

# 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**

I started last month by moaning about being tired after the grandsons' visit. I should have used another opening as this month, wow, what a bundle of M6 lag coming back from the anniversary party on September 30<sup>th</sup>. One day's rest and then a trip to Glasgow, no rest for the wicked eh.

The worst bit of the trip was the tail wag of the camper when northbound on the M6 in the cross winds on Tuesday October 3<sup>rd</sup>. Passing trucks was a hazardous passtime, oops, especially if they had an uncovered load leaving larger gaps and disrupted slipstreams. On one occasion when I looked in my mirror along the outside of the van as I passed one of the open loads I spotted a wee puff of dust and dirt from the offside rear tyre as the rear wagged somewhat. That was not nice I thought as the van straightened up and continued without further incident.

**Ed.**

## **MINUTES OF MEETING OF WYTCM 2<sup>ND</sup> OCTOBER 2017**

The meeting opened at 2pm with 18 members in attendance and apologies from Alan & Judith, Ian & Florence and Sandy & Christine. Keith was in the chair in Ian's absence and we started off with the guest speakers from 02. Russel Hawkins the Guru of 02 led the discussion ably assisted by a Clydebank based colleague. The subject covered the area of mobile phone and internet safety. To the uninitiated this can be a potential minefield and it is comforting to know that help is there in Stranraer if you need it. A fair amount of questions and answers ensued and following this Liz handed over a thank you gift to both Gents.

Keith then moved on to other business passing over to Rudi who had not a lot to report apart from the fact that the Dundee Trip was a success. He then went on to say that he had been in contact with Our Wigtownshire Magazine reference a promotional article about our club and they will give this some thought to arrange a meeting to discuss possible content. When this meeting takes place Rudi will need back up from within the club to ensure we give them a complete and detailed description and history of what we are all about.

Liz then gave information that we had £1824.20p in the bank and that membership would start on the 1<sup>st</sup> February each year. She also reminded us of the raffle we used to hold at each meeting and asked if we should revive this. It was agreed to re-instate (the raffle) and Liz said this would benefit local charities. Good idea. She then went on to say that she had had contact with Doreen Scobie who sends her regards to members. Doreen remembered a Minimoke in the area some time ago and wondered if it was possibly the one Liz referred to in last month's newsletter.

Alister then had a couple of points to raise. The first concerned the thought expressed recently about a possible show at the Devil's Porridge. On checking he found they had limited parking space and it would not be possible to do so. The second point concerned the Xmas Lunch which will be on the 10<sup>th</sup> December at the King's Arms in Castle Douglas. Details will be forthcoming.

Keith then came back in to tell us that he and Chairman Ian had been elected as Marshalls for the Cults Go Kart Club. More to come on this. With nothing else on the agenda Keith closed the meeting at 4pm.

**THUMPER.**

### ***Apologies for Absence***

I must thank Thumper for including our apologies in the minutes as, due to my forgetfulness/tardiness, I omitted to send our apologies for absence from the October meeting as we would be away in Sussex. Thank you Thumper. **Ed.**

## ***T in Straiton***

Some of you may know The Buck in Straiton and may have had a most enjoyable tea there. It is well known to cyclists, bikers, MG enthusiasts whom I have snapped with their MGAs returning from a long run south, and no doubt many more groups.

Lately Christine and I have started collecting post cards featuring scenes of Straiton and we have just found one that puts another slant on T in Straiton.



The Model T Ford is parked outside The Black Bull pub, currently up for sale, and the wee boy on the right is between what is now The Buck and what is now the turning in to Dalmellington Road.

There is a less obvious collection of items in front of what was the shop and now The Buck which we have been able to deduce from other post cards.

**Ed.**

## ***Sandy's Cars***

Seeing this Model T picture has reawakened a past "poop poop", those of you familiar with Toad in the Wind of The Willows will understand what I mean by "poop poop". I was at one time taken with the idea of owning a T, but there was another theme when I came across T bucket hot rods but they will remain a maybe. My 1954 sit up and beg Ford Pop fitted that bill without the V8 until I broke the diff.

My favourite so far has to be my Alfa 75 3 litre Veloce, oh boy what pace and this is closely followed by the Citroen CX Gti Turbo, also pacey but a more leisurely 100+ than the Alfa. LJK Setright waxed lyrical about the CX.

Most fun has to be the Land Rover 90s and 110s when playing in the mud at AWDC trials. Oh, and have trailer, will hoard.

**Sandy.**

## What's That Car?

### MORGAN PLUS 4 PLUS



**Dates:** 1963-67

**Number  
Built:** 26

**Price  
Today:** Contact Club

In June I posed the above question by way of a challenge having seen the car when I visited the Morgan factory. I got one response which was very close, sorry Paul, so having found this picture with the correct name, thanks Amazon, I thought it time to publish the car's identity. A little known fact about this car is the reason for the roof shaping, not to clear hats but to make way for the tall form of Peter Morgan whose car is in the factory display.

**Ed.**

## Remaining Events for This Year

### WYTMC 2017 Events Program

<b>October</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Club Meeting</b>	<b>02:00 PM</b> Belted Galloway, Newton Stewart. This time there will be a speaker. Mr. Russel Hawkins, the "Guru" of O2 will tell us all about the use and safety of mobile phones and internet.
<b>November</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>Club Meeting</b>	<b>02:00 PM</b> Belted Galloway, Newton Stewart. A speaker of St. John's Scotland will come to speak about this organisation.
<b>December</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Club Meeting</b>	<b>2:00 PM</b> Belted Galloway, Newton Stewart, Our member Derek Smith will give a talk about Quik Response Medical Emergency.
<b>December</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>Christmas Lunch</b>	<b>t.b.a.</b> Xmas Lunch will be on the 10 <sup>th</sup> December at the King's Arms in Castle Douglas. The menu will be available for the November meeting and newsletter.

We need to start thinking about next year now. Two or three suggestions have been put in play. Devil's Porridge was one, perhaps a breakfast outing LOL? Unfortunately I concur with Alister's assessment about the space as we have visited both the old church site and the current one. Following our recent Steam Up Day visit to the Scottish Industrial Railway Centre, Dunaskin at Waterside/Dalmellington I can vouch for the space and our cars and trucks would be at home with the steamers. It is also relatively easy to find on the A713. The Dumfries Air Museum would be another interesting place to visit.

**Ed.**

## **4 SALE – CARS, COLLECTIBLES, SPARES, SUPPLIES**

Deadline for inclusion is 10<sup>th</sup> 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 (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.

#### **Custom Car Magazines**

Is anybody interested in Custom Car Magazines from the 70's and 80's bound by year in hardcovers?

If you are, please contact me, Rudy, by email ( [rudy.bruens@btinternet.com](mailto:rudy.bruens@btinternet.com) ) so I can put you in touch with the present owner.

**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](http://www.solwaywindscreens.co.uk))

### Bodywork

#### **Reids Accident Repair Centre**

Blackparks Industrial Estate,  
Fountain Way, off Commerce Road,  
Stranraer DG9 7UD  
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