

Wigtownshire Yesteryear Transport & Machinery Club

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CLUB INFORMATION

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Ed's Bits

Hello fellow WYTMCM members, may I wish you a Happy New Year for 2018. At the same time we must remember those friends that are no longer with us.

How are you all coping in the snow? We have had a few issues with the Discovery this week in that it spent three days refusing to start. Yesterday, however it did start without any fettling then again today and, just like the recent trip to Dumfries, it managed a faultless run in to Ayr to get supplies when Christine was at her wits end with worry that we would not get out. What's more the seven or eight inches of snow we have here were traversed with ease. That was fun.

Now a reminder about our first meeting of the New Year after our holiday break. We meet again at the Belted Galloway in Newton Stewart on Monday the fifth of February.

Ed.

CLASSICS OUT OF TIME

In the absence of minutes, there having been no January meeting, I thought should fill this page somehow so I thought I would relate some movie observations.

Did anyone watch the film 633 Squadron over this Christmas and Hogmanay period just ended? I ask because those of us who managed to watch most of the movie without nodding off with a full tummy may have spotted a few misplaced classics. Given that the movie is about the RAF in World War 2 you would expect to find a fair number of 1930s and 1940s vehicles that were in use by the military of both opposing sides throughout the movie.

There may be some amongst us familiar with continuity mishaps in the movies. The best known to me are the low registering rev counter during a grand prix race in the movie Grand Prix and the jet trail in the sky above an Onedin Line sequence. I cannot recall having spotted any issue in 633 Squadron before, however, this Christmas I spotted three such issues in that movie and they all come under the heading of our hobby, Classic Vehicles.

The most tenuous misplacing is a grey tractor being used as a tug on an RAF base that 633 Squadron was depicted as being based with its Mosquitoes. The first conclusion that I jumped to was that, as I and the Ferguson TE20 share the same launch year of 1946, a depiction of an operational RAF Mosquito squadron in World War 2 could not possibly be using the Little Grey Fergy.

One has to be careful when making such prognostications so I decided to do a wee bit of homework and it was just as well that I did. How wrong I could have been if I had not discovered that one of the many generations of Henry Ford had been knocking out a Ford Ferguson between 1939 and 1947. At least I can blame Wikipedia now if they got it wrong. What I also found out is that there is a wee difference between the Ford and Ferguson (only) variants. No, they are both grey from the pictures I saw, but the front wheel hubs are larger on the Ford variant. Again, no, I have not taken another look at 633 Squadron, I'll keep that excitement for its next trip round.

My next spot was very surprising as I should have spotted it before, but maybe I was comatose from gluttony on previous Christmas viewings. A genuine Saracen Armoured Personnel Carrier (APC) appears with a squad of Wermacht soldiers and finished in grey paint and Wermacht cross motif. I guess that having your own secondhand Saracen is cheaper than hiring a genuine Wermacht half track or similar. I recall a filming story about an incident involving a genuine half track that was driven through a closed gate. Unfortunately it was the wrong gate made of solid oak which caused significant damage to the half track that belonged to Citroen Car Club member Tony Oliver. This sequence should have been performed with a suitably modified balsa wood "stage" gate. Oops.

On to my final spot and the most cheeky of the three. At one point a couple of the characters have to "exit stage left" in a 4x4 which of course should have been a Jeep, maybe also a Ford made product, but no, behind a flimsy hedge is a Series 1 Land Rover with canvas tilt which "exits stage left" with our two heroes. Ho hum.

Ed.

HOME SAFE WITH THE SHOPPING



We made it up the final hill to the house with a boot full of supplies, phew!!

IN SYMPATHY

On behalf of the club, we would like to offer our condolences to Eileen and the family of Graham Edmond who passed away peacefully in his sleep on Christmas Eve.

He and Eileen were long standing members of the club and loved to travel extensively in their campervan.

In his early days Graham raced a home built motorcycle combination in the TT on the Isle of Man.

He was always very helpful with mechanical and painting queries and will be sadly missed.

Our thoughts are with Eileen and family at this sad time.

Alan Hadfield.

INITIAL EVENTS PROGRAM FOR 2018

WYTMC 2018 Events Program

January	Monday	1		NO MEETING! NEXT MEETING FEBRUARY 2018
February	Monday	5	Club Meeting	2:00 PM Belted Galloway, Newton Stewart.
March	Monday	5	Club Meeting	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 WYTMC run / day will follow.

Apologies for the abbreviated Events Program for 2018, but even our newsletter is not immune from the current weather impacts. A case in point is that the Newton Stewart Road from Straiton has been closed for the last few days and will hopefully reopen before our meeting. Rudy was visiting The Netherlands just before the big storm hit the country but was lucky to have started for home in Scotland just before the weather problems broke. He likened their ferry passage back to crossing Sleeping Policemen in the North Sea. **Ed.**

FIRELESS LOCO



Yes, a fireless steam engine. I know it seems a difficult concept to take on board but the clue is in the word DYNAMITE on the side of the wagon behind the engine. Devil's Porridge also had a fireless the last time I visited them. The engine in the picture is Kilmarnock built. **Ed.**

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

Morris

Morris 10 Crown wheel and Pinion for sale complete with Differential and Nose piece. It has been preserved in very thick grease for the last 40 years and is in very good condition. Price is £20.00p to a good home. **Phone 01557 330668**

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**

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)

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