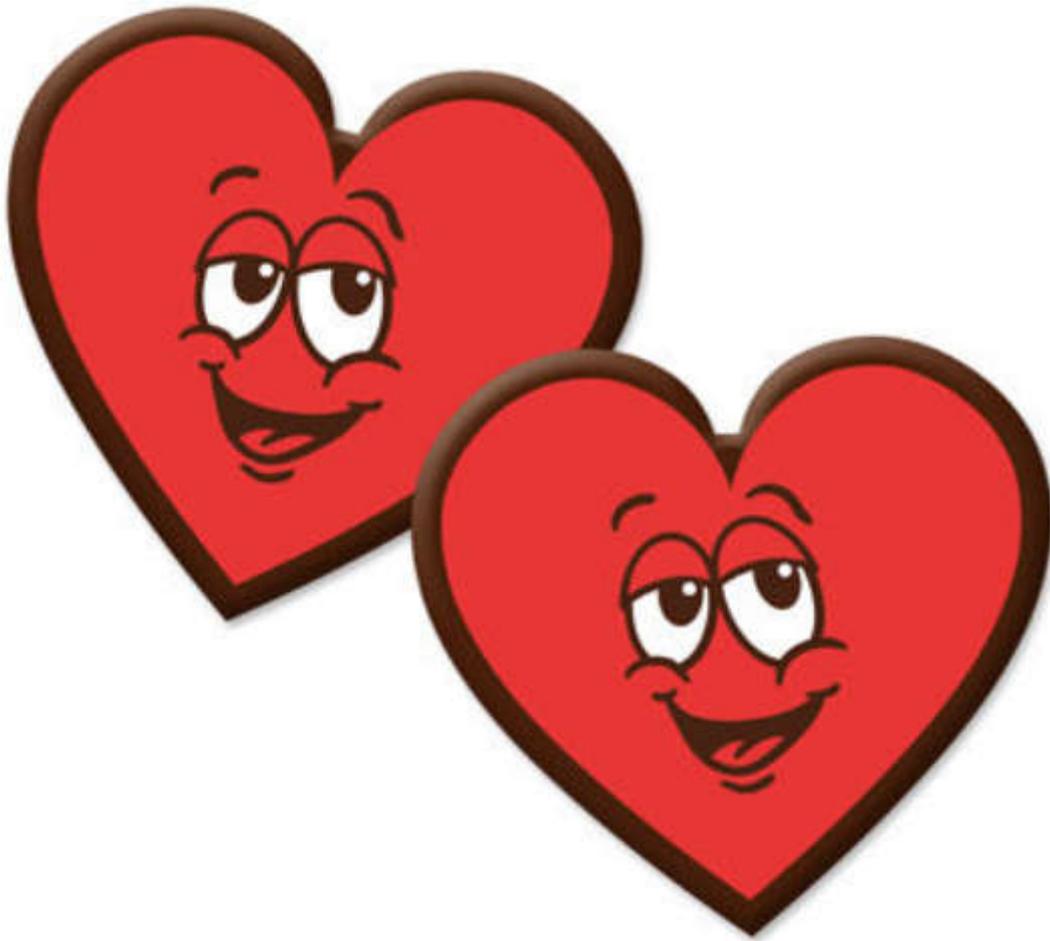
The rear end of the Disco was not immune. When fuelling the vehicle in preparation for a trailering job for another WYTMC member I was suddenly aware of a wet patch under the rear of the car. I stopped filling, paid up, told the bloke on the till I had had a diesel leak so he would need to splash some sand around, then set off for my local Land Rover garage. They said the tank output pipes had to be replaced. Needless to say I handed the mechanic a roll of anti rodent tape with the instruction to wrap it around the new plastic pipes.

Dere's more. Our diesel Peugeot Boxer based camper also received a rodent visit. There is a very exposed plastic manifold taking low pressure fuel away from the four injectors. This visiting rodent made two separate holes in the manifold. The cost, unlike the Land Rover part at £35, was a whopping £90 plus. Thankfully the AA man who came out to fix it had tape to wrap the damage. I then drove to the nearest Peugeot dealer with big enough premises for the seven metre long van.

The other event involving pipe damage involved the braking system of another fellow WYTMC member's modern car which became evident when the vehicle failed to stop. Come on motor manufacturers, stop building vehicles with materials that make them dangerous and so not fit for purpose. Remembering where this rant started, it also seems there are safety related road treatments that also have untoward side effects.

Sandy.

Be My Valentine



Look, Look, there's his motoring Valentine dream – down there



Blue Train Bentley complete with Bentley straight 8 engine
Look it up on the gallery's web site and drool over the pictures.

WYTMC 2018 Events Program

February	Monday	5	Club Meeting	2:00 PM	Belted Galloway, Newton Stewart.
March	Monday	5	A.G.M.	2:00 PM	Belted Galloway, Newton Stewart.
April	Monday	2	Club Meeting	2:00 PM	Belted Galloway, Newton Stewart.
	Sunday	22	Drive it Day	all day	FBHVC National Drive it Day. Information about WYT&MC run / day will follow.
May	Monday	7	Club Meeting	2:00 PM	Belted Galloway, Newton Stewart.
	Saturday	19	Club Road Run	t.b.a.	Any good ideas for a place to meet??
	Sunday	20	Club Rally	t.b.a.	Further announcements by rally organiser Keith Jakeman will follow.

4 SALE – CARS, COLLECTIBLES, SPARES, SUPPLIES

Deadline for inclusion is 10th 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.

Miscellaneous

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 (300 entries) & shots of the rally day, many by drone. The club has made it available to members at 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)

FOR SALE

BOAT

AQUASPORT 21ft Cabin Cruiser on galvanised break back trailer, with Johnson GT 200 outboard. Bargain price £2,500. Ring Alan for details. **Tel. 01988 500029.**

VAUXHALL

1986 Vauxhall Cavalier MK2 convertible, 1.8 injection, 92000 miles, leather seats, No MoT but has 4 brand new tyres and is a good runner, offers around £4000, **Phone 07517 832970**, the car is in Newton Stewart. (These cars were converted by Hammond and Thiede in Germany for Opel)

SPARES

Saab 99 glass – screens and rear 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**

Motorwise at Holmpark Ind.Est. Minnigaff will carry out MOT's for WYTMC members for **£35.00** with no additional charge if a retest is required. Members should mention their club membership when phoning to book the test. **Telephone No. 01671 404080**

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)

Bodywork

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