

Stourbridge Pre-War and Classic Car Club

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Minutes of meeting held on Thursday 8th of February 2024.

- 1) **Apologies:** - Steve Low, Mike Dancer, Eric Masters, John and Alma Humphries.
- 2) **Agreed minutes of last meeting:** - Proposed by Alan Jones and seconded by Mac Grimmett.
- 3) **Matters Arising:** - John Lees highlighted a couple of points. A) the entertainer at Christmas was Bill not Dick Durose. B) The food vouchers donated by the down were for £20 not £25.
- 4) **Chairman's Report:** - John Lees started by welcoming Chris Read back after his operation and wished Steve Low a speedy recovery after his op, everything seems to have gone to plan according to Pete Fox.

Crumbles, the caterers at the club have moved on, a new caterer is taking over, and this is more a "Bistro."

The T.V. programme presented by Jay Blades and David Jenson has one of our members, Dave Spruce, on the show. The 10th programme in the series features Dave, so use catch up to watch it.

John hi-lighted the good turn out most Thursdays, so please come along and join in.

For the N.E.C. Restoration Show, Kevin mentioned we now have 2 cars confirmed for the stand. Martin Brown's 1935 Lanchester 10 and Simon Biggs' Jaguar S Type 1967. Kevin is seeking a 3rd car and is in talks with another member.

Kevin is also sorting out the rota for the stand. If you feel able to assist, please liaise with Kevin. The code for getting a reduced price for tickets for the show is to be e-mailed to Howard, who will send it out to members.

5) **Vice Chairman:** - Dave Finch reported that there was “Nothing to say.”

6) **Secretary's Report:** - Howard reported that Jane Williams, wife of Barry Williams, had e-mailed to say that Barry has had a bad year, but he would like to renew his membership.

On the 12th of June he was admitted to Bushey Fields hospital for Parkinsons. Barry was hallucinating, also delusional paranoia and Parkinson's dementia. Jane didn't realise Parkinsons could have such effects.

In September Barry was moved to Russell's Hall and after 10 weeks he moved into Brook Court care home in Kidderminster, where he will remain.

Jan said Barry likes to keep up to date with what is happening with the Club.

All of the Club members were sad to hear of Barry's situation and wished both Barry and Jane our thoughts and best wishes.

7) Treasurer's Report: -

The Club financial year began on the 1st of January with income from the raffle and a donation.

Income Raffle £28 Donation £10

Expenses Club annual insurance £337.32

Accounts Savings £3038.37 Current Account £227.70

Cash in hand £50.40

Jan Raffle raised £28

Thank you to all who took part.

8) **Membership Secretary:** - Geoff had nothing to report.

9) **Newsletter:** - Yvonne had nothing to report other than asking members for articles.

Dave Finch proposed a vote of thanks to Yvonne for her work in producing the Club Newsletter, all present applauded their support.

10) **Webmaster:** - Chris Read has started moving last year's items over to archive. The survey Chris did last year has shown we have a follower in Los Angeles. Chris is trying to make the Website available so you can visit it whilst on holiday. He wishes to put in events from further afield on the events list, so you can look to see if there is anything going on in the area you are holiday in.

11) **Events:** - Thanks were given to Iris for all her hard work over the past years, all present applauded this statement. Thank you, Iris.

12) **Historian/ Librarian:** - Geoff Bethel has been sorting through all the items in the folder he received from Rod Jone's family. Geoff is contacting companies to clarify they are still in business, then editing the list.

If any members require information for parts, etc. please contact Geoff who will be only too happy to pass on what he has. Should any member use a company they feel gave a good response can you inform Geoff.

13) **Facebook:** - Liz Biggs reported the site is regularly viewed by 95? people. We have a person in South Africa and in Saudi also.

14) **A.O.B.:** - Hank gave feedback on the mid-month lunch arrangements over the past year. Following the questionnaire, Hank has re-booked the top 3 again. He has also booked ones that have not been used for a long time. There is also space allocated for picnics at hopefully Alec and Peggy's.

Hank is still having difficulty with his phone line, so you may not always get through.

The list of bookings has been sent out, if you haven't received one, please let Howard know. There are quite a number this year which do not need pre-booking your food options. Things are slowly getting back to normal.

Alan Bateman reported that the new windscreen stickers have arrived, and you will receive one on renewal of membership.

15) **Mid-month lunch:** - 21st February The Hinksford Arms.

16) **Raffle:** - As it is the A.G.M. night there is no raffle this month.

Myth	Truth
Scottish men all regularly wear kilts	Kilts are often worn at weddings, posh dos and sports events*
Scots say 'Och aye the noo'	Scots never say 'Och aye the noo'
It snows in winter all the time	At low levels it's usually dreich or pishing doon
We are tight with money	We're are generous, funny and sexy!

Being Scottish

*Apart fae the odd legend who wears his kilt aw the time



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



NOTICE BOARD

Mid-month Lunch Wednesday 21st February.

The Hinksford Arms,
Swindon Road,
Swindon,
DY6 0BA

Lunch is booked for 12noon.



The new membership rates for 2024/2025 are as follows: -

E-mail copy of newsletter £23

Printed copy £28

The fees are due now and must be paid by the end of March. You can pay Geoff at the Club in cash or by cheque. He will not be there on the 22nd. Or you can pay by bank transfer: - Lloyds bank 30-14-51 sort code, account number 00023967 Ref (Your name)

Please if you have changed your car recently/ in the past two years, can you e-mail Howard to let him know what you now own, please. We are finding that our list is out of date.

John has suggested at the next Monthly Meeting we all bring a book along that can either be swapped, sold, or given away free. It must not be a magazine or a pamphlet.

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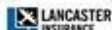


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****YOUR INDIVIDUAL CLUB CODE****

Stourbridge Pre War Car Club = S24CC919

Please note, this year Clarion Events is happy for your club to publish your club code across ALL your club's social media* as well as in club publications and websites without any restriction to members only. We hope this will benefit both clubs and the show by increasing your ability to sell advance tickets, and so benefit from the additional wristbands and commission offered below. Your club's social media followers and friends (not just members) may use your club code to book show tickets; encouraging them to meet you in person at the show is a great opportunity for you to convert them into full members! We also hope that by sharing club codes across social media we will reach and encourage a younger audience to come along to the show, to the benefit of the whole classic community.

Federation of British Historic Vehicle Clubs (FBHVC) Club Expo

Gaydon Motor Museum 20th January 2024

The meeting was opened by David Whale (Chairman of FBHVC) he explained the agenda for the day and informed us that their tree planting scheme to offset historic car mileage had reached 4.5 million miles, Tom's Wood where the trees have been planted is now full and two new planting areas are being started, both in Scotland, they are hoping to start another area in England, but so far a suitable location had not been identified.

1st Session Ideas for Building Car Club Membership

Dave Youngs / Wayne Scott

Some of the things discussed would not work for SPWCC such as club sponsorship and tailored insurance, using insurance companies as strategic partners, our club doesn't have enough members to interest the insurance companies and we don't have the sort or size of events to attract club sponsors, or am I wrong?

Strategic partner insurance can offer insurance packages tailored to the club, fully comp insurance cover to drive other members cars, buy back if car written off, young people insurance (for classic cars if the club recommends the young person), reinstatement cover, more than the car is worth to cover restoration costs. All of the above is fine but the insurer (Peter James) needs there to be 1000 members!

2nd Session New approach to Archiving

Andrew Austin / Andy Bye

This is an electronic, fully interactive archiving of club material.

We were given a live presentation of the system by Andy Bye. Photos, documents, technical drawings, and 3D models can be uploaded to the system and access can be given to members by password or it can be made available to the general public, for free or the club can make a charge. The system was very impressive BUT there is a set up charge of £300 and an annual charge of £670 + VAT for up to 30,000 images!!!!

I see this only being taken up by the rich clubs.

3rd Session Motul Lubricants

Callum Goodland / Hasanaat Tahier

Callum started by explaining the company history, it was set up in 1853 in America as Swan & Finch the company was eventually taken over by Motul. It is still a private family-owned business now based in France. They make lubricants for cars, motorbikes, steam power etc, i.e. almost every type of transport. They

offer a 15% discount for club member and a 5% club rebate quarterly. They offer technical support to club members and interestingly they have an oil testing service which can identify problems with your engine, gearbox, back axle etc, they supply a kit with sample bottle, syringe, and pipe so that you can take a sample from your engine, gearbox etc and send it off to them for laboratory analysis. It costs £35 and they will get a report back to you in 3 to 5 days plus Hasanaat with ring you to explain the results, likely causes of issues etc.

4th Session Car Loan Scheme

Bob Wilkinson

Bob now has two helpers to administer the scheme.

Started out with one car, there are now 20 cars loaned out and a total of thirty cars have been used so far.

Age range 20- to 40-year-olds. The cars are leant for one year to the successful applicant who must make sure they are properly maintained and looked after.

They get a special insurance rate from Peter James insurance. Sixteen or seventeen of those that have had the use of a loan car have gone on to buy their own classic car.

5th Session Solving the Fuel Challenge

Nigel Elliott (Automotive Fuels Specialist)

As Nigel had talked about ethanol in fuel before he said he was going to do something different.

He talked about electricity and power generation detailing the possible technologies to replace fossil fuels.

The headline points were:

The UK plans were not consistent with engineering reality with respect to power generation, distribution, and storage.

If all transport in this country was electric, we would need three times the current generating capacity. He had detailed figures showing current and required capacity.

If electric heating were to be added, we would need five to six times the current generating capacity!!

Oil and gas will remain the dominant energy source beyond 2050.

Wind and solar need back up generation without this back up we will have unstable power supplies.

His advice is to change components to deal with E10. He believes it could go up to E20 (20% ethanol) in the future and then E10 would become the protection level instead of the current E5.

6th Session Essential Guides

Chris Cartmel

Chris was asked to prepare this booklet at fairly short notice, we were all given a glossy copy BUT, we were advised that this 1st version has omissions, and a 2nd copy will follow.

It includes a case study from the stag Owners Club who have had non obtainable scuttle vent and door handle bowls remanufactured. The case study explains their experience and issues that came about in getting the items produced at a competitive cost and good quality.

FBHVC advised that Public Liability insurance is now in place to cover remanufactured parts, including parts exported to America.

This wouldn't affect our club as we don't remanufacture parts.

7th Session DVLA Question Time

Ian Edwards, David Whale

The FBHVC were a consultee on the DVLA HQ Review, they have submitted a 12 page (concise factual document) with recommendations / suggestions, but to date despite pushing they have heard nothing!! Apparently because the head of DVLA moves on very quickly nothing gets done, the last head was only there for three months so difficult to build a relationship. David Whale has been meeting weekly with the Department of Transport minister to try to hurry things along. One item in their submission is where a body change is made on a chassis and the chassis is numbered but the new body isn't (pre-war type cars). The DVLA ruling was if the new body was of the same construction, it was acceptable and the vehicle could keep the same number plate BUT, DVLA changed their minds (for no apparent reason)! They have been asked to clarify their position but so far have not responded (for some months!) so several people are in limbo, they can't tax and use their vehicles.

It appears that nothing is being sorted out at DVLA, but FBHVC are continually pushing to get the items in the 12-page submission moving and to try to remove the back log.

8th Session My Generation

Matt Coles

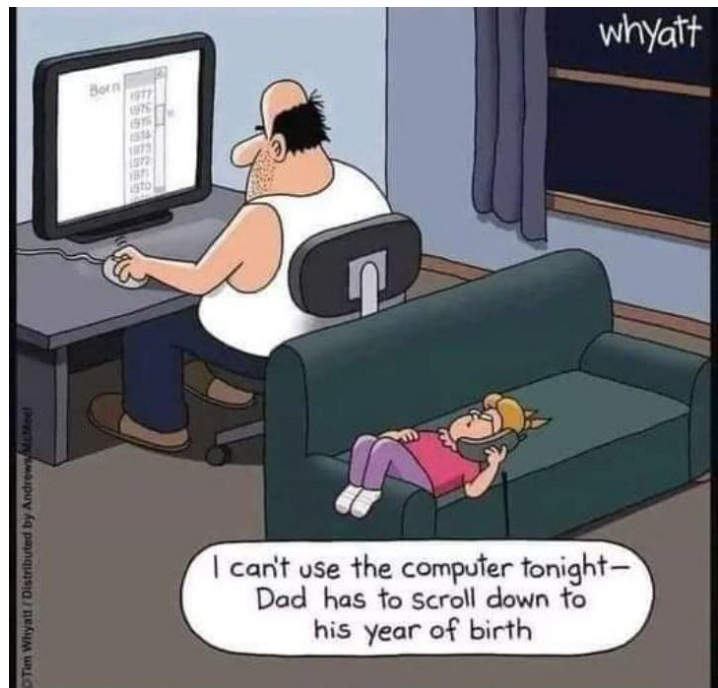
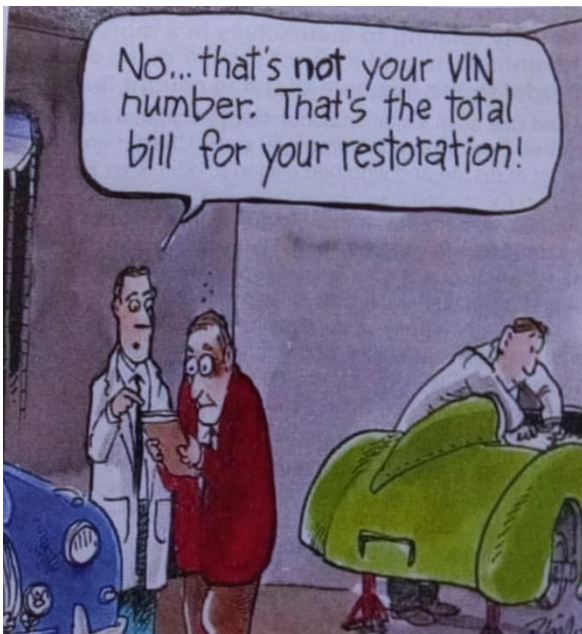
Matt was a young member of the Morris Minor club; he is now in his 40s. He told us about his experiences and some of the things his club (he now has an Austin 10) had done to attract junior and younger members. Someone in the audience said in his club (can't remember what the club was) if members renewed their membership late, by a month, they were charged an extra £5 rejoining fee, the money was used to reduce young members membership fee for the first year by

50%. They also had junior membership for free, they could attend any events for free if with a paid-up member and when they joined the club, they were given a badge.

Matt closed with the following:

‘If you always do what you have always done, you will always get what you have always got’.

Geoff Bethel



Aberdonians seen queuing outside the Co-op in Union Street in 1982 after it was announced that they would be taking 1p off the price of a loaf



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Events 2024

February 2024

21st Mid-month lunch The Hinksford Arms

March 2024

9th Rev's Enville 10am to 12 noon

13th Mid-month lunch The Cat, Enville

14th Monthly meeting

22nd to 24th Restoration Car show N.E.C.

April 2024

11th Monthly meeting

13th Rev's at Enville

17th Mid-month lunch Lion O'Morph

21st Drive It Day

22nd Bowling Green Stoke Prior 6pm

May 2024

9th Monthly meeting

11th Rev's at Enville

11th and 12th Marches transport Festival

12th Classic car show at Bodenham Arboretum from 10am

15th Mid-month lunch The Red Lion

17th to 20th Welsh weekend

20th Bowling Green Stoke Prior

June 2024

8th Rev's at Enville

13th Monthly meeting

16th Concours at Arley Arboretum

19th Mid-month lunch The Bulls Head

24th Bowling Green Stoke Prior

July 2024

11th Monthly meeting

13th Rev's at Enville

29th Bowling Green Stoke Prior

August 2024

8th Monthly meeting

10th Rev's at Enville
21st Mid-month lunch The Dog
24th Gloucester Retro
26th Pershore Plum Festival
19th Bowling Green Stoke Prior

September 2024

7th Peopleton Car Show
12th Monthly meeting
14 Rev's at Enville
14th Evesham Boat Lane, contact John Bates
18th Mid-month lunch The Old Gate
23rd Bowling Green Stoke Prior last of season.

October 2024

10th Monthly meeting
12th Rev's Enville
23rd The Hundred House

I have made the events' calendar up as far as October with things I know about. This will be updated each month as I am sent details from Martin, so don't worry if you have not seen your favourite event date on the calendar.

With thanks to Geoff Bethel for his article and apologies to him at the monthly meeting for forgetting who had sent it to me. Also, thanks to Buffy for sending an event.

