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Editor's Ramblings

It certainly seems to me we are racing through the Events and here we are at the beginning of August, with so many events, we are spoilt for choices. There are events on every weekend in August. By the time you read my this article, Summer Spectacular at Lymington will have been and gone.

August Club Night – As we missed the Fun Concours bit from our 'Fun Concours & Barbecue,' last month, because it was too hot to be lifting bonnets. We are going to hold a Fun Concours at our August Club Night, so when you park on Tuesday, lift your bonnet if you wish to take part, so that we can see your engine bay, parking spaces will be reserved for us again by the practice nets so please park there if entering the Fun Concours.

Treasure Hunt & Picnic – Sunday 9th August, we have 11 cars taking part in this event, which is well down, comparing it to previous years. I will have the clipboard at Club Night, so please put your names down to support Linda and Mark, who take the time and effort to organise this event. I know how long it takes because Charles Smith and I used to organise it, before Linda and Mark helped me out.

Vintage Nostalgia – Saturday 15th August, I know I keep banging on about this event and I cannot for the life of me, understand why more members don't seem interested in this event. As I have said many times previously, it is not just cars in a field, there is a variety of thing taking place. This is where you ladies that are going to Goodwood Revival can pick up your outfit. We actually need a minimum of eight cars to qualify for a Club Stand, so come on you lot, make a decision and put your name down. Of course, it maybe that your car is outside the 1990 age limit, but it doesn't mean you cannot attend, there is public parking and then you can join us on our club stand. I know this event is the day before Simply Jaguar, but we don't often have this double event situation, so run this by the 'Boss' and we look forward to seeing you there.

Bob has sent out emails regarding Forthcoming Events, one of which is the Supercars & Classics at Canford School on Sunday 23rd August to see if we can muster enough interest to qualify for a Club Stand, but I can't see that happening on the numbers at the moment. We need 20 cars or more?

Bob has sent some emails around the membership regarding most of the events in August, as it would appear that the numbers were very much down on the clipboards. I'm just wondering how many members actually read the magazine and the Forthcoming Events page, or are you all suffering from Heat fatigue and are finding it all too much?

Verwood Rustic Fayre – Bank Holiday Monday, this still one of the best events in the calendar and I know some of you have had few issues when the 3-Counties Club were in charge of organising the classic cars. We were never allowed a Club Stand, although they had a club stand and now the Triumph Register have taken over and relaxed the age limit to



One of the highlights from Rustic Fayre is the terrier racing

before 2000 and quite rightly has a club stand. Well, I made some enquiries about a club stand and they said yes, we can have one. This is great because the only way previously for us to be together, was to meet at Morrison's in Verwood and enter together. However, it would appear we have not had much support for this, as there is only FIVE cars on my list, which is very disappointing. Doesn't really warrant a club stand.



Classics at the Castle - Sherborne

Heat and shade have been the main concern since the last week in June and not the usual, 'Is it going to rain' syndrome! Often suffering from Murphy's Law. The Coleman Shelter is a must at this event, as it comes handy for protection from the sun and very often from the rain. On this occasion, we did experience a few spots of rain, enough to flick the wiper switch on.



However, the sun did eventually come out from beneath the cloud ceiling, just after lunch.

Bob and I had arranged to meet at the Baker's Arms pub at 8.00 am, giving us an hour to complete the journey, but when we arrived, our stand was virtually full up. In the old days when this event was organised by Merlin Events, I am sure they gave us much larger pitch and did not stipulate how many cars were



Gordon having a quick 40 winks, this car show business is so exhausting?

allowed on the area. We used to make a circle out of a square, all round the outside and that left an area in the



A very rare, 1955 split-screen Morris Minor in lovely condition, yours for just under £7,000.



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middle for the Coleman Shelter and other cars of note. After the usual meet and greet with fellow club members and sipping a cup of coffee, I could hear the usual engines revving from the supercars, but I must admit, they don't do much for me. I think they are a rich man's toy, very impractical, noisy and very uncom-



A 1972 VW K70, the first water cooled engined car, one of only four RHD models, making this car the oldest in existence. As Derek would say from the Bangers & Cash Team, It wants a little bit of 'Weekend Work.'

fortable, certainly on the state of our roads today. (This comment may prompt a letter to the Editor?) but each to his own?

I suppose you could call me a grumpy old man, but at my age, I am looking for comfort and a smooth ride, which usually comes with owning a Jaguar. It even covers the E-Type range, because people who have never ridden in one before, are surprised how comfortable they are. I then had my usual wander round



A beautiful 1979 Ford Capri V6 3.0 Litre S model, This car has won concours awards.

trying to find unusual, interesting or rare cars to photograph, before ending back a base for some lunch. I remember thinking how good it was to see so many cars on display from all different eras, all being used and brought to these car shows for the public to bring back memories about similar cars that their mum and dads drove. I reckoned there was as many cars in the public area, than in the show areas.

Towards mid-after noon the wind really picked up and lifted up the Somerset Regions Coleman Shelter, so they decided to take the cover off. A couple of our members needed to leave early as they had another function booked, but they were well and truly blocked in. So, after a bit of a discussion and with our Shelter, also threatening to fly off across the fields, we also dismantled ours.

It is now a tradition with Bob and yours truly that we would have an ice cream and we were the last to leave, but we had left it too late, as all the ice cream vans had shut up shop.



Not sure if this is legal or is it just a show plate?



Fun Concours & BBQ

Holding our Fun Concours and BBQ in the middle of a 'Heatwave,' was always going to be a challenge, with the thermometer hovering around 31 degrees, lighting the coals to make us even hotter was sheer madness.

All of this of course would be completely unknown at the time of booking the Horton Village Hall in the middle of winter. I suppose we could have cancelled



at the Horton Village Hall, there was nearly enough shade around the perimeter, but I was also able to squeeze the Coleman shelter in the back of my XF to provide enough shade for over 50 members.

However, when it came to doing the Fun Concours bit, both Bob and I decided it was too hot to asking members to open their bonnets etc.



the event or told everyone to bring some sandwiches, but no, we are British, so we don't do that, we have to carry on as normal. "Only mad dogs and Englishmen go out in the Midday Sun."

The burgers and sausages were bought, the coals were ready to be lit and the two barbecues had been shoe-horned into my XF, so it was all systems go. Fortunately, we had some shade at the back of the hall and the kitchen was also facing north. The catering staff led by Wendy had put in the hours on the previous day, but still it had to be laid out.

It was also going to be all about shade and fortunately

All being well, we will incorporate this into our next Club night activities, which is how we used to conduct this a long time ago in Pete Everett's era, and I have to tell you, that I won the dirtiest engine bay with my E-Type, three times on the trot!





Electrifying fuel duty

Welcome to the VED club folks - you didn't really think you wouldn't have to pay for the privilege, did you?

Starting April 1 (laughable date), 2028, the UK will introduce the Electric Vehicle Excise Duty (eVED). Fully electric and hydrogen cars will pay 3p per mile, and plug-in hybrids (PHEVs) will pay 1.5p per mile. This is in addition to the standard Vehicle Excise Duty (VED) and will rise with inflation. Many of the first wave of EV buyers did so because there was no fuel duty. Well that didn't last long did it?

Drivers will submit odometer readings when renewing their VED and provide an estimated mileage for the coming year, which can be paid upfront or in increments, with options to top up or roll over credits depending on your actual eventual mileage.

Electric vans, buses, coaches and HGVs will - initially at least - be exempt, however the government rejected proposals for rural exemptions or "free miles," as the tax aims to mirror how fuel duty works.

Even with the new charges, EV drivers will pay roughly half the per-mile tax that combustion engine vehicles currently pay in fuel duty (approx. 5-6p per mile). For an average driver covering 8,500 miles per year, this translates to an extra £255 annually for an EV and £127 for a PHEV.

Commenting on behalf of the Alliance of British Drivers, the organisation's Director of Policy Brian Gregory, says: "This is totally unnecessary, given His Majesty's Government (HMG) already has the 'SMART' technology in place to meter energy out to any BEV at a cost commensurate with refuelling a petrol or diesel vehicle.

"So why do these clunky, clearly unworkable, pay-per-mile proposals?

"Well we know, of course, it's not about recouping lost vehicle taxation at all, but about road user surveillance & control.

"Also, if a BEV user recharges the vehicle in Europe, he/ she has for sure already paid local taxation on that energy.

"It really ought to be illegal for HMG to financially double-charge on that transaction?"

Selective Battery Electric Vehicle (BEV) charging—where charging rates are actively controlled or vehicle batteries discharge power back into the grid—is actively mandated and governed by statutory instruments.

The integration of vehicles with the electrical grid relies on established international digital communication standards and enshrined legislative frameworks.

Leading hardware and original equipment manufacturers (OEMs) have begun integrating this protocol to support distributed energy resources (DERs), whereby parked EVs help balance weather-dependent renewable generation.

In the UK, legislation requires that all newly sold domestic and workplace charge points come pre-configured to default off-peak schedules (avoiding 8am–11am and 4pm–10pm weekdays) and incorporate random delay functions to protect grid stability.

"It's clear that the technology and infrastructure exists to charge monetarily at the point of delivery, in the same way as a conventional internal combustion vehicle," adds Brian.

"Why therefore is this not the method being used? Surely the method proposed is far more expensive to implement and maintain - and less technologically elegant."

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS 2026

August

Sunday 2nd	Summer Spectacular, Lymington	Woodside Park from 10.00 am to 4.00 pm-Pre 2001 cars
Sunday 2nd	Jaguars at Parham House	Storrington - Book on-line
Tuesday 4th	Club Night	Hamworthy Club - 7.30 pm
Sunday 9th	Treasure Hunt & Picnic	Whitsbury Village Hall, Fordingbridge. SP6 3PZ
Saturday 15th	Vintage Nostalgia Reunion	Stockton Park - pre 1990 classic car - £5 book on-line
Sunday 16th	Simply Jaguar Day	Beaulieu Motor Museum (Club Stand - book on line)
Sunday 23rd	Classic & Supercars	Canford School (book on-line)
Sat. 29th	Wings & Wheels	Henstridge Airfield (Book on-line)
28th - 30th	CarFest	Silverstone Circuit (Book on-line)
Monday 31st	Rustic Fayre	Potterne Park, Verwood - pre-2000 cars only (book tickets on-line)

September

Tuesday 1st	Club Night	Hamworthy Club - 7.30 pm
Sunday 6th	Classics on Christchurch Quay	11.00 am - 5.00 pm Entry fee £2.00, bring a drip tray.
Sunday 6th	John Haynes Classics	Haynes Motor Museum (book on-line)
12th & 13th	Autumn Classics	Castle Combe (Book tickets on-line for JEC club stand)
18th - 20th	Goodwood Revival	Motor Racing Circuit
Sunday 20th	Classics on Christchurch Quay	11.00 am - 5.00 pm Entry fee £2.00, bring a drip tray.

October

Tuesday 6th	Club Night	Hamworthy Club - 7.30 pm
Sunday 25th	Autumn Road Run	Details later

November

Tuesday 3rd	Club Night	Hamworthy Club - 7.30 pm
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December

Tuesday 1st	Club Night - Mince Pies	Hamworthy Club - 7.30 pm
Sat. 12th	Christmas Lunch	Royal Motor Yatch Club - 12.00 noon

★ Red text = new additions or alterations since last month

CAR FOR SALE

Chris Young is looking to sell her late husband Mark's car, which is in lovely overall condition and would like a Dorset Region member to take it over. Bob started the car up a week last Friday and the engine is very smooth and there are no oil leaks anywhere which is unusual for a Mark 2. It's a 1965 3.4 manual overdrive and is fitted with an alternator and electric power steering which works well.



All the history paperwork is with the car going right back to the original bill of sale in 1965!

Mark bought it from Ken Jenkins who will only sell genuine cars that he is happy with.

Mark was the fifth owner from new. It has covered 65k miles from new. Current MOT and everything is in good order.

Chris is looking for £47.5k ono and that figure is recorded in the file as a recent valuation by Trevor at Gables Garage who looked after it for him.

More pictures available on request if anyone shows an interest. Contact Bob 07502 293110

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Tuesday 22nd September - 17th November

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CLUB NIGHT VENUE

The Club meet on the first Tuesday of every month from 7.30 p.m. onwards at the Hamworthy Club, Magna Road, Dorset. BH21 3AP

Food is available prior to club night, order at the bar.

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