

Stourbridge Pre-War and Classic Car Club

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Minutes of meeting held on the 14th of September 2023

- 1) **Apologies:** -Ian Hankinson, Chris Lees, Dick and Buffy Chater and Rod Jones.
- 2) **Agreed Minutes:** - Proposed by Peter Fox and seconded by Mac Grimmett.
- 3) **Matters Arising:** - Chris Read hi-lighted the fact that he had sent a report to Howard for last months meeting. Howard apologised saying it had been mentioned, but he had forgotten to include it in the minutes.
- 4) **Chairman's Report:** - John reported he had phoned Rod Jones' wife Kathy. Rod has taken a turn for the worse and now had carers three times a day. All present wished Rod all the best.

The picnic at Peggy and Alec's was once again a great success, with 24 cars attending. It was good to see some new members attending Jeremy Cooper, Ashley Yarnold and his wife too. Yvonne said on behalf of the Club she would like to thank Peggy and Alec for allowing us the use of their field, all agreed.

The Mid-month lunch at the Dog and Davenport was well attended, with the food being quickly served, nicely cooked and most importantly hot when served.

Arley was another event well attended with 29 cars arriving, Pepleton was not so with no more than 7 cars, however it was yet again a good show.

Envil Church meeting was bulging at the seams with 67 cars trying to squeeze into the carpark. The attraction of free bacon butties certainly works (all donations to the cost are certainly welcome).

The new members "welcome pack" is coming together, it should be ready in the next couple of weeks.

- 5) **Vice-Chair's Report:** -David reported he had spoken to the organisers of Pepleton and hopefully we will be allocated the same spot next year, so please turn up.

David attended Himley Hall show, however, only 5 members' cars turned up. The organisation was chaos, hoping for better next year.

- 6) **Secretary's Report:** - Howard brought up the suggestion that Rod Jones should be made an honorary member of this car club. Howard acknowledged this should have been discussed at Committee level first, but circumstances prevail. As Rod was one of the original members, he has been club historian and spares secretary for many years, it would be an appropriate gesture.

Any future decisions on such matters to be discussed at the next committee meeting.

Pete Fox proposed the suggestion, Howard asked for all in favour to show hands. This was carried unanimously.

Howard and Yvonne to send this out before they go away for another weekend in the motorhome.

- 7) **Treasurer's Report:** - Alan reported a quiet month with no financial transactions other than the raffle.

Expenses: - Nil

Income: - Raffle £29

Accounts: - Savings £3025.94 Current Account £1213.70 Cash in hand 3252.94
August raffle raised £29 Thanks to all who took part.

- 8) **Newsletter:** - Yvonne said she has already put together some articles for the newsletter, but would like more for the coming editions. Kevin said he has a lengthy report that he will send to Yvonne.

- 9) **Webmaster:** - Chris is working on the Club site to make it easier for members to find their way around.

Member's only page now has a gossip section, so if anyone has a car related problem other members could help with this is where to post it.

The library section contains Club C.D.s, photos etc.

Sales and wanted, please use the site, at present there are only two cars.

Events photos are now up to date. There are 5 green buttons on the screen to help direct you to the page you require.

The new club logo stickers for windscreens were shown at the meeting, all agreed to it. This will now go to press.

- 10) **Events:** - John Lees has been trying to book the Drakelow Tunnels, but things have changed, so for the moment this has been put on the back burner.

There will be a breakfast run on the 30th September starting at the Down from 9.30am.

Skittles evening at the Squirrel is booked for the 21st of October, food will need to be pre-booked. Kevin will do a quiz for this event. The skittles is on the Saturday of the bonded Warehouse weekend. Kevin is organising a quiz for the last monthly meeting in December.

The next business meeting will be an auction evening, so if you have something you do not require, bring it along.

Iris had nothing to add.

- 11) **Facebook:** - Liz said we currently have 327 members. To increase this can members share photos, please put them on the message icon, Liz can download from there.

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

- 13) **Historian/Librarian:** - Rod was not available.

- 14) **A.O.B.:** - For the Restoration Show Kevin Birch is willing to be the lead person for this show and hoped Howard would agree to be his assistant; which Howard agree to. Kevin said he needs 3 cars, a pre-war, a post-war and a car that can be

worked on. If you have a car you can offer, please see either Kevin or Howard.
Thank you.

Mid-month Lunch 20th September at the Queens Head, Wolverly.

Raffle: - First prize, a bottle of wine.....Eric Masters.

Second Prize, a jigsaw.....Howard Whatmough.

Meeting closed at 9.20



Urgent warning for tomorrow! Aliens are coming to earth tomorrow. Their mission is to abduct all sexy, good looking 'Old' people. I'm just sharing to say goodbye. I've got to go pack!

I cannae work my wife oot.
First she says
"Aye fine, have a tattoo if ye want"
Noo she's moaning about aw the pipers in the garden

Being Scottish

Llanerchindda Farm 2024

The next visit to the farm will be from the Friday 17th of May 2024 until Monday the 20th of May 2024.

Booking for this event is now open on a first come first served basis, though there is the possibility to add your details to a waiting list in case of cancellations.

Details: -

Llanerchindda Farm Guest House and Self-Catering Cottages,
Cynghordy, Llandovery,
Carmarthenshire, SA20 0NB

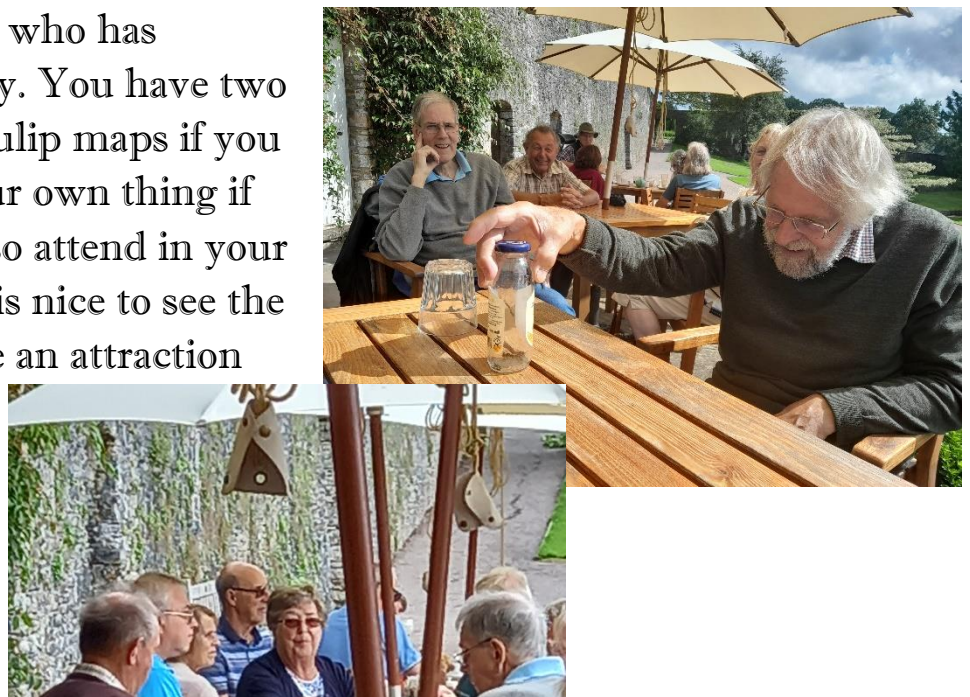
Telephone 01550750274

e-mail info@CambrianWay.com

website CambrianWay.com

You need to phone the farm yourself to book your place as you need to leave credit card details and we can't do that for you! Also, can you please inform Howard of your booking so he can keep you in the loop.

If you are wondering if you might like to try this holiday then please speak to someone in the club who has experienced the holiday. You have two days of touring using tulip maps if you wish or you can do your own thing if you prefer. You can also attend in your modern car, though it is nice to see the older cars as they make an attraction for people to admire.



Mid-month Lunch and Picnic

Once again these were two popular events this month. The Dog and Davenport was well attended. I have got to say we ordered when we got there and the wait for very freshly cooked food was really not too long. Howard had a lovely piece of Salmon with a good sauce and accompanied by fantastic fresh, new potato chips, that were both very hot and crispy.

The picnic took place on a very warm day, though we all managed to find some shade. We had well over twenty cars in attendance, many of which were older cars. It was nice to relax and chat to people and catch up with their news. A couple of new members turned up and seemed impressed with our gathering and club which is nice to know. I am certain pictures of both these events will eventually appear on the website.

Once again, a huge thankyou to Peggy and Alec for hosting the picnics once again this year. They are just so popular as a place to relax and catch up on all the gossip.

Peopleton Show 2023

Once again, we had a reasonable turn out of club cars (6/7) at this popular event. There was a large turnout of cars in the field made up of a wonderful selection of marks and models, something for everyone really. The day started off overcast and turned out sunny after lunch. There is always a friendly relaxed atmosphere at this village event.

There was the rural crafts/produce tent and the sales with books, cakes, plants, raffle, tombola, etc. Plenty of food and drink and musical entertainment.



Gloucester Retro Festival

This street festival is always on the Saturday of August Bank Holiday and is always very popular, thus you need fill in the entry form when they first come out.

We had Kevin representing us in the sixty's cars with the Jensen. In the pre-fifties we had Alan Bateman, Chris Lees, Geoff Salminen and



John Bates. Unfortunately, we didn't have a car that felt like attending this year: we certainly missed having the car as a base to explore from.

The show extends through the centre of town and in the Docks area so there is plenty to see and admire. Also, plenty of eating places to satisfy most tastes and pockets. Do think about joining us all next year. Howard always books a hotel room on the Friday night which saves us an early get up on the Saturday morning.



Breakfast Run 30th **September 2023**

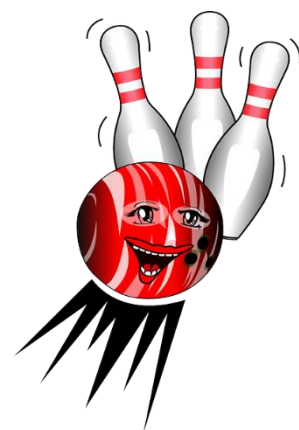
This will start from the Down and breakfast will be available from 9.30.

John Lees will provide a route for you to follow on the morning. It would be nice to see as many of you as possible.

Rod Jones

As most of you will no doubt know our lovely member Rod Jones passed away earlier this week. We will let you know when we find out about the interment arrangements are. Next month I will write a tribute to Rod, if you would like to contribute to this tribute, please email your thoughts. Don't worry about punctuation, spelling etc. as that is my job.

Skittles Evening on the 21st of October 2023



This will take place at the Squirrel in Alveley.

Kevin will do another quiz for you all to take part in.

Further details next month about commencement time and choosing your food. As like last time you will need to book your place, but you will be notified when to do this.



Trip To Wales August 2023

We awoke to rain, oh no; this is not what we asked for on our journey to Wales. This trip for various reasons was to be undertaken in the Saab. However, we set off at 10am and headed down the M5 to junction 7 where we left and headed towards Leominster, Kington, Builth Well and on to LLanerchindda farm.

We took our time on the journey, but there was poor visibility during most of the journey so we were unable to really enjoy the beautiful scenery. The one exception was towards Builth Wells there was a short spell of sun and once again the final few miles to the farm. We were warmly welcomed by Martin, Mark and Andrew. Several people had already arrived before us, and it was nice to catch up with them and hear about their journey. 4pm saw us gathering in the lounge for tea, cakes and a good catch up. We had all arrived safely thankfully.

In the evening we gathered for Pimms and a meet up before our evening meal. By the time we had eaten no one was feeling hungry, the food was delicious and filling. The dining room was filled with the sound of chatter as people were reconnecting with each other. Eventually people started to drift off to bed.

Saturday the 19th

We were up and showered by 8am ready for a hearty breakfast. There was an amazing choice of cereals, cooked fair, yoghurt, fruit and various preserves. No one went hungry I can assure you. We all gathered in the dining room at 9.30 so Martin could talk us through the route and deal with the events of the day. There were a few people who had not been to the farm before sitting looking a bit mystified and hoping that they did not get lost. Briefing over we were let loose on the roads of mid-Wales in the drizzling rain.

Our first stopping point was to be the Ellan Valley Visitor's Centre. The last part of the route took us along a narrow road, thankfully we met very little coming the other way. The route was narrow, went up



and down, but to compensate for this it was so picturesque with babbling streams, lovely trees lining the route and green fields with sheep. We passed through the planned village of Ellan; the buildings were architecturally very nice indeed. They were constructed from grey granite. Most of us stopped for a quick drink at the visitor's centre as we got the first hour of parking free.

From the visitor's centre we climbed up the side of the hill just above the car park; this gave us good views down into the reservoir. The hillsides were covered in bonny blooming heather so were looking their best. By now the rain was off and we continued throughout the day with sunny spells with showers. The first reservoir was quite low and as it is a considerable size that is a lot of water. As we continued up the valley the next reservoir was not nearly as empty. The final reservoir was so full the water was cascading over the top filling the lower reservoir. It was great to see the overflowing of water.

Next, we headed to Rhayader, we simply enjoyed the road through the hills and the stunning scenery. We parked up and went for a wander and a hot drink in the town. There is a fascinating offset crossroads in the centre of town, the roads are not very wide and in the centre of the crossroads is a clocktower. We were watching big lorries making turns round the corners and trying not to hit anything. As my old dad would have said, "It was an accident waiting to happen."

Fed and watered we left town and headed back to the farm along some great, smooth roads that were pothole free. After tea and cake, we had the photo session for the cars which had been postponed from the morning due to the rain.

There was a lot of happy customers at the evening meal when lamb was served up for the main meal, this was followed by my favourite rice pudding. There was a gathering of the clans in one corner, with plenty of noise being produced. All in all, a good day's motoring and socialising.

Sunday the 20th

Oh, look yet more rain falling from the skies, just what we wanted not. By the time we had finished breakfast and had our briefing the rain was off and down went the hood on one of the convertibles. The





first part of the journey took us up on to the Epynt Ranges, where we drive through a military range. The first thing you notice on the range is how wonderfully smooth the road surface is, next you notice the wild and rugged scenery, finally you come across groups of soldiers. The Ukrainian army have troops on the range being trained by the

British army. Howard noted the guns had yellow caps on them, hence they did not have live ammunition loaded in them. On the range you must not stop but drive straight through. We were told that in theory the range was 40 miles an hour, but as a speed camera van could not stop no one had ever been caught speeding.

From the range we continued our way through the minor roads accompanied by sunshine and showers. Eventually we arrived at Aberglasney gardens where several members of our party were just getting out of their cars. Finally, the showers had stopped and the sun came out for the rest of the afternoon. Most of us seemed to head to the café for light refreshments. Suitably fortified with the view over the pond and food we all dispersed throughout the gardens.

Around 20 years ago Aberglasney house and gardens were in a dreadful state, a group of people got together and made it their mission to save the house and gardens for future generations. What you see today is a result of all their efforts. One amazing garden was the Ninfarium, which consisted of some ruined buildings still attached to the house. These buildings had been enclosed with a glass roof, hot air was blown into the enclosed space making the atmosphere warm and damp. There were orchids, ferns, banana palms and leafy plants all looking very healthy.

After wandering through the house and gardens Howard and I headed back down to the café for a drink and to soak in the views. Once there, we ran into another 6 of our company. We ended up sitting at the tables chatting away, though Pete Fox did threaten to go for a swim in the pond.

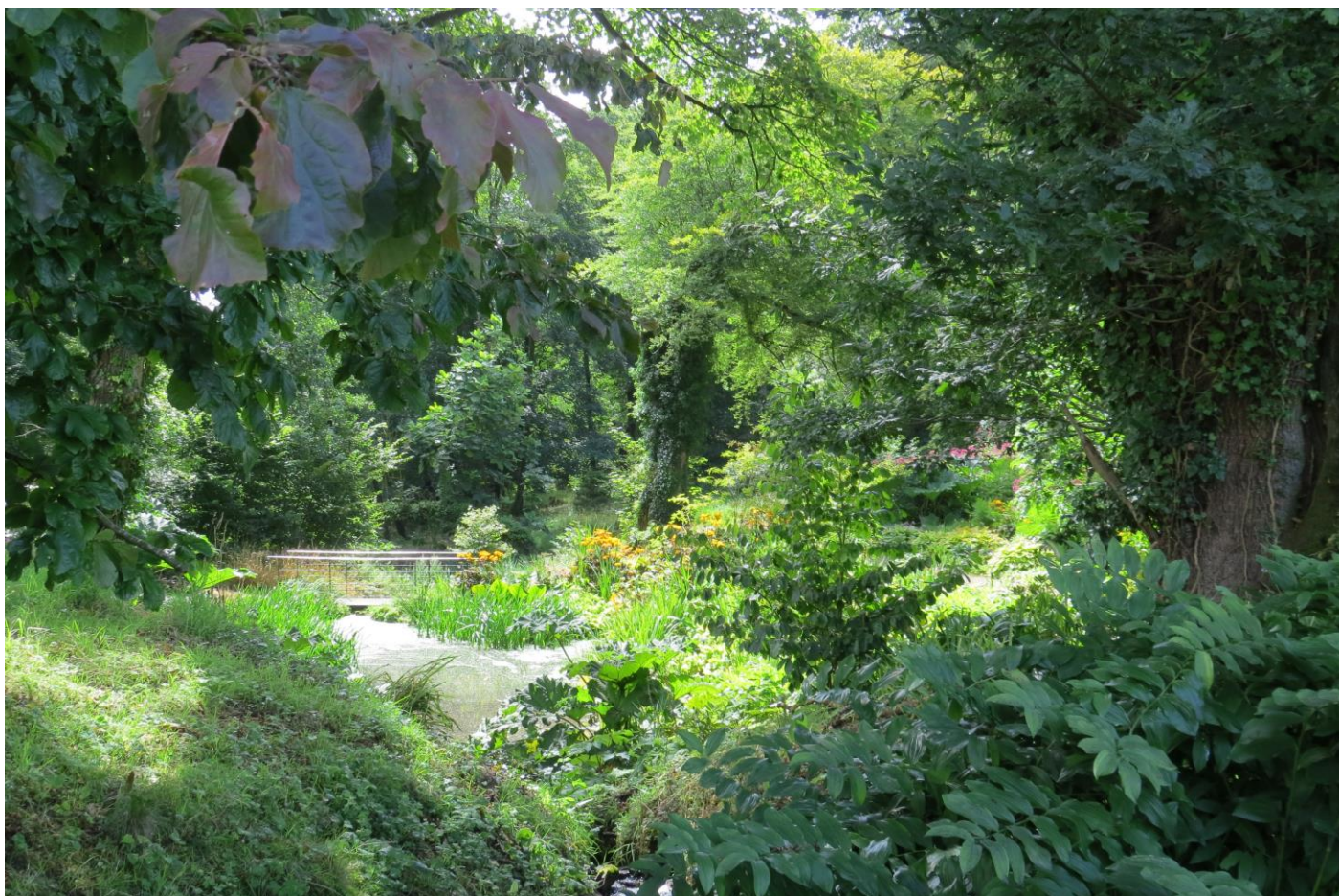


John Bates found himself taking part in a new hobby..... wasp catching! He had an empty bottle which had contained orange juice and was enticing the wasps in for a drink of the dregs. By the time we left he had several wasps trapped in there.



Eventually we all headed off back to the cars, for us it was finally hood down and off we headed back to the farm, where we all gathered on the terrace for more tea and cake in the sunshine. Some of our members even spotted a train going over the viaduct.

After our evening meal which was a mini-Christmas dinner in August (turkey), it was time to unwind and have one last evening of chatter and laughter. From having talked to those preset it seems as if they had enjoyed the weekend and several of the newbies asked if we were doing it again, the rain and the navigating hadn't put them off. A great weekend with very good company.



Events

October

12th Monthly meeting Auction

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

21st Skittle evening at the Squirrel, Kidderminster Rd, Alveley, WV15 6LN

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.