

Stourbridge Pre-War and Classic Car Club

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Minutes of meeting held on 13th July 2023

Before the meeting officially started John Lee announced that past member and chairman, Cliff Long had recently passed away. The funeral will take place on Friday 4th of August at Stourbridge Crematorium at 2.10pm. The after gathering will be at The Manor off the A449.

- 1) **Apologies:** - Ian Hankinson, John Bates, Chris Lees, Geoff Salminen, Mick Bunn, Dick and Buffy Chater, Pete James, John Bishop, Brian Hedges, Rod Jones, Richard Freak, Liz and Simon Biggs.
- 2) **Agreed Minutes:** - Proposed by Kevin Birch and Seconded by Geoff Bethel.
- 3) **Matters Arising:** - None.
- 4) **Chairman's Report:** - John Lees thanked all those members who turned up to the Concours at Arley Arboretum to help put up the marquee. Also, thanks to the members who brought 30 plus cars to the gathering and finally to the weather for turning up and behaving for us. It was a very enjoyable day and John, recommended we have the same venue for next year. This was agreed and Alan Bateman was asked to arrange this along with John Humphries.

There seems to have been issues in respect of the raffle, but this will be worked out for next year. There seemed to have been quite a lot of interest from the public, which can only be a good thing.

The Stourbridge Street festival could have been better attended by our club, only 6 cars turned up. Hopefully next year we can have a better turn up from our club.

John reminded members of the Club gathering at the Constitution Club on Saturday 29th of July from 12 noon. Please bring your Pre-war and classic cars as it would be nice to show the members of the Constitution Club our cars and what we are all about. Please can you park your cars at the top

of the car park as far as possible thank you. The barrier will be open from 12 noon until 1pm for non-Con club members to enter the car park. Depending on the weather, if good there should be a BBQ in the car park, if inclement there will be food in the bar area to order. You are responsible for paying for your own food, the car club is not subsidising the event.

- 5) **Vice Chair's Report:** - Dave Finch thanked Pete Fox for his assistance in the judging of the cars at the Concours. The judging took longer than anticipated.

- 6) **Secretary's Report:** - Howard had little to say due to the fact he had been on holiday, however he did thank all those who helped out at the Concours.

Howard announced that we have a new member Andy Causer, he attended the concours in his TVR, but discovered our club at the REV's meeting in June 2023.

- 7) **Treasurer's Report:** - Expenditure last month: -
Bungee Marquee fixings £19.97, Arley Arboretum
Donation £200, concours raffle prizes £53.3

Income- £33.60 raffle, £702 canal trip tickets

Accounts

Savings- £3023.70

Current account- £2003.70

Cash in hand- £113.94

Last month's raffle- £33.60

Thank you to all who took part.

- 8) **Newsletter:** - Initially John felt the newsletter had run its course and as no one had come forward to take on the post of editor, members were not too bothered about receiving a newsletter. Howard did not agree with his statement and went on to say that every 3 months the minutes would be longer with other information included.

Yvonne Whatmough then said that following a discussion with Dave Finch (which ended up with an aching twisted arm) she has decided to re-take on the editorship for a period of time and the newsletter will come out periodically as against monthly.

Steve Lowe said that during the time he was not able to attend the club for family reasons, he found the newsletter most helpful in keeping in touch with what was happening in the club.

- 9) **Webmaster:** - Chris Read is in the process of updating the site with most of the Concours winners already downloaded.

At the last meeting Chris handed out a survey for members to complete. The results showed members visited the site to mostly check on events to come and look at albums of past events. Members visited occasionally and would like a “button” system to move from page to page.

Suggestions for a better access to sales page so if you have any car related parts to sell contact Chris. Minutes of meetings could also be included in the member’s only page.

Events could be more cohesive so that Club events are easily identifiable from other events.

Chris also has a total of 17 CDs of the club going back to the 60s and 70s. If anyone has any others Chris would like to take a copy for the club.

- 10) **Events:** - N/A

- 11) **Membership:** - Geoff was not in attendance, however John Lees said he had a few younger car owners coming into his garage for M.O.T.s, he was encouraging them to join the club. We need to promote the benefits of being a member and younger members are our future. Alan pointed out we have a potential new member at the meeting Richard, who owns a Triumph 1300, Welcome Richard.

- 12) **Facebook:** - Liz Biggs sent an email as she was unable to attend, unfortunately Howard did not see it until after he returned home from the meeting and he did not report on it during the meeting.

Facebook is fairly quiet at the moment as she has suffered a personal loss recently, she will be more active in August. At present members can't post on the Club page due to the change from Facebook to Meta. Anyone wanting to post on the Club page can message Liz Biggs. You can send a text and include images if you wish and she will make a post for you.

Simon won 1960s Best in Class at Walsall Arboretum Classic Car Show on Sunday 9th of July.

13) **Historian/Librarian:** - N/A

14) **A.O.B.:** - Alan Bateman said he has a number of car windscreen stickers. New members should have been given one on joining, so if you have not had one, please collect one from Alan.

As the stickers could do with updating to include or web page address, this is to be sorted.

John and Alma Humphries e-mailed Arley Arboretum To thank them for their hospitality and support for our Concours. John also thanked Richard Freak and Martin Brown for turning up early and having started erecting the marquee.

Martin Brown mentioned a car rally at Whem on the 23rd of July a Sunday. It is on the playing fields in the village centre and included will be a tour in the cars around the village. You need to be there before 10am. So if you want to join the tour you need to get there early. No need to book just turn up.

15) **Mid-month Lunch:** - No lunch this month.

16) **Raffle:** - This was won by Steve Lowe.

Meeting closed at 9.21pm

Editor's Ramblings

Dear All,

Yes, I am afraid it is me once more. After a discussion with Dave Finch, I am returning to the post of newsletter editor, temporarily, until a new editor can be found. I will not be doing a monthly edition, but will do a newsletter when there is something to write about.

My new email address is yvonnewhatmough@proton.me
I was hacked in my old account hence the change.
You can contact me by phone, email or by post at
18 Brickhouse Lane, Stoke Prior, Bromsgrove, B60 4LX....looking forward to the flooding in of articles.

Also in the news is that I have bought a new car, which some of you may know about. Before we went to France, we went to see Dick and Buffy and they kindly let me try the Riley to see if I could reach the pedals. I could, we took the car for a drive and came back and bought it. We collected it on Friday this week and I am looking forward to driving it. I have given the car a Sunday name of Reginald, otherwise it is Reg or Reggie. Howard has a few jobs to do Rufus then we will be selling him. Yvonne



Events

July

19th Picnic at Alex and Peggy's

23rd Car meeting at Whem near Shrewsbury

26th Evening cruise down the cut, commencing from the Bonded Warehouse at 7pm. You need to be parked up at 6.30 in the basin. There will be fish and chips and a Jazz band included in the price. Fully booked

31st Bowling Green Stoke Prior from 5pm

August

2nd Picnic

6th Trimpley

10th Monthly meeting

16th Mid-month lunch The Dog and Davenport Worfield (MITC) park in school car park

18th to 21st Welsh trip

26th Gloucester Retro Gathering, you need to book in.

28th Pershore Plum Festival.

28th Arley Vintage festival

28th Bowling Green Stoke Prior from 5pm

Note no REVs in August

September

2nd Peopleton, you need to book in.

6th Picnic at Alex and Peggy's

10th Dorridge Festival more info from John Bates 01527458278

14th Monthly meeting

16th-17th Stoke Prior Steam Rally.

20th Mid-month lunch TBA

25th Bowling Green Stoke Prior from 5pm

October

21st and 22nd Stourbridge Navigation Trust Open Weekend. Email stourbridge-trust@btconnect.com www.thebondedwarehousestourbridge.co.uk

