

# Wigtownshire Yesteryear Transport & Machinery Club

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## CLUB INFORMATION

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## **Ed's Bits**

Well, the grandsons have returned home, it's amazing how tired one can get buzzing round Scotland's tourist sites trying to find points of interest for a sixteen year old. We need not have worried as he thoroughly enjoyed the new Museum of Transport, the Tall Ship and the steam train ride at Dalmellington. Lunch at the Gemrock where he crammed in Pilgrim Pancakes, bacon and Maple Syrup and his younger brother tucked in to a Scottish Breakfast was an experience. Grandad also enjoyed the outings and the pancakes.

Things have been a wee bit hectic here as we pass our 50 year mark, Christine and I. We are joining our UK resident offspring for a party and part of the preparation was to dig out our wedding photos of which there were not so many. One of them reminded me of a link to Britain's great motor racing past. Staring back at me from the shadows of a large shrub outside the church door was the son of Doc Benjafield who partnered Sammy Davis in one of the triumphant Le Mans winning Bentleys. Son Bob Benjafield was chair of the Guildford Young Conservatives who arranged for Sammy Davis to give us a talk. **Ed.**

## **MINUTES OF MEETING OF WYTMCM DATED 3 SEPTEMBER 2017**

The meeting opened at 2.00 p.m. with 21 in attendance, with apologies from Sandy & Christine, Alan & Judith, Lesley G and Florence. Ian welcomed all members commenting the year was reasonable apart from the weather. We then stood for a minute's silence in memory of John Glover and Inge who passed away recently.

Ian then raised the question of the Christmas lunch. It was agreed that this should go East this year, with the consensus that the Kings Arms in Castle Douglas sounds the most promising. Alister will make contact with the hotel with the suggested date of Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December. Details will follow in due course.

Rudy then said he had not much to report on, but commented that he did not always have full information on all events and asked all members to keep their eyes open for suitable venues within and without our area. For example, Annan and the Devil's Porridge sites are possible considerations for next year, and Alister volunteered to speak to Spinning Wheels to see what they have in mind for the future. Other examples are the Summerlee Visitors Centre near Coatbridge, the storage site for Glasgow Museum of Transport, the Kelpies, and Leadhills Mining Museum. This may give us ideas for Club outings to such places with or without our Classics.

Liz then told us we made a loss of £33.56 on the Rally and that this was the lowest ever loss, and the current situation is that we have £1829 in the bank and a membership roll of 60. She confirmed that the Dundee trip was fully organised.

Over now to Keith who confirmed he has already some ideas for the Rally in 2018, one of these being inviting the brass band we heard at Sandhead this year. Could we possibly jazz up the Rally programmes for next year to boost sales? Another thought is to get an article and an advert in 'My Wigtownshire', and look into other sponsorship possibilities. The question of grants may also be worth re-investigating. Keith also told us that the Rugby Club were looking to obtain a marquee which we may be able to use at the Rally. The Rugby Club site has proved to be more suitable for our needs and we are already booked in for next year. Keith's relationship with the Rugby Club is certainly paying dividends. We also need to come up with ideas for next year's Pre-rally run.

Eric told us that he and Liz had visited the Ayr Airshow last week and said it had been fantastic, with good weather, plenty of parking and a really good day out. This could possibly be a group visit, with or without our Classics and is worth considering.

### **A.O.B.**

Ian confirmed we have a speaker for next month covering the subject on Computer and Mobile Phone safety. A very relevant subject.

Liz suggested that we invite St John's Scotland to give us a talk at the November meeting and will confirm this in due course.

With no further business, Ian closed the meeting and handed over to general chat.

**THUMPER**

## HERE IS THE FINAL INSTALMENT TO DATE OF MY CARS

Sandy's Motors So Far					
	Make	Model	Type	Year	When
<b>M</b>	<b>Morris</b>	Minor 1000	Convertible	1957	
		Minor 1000	Woody	1954	
		Minor 1000	Saloon	1954	
		Ital 1.3	Estate	1981	
	<b>Moskvich</b>	417	Estate	1972	
<b>P</b>	<b>Peugeot</b>	505 Family	Estate		
<b>R</b>	<b>Reliant</b>	Scimitar			
	<b>Renault</b>	Master	Van		
	<b>Rover</b>	90	Saloon	1955	
<b>S</b>	<b>Skoda</b>	Rapid 120	Fastback		
	<b>Subaru</b>	MV	4x4 Pickup	1987	1987
<b>T</b>	<b>Talbot</b>	Alpine	Hatchback	1978	1978
		Highwayman	Camper		
		Swift Kontiki	Camper	1991	1991
	<b>Triumph</b>	Vitesse 2000	Saloon		
<b>U</b>	<b>UMM</b>	4x4	Pickup		
<b>V</b>	<b>Vauxhall</b>	Victor FB	Saloon		
		Senator 3.0i 24V	Saloon		
		Senator 3.0	Saloon		
		Frontera 2dr	4x4		
		Ventora Auto	Saloon		
		HA Viva	Van		
	<b>Volkswagen</b>	Beetle	Saloon	1948	
		Split Screen	Van + Windows	1955	
		Bay Window	Devon Sundowner	1979	1979
		T4	Converted Van	2000	2000
	<b>Volvo</b>	740 Auto	Estate		
		240	Estate		
		240	Estate		
		760 Auto	Saloon		
<b>W</b>	<b>Winnebago</b>	Adventurer	Camper	1991	

I say final instalment to date as I sincerely hope there will be more. There are after all a few letters of the alphabet still not represented.

**Ed.**

## **CAN YOU HELP?**

I received a phone call about someone trying to trace an Austin Mini Moke. I asked the chap to send me some details and they are below. If anyone can help, please let me know and I will pass on the information.

**Liz (Hamilton)**

### ***Missing Moke***

"Many years ago (January 1995) I didn't buy a 1966 Austin Mini Moke as my 1st car, something I've regretted ever since, especially given that I then found out my grandad's friend owned it new (Gramps was deputy headmaster at Castle Douglas High, and not your typical moke passenger!) When I rang a couple of days after my test drive to see if it was still available I was told it had sold "to someone over Stranraer way"

Over the years I've made many efforts to track it down, and it seems all leads take me to Newton Stewart / Dunragit / Glenluce. I recently found some old Moke club magazines which give a Mr John Irving at 5 Heron Way, Newton Stewart and an Ian Wilson of The cottage, Auchenmalg as members in the 1990s - neither seem to still be at the same address. I wonder if they are still around / in the area?

Another name put forward is a rather less specific 'Rab' in Dunragit, apparently something of a classic mini fan, but I have no other details on him (other than that he was a prolific smoker, as he was referred to as 'Rab the fag!')

I also wondered if it might have been the former motor museum in Glenluce which I understand was open at that time, run by a Mr Adams?

I wonder, do you, or any of your club members have any memories of mini mokes in the area in the mid 90's or more recently?

I've had many classic minis over the years, but never a moke, and this one has always felt like the one that got away. Maybe I was just more sensible as a 20 year old than I am now?!?

After all this time the car may not even exist anymore, but if it does, I'd love to know what became of it, maybe even buy it, if that's possible.

It was at that time hand painted black over an earlier coat of red and was in fairly poor condition with a fault with the brakes when I test drove it at Barwhinnock, near Twynholm. I think the registration may have been SW 9445, but this may be wrong."

**Anon (Liz Hamilton)**

## WYTMC 2017 Events Program

<b>September</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Club Meeting</b>	<b>02:00 PM</b> Belted Galloway, Newton Stewart
	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>Selkirk</b>	<b>11.00 am</b> <b>Selkirk Rally.</b> Sunderland Hall, near Lindean, Selkirk, Scottish Borders, TD7 4QW. Organiser's contact number 07847-863698. More details and entry form on <a href="http://www.selkirkvintagecarrally.org">www.selkirkvintagecarrally.org</a> <b>Scenic Run on Saturday</b> start at 11.00 am.
	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>Selkirk</b>	<b>11.00 am</b> <b>Selkirk Rally.</b> Sunderland Hall, near Lindean, Selkirk, Scottish Borders, TD7 4QW. Organiser's contact number 07847-863698. More details and entry form on <a href="http://www.selkirkvintagecarrally.org">www.selkirkvintagecarrally.org</a> <b>Show on Sunday.</b> Gates open to the public 11.00 am.
	<b>Monday</b>	<b>25/28</b>	<b>Away Break, Dundee</b>	Liz has booked 3 nights at the Invercarse Hotel, Dundee.
<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>t.b.a.</b>	Christmas lunch/dinner.

## ***Welcome to New Member***

Michael & Cara Whyte, Port William – Morris 1000 Saloon.

## **PICTURE OF A RECENT EVENT ATTENDED BY WYTMC MEMBERS**



This picture clicked with a program I watched this week about the RAF and Dunkirk.

It seems that MG contributed to the development of the early Spitfire as the pilots recognised a need for a rearward view from the cockpit so that they could spot Me109s sneaking up behind them. One of the pilots removed a mirror from his MG and redeployed it as a rear view mirror atop the cockpit windscreen on his Mk 1 Spit. Job done.

The picture was taken at the Dumfries Air Museum which was one of our possible visits during the recent grandson visit. Sadly we did not get to fit it in.

My childhood and ATC Cadet aircraft recognition skills were tested. I think the ugly mug on the left of the picture behind the MG is a Wessex chopper, next in line is a Meteor. Behind Nigel's Wolesley 6/80 is a Jet Provost, don't know the green one, but next is a Hunter and then, taking centre stage is the beautifully ugly Ganet with folding wings out stretched and contra rotating props, oh, and a rather nice looking yank just by it.

Perhaps we should do the Air Museum again next year. I also think we would enjoy a trip to a Steam Up Sunday at Dalmellington where we could put on a car display near the wee station platform.

**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**

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Fountain Way, off Commerce Road,  
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Phone 01776 702538