

# Stourbridge Pre-War and Classic Car Club

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## Minutes of Meeting held on the 11th January 2024

### 1) Apologies: -

Ian Hankinson, John Vickers, Martin Brown, Iris and Rob Gillett, Chris Read, Eric Masters, Dick and Buffy Chater and Richard Freak.

2) Agreed minutes of last meeting: -Proposed by Alma Humphries,  
Seconded by Kevin Birch.

3) Matters arising: - None.

4) Chairman's Report: - John reported that the Christmas Party was well attended, with special thanks to Dick Durose for his entertainment. The 50+ who turned up had a good night with a "Free Raffle".

The last meeting before Christmas was a quiz night. This was another enjoyable evening, unfortunately Kevin "The quiz master" was not able to attend, however he passed the questions and the answers on to Howard. The exception being the answers to the anagrams. Everyone did very well and another "Free Raffle". Again, a very good turnout.

The New Year's Day run was well attended, partly due to the good weather. A good collection of old and classic cars made for an enjoyable time. There was well over 60 adults plus several children who attended, each adult was given a ticket for another free raffle. The pub donated 2x£25 voucher for food as raffle prizes. There was a collection of £117 raised for the staff. Well done and thanks to all who attended.

5) Vice Chairman's Report: - Dave gave thanks to John for organising the Down Inn. With good food, a good turnout, and a free raffle, what was not to enjoy. Dave also reported that Steve Butler is 75 today the 11<sup>th</sup> of January, a card has been sent.

**6) Secretary's Report:** - Howard thanked all those who contributed raffle prizes to the various events. The number of donations was such that it covered the number of free raffles over the festive period.

In respect of the quiz night Howard thanked Kevin for providing the questions and answers, he had also enjoyed taking on the roll of quiz master.

Howard mentioned that the meeting in February will be the A.G.M. and asked that if any member, with 5 or more years in the Club, wishes to put themselves forward for any of the roles, to seriously think about it and have a nomination form filled in. You will need a proposer and a seconder.

**7) Treasurer's Report:** - The Club's financial year ended on the 31<sup>st</sup> of December 2023, so the book is now closed, and ready for its annual inspection.

Since our last meeting all outstanding payments for the party were received and invoices paid.

**Expenses:-**

£625 party buffet.

£100 entertainer at party.

£150 nibbles for quiz.

£139 Var prizes for quiz and raffle.

£250 Air Ambulance donation.

£50 Tettenhall Museum.

Income Nil.

**Accounts**

Savings £3038.37.

Current Account £564.52.

Cash in hand £20.82.

Nov raffle raised £28.

Thanks to all who took part.

**8) Newsletter:** - Yvonne said there will be a newsletter this month. Any content from members will be most welcome.

**9) Webmaster:** - N/A.

**10) Facebook:** - N/A.

**11) Events:** - N/A.

**12) Membership:** - Geoff had nothing to report.

**13) Historian/Librarian:** - Geoff Bethel informed the meeting that since taking over this role he has started going through all the past lists and checking that companies are still in business or not. Hence a new list will become available in due course. If any members have current contacts for companies, please inform Geoff.

Geoff's email address is [geoffbethel@talk21.com](mailto:geoffbethel@talk21.com) in future this will be on the front page of the newsletter along with Howard's and my own email addresses.

**14) A.O.B.:** - Alan Bateman reminded the members that we do not accept annual subscriptions until after the A.G.M.

In respect of the N.E.C. Kevin said we have had no cars put forward. He is looking for a pre-war, a post war and a car to work on.

Cars suggested so far were Martin's Lanchester 10, Christians 1932 Rolls Royce Phantom. John Lees volunteered his G.P.O. van and Simon Bigg's Jaguar. Most of the above cars have not been promised yet, they are just ideas. Chris Less still has not put the engine in his Austin!!!!

Steve Lowe attended an auto jumble where he bought an old brass SPW&CCC badge and wondered if any member would like it and donate money to the Club. Alan Jones bought the badge.

John Bates noted that an MG, the same as his own, will be auctioned at Brightwell on the 2n of February.

**15) Mid-month Lunch:** - Due to meeting at New Year, there will be no mid-month lunch. The next one will be in February. Howard will send out future dates when he receives them.

**16) Raffle:** - The winner this month was Howard.

Meeting finished at 9.21pm

Behind every angry woman stands a man who has absolutely no idea what he has done wrong.  
(If you find this untrue, please blame Dave Finch)



MATT



*Postmasters will eventually be offered £75,000 - or a book of first class stamps, whichever is worth more'*

I found the above picture amusing because of the lack of punctuation. I read it as dead children would be slow to cross the road.

Rare baby giant flying haggis born in captivity at the Edinburgh Zoo.



## Food, Glorious, Food

30<sup>th</sup> of November was the Christmas party in the meeting room at the Con Club, the room was full of members all chatting, eating, drinking, and having a jolly time. Unfortunately for me it was St Andrew's day and there was not even a hint of haggis on the menu.



The Club party was followed by the Quiz Night.

Unfortunately, the evening started with the news of the sad passing of Kevin's mother, we send our condolences to Kevin at this sad time.

This left a vacancy for a quiz master.....we were looking for someone who was smart, debonair,

amusing and knew the answers, unfortunately we got Howard instead! Ah well he tried his best. The quiz produced puzzled faces, much muttering, but no use of Google. The most puzzling question of the night was anagrams of MPs. Who knew Doris Johnstone's full name is Alexander Boris de Pfeffel Johnston???? Good one there Kevin. We all enjoyed snacks and a free raffle to which many members donated prizes.

## **New Year's Lunch**

What a glorious sunny day we were blessed with. Howard and I encountered rain after we left Kidderminster and got heavier as we approached home. Due to the glorious sunshine, there was an excellent turn out of over 60 adults plus several children. Everyone appeared to be in good spirits as there was a lot of noise in the room. John struggled to get quiet during the raffle, once again there was a super selection of prizes.





As you can see there was a superb turn-out of old and even older cars. Martin Brown, Alan Jones, and Howard all won prizes for their cars. Martin's car took much of the attention and admiration. People

were so pleased to see he had got Michael Bun's Lanchester back on the road so quickly and he was using it.



## **Rev's Meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> January**

Howard and I attended this meeting in the RME, as the heater is useless it was a rather cold journey. When we turned up there were only a few cars in the car park which we thought indicated there would be a poor turn out. Alan Bateman and Alan Jones were there to greet us.

Having been caught out once before we made certain we got in the breakfast queue rapidly. For once it was warm in the church. A group of the SPW&CCC members sat together, in fact it was



suggested that next time we take the feather banner with us! I had a quick count coming up with roughly 12 members were there, though not 12 cars. (We missed you Martin).

When we went back outside the car park was full, meaning it was like a game of chess to get the early leaving cars out. I guess the sunshine had brought the cars out, though quite a few were modern, there was a good collection of classic cars. Our RME (1954) was one of the oldest there.



Later in the day pictures of the event appeared on the Rev's Facebook page. It was surprising how many of the SPW&CCC cars were on there. This is a lovely, friendly meeting, a good way of spending a couple of hours on a Saturday morning.



These were taken when the car park was almost empty, I didn't get the

opportunity to take a picture of the rest of our group's cars.

## Editor's Ramblings

Dear All,

A Happy New Year to one and all, let us hope it is a good one, and as I write I would also include a lot less storms and heavy rain. We fortunately live at the top of a hill, but our village is at the bottom, the roads in and out of the village were flooded and there was also a small landslip on the Hanbury road. We have suffered slightly compared to other parts of the county.

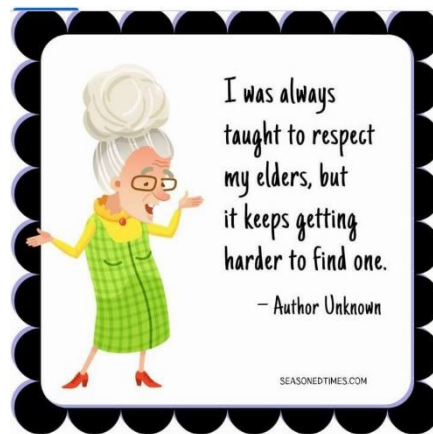
Are you desperate to help run the club? Though all the committee are willing to stand again, there is nothing to stop you standing for one of the positions. You may feel some apprehension about taking on a role, I am certain the present holder would willingly work alongside you for a couple of months. We are always looking for fresh ideas and keen enthusiasm to keep the club current and moving into the future. Please give it some thought.

You must get two people to sign the form, one to propose and one to second the nomination. If you would like to nominate someone, please get their permission first, don't let it be a surprise to the nominee on the night. Please let Howard or John Less know of your intentions by the 11<sup>th</sup> of February so we can let the members know the names of the people standing. Breaking news, Howard has just spoken to Iris, and due to circumstances, she is having to give up the post of Events coordinator. **So, we are now looking for an Events Coordinator**

Have a good month, see you at the next meeting. Yvonne



*'My boss has replaced me  
with a Fujitsu computer.  
It makes all the mistakes  
I make, but faster  
and more cheaply'*



I was always  
taught to respect  
my elders, but  
it keeps getting  
harder to find one.

— Author Unknown

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Cheap computer (not) is my excuse for mistakes too.

Thanks to Dave Finch for his contribution to the newsletter.

# Nomination Form

Position you want to stand for .....

Name of proposer.....

Name of seconder.....

Events Coordinator wanted.

