



NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN 2014

Welcome



Mike Kent
Club Chairman

Hello and welcome to the Autumn Newsletter. First of all I'd like to welcome our new members. I think I've met most of you, but those I haven't I will try and catch up with as soon as possible.

This year's show was made more of a challenge than usual with the new venue requiring far more planning. To move an established show of this size is not an easy task, and I would like to say thank you to all those who helped with organising the event. The weather on the day made for an even greater challenge, with heavy rain in the morning and strong winds in the afternoon. A great effort was made by the Gazebo Display Team to keep everything as near to the ground as possible. Grand job chaps, we kept it all within the designated area.

At 7.30am I thought we would be lucky to get ten vehicles turn up, but turn up they did. Several people bringing classic cars that never normally ventured out in the wet. What brilliant support we have. All the visitors I spoke to thought the College far better than the Racecourse, which is very encouraging for the future.

To achieve an overall income of just short of ten thousand pounds I think is fantastic given the terrible weather this year.

Big thanks to Steve & Jim

Finally I would like to say a big thank you to the College, especially Steve and Jim for all their effort and support to get things organised as we did.

Mike

Great result—Well done everyone

Bringing together all the necessary ingredients to run a successful classic vehicle show is always a difficult task. We knew back in January that the chances of running the show at our traditional location of Newbury racecourse was very slim, and so it proved to be the case. To the rescue came Newbury College. Initial discussions and a tour of the potential show site done, we grew in confidence that our 22nd classic vehicle show would go ahead and importantly at our traditional



time of the second weekend in August, a date in so many classic car owners' diaries.

There is no doubt that to relocate and prepare for the show took an enormous amount of organisation and effort. The WBCVC committee and members, in cooperation with Newbury College, should be very

proud of their achievement and I offer my congratulations to all involved and my sincere thanks for once again raising a substantial amount of money for Leukaemia and Lymphoma Research.

The money raised will go towards the continued fight to beat blood cancers. LLR has been working for over 50 years and the research stops more people dying from blood cancers and now prevents people developing blood cancers in the first instance.

Les Taylor,
LLR Newbury Branch Chairman



Despite the wind... and the rain... we had a great turnout for our Annual Classic Vehicle Show. Above — Mike presents the Chairman's Choice Award to Mrs Portsmouth and her Riley 4/72



Getting chummy... Roy Parr and Bob Williams



What does it say...? Roger Cadman being read to by Frank Cheevers

Hungerford Antiques Arcade

A repeat of the Hungerford Antiques Arcade event on September 21st again proved very popular. Club members enjoyed the sunshine and with a good turnout of 16 vehicles it attracted a lot of interest from passers-by.

November Events

1st 2nd — *Classic Vehicle Restoration Show, Bath & West Showground*

2nd — *London to Brighton Veteran Car Run*

9th — *Classic Car Breakfast Meet, The White Lion Antiques Centre, Hartley Witney*

10th — **CLUB NIGHT** – *Skittles evening*

14th 15th 16th — *NEC Classic Motor Show*

16th — *Sunday Lunchtime Natter – The Castle Inn, Donnington*

23rd — *13th Drive In Classic Car & Bike Autojumble, Three Counties Showground, Malvern*

December Events

8th — **CLUB NIGHT**

14th — *Classic Car Breakfast Meet, The White Lion Antiques Centre, Hartley Witney*

14th — *Sunday Lunchtime Natter – The Castle Inn, Donnington*

Vehicle Security



- Forensic Marking Kits

Members of vehicle clubs affiliated to the Federation of British Historic Vehicle Clubs (that's us!) are being offered one of the top vehicle security systems at a very special price.

The Federation has negotiated a group discount with makers, **Securit DNA** so that FBHVC affiliates can purchase their forensic marking kit for less than £30.

Each kit contains a bottle of fluid in which tiny microdots are suspended. The microdots contain a unique synthetic DNA code which is retained on a national database and which records details of you and your vehicle.

Kits can be purchased direct from the Federation at a cost of £29.90 each. All that is required to get this special price is to give your name, club and membership number, and of course a cheque made payable to FBHVC. More information at www.fbhvc.co.uk in the news section.

Send in your pictures

Got a story you want to share, information on something of interest, or a picture we could include? Email:

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Tech Corner

Top tips for Winter



If you are planning to take your vehicle off the road this winter, here are some tips to help to preserve it over several months in storage:

- Change the engine oil and filter immediately before storage. Changing the oil will remove contaminants including moisture and leave surfaces protected by a film of clean lubricant
- Change the engine coolant (with the correct type – Classic, HOAT or water-free as applicable). In the majority of conventional applications, the coolant concentration should be 50% vol/vol in water. If you are unable to change the coolant, at the very least check that the concentration is correct
- Ideally, drain the fuel system. If this is impractical, fill the tank(s) completely (to reduce the chance of condensation) and consider adding a Fuel Stabilizer (available at Motor Factors). As Premium Unleaded Petrol (95 RON) purchased in UK is almost certain to contain up to 5% bioethanol, and given that this component is less stable than the base fuel under certain circumstances, it is advisable to drain the carburettor float chamber(s) to reduce the chance of the formation of gum-like deposits and corrosion of the carburettor housing (which is most commonly made of zinc-rich alloy)
- Ensure that the battery is fully charged. The most effective way to do this is to take the vehicle on a reasonable journey and to then connect a battery conditioner (not a conventional battery charger). This will bring the battery to full charge and maintain it in this state. Note that battery conditioners are designed to be connected to



batteries for long periods of time. If your battery has removable cell plugs, ensure that the electrolyte is at the correct level in each cell

- Top-up the brake fluid. If you have access to an electronic tester which can measure the boiling point of the fluid, use this to check the condition of the fluid and replace as necessary
- Pump grease of the correct consistency and type into suspension joints and bushes to displace dirt and moisture
- Consider changing the oil in the transmission and final drive. The normal wearing of gears, particularly final drive gears, tends to generate large amounts of very fine debris and changing the lubricant will not only refresh the lubricant additives but will also remove moisture and contaminants
- If you are planning to leave the road wheels on the vehicle, inflate the tyres to the correct pressure, chock the wheels and release the handbrake. If space allows, periodically roll the car forwards or backwards to prevent the tyres coming to rest in the same place
- Ideally, take the weight off the tyres by placing the vehicle on axle stands. If you remove the road wheels, store these horizontally in a cool, dark place
- Wash and wax the car and as far as is possible remove road dirt and grime from the wheel arches, sills, sub-frames, etc. Unblock accessible drain holes. Ensure that the vehicle is completely dry before placing into storage
- Clean bright-plated bodywork fittings with a non-abrasive metal polish and apply a film of Water Displacing Fluid. This will help to protect chrome work from the effects of condensed moisture. Avoid contact of rubber seals with this type of fluid.
- If your vehicle has leather upholstery, apply a high quality hide cream. Pay particular attention to the areas of highest wear and rubbing
- Lift the wiper blades off the windscreen

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