

Wigtownshire Yesteryear Transport & Machinery Club

Newsletter March 2017

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 fellow WYTMC members, March Hare here, or it feels like it, rushing about panting to find time for the newsletter for you guys. I am afraid that I have been a wee bit preoccupied by matters Planning of late.

My favourite topic, things automotive, has some wide ranging issues geographically, no, not my Cadillacs, but Slovenia. Derek Smith has passed on to me a piece from the Vintage Sports Car Club (VSCC) that flags up an impending insurance issue in regard to the use of a vehicle. You might say that you have insurance for the use of your vehicle, but just suppose that you use the bonnet of your Land Rover as a means of access to repair a roof and an accident befalls you. Well, take a look at the Vnuk piece within and follow Mr Vnuk's mishap and how it could impact us.

Also within are the AGM minutes and events heads up including the Moffat Show in June so get your entry in quickly.

Ed.

MINUTES OF WYTMC – 2017 AGM – March 6th 2017.

The meeting opened at 2 pm with 30 members in attendance, a good attendance considering it was the AGM. Apologies were received from Ian and Joan.

Chairman Ian opened with a welcome to all and gave us a run through the events of the last year (2016), which was agreed as a good one starting with the Drive It Day to New England Bay and visits to Dumfries House and the Dumfries Air Museum and a particularly good Rally at the new venue of the Rugby Club which was blessed with good weather. The Kirkcudbright Festival was also a very successful event. Thanks to all who buckled in during the year, you all know who you are. Without willing participants the club could not operate successfully. Things are coming together which bodes well for the future.

Ian then raised the question of the membership of the committee and generally it was agreed that the status quo should remain with the first obvious change that Rudi is our new Secretary. Running through the list we do not need an Assistant Secretary. We will need a new Treasurer as David wishes to step down but will hold on until November so we need a volunteer. Other changes relate to the position of Gala Secretary which Keith and Margaret will jointly handle and Rolf would look after the Military aspect. Finally with Sam Miller no longer in the club the Commercial section is not covered. Sandy would carry on as present with the Newsletter as would Thumper with the minutes.

Ian then requested that committee members stayed on after the meeting.

Over now to Rudi, with a brief statement that he would be happy to discuss any aspect of the job with members with queries and/or suggestions. Other than that he had nothing to report at this stage. See later notes in the minutes.

Treasurer David then handed out his Balance Sheet with the comment that we had good results from the Rally and that we had not made any charity donations for the year. Eric then raised the question as to what we should do this year on the charity front. The general view was that we increase our donation to the Rugby Club to £75 and leave it at that unless anyone has other ideas. Thoughts on this subject would be appreciated.

AOB.

Liz brought us up to date on the **Away Trip to Dundee** in September with 9 couples confirmed so far at £360 per room for D,B&B. It may be possible to add to this list if anyone else wishes to go.

Ian then raised the question of **Club Fees** and it was agreed that £15 would be the figure for existing members payable December 2017 with £18 for new members.

Keith then came in with an update on the **Rally** with Margaret and Susan handling the Tombola and one Trade stand so far booked. Judith raised the question of charging the public and this was rejected for possible legal reasons. Beryl suggested the stalls be relocated to a more sheltered position closer to the wall. Keith still needs an updated members list.

The question of the Rally Handout then was raised with a sample wee pocket organiser shown. It looked a handy thing and could be used for Club Member entries. It was a thought and we need to think of a non member handout. More to come on this. What about Rosettes for the Run entrants?

John K then mentioned the **Moffat Rally** this year (24/25 June) which will be individual entry only. You may still be able to get a spot if you contact Gordon Bisset.

Drive It Day 23rd April. Thoughts please as to destination such that we can finalise for the April Meeting. Wigtown was suggested with a run round the Machars possibly starting at Glen Luce. Meeting at 1 pm for 3 pm gathering in Wigtown. Any other ideas get them noted.

Derek then suggested we look at compiling a list of vehicles with a view to collating a list of various spares held by members. Essentially to allow a sensible use of spares tucked away in various garages and lock ups around the region. Derek has amassed a lot of stuff. Again thoughts on this are needed for a future meeting to discuss implications.

Ian then repeated his vote of thanks and appreciation to all who chipped in throughout the year – well done all. With no other business the meeting closed at 2.50pm.

THUMPER.

The committee then stayed on to discuss Rudi's proposal that he take on more under the banner of Secretary with a view, among others, to rationalise the system for handling the newsletter issue related to hard copy issue. Suffice to say that Rudi, David and Sandy will discuss and sort this out.

Finally John K raised the question of the black and white Printer he still has. Keith proposed that he could use it in the Men's Shed and this was agreed.

THUMPER

MY AUTOMOTIVE PEDIGREE

Putting the newsletter together is a welcome distraction from the other issues going on round here. I get to think about my favourite pass time, four or more wheeled internal combustion engine propelled vehicles. I recently passed 70, enough said about those transgressions, and took a rear view mirror look at my motoring "pedigree" and was horrified (?) to discover that my pedigree stretched to more than 100 vehicles over time. Some spreadsheet that is and it has been suggested that I share this journey with you.

Sandy.

Mr Vnuk's Slovenian Incident

What, and who, is 'Vnuk'? The VSCC will enlighten us with their insight into this issue.

'Vnuk' is a European Court judgement given in September 2014. A Mr Vnuk was injured when a tractor manoeuvring a trailer in a farmyard in Slovenia knocked him off a ladder. He then tried to claim compensation for his injuries from the insurer of the tractor.

The Slovenian court had to consider how Slovenia had implemented the EU Motor Insurance Directive into its local law. They referred a question to the European Court, to clarify whether the need for compulsory third party insurance should include use of a vehicle as a machine (rather than as a means of transport) away from public roads. *Slovenian law only required compulsory insurance for use of a vehicle as a means of transport on public roads.*

The European Court ruled that *the requirement for compulsory insurance should cover any use of a vehicle, so long as that use is consistent with the normal function of the vehicle.*

But we're in the UK, not Slovenia?

Every country in the EU must reconsider their local law because of the Vnuk ruling. We don't know precisely when the UK Government will begin the formal process of leaving the EU and we don't know how long that process might take. In the meantime, the UK remains part of the EU and is obliged to consider how the Vnuk judgement impacts UK law and in particular the Road Traffic Act.

We have only just heard about this because the Government launched its consultation on 22 December last, thus bringing the matter into greater public focus and so leading to media coverage of the issue.

Why does this affect motorsport? (or maybe some show entries trailered to shows)

The Vnuk judgement affects all vehicles which are not currently required to have third party insurance. This includes ALL motorsport vehicles, even land speed record vehicles and even those already insured for road use, and everything from electric bicycles, golf buggies, quad bikes and ride-on lawn mowers, through to forklift trucks, agricultural machines and construction plant. Even static vehicles in museums and SORN'd vehicles would be affected.

As a club our Rally entry form says "All vehicles must comply with current Road Traffic Act Regulations." **The Road Traffic Act has not changed, which means there is currently no requirement for compulsory third party insurance for motorsport or shows. QED no problem.**

The club also has insurance that covers all members when attending our Rally and, if I understand correctly, attending other show events. If I have got the wrong end of the stick perhaps someone will correct me.

Ed.

WYTMC 2017 Events Program

	Day	Date	Event	Time	Text
January	Monday	1 (BH)	No Meeting		
February	Monday	6	Club Meeting	02:00 PM	Belted Galloway, Newton Stewart – talk by Blood Bike riders and users about Blood Bikes
March	Monday	6	Club AGM	02:00 PM	Belted Galloway, Newton Stewart
April	Monday	3	Club Meeting	02:00 PM	Belted Galloway, Newton Stewart
FBHVC	Sunday	23	Drive It Day	01:00 PM	Any good ideas for a place to meet.
May	Monday	1 (BH)	Club Meeting	02:00 PM	Belted Galloway, Newton Stewart
	Saturday	20	Club Road Run	01:00 PM	Any good ideas for a place to meet.
	Sunday	21	Club Rally	10:00 AM	Stranraer Rugby Club - Please be on site by 10.00am. Rally organiser Keith Jakeman has arrangements well in hand but still needs volunteers in all departments on the day. He is issuing an urgent plea for someone to run the tombola. Please help if you can.
June	Monday	5	Club Meeting	02:00 PM	Belted Galloway, Newton Stewart
	Saturday	24	Moffat	10.30am	Moffat Rally , individual entries only. Contact is Gordon Bisset. Details are on Page 17 of the SVVF 2017 Yearbook, see Scottish Routes.
	Sunday	25	Moffat	10.30am	(Be there on time or be in Autojumble field)

The above program is just an extract of the full Events spreadsheet to get our own Rally and the date and contact details for Moffat out there for you. Other dates need clarification before they are published.

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.

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)

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)

WYTMC Membership Renewal for 2017

I enclose my membership fee of £13.00 for the period to 30 November 2017.
(Please complete all relevant sections in order that we can keep our records up to date)

Signature

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(please print)

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