

Stourbridge Pre-War and Classic Car Club

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Minutes of meeting held on the 10th of August 2023

- 1) **Apologies:** - Ian Hankinson, Geoff Salminen, Geoff Bethel, Kevin Birch, Steve Low, Eric Masters, rod Jones, Chris Read, Dick and Buffy Chater, Mick Bunn, Liz and Simon Biggs.
- 2) **Matters Arising:** - Yvonne apologised for putting the wrong month June instead of July on the front sheet of the newsletter.
- 3) **Chairman's Report:** - John mentioned that the committee has drawn up a welcome pack, with Dave Finch being the main architect of the document. In future all new members will receive the pack which will include a window sticker, a written welcome letter and a couple of past newsletters. Yvonne and Howard have been tasked with sending out the packs out once the Club Membership Secretary, Geoff Salminen, has passed on the new member's details.

John said that the canal trip had been a great success. The band played along for most of the journey, with members singing and dancing. 39 members enjoyed the fish and chips. John thanked Chris Read for arranging the evening, members applauded their appreciation. The highlight happened when John Lees was "accidentally" locked in the gent's toilet: unfortunately, he was eventually allowed out.

The Constitutional Club gathering was well attended with 28 cars in attendance. Thanks to John Bates for coming up with the idea to celebrate 60 years of ownership.

It was pointed out that non-Car Club members had complained they saw some car members had brought their own food. The rules of the Con Club state only food purchased at the C.C. may be eaten on the premises. In future can we remember not to bring your own food, if you have dietary needs, please inform the Con Club. Apologies were given to Steve and all was forgiven.

The August picnic at Alec and Peggy's field attracted just 3 members, the pouring rain and holidays would have been a contributory factor.

4) Vice- Chair's Report: - Dave Finch reported that the Trimpley show was well attended with 12 to 13 cars. There was a short shower in the afternoon, otherwise the weather was kind. The show was good and all who attended seemed to enjoy themselves.

5) Secretary's Report: - Howard had little to say other than the C.C gathering was affected by the street market with signs saying the public could park on the C.C car park. This led to the situation that all of our Club's cars could not park together; apart from that it was a great show.

6) Treasurer's Report: -

Alan asked that can members please pay for raffle tickets using current coinage. Alan has a collection of three out of use £1 coins.

Expenditure last month: - Canal Trip £810

Income: -

£29 raffle Membership £20 Canal Trip £88

Accounts: -

Savings £3023.70 Current account £1213.70 Cash in hand £230.94

Last month's raffle raised £29. Thank you all who took part.

7) Newsletter: - Yvonne said can members please send any items for the newsletter to herself. Yvonne has yet another new email as the last one did not do what it said on the tin. Address later in this newsletter.

8) Events: - John Lees said he is trying to organise a trip to the Drakelow Tunnels, possibly on the 16th of September, a show of hands indicated a strong support. It would involve a one-hour tour of the tunnels at a cost of approximately £7.50. It would have to be a Saturday as there is limited opening.

John is also hoping to arrange a breakfast run to a transport museum, possibly on 30th of September.

Both dates could change so watch out for the final announcement in the next newsletter.

9) Membership, Historian and Facebook: - None of the reps were available for comment.

10) A.O.B.: - Pete Fox suggested an auction in the winter period, also another bowls evening. Committee will look into these.

John Bates brought up that only 3 members went in their old cars to Warners. As a club event he felt this was not good.

It was pointed out by John Lees that the Warners trip was not a Club event. This created a heated exchange between John Lees and Peter Dobson, with John adamant it has never been a club event and Peter disgusted that this regular event is not covered by the Club's insurance.

The outcome was that Peter left the meeting. The discussion continued as to what is and is not a club event. This discussion did not resolve the matter, so therefore the subject requires further debate as members need to know where they stand on insurance to dispel any further misunderstandings by the member.

John Bates, spoke to say he was grateful to Peter Dodson for having taken the trouble to arrange the holiday.

11) Mid-month lunch: - 16th August Dog and Davenport Worfield

12) Raffle: - The winner this month was Arthur Wood.

Meeting closed at 21:13

Mid-month Lunch Wednesday the 16 the of August.



The Dog and Davenport,
Main Street,
Worfield,
Bridgnorth, WV15 5 LF
Phone 01746716020

Please Park in the school car park and walk up to the pub. You will be able to choose your food on the day.

An Evening Gliding Down the Cut.

An evening gliding down the cut with the roof open, the birds singing, people waving from the bank and the sun shining in was what we had probably envisaged when we thought of on our canal boat evening. The reality was somewhat different, rain started about 4pm and by the time we reached the wharf at the Bonded Warehouse the puddles were well formed and everyone was dressed in waterproofs.



Unfortunately, the sides were all down on the boat and as the boat was a sell out the seating was very cozy indeed. Having said all that our party was determined to enjoy themselves whatever the weather.

We set sail at 7pm with lots of chatter and laughter. The jazz band soon started playing a whole host of tunes, which developed into a singalong later in the evening. We sailed for over an hour before we pulled into the bank where the crew quickly jumped off and ran up some steps. They were soon getting us

playing that well known game pass the fish and chips down the boat. Their arrival soon stopped all the chatter as we were all too busy chatting away.

The boat soon warmed up with all the bodies on board, jackets came off in many cases and window zips were opened. One brave gentleman decided to roll up the window for some fresh air: the owner of the boat had apoplexy as it was being rolled the wrong way and could crack. Unfortunately, I was the owner of said adventurous gentleman.

Yes, it was still raining when we left the boat, in fact when we turned onto the main road it had a boating lake on the Fox's removal depot side of the road.

Thanks to Chris Read for organizing a great evening, we are already looking forward to next year's adventure.

June 2023 Concours Results

Pre 1930

1st Tony Smallbone 1910 Austin 18/20 Ranelagh

2nd Alan Jones 1929 Rolls Royce

1930

1st Ken Wakefield 1937 Ford Y Type

2nd Alma Humphries 1936 Wolseley 12

1940's

1st Alan Bateman 1947 Triumph Roadster

2nd Alec Evans 1949 Humber Super Snipe Drophead

1950's

1st John Lees Junior 1959 Morris Minor

2nd Dick Chater 1955 Alvis TC21

1960's

1st Simon Biggs 1967 Jaguar S Type 3-4

2nd Richard Freak 1967 Lotus Elan

1970's

1st John Vicars 1974 MGB Roadster

2nd Arthur Wood 1974 MGB Roadster

Post 1980's

1st Martin Brown 2001 Jensen SV8

2nd Andy Causer 2004 TVR V900

Workhorse

1st John Smith 1966 Triumph TR4

2nd Christian Ditchfield Fiat

Cleanest Engine

Ian Hankinson Triumph Stag

Chairman's Choice

Alan Bateman 1947 Triumph Roadster

I know the results are rather late, anyway Congratulations to all the deserved winners, enjoy admiring your sparkling cup.

Editor's Ramblings

Dear All,

Here I am once again typing out a newsletter with actually not a lot to say as I have not attended many events of recent. I have written a report for the very successful canal trip, a good time was had in spite of the rain.

Talking of rain, we were not able to attend Trimpley as we were in Whitby for the big steam gathering which ended up being a wash out. We arrived on the Wednesday afternoon in the rain and we were towed onto our pitch. Thursday was dry during the day; Friday afternoon and evening was dry. Friday into Saturday the storm hit, the Saturday show was cancelled and they were offering to tow vans/caravans off. We decided to

stay hoping the show would happen on the Sunday. We spent the day huddling in the van.

No luck as it was wild overnight. We decided to come home as the tractor path in front of us had deep ruts and the following field the path was flat, but covered in a mud soup. In the end we saw very little of the show, but did see Whitby on the Thursday and Friday. Yes, we would go again if given the opportunity.

Our next club event will be to the Welsh farm, which we are looking forward to, hopefully we will get some decent weather.

Take care everybody and enjoy your motoring.

Yvonne

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Events

August

18th to 21st Welsh trip

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

28th Pershore Plum Festival.

28th Arley Vintage festival

21st Bowling Green Stoke Prior from 5pm

September

2nd Peopleton, you need to book in.

3rd Himley Hall Classic Retro Show 10 am to 4pm. Please see their website for further details.

6th Picnic at Alec and Peggy's

9th REV's at Enville 10 am to 12 noon.

10th Dorridge Festival more info from John Bates 01527458278

14th Monthly meeting

16th-17th Stoke Prior Steam Rally.

16th Mosely School open day. Please contact John Bates on 01527458278

20th Mid-month lunch The Queens Head, Wolverly. Meals to be ordered in advance, more details next month.

25th Bowling Green Stoke Prior from 5pm

October

12th Monthly meeting

14th REV's at Enville 10-12noon

18th Mid-month lunch The Old Gate, Heathton WV5 7JB Meals to order in advance.

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

November

9th monthly meeting

19th - 12th N.E.C classic motor show

11th REV's Enville 10-12noon

22nd Mid-month lunch The Bell Inn, Trysul, WV6 7JB Meals to order in advance.

30th Club Party in meeting room. More details to follow and date to be confirmed.

December

9th REV's at Enville 4pm Carols by Carlight.

14th Monthly meeting, quiz with snacks to follow.