

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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Ed's Bits

Christine and I spent just over a week in Ireland. We thought we had better nip over before the EU gets busy making it impossible and before our EU medical cards expired. The water was very kind to us and the dogs on the way over, it was a mill pond. I am still getting stick for booking us on the 4am ferry, but it was cheaper than most. On the way home it was a wee bit bumpy but the stabilizers on the boat did their job. Every so often we felt the shock as the boat must have hit a bump in the sea, but as it was dark there was no visual input. Yes, we got the midnight special, again cheaper than most and, yes, I am also getting stick for that as well.

Still, I was able to bring you back a wee gift from Ireland of an automotive nature.

Have I caught most of you out with my "Guess the Car" picture of a lovely sporty red car on the sixth page of the June newsletter? More answers please, email or post card. **Ed.**

OUR TRIP TO IRELAND

It is a long way to Tipperary, particularly after about two hours sleep and a 4am ferry trip of two hours. We got to the camp site in the Glen of Aherlow at around 2pm, having driven from Larne, and experienced the M50 Dublin bypass Toll ping. Having commuted through the Dartford Tunnel in times past, and the QE2 bridge when it replaced the southbound tunnel, where you would have your pound coin ready and timed your approach to the Toll at a speed from which you could slow enough to bung the coin in the bucket then hit the loud pedal again as the barrier goes up, so you got out of the Toll almost instantly. The Dublin toll, however, was paid when we refuelled in Tiperrary.

In total contrast, the young lady in one of the manual tolls we passed through on our way home, because we had a German Shepherd on board and her dog was also a GSD, gave us three dog biscuits, one for each of our crew.



The view from our van at the Glen of Aherlow

We had a few days out starting with a trip to Cork. That was interesting as the satnav took us off the main road and in to a maze of residential roads that appeared to be unnamed, whatever the satnav said. Consequently I decided to high tail it out of the city and we found ourselves on the old route of the N20, the same number route of the dual carriage way we had followed in to Cork. We know we were on the old route as at one junction on the country road we were following there was a sign pointing in the direction we were following with the number N20.

At this point a local van driver stopped and asked us if we were lost. Maybe it was our Northern Irish number on the van that gave us away, so we admitted we were. He confirmed that we were on the old N20 and said we should continue a short way on, then turn left and that would get us back to the new N20 and most importantly, the van would get through without difficulty. We therefore took his advice and at the second attempt, ignored the satnav and ended up at the Quays, and, boy, the gridlock.

Ireland continued.....

I will add in my defence that from the road map book we had, I had a good idea where we were, but not to a level of accuracy that engendered confidence in my codriver.

We followed our route away from the Quays to the area we had planned to visit once we had escaped the gridlock. The primary goal of the trip was for Christine to visit her maternal Grandfather's grave as her Mother had been unable to do in her lifetime through obstacles such as World War 2 and various illnesses and her early death aged 47 some 50 years back. We put some flowers on the grave and took some photos. We then headed back in to the gridlock as that was the only way to get through Cork to get to the new N20 and head back to Glen of Aherlow.

And now for the wee gift from Ireland.....



A beautiful Bedford CF camper complete with Cragar slot mag wheels

We saw this Bedford on the camp site at Glen of Aherlow and, as the registration number suggests, it was from England. The couple camping in it were from the north of England and we hope they will get many more happy HRS camping in it.

Ed.

WYTMC 2017 Events Program

July	Sunday	2	Ballantrae		Unfortunately the Ballantrae Gala has been cancelled for this year. In stead there will be a run to the Ballantrae Garden Centre . Details will follow
	Monday	4	No Meeting		
	Saturday	8	Glamis Castle	all day	SWC EXTRAVAGANZA The 43rd Scottish Transport Extravaganza will be held in the magnificent grounds of Glamis Castle over the weekend of the 8th & 9th July 2017.
	Sunday	9	Glamis Castle	all day	SWC EXTRAVAGANZA The 43rd Scottish Transport Extravaganza will be held in the magnificent grounds of Glamis Castle over the weekend of the 8th & 9th July 2017. Contact details to be found in the SVVF Yearbook 2017.
	Sunday	30	Dumfries		Crichton Festival of Transport , D&G College, Bankend Rd, Dumfries DG1 4HR (Classic Wheels, Dumfries, see contact details page 21 in SVVF yearbook) Those intending to go may book via Robert Lindsay as indicated, but the word is that no one will be turned away if they just turn up on the day. Be prepared to pay a modest admin fee (usually £2.00) to contribute to organiser expenses. This is a significant event with up to 200 vehicles on site in previous years.

And in Newton Stewart Next Month

www.wgbs.org

The Wiggie Good Bikes Show
TURNS INTO A

PARTY IN THE CAR PARK!

FREE ENTRY

BIKES AND MACHINES
LIVE MUSIC FROM "LIFE O' REILLY"

FUN-OF-THE-FAIR ENTERTAINING STALLS
INCLUDING COCONUT SHY & SPINNAK WHEEL
DUCK RACE AT 5PM

AND LOTS MORE!

SUNDAY 4TH AUGUST 2017

Supporting Transport and Gateway Street Bikes
and Rotary Top 4 Distalike Project

RIDE IN STARTS AT DEPARTING FROM
BANGOR

STARTS 10.00 AM, END 12.00 PM, TO
CASTLE BRIDGE 10.00 AM

£5 ENTRY FOR BIKES/TRIES
REGISTRATION 9AM
LEAVES FOR NEWTON STEWART AT 11AM

WIGGIE GOOD
BIKES SHOW
RIDE IN
CUSTOM BIKES AND
OTHER MACHINES
OF INTEREST
MUSIC
FOOD
AND MUCH MORE!

And More WYTMC Events for 2017

August

	Saturday	5	Glenluce	11.30am	Glenluce Sports Day. Once again we have been invited to take part. Meet at Tarff Valley yard Main Street Glenluce DG8 0PL from 11.30 am to drive in convoy to Lady Stair Park for the opening at 12.00 noon.
	Saturday	5	Balminnoch, Newton Stewart	12 pm	Three Lochs Gala Day. From 12 pm till about 4 pm. Place: Three Lochs Holiday Park, Balminnoch, Newton Stewart DG8 0EP.
	Sunday	6	Newton Stewart	12 noon	Newton Stewart Wheelie Bike Show. Event organized by Rotary Club upporting D&G Blood Bikes. More information on leaflet in this Newsletter.
	Monday	7	No Meeting		
	Sunday	6	New Galloway	01:30 PM	New Galloway Alternative Games Meet from 1.30 pm for opening of event at 2.00 pm. Meet in the park this year not the car park.
			Stranraer		Stranraer Lowland Gathering has been cancelled for this year.
	Sunday	27	Kirkcudbright	9.30am	Kirkcudbright Summer Festivities. Meet from 9.30am in the Harbour Square.
September	Monday	4	Club Meeting	02:00 PM	Belled Galloway, Newton Stewart
SVVF	Sunday	17	Selkirk		Selkirk Rally. More information on page 27 of SVVF Year Book 2017.

SANDY'S 50 YEAR TALLY OF TOYS

I have often been heard to say “the difference between men and boys is the size and the cost of their toys”. My 70th birthday last year started me thinking about my life's obsession with cars and the numbers that I had worked through thus far. When I started my spreadsheet I did not expect to hit the hundred mark, but that is what I seem to have got to.

The number was quoted at my 70th Birthday Party in Straiton last October and it was one of the guests who suggested that I publish the list. She knows who she is. So, Alfa-betically, this month the A to F, Alfa to Fiat, section follows :

Sandy's Motors So Far					
	Make	Model	Type	Year	When
A	Alfa Romeo	33	Sportwagon 3 litre		
		75			
	Austin	A70 Hereford	Saloon	1951	
		A70 Hereford	Woody		
		A70 Hereford	Pickup/Hearse		
		A70 Hereford	Saloon		
		A70 Hampshire	Pickup	1950	
		A70 Hampshire	Saloon		
		A70 Hampshire	Saloon		
	Mini	Van		1966	
A35		Saloon			
Autobianchi	500	Van			
B	BMW	5 Series	525e	1982	
	Buick	Riviera		1976	
C	Cadillac	Coupe de Ville Eldorado		1967	
				1985	
Citroen	GS	Saloon			
	CX	Familiale	1978		
	Big 15 lhd	Saloon	1957		
	Visa	Saloon/2 Pot 652cc			
	Dyane 6	Hatchback			
	GSA	Estate 1131			
	GSA	Hatchback			
	CX Gti Turbo	Saloon			
	XM 2.0Si	Hatchback			
	XM 2.0Si	Hatchback			
	U7	Pickup Conversion	1935		
	DS20 lhd	Saloon	1973		
	CX 2200/2.5TD	Estate			
XM 2.0Si	Estate				
CX DTR	Saloon				
D	Datsun	Sunny	Estate		
	Dodge	Dayvan	Camper lhd		
E	Elddis	Elddis 155	Camper	2011	2012
F	Fiat	2.8 JTD	Miller Camper	2004	
		Ducato 3.0	Tribute Camper	2009	2011

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.

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 – 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

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)

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)