

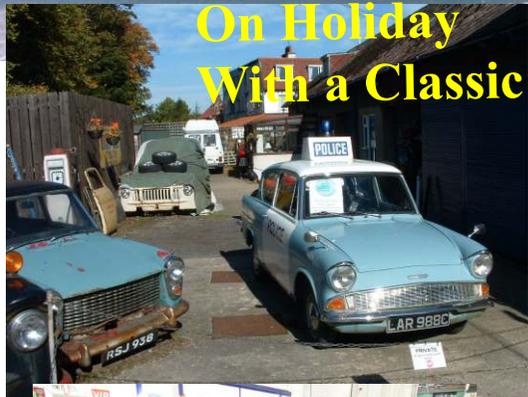
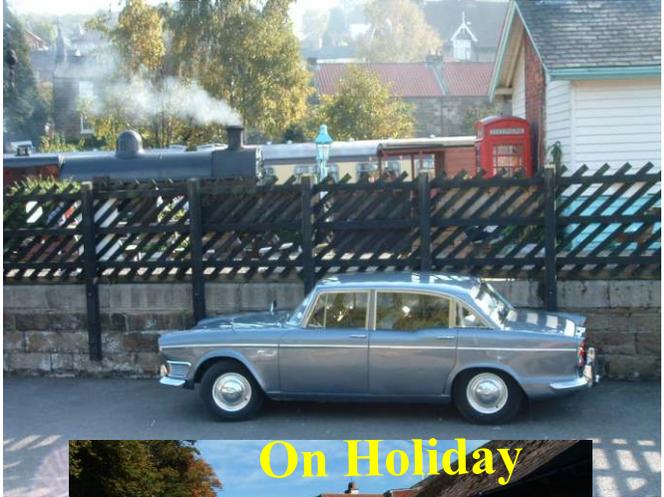


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With a Classic



Lake District Museum



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Next Meeting 8th May

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Orford Green, Warrington

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Chairman's Chatter

Well after a balmy March, April has come back with a vengeance. The poor blighters north of the Border had 24C one day and plenty of snow the next, whilst the people in the South have a hosepipe ban. – work that one out !!!!!!!!!!!



I attended the Event City show (24th/25th March) with the Sunbeam Alpine Owners Club, and as a first time for me I really enjoyed it. It seemed to be reasonably well attended, about 400 classics there and a decent amount of the public paid to get in.

It was great to see some of our members there, albeit on other club stands, and some as visitors. To our amazement, the Sunbeam stand got 4th best in show which out of 82 stands wasn't bad at all.

I had the Alpine beautifully polished, and on my return home, my grand-kids kindly uncleaned it by wanting to sit in it and put fingermarks all over the place. You should all be starting to get those classics ready for May, where Culcheth Carnival leads the charge on the Bank Holiday Monday (7th). I usually regard May as being the start of the main classic year.

On the Club front, Nigel has been grafting away, worrying Rob (the Treasurer) in the process, by spending some of the club funds. He is in the throws of finalising the Rally Plates and the Feather Flags (or Beach Banners as they are also known) ready for the shows ahead. He really deserves a pat on the back (or is it a pie in the mouth?) Anyway, I hope Nigel is in a position at the next meeting to give us an update.

I have thrown in a measly plastic table cloth, in blue, to go with the ambience of the club's colour themes. All I need now is Nigel to supply the table – what are Vice's for ??????

Don't forget to bring some money with you as Paul (The Showman) Birchall may start to empty your wallets with entry fees where required.

Look forward to seeing you at the next meeting

Russ

Chairperson NWCC

Bits ‘n Pieces

For club polo/sweat shirts contact Kosi Kare and ask for Mel. Tell her your a member of NWCC and choose which design you want. Standard club colours are blue or white but you can have the club logo on any colour, eg: to match your car. Contact Kosi Kare on 01942 323868.

For other products you can shop online at www.kosikare.co.uk/.

WANTED

Do you have, or do you know of someone who has, a small trailer for sale. If you know of one please see Paul Ganniccliffe or give him a call on 01925 724929

Drive It Day - 22nd April

This year we will revert to the original route of Ferry to Ferry. Last year we couldn't do this because of a charity event being held on the Wirral on the same day. This year, however, that has already taken place.

We will be starting from the Ferry Inn car park, meet from 9.00am for 9.30am start, and driving to the Ferry Hotel, Eastham, Wirral for lunch. There will be a stop half way and we should arrive at our destination around 12 noon.

Club Events

Drive it Day - Apr. 22nd

Culcheth - May 7th

Cholmondeley - May 13th

Tatton Park - June 2nd-4th

Hale Carnival - June 9th

Road Run - June 24th.

Ferry Show - July 1st

Warrington TC - July 7th

Oulton Park - July 14th-15th

Boddelwydden - July 22nd

Woodvale - Aug. 3rd-6th

Tatton Park - Aug 18th-19th

Cholmondeley - Sept. 2nd

Bury Festival - Sept 9th

Wellington, Hale - Oct. (date tbc)



Take Nobody's Word For IT !

by Steve Tanser

As some of you may know, last year I added to our fleet with the purchase of a 1966 Humber Super Snipe. The car was on eBay and the seller was in Crewe so, after a phone call, we went down to view it before bidding.

I looked around the car, lifting carpets as much as I could, checking the door bottoms, sills, wheel arches, etc. All the usual places looked to be sound.

The seller told me he had restored the car and had it resprayed and, indeed, it did look newly restored on the outside with a used patina on the inside. I could see that there would be a few jobs to do which was fine. We agreed on a price subject to him putting a new MOT test on the car. In the short time I've had the car the windscreen washers haven't worked, the hand brake only held when it felt like it, the power steering pump leaked and a drop link from the rear anti-roll bar was broken. I believe all these should result in a test fail.

As you read this I have dealt with most of these problems, making a new part for the hand brake lever from scratch, and adapting other parts.

As the title says, take nobody's word that the car your buying is road worthy. I can keep the down the cost by doing the work myself, if you have someone else doing the work it can cost a fortune putting right what should have been done before you were parted from your hard earned money.

CAR MUSEUM NEWBY BRIDGE

If you're ever in the Windermere area of the Lake District, and it rains (a most unusual occurrence I know), try a trip to the Lakeland Motor Museum.



Here's the link to their Website
<http://www.lakelandmotormuseum.co.uk/>.



We bought a combined ticket (not cheap at £16.00+) but worth the money we thought. This included a return boat trip from Bowness to Lakeside and a mini-bus transfer to the museum. You can, of course, just drive to the museum, there is free parking.



The museum was really clean and well looked after. Many different types of cars and lots of bikes too,

with a TT section. At the back of the museum is a section dedicated to the



Campbells – the car and boat people not the soup! There are replicas of their cars and boats. We would suggest visiting there first as it's only small, and then go into main museum. Outside too is a great old caravan. The write up tells you it's not too good to tow, even with a Jag, it weighs one and a half tons!



We can recommend the scones with jam, butter and cream at the café next to the museum too.



Jim and Joan White

On Holiday by Steve Tanser With a Classic



At the end of September we decided on a holiday in North Yorkshire with the Humber.

We went to

a classic car show at York Race Course



first (see January Backfire) and then carried on to Pickering, where we had booked in to a B&B with secure parking.

The first day was

spent looking around the town and visit-



ing the tourist information centre to get some ideas. We then went into the station for a look around as Pickering is where the

North Yorkshire Moors Railway has its terminus on its line running to Whitby. As we walked on to the platform we were lucky to time it just right as a train entered



the station pulled by a steam engine. On the second day we drove a circuit around the area taking in roads and villages used in the

filming of 'Heartbeat'. The route took us through Goathland, the village which was Aidensfield in the TV series, and we had



a lovely lunch in the 'Aidensfield Arms'.

The next village from Pickering, on the Scarborough

rough road, is Thornton-le-Dale. Just into the village is a classic museum which is well worth the £2 entry fee. It is packed from floor to ceiling with memorabilia as well as cars, bikes and commercials. They have also started having regular auctions. For those with a sweet tooth, a must visit is The Chocolate Factory in the village centre.



Our week also included a drive into Scarborough for the day where we found the building that was used for the outside scenes

on 'The Royal', a spin off from 'Heartbeat'. We took the train to Whitby for a day, which was like stepping back in time being pulled by a steam engine.

On the last weekend we drove up to Grosmont, the last stop on the line before Whitby, as there was steam gala, where we watch various movements of engines and trains. We then had lunch in The Station Tavern by the

tracks. Real ale, Sixties music and steam trains going past the windows, it doesn't get any better.



It was a fabulous week but, it was over all too quickly. I'd definitely recommend a similar holiday, using your classic as it was meant to be used.

Backside

