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# The Weston Park Easter Classic







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# **Introduction from Dave Rosher, Chairman**

Happy New Year to you all and welcome to the first 2025 issue of Squeaky Wheel.

Unfortunately, I must start off with the sad news that our former Chairman, Bernard Ward's wife Ruth, passed away early on Christmas Day. Many of you will have seen her out on some of our runs in the past and she will be greatly missed. I'm sure you will all want to join me in passing on our sincere condolences to Bernard and family.

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By the time you read this, our first event of the year, Allan Goddard's New Year Run, will have happened and there should be a write up on it in our April issue.

Once the weather warms up a bit and it gets a bit more Spring like, many of you will no doubt be venturing forth into the garage to give your pride and joy some well-deserved, post winter fettling and polishing.

In which case, those of you who have already bought, or plan to buy, tickets for the Boundless Member Event at The British Motor Museum, Gaydon on 29 March, might want to bring it along, as we will have a designated CVG display area for you to park your classic.

But, if that's a bit too early for some of you to hit the road, we are planning to have a presence at the Weston Park Classic on Easter Sunday, the 20<sup>th</sup> April.

April also gives everyone the chance to join in with the FBHVC's annual "Drive it Day" event on the 27<sup>th</sup>.

CVG will be organising their own run to the Tangmere Aviation Museum near Chichester.

Looking further ahead, if you haven't already planned your motoring calendar for the year, check out the 2025 calendar at the back to see what else we have coming up.

There are a couple of member cars for sale featured further on and Barry has done an interesting article on the history of tyres.

The FBHVC will have held their Club Expo event by the time you read this, so for an update on how any upcoming changes in legislation might affect you as a classic owner, it's well worth a look at their website: <a href="https://fbhvc.co.uk/">https://fbhvc.co.uk/</a>

Our committee elections are coming up in April, so if any of you are interested in organising, or helping one of our existing committee members, to organise an event, please let me know.

That's it for now – happy and safe motoring...

Dave

# **Local CVG Groups**

#### Severn & Avon

Geoff Davies is the local Severn and Avon Group co-ordinator and he holds regular Noggin & Natters on the second Tuesday of most months at: The Bell Inn, Martley Road, Lower Broadheath, Worcestershire, WR2 6QG For more details and dates, email Geoff at: <a href="mailto:a6gcd@btinternet.com">a6gcd@btinternet.com</a>

#### North Staffs & Stone Classic Car Group -

#### \*\* Please note - Change of Venue \*\*

From October 7th, club member, Pete Cresswell's regular classic car meets will no longer be at The George & Dragon but will now be on the first Monday of each month at: **The Mill at Worston, Worston Lane, Little Bridgeford, ST18 9QA** from 7pm; to which CVG members are invited to come along. For more info, email Pete at: pete.cresswell.t21@btinternet.com

#### Committee

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Send copy for next issue by email to Baz Haughton by 5<sup>th</sup> March 2025

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# Classic Vehicle Group at: The British Motor Museum Member Day

# On Sunday 29th March



You are invited to display your vehicle with the Classic Vehicle Group at the British Motor Museum Member Day.

The Classic Vehicle Group will have a display area in the car park set aside for a limited number of Boundless members to park their classic. Once inside the museum, you will be able to meet other CVG members, as well as those from the other motoring groups within the club, who will be pleased to have the opportunity to showcase and promote the wide range of events and activities they organise and are available to all Boundless members.

**Price:** Member Price £5.00 (4 discounted tickets maximum per member)

To buy tickets and get more details on the event, go to: <a href="https://www.boundless.co.uk/events/boundless-events/member-days/british-motor-museum">https://www.boundless.co.uk/events/boundless-events/member-days/british-motor-museum</a>

Once you have bought your tickets and would like to have a space reserved for you to park in the CVG display area, email: daverosher@gmail.com with details of your vehicle (make/model/year/colour and registration

# Weston Park Easter Motor Show and Autojumble

# Sunday 20th April 2025.



Traditionally the largest car show in the country over the Easter weekend, the Easter Motor Show & Autojumble promises a content-packed day of motoring heritage, suitable for all the family.

This popular two-day event has been running for 25+ years and regularly attracts over 1,000 display cars and motorcycles over the Easter weekend, including a wide selection of club vehicles. There is a large autojumble featuring up to 100 autojumble and retails stands, live commentary and judging all day, live music and quality food, drinks, responsible bars, and ice cream.

We are planning to have display space for members at the event.

All car and motorcycle owners and visitors will have full access to the entire Weston Park site providing a range of woodland walks and breath-taking views, cafes and shops, a miniature railway, adventure playground, deer park and a total of 1,000 acres to explore. Ideal for a day out with your dog!



Discounted tickets are available up to 31st March 2025 for exhibitors at £5.50 per car plus booking fee, this allows entry for the vehicle and 2 passengers.

If booking from 1st April 2025 the charge will be £7.50 + BF allowing entry for the vehicle and 2 passengers.

Motorcycle owners wanting to exhibit can purchase an advance classic car exhibitor ticket or pay on arrival at the event at the event at a cost of £5 per person. Book tickets at: www.classicshows.org

Members will need to scroll down to CAR CLUB EXHIBITOR BOOKING, this will allow entry for the vehicle and 2 adults to be included in the booking .

Members will be asked the club name when booking.

There are no discounts for exhibiting vehicles who turn up on the day . They will be charged the standard visitor price per person.

Contact: gillianfigures66@gmail.com for more details if you are interested

# **Come and join the Classic Vehicle Group**

# On Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April for:

We shall once again be joining in with the FBHVC's national event in aid of the NSPCC's "Childline" charity.





Starting once again from The Angel Hotel on the A32 near Privett, this year's run will venture south-east from Hampshire into West Sussex to finish at:





Entry fee is £50 per car and two occupants (£55 non-members), to include: tea/coffee at start, tulip roadbook, Drive it Day rally plate and entry to Tangmere Museum. (Extra passengers £12 each)

The museum has had some refurbishment over the winter, so this will be a great opportunity to see the changes and, what's new.

Download full details and entry form from: boundless.co.uk/cvg or, email: daverosher@gmail.com for more details.

# The Donington Historic Festival, 2nd, 3rd & 4th May



For two glorious days, the Donington Historic Festival (DHF) offers a wealth of on and off-track entertainment for spectators, with two days simply jampacked with world-class race action, track displays and parades, an openaccess paddock and pit lane walks, a trade village, plus the presence of hundreds of cherished classic cars in

displays staged by dozens of car clubs. The event attracts a calibre of drivers that matches the calibre of cars, and past and present-day BTCC and Le Mans names are often seen on the entry lists.

The Classic Vehicle Group has once again signed up for the 2025 club package deal for 50% discounted entry including free car club parking in the infield. "Early Bird" tickets available already offer a great saving on the on-the-gate prices. As registered club members you can enjoy an even more significant saving, as you receive a 50% discount off the price for all types of ticket.

When you book your club discounted tickets you will also need to request a free parking pass to join the CVG display.

Please note, only cars which are club-display appropriate are allowed into the infield, you will be asked to provide the car's year of registration, make, model and registration number at the time of ticket booking. Club members who are not planning on arriving in a display car are able to park in the free general public car park.



See the official website for more detail and pre-discount ticket prices, <u>Donington Historic Festival Home - Donington Historic Festival</u>

Contact Geoff Davies: <u>a6gcd@btinternet.com</u> for club discount details and to register your interest.

Club discount applications close at 5pm on 21st April.

#### **DORSET DELIGHTS DRIVE**

#### 8<sup>TH</sup> June 2025

Back by members' popular demand – and it really is!

We are going back to the summer joys of Portland and the Jurassic coast, but with a different restaurant finish to go with the unique lighthouse and views.



Starting in the New Forest and skirting Bournemouth and Poole Harbour we will reach the Isle of Purbeck and Corfe Castle before moving across the Jurassic Coast close to Durdle Door, Lulworth Cove and the impressive sea and countryside views, before reaching Weymouth.

The traditional seaside resort will be in full swing, and we will climb up out of the town passing the stunning views of Chesil Beach to finish at the Lighthouse where we can visit the exhibition and if we wish, maybe climb the tower before finishing with **a** cream tea.



Details and entry form from Chris Laver

Email - chris@whitesands82.co.uk

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### CVG trip to France 2025

### Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> June – Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2025 5 nights, 6 days

We invite you to join us on our annual jaunt abroad in June 2025. The trip is being planned again with our Boundless partners, Brittany Ferries. We will be departing on the 8:30am crossing from Poole to Cherbourg, a relaxing way to begin a few days of sightseeing, arriving in Cherbourg at approximately 2pm local time and after disembarkation we will make our way down to our overnight stop at Ibis Port de Plaisance in Caen.



The following morning, after a hearty breakfast we drive down to the Ibis Styles hotel at Fougères. This will be our base for the next four nights.

Your first sight of Fougères will be the impressive granite silhouette that dominates the town, nestled at the foot of the largest fortress in Europe, nearly one thousand years of history is before your eyes! Take a stroll through the old town, with its lively café and restaurant terraces, the half-timbered houses and cobbled streets exude charm, a reminder of the town's wealthy past. If you feel inclined, a visual and audio presentation accompanies the tour of the castle, telling its history from the year 1000 to 1500. It's almost as if you were there...

Wednesday – The suggested plan for today is an outing to Manoir de l'Automobile Museum at Loheac. A drive of about 50 miles depending on which route you chose to take. Museum open 10am to 1pm and 2pm to 7pm.

Website: www.manoir-automobile.fr



Thursday and Friday – at leisure to explore the local area. Dinan has a weekly market on Thursday, 8am to 1pm and also a Model Rail Museum open afternoons only.

Other suggested places to visit -

Mont St. Michel – La Passeur (bus) from car park.

Beauvoir - Alligator Bay

Coutances - Cathedral

Lessay - cheese factory

Periers - Musee De La Liberation.

Osmanville - Station 70 car museum. (Another one)

The cost per car with driver and one passenger will be £870 for 5 nights (6 days) and

includes return ferry crossing from Poole to Cherbourg, 5 nights with bed and breakfast accommodation. Parking at Ibis Caen Port is underground and chargeable at c.€18 per night and a local tourist tax may be levied at the hotels, neither of which is included in the price.

So, good value I believe, I hope you can join Marian and I on the trip.



If you wish to join us, email me at <a href="mailto:barry.haughton@sky.com">barry.haughton@sky.com</a> for an entry form.

Be quick and book to secure your place as spaces are limited.

# Shelsley Walsh Classic Nostalgia 19th - 20th July 2025



Classic Nostagia makes a welcome return to the Midland Automobile Clubs Shelsley Walsh Hillclimb in 2025.

The event for predominantly pre-1975 cars will hark back to the glory days of motorsport.

Known throughout the motoring world for its unique atmosphere, Shelsley Walsh allows enthusiasts to get close to the action as well as the cars and drivers. This year marks the 14th anniversary of the flagship annual event, which features a spectacular blend of exciting action both on and off the hill, plus demonstration runs, the popular Classic & Sports Car Concours, quality trade stands and non-stop live entertainment.

Not only will you watch spectacular motor racing at one of the oldest motorsport venues in the world where cars are the stars, you'll also see thrilling historic car

demonstrations (a stellar line up of competing Group A, Group B and WRC rally cars), Exhibition of Speed: showcasing the works of more than a dozen artists. Classic & Sports Car Concours – no advance entry required: just turn up and show off your classic!

And if that's not enough, main stage featuring non-stop entertainment, interviews, and live bands.



General admission tickets include 'Access all areas' – Get close to the action, the cars and drivers, Pole position parking for all classic vehicles and visiting car clubs, the Startline VIP Club where you will rub shoulders with celebrity guests!

Quality trade stands selling everything from clothing and accessories to motoring books, models, art, photography and memorabilia and finally vintage fashion competition for the best and most authentic vintage outfit.



For details of how to enter your car email Geoff Davies at: a6gcd@btinternet.com

# CVG DISPLAY AT: COOLINGS, KNOCKHOLT

Sunday 3rd August 2025, 9.00am - 1.00pm

With over £50,000 raised so far. this is the ideal day out for all car lovers, and the display will once again be held in the front meadow at:

Coolings Garden Centre, Rushmore Hill, Knockholt, Sevenoaks, Kent, TN14 7NN.



As an "invitation only" event, advance registration is essential.

As well as the Garden Centre, the meadow is ideal for a picnic by the car, or if you prefer: breakfast, lunch and afternoon tea are all available in Arthur's Restaurant.

Car Show Entry is by £10 minimum donation per car - all proceeds going to St. Christopher's.

For more information and an entry form, email Mike Twomey at: miketwomey2@gmail.com

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Children under 16 years old go free with an accompanying paying adult.

# The Capel Show

# Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> August 2025

We will once again have a limited number of spaces for members at this popular show, which has a traditional village fete atmosphere and, as well as the cars & bikes, there is a flower show, dog show, plus a range of craft, plant, and refreshment stalls.



**Please note:** The show is aimed primarily at vehicles registered before 1998 - unless of special interest.

Entry is by charitable donation to Friends of St. John The Baptist, and you can choose how much to donate when you register.

#### \*\* Entries open on 1st March \*\*

For more information and to enter online after 1<sup>st</sup> March, go to the Capel Classic Car & Bike Show website at: <a href="https://www.capelshow.co.uk/">https://www.capelshow.co.uk/</a>

Follow the instructions depending on the category of vehicle you wish to exhibit. When completing your personal details at the "checkout" stage, when you get to the "Are you joining the show with your club...?" choose "yes" and select "Boundless CVG" from the drop-down options.

Once you have entered, if you could let me know by email, then I will know how many to expect on the day – many thanks, Dave

# **Midland Meander**

# Saturday 4th October 2025.

Planning is underway for a CSMA Classic vehicle group day run north of the Midlands through Derbyshire to Last of Summer Wine country. Passing through Ashbourne, taking in some lovely scenery up and over Holme Moss, one of the Highest summits in England, then dropping down into Holmfirth.

Explore the locations of Nora Batty's house, Compo's basement flat and visit the Last of Summer Wine Museum.

More details to follow.

# Member Cars for Sale

Jim Clarke has decided it's time to sell his lovely Jaguar 420 and is looking for offers of around £18,500.





And, Trevor Warren has been given a Red 1993 Rover 420Gli (same model as picture, but not the actual one) which is also for sale - mileage is 65000 – and, it's a bit "knocked about" apparently.

Anyone interested in more information for either car, please email: <a href="mailto:daverosher@gmail.com">daverosher@gmail.com</a> with your contact details and he will pass them on to Jim or Trevor.

Dave has also been having a loft clear out himself and has discovered volumes 1 – 4, (plus quite a few later ones) of early Practical Classics magazine; along with quite a few issues of Cars & Car Conversions magazines from the 1970's. If anyone is interested in having a nostalgic read about carbs, cams and cylinder heads from days gone by – look no further...

#### **TYRED OUT?**

We all have some knowledge of tyres, we use them probably every day whether on our bicycle, car, van, or truck. Some may even know the history of the tyre but here we visit the topic again.



The wheel was invented so long ago that we don't know exactly who invented it. However, the earliest evidence of the wheel dates to around 3500 BCE in Mesopotamia. These stone wheels are widely believed to have first been used as potter's tools. Interestingly, it wasn't used for transportation for another 300 years. There's also evidence that the wheel was independently invented in China.

After stone, wheels on carts were made of solid pieces of wood. Then, the spoked wheel was invented around 2000 BCE in Anatolia. The design, which is still in use today, features a central hub which is connected to the rim by thin rods known as spokes. These make the wheel lighter, easier to repair and more shock-absorbent than solid wheels. The first development to this was to add leather to the wheel rim to make for a more comfortable ride. How that worked I cannot imagine.

Tyres stayed like this for centuries until rubber entered the scene. This material initially was unstable, sticky in the heat and became bone hard and inflexible in cold weather.

In 1834, Charles Goodyear, obsessed with perfecting the substance, spent the next 5 or so years experimenting. He failed miserably until he added sulphur and heat to produce the first weather proof rubber. This gave a firm pliable rubber that we know today. The process became known as vulcanisation. In 1843 Thomas Hancock took out a patent for the vulcanisation of rubber, 8 weeks before Charles Goodyear in the US (30<sup>th</sup> January 1844).

Account has it that William Brockedon had shown Thomas Hancock some Ameriacn rubber samples but was unaware Hancock had analysed the Goodyear samples. It is noted that even if Hancock had analysed them he would not have gained sufficient information to duplicate the process. Strangely, Hancock did not credit himself with discovering the reaction of sulphur with rubber.

The following years is where it gets a bit interesting. In 1845, Robert W Thompson patented (patent granted - France 1846, US in 1847) the air filled tyre which reduced the vibration and improved traction. However, this was way ahead of its time, rubber was too expensive to be profitable and the tyre was forgotten.

In 1888, up steps John Boyd Dunlop, owner of one of Ireland's most prosperous vetinary practices. He wanted a way of preventing his sons headaches while riding his tricycle on rough pavements. He obtained patents for the pneumatic tyre and claimed to have never heard of Thompson's invention some decades earlier. However, in 1890 the patent was announced invalid and Thompson was seen as the original inventor. This air- filled tyre was much lighter and offered a better ride for the now, newly popular bycycles.

More years pass with tryes having an inner tube filled with compressed air with an outer tyre. These tyres were known as 'bias ply' tyres as the plies reinforcing the outer casing ran crisscross to each other.

In 1903, P.W. Litchfield of the Goodyear Tyre Company (Goodyear Tyre Company named after the 1834 Charles Goodyear) patented the first tubeless tyre, however, it was never commercially exploited until it was used on the 1954 Packard.

In 1948, the first steel belted radial tyres were introduced to Europe. The ply cords radiate at 90 degrees from the wheel rim and the outer casing is strenghthened by a belt of fabric steel.

Over the years these pneumatic tyres have been found to have major drawbacks in as much as the compressed air used to inflate them contains moisture and contaminants. This makes the rubber brittle and causes the metal parts to rust. The compressed air permeates the rubber causing the tyre to gradually deflate and is also susceptible to heat fluctuations that can significantly affect the handling, fuel economy and safety and of the vehicle.

Today, commercial, military aircraft and racing car tyres are being filled with nitrogen gas where temperature and tyre pressure is critical which has several benefits over compressed air. However, it does have some disadvantages for your everyday driver such as cost, availability and limited benefits for cars.

Today, we have a range of tyre options, including winter tyres, EV tyres and run-flat tyres.

So, there we have it. Tyred out yet?

**Baz Haughton** 

### 2025 Events

March

29<sup>th</sup> Boundless Member Event at British Motor Museum, Gaydon

Contact: daverosher@gmail.com for more details

April

20<sup>th</sup> Weston Park Display

Contact: gillianfigures66@gmail.com

27<sup>th</sup> Drive it Day, Hants & West Sussex

Contact: daverosher@gmail.com for more details.

May

2/4<sup>th</sup> Donington Historic Festival, Leicestershire.

Contact: Geoff Davies: a5gcdgeoff@gmail.com

June

8<sup>th</sup> Dorset Delights Drive

Contact: Chris Laver: <a href="mailto:chris@whitesands82.co.uk">chris@whitesands82.co.uk</a>

14th Invite to Abingdon Air Show with the Aviation Group

23/28<sup>th</sup> Tour to France

Contact: barry.haughton@sky.com

July

12<sup>th</sup> Invite to Wallop and Wings - Booking details will be available at:

https://armyflying.com/what-s-on/events/

13<sup>th</sup> Cream Tea Caper

Contact: allan.goddard@boundlesscommunity.co.uk

August

3<sup>rd</sup> Display at Coolings, Sevenoaks

Contact: miketwomey2@gmail.com

16<sup>th</sup> Display at the The Capel Show, Surrey

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September

7<sup>th</sup> Cambridgeshire Run

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19/21st Retro Run

Contact: malcolm.grubb@gmail.com

28th Kent Run

Contact: Chris Laver: <a href="mailto:chris@whitesands82.co.uk">chris@whitesands82.co.uk</a>

October

4<sup>th</sup> Midland Meander

Contact: <a href="mailto:gillianfigures66@gmail.com">gillianfigures66@gmail.com</a>

#### **Quote**

"Aerodynamics are for people who can't build engines."

Enzo Ferrari

#### Go on, have a laugh.

A pair of electric jumper cables walk into a bar. The bartender says, I'm fine to serve you but you'd better not start anything.



Calling all members.

If you have any car related stories, anecdotes, tales of trips in your classic or anything else of interest you would be prepared to share please send them to the editor at <a href="mailto:barry.haughton@sky.com">barry.haughton@sky.com</a>. Thank you.

For more information about the Classic Vehicle Group events, visit the website at: <a href="www.boundless.co.uk/cvg">www.boundless.co.uk/cvg</a> or email: <a href="classicvehicles@boundless.co.uk">classicvehicles@boundless.co.uk</a>

To find out more about what's been happening with the Club's other Interest and Local groups, as well as keeping up to date with all the latest Club news and developments, you can download the

Member Communities Communique at:

www.boundless.co.uk/communique

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