

Wigtownshire Yesteryear Transport & Machinery Club

Newsletter March 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.

YOUR COMMITTEE

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NON COMMITTEE

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Ed's Bits

Hello WYTMC, only a month to go to Drive It Day and two months to our Run & Rally in May.

I must start with an apology for the delay in starting the task of compiling this month's newsletter. I put it down to family matters, both human and vehicular. Yes, you've guessed it, that Disco again. The suspension was having a real paddy. Would you believe that putting two carrier bags of supplies for a long trip for one would cause a reactive suspension system to rise by about four or five inches? Ho hum, I await the bill with trepidation.

Treasurer Liz has asked me to put out a wee nudge for any overdue subs. There is also info on Vehicles of Historic Interest or in government terms, VHIs, which Derek Smith has sent me. I am surprised by the issues this new classification raises.

Ed.

WYTMC - MINUTES OF AGM – 5th MARCH 2018.

The meeting opened at 2 pm with 23 members in attendance and apologies from Sandy & Christine, Alan & Judith, Lynne & Derek, Clive West and Chairman Ian. By the time you get your copy of the newsletter Ian will be home and back in commission very soon. We all send Florence and Ian our best wishes for a successful recovery and getting back to business as usual..

Keith opened the meeting in Ian's absence with a welcome to all for a healthy turnout and handed over to Secretary Rudi for his comments.

Rudi told us that he had been a member for 9 years and that now Josie and he were settled in their new home in Portpatrick this was effectively his first year of full involvement. He wished to thank all who helped in their settling in period and is looking forward to a satisfying future as Secretary. With nothing else to add he handed over to Liz.

Treasurer Liz handed out copies of the latest financial report for perusal and comment to attending members. This report will be sent out with the newsletter. She told us we had 39 fully paid members to date with 23 remaining to decide their position. She expects a fair number will renew and a reminder will be included in the newsletter. Liz deserves a vote of thanks for the amount of work she puts into the club. A right wee grafter. Liz then reminded us of our usual action towards local charities and is looking for suggestions from members as to who should benefit. To help this along it was suggested that a list of suitable local charities be compiled and included in the newsletter and opinions can then be expressed.

Keith then raised the question of the election of Office Bearers and Committee members. It was agreed that no change was in order and this was passed. Thanks to all involved for continuing in post.

Keith also reminded us that all cups, plaques etc should be handed in in plenty of time for our May show. Our first event of the year will be Drive It Day on the 22nd April details of which will appear in the newsletter. He then trusted that we would have a good 2018 year of events with the hope that we will be blessed with rather better weather. He then asked if there was Any Other Business.

Derek updated us on details of the local Trim Lady and told us he has passed this information to Sandy for inclusion in the newsletter.

With no other business Keith closed the meeting at 2.45pm and handed over to social chat and general catching up with friends.

THUMPER.

WYTMC 2018 Events Program

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	1:00 PM	FBHVC National Drive it Day. Information about WYT&MC run / day will follow. The club run will start in Glenluce at Tarff Valley's. The route directions will be handed out at the start.
May	Monday	7	Club Meeting	2:00 PM	Belted Galloway, Newton Stewart.
	Saturday	19	Club Road Run	12:00 AM	The Annual run will start in Glenluce at Tarff Valley's. The route directions will be handed out at the start.
	Sunday	20	Club Rally	t.b.a.	Further announcements by rally organiser Keith Jakeman will follow. Entry forms with details have been sent out by Keith.

WYTMC ANNUAL RUN AND RALLY 2018 DETAILS

THE RUN WILL TAKE PLACE ON SATURDAY 19th. MAY
& THE RALLY ON SUNDAY 20th. MAY

The Rally will be at the Stranraer rugby club grounds with exhibitors in place by 10.00 am.

Closing date for entries is 26th April. Late entries will be accepted but may not appear in the programme. Please send entries to the Rally Secretary at the address below.

Categories: VINTAGE, VETERAN, CLASSIC, KIT CARS
MOTOR CYCLES
TRACTORS
COMMERCIALS
MILITARY
STATIONARY ENGINES
MISCELLANEOUS

The organisers of the Rally, while taking every precaution with regard to safety, will not be held responsible for injury to persons, or damage to, or loss of property, during the above Rally. You must remember that all vehicles must comply with current Road Traffic Act Regulations and no stationary engine is to be left running unattended.

No confirmation of entries will be sent unless specifically requested and a stamped addressed envelope sent to the Secretary. Only one award per exhibitor will be issued and there will be a prize for furthest travelled exhibitor.

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MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS

Membership subscriptions were due for renewal on 01 February 2018.

Subscription is £15 per membership household (£1 of which goes to pay for your SVVF Yearbook that you will have received in January).

There are a number still outstanding. If you haven't renewed yet can you please do so by our Rally in May at the latest or let me know if you are not renewing.

Many thanks.

Subscriptions should be sent to me at: 5 Doon Brae, Newton Stewart, DG8 6LQ

Liz Hamilton, Treasurer

VEHICLES OF HISTORICAL INTEREST

And now for this new classification, well, new to me, a car is a car is a car and can provide fun, fun, fun. Some are just older, a wee bit like ourselves, and some are of greater interest than others regardless of age. I have to admit to being very taken by the new 86K dollar Dodge dingbat featured on Top Gear recently, nought to 60mph in 2.5 seconds, wow!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

FROM HM GOVERNMENT:

<p style="text-align: center;">VEHICLES OF HISTORICAL INTEREST – this is a more detailed account of the new guidance owing to space restrictions last month</p>
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Vehicles of Historical Interest (VHI): Substantial Change Guidance

Most vehicles manufactured or first registered over 40 years ago will, as of **20 May 2018**, be exempt from periodic testing unless they have been substantially changed.

Large goods vehicles (i.e. goods vehicles with a maximum laden weight of more than 3.5 tonnes) and buses (i.e. vehicles with 8 or more seats) that are used commercially will not be exempted from periodic testing at 40 years.

A vehicle that has been substantially changed within the previous 30 years will have to be submitted for annual MoT testing. Whether a substantially changed vehicle requires re-registration is a separate process.

Keepers of VHIs exempt from periodic testing continue to be responsible for their vehicle's roadworthiness. Keepers of vehicles over 40 years old can voluntarily submit vehicles for testing.

Keepers of VHIs claiming an exemption from the MoT test should make a declaration when renewing their vehicle tax. The responsibility to ensure the declared vehicle is a VHI and meets the criteria, rests

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VEHICLES OF HISTORICAL INTEREST (continued)

with the vehicle keeper as part of their due diligence. If a vehicle keeper is not sure of the status of a vehicle, they can consult a marque or historic vehicles expert, a list of whom will be available on the website of the Federation of British Historic Vehicle Clubs.

If a vehicle keeper cannot determine that the vehicle has not been substantially changed, they should not claim an exemption from the MoT test.

The criteria for substantial change

A vehicle will be considered substantially changed if the technical characteristics of the main components have changed in the previous 30 years, unless the changes fall into specific categories. These main components for vehicles, other than motorcycles, are:

Chassis (replacements of the same pattern as the original are not considered a substantial change) or **Monocoquebodyshell** including any sub-frames (replacements of the same pattern as the original are not considered a substantial change);

Axles and running gear – alteration of the type and or method of suspension or steering constitutes a substantial change;

Engine – alternative cubic capacities of the same basic engine and alternative original equipment engines are not considered a substantial change. If the number of cylinders in an engine is different from the original, it is likely to be, but not necessarily, the case that the current engine is not alternative original equipment.

The following are considered acceptable (not substantial) changes if they fall into these specific categories:

- changes that are made to preserve a vehicle, which in all cases must be when original type parts are no longer reasonably available;
- changes of a type, that can be demonstrated to have been made when vehicles of the type were in production or in general use (within ten years of the end of production);
- in respect of axles and running gear changes made to improve efficiency, safety or environmental performance;
- in respect of vehicles that have been commercial vehicles, changes which can be demonstrated were being made when they were used commercially.

In addition, if a vehicle (including a motorcycle):

- has been issued with a registration number with a 'Q' prefix; or
- is a kit car assembled from components from different makes and model of vehicle; or
- is a reconstructed classic vehicle as defined by DVLA guidance; or
- is a kit conversion, where a kit of new parts is added to an existing vehicle, or old parts are added to a kit of a manufactured body, chassis or monocoquebodyshell changing the general appearance of the vehicle;

...it will be considered to have been substantially changed and will not be exempt from MOT testing.

However if any of the four above types of vehicle is taxed as an "historic vehicle" and has not been modified during the previous 30 years, it can be considered as a VHI.

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VEHICLES OF HISTORICAL INTEREST (continued)

HOW TO DECLARE A VEHICLE FOR THE 40 YEAR MoT EXEMPTION

Vehicle keepers are required to ensure that their vehicles are taxed when used on a public road. From 20 May 2018, at the point of taxing a vehicle, the vehicle keeper can declare their vehicle exempt from MoT if it was constructed more than 40 years ago.

When declaring an exemption, you will be required to confirm that it has not been substantially changed (as defined in this guidance). This process will be applied to pre-1960 registered vehicles, as well as newer vehicles in the historic vehicle tax class.

If the vehicle does not have an MOT and you wish to continue using it on the public roads, you will have either to undergo an MOT or, if you wish exemption from the MOT, to declare that the vehicle is a VHI. If the vehicle has a current MOT certificate but you anticipate that on expiry of that certificate you will wish exemption from future MOTs you will at the time of relicensing be required to declare that the vehicle is a VHI.

ADVICE (not part of the guidance)

What do I need to do if I am responsible for a vehicle first registered before 1960?

These vehicles are currently exempt from the requirement for a valid MOT certificate to be used on public roads. Most, but not all, will continue to be exempt. You still need to keep the vehicle in a roadworthy condition and can voluntarily have a test. We recommend continued regular maintenance and checks of the vehicle.

You need to check whether the vehicle has been substantially altered within the last 30 years checking against the criteria (in the guidance notes). If it has been substantially changed, an MOT certificate will be required for its use on public roads from 20th May 2018, even if the vehicle has previously not required an MOT.

If your vehicle does not have a current MOT test certificate and is exempt from needing an MOT test you will need to declare this each time when you apply for Vehicle Excise Duty.

END OF VEHICLES OF HISTORICAL INTEREST INFO

KIRKCUDBRIGHT SUMMER FESTIVITIES

&

KIRKCUDBRIGHT CAR CLUB

CAR SHOW



SUNDAY 20TH MAY 2018

ALL CARS/VANS/BIKES WELCOME

HELD IN THE HARBOUR SQUARE

FROM 10AM TO 2PM

PHONE BOB ON 07790961035 OR PETER ON 07802261496 FOR MORE INFO

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

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

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

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

Upholstery Materials

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**

Vehicle Upholstery Repairs

Tracy Haydock, Upholsterer, Whauphill, Dumfries & Galloway
Phone: 01988 840200, Mobile: 07484 325249

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