

SWANSEA HISTORIC VEHICLE REGISTER

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CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

This year's AGM saw numerous changes to the Club's Committee, resulting from Mike Green's decision to call it a day. As we all know Mike has been under enormous pressure from work and Club activities which, I am sure, contributed to the illness he has suffered. We wish him well in his retirement and good luck to Bernice and him in their new home.

The year ahead promises to be a busy one, details of the main events follow. Unfortunately, the Club's funds are at their lowest for some years due largely to the failure of the last Singleton show.

Singleton - Contacts have already been made with Mumbles Round Table and Singleton is on for this year, subject to meetings and suitable agreements regarding finances. (See Mike Palmer's article. Ed)

Kinsale - The ever popular Kinsale Rally is set to start on 9 May. The itinerary is not yet known. Unusually for these times it looks as if the prices will be about the same as last year. Forms & details to follow. (See separate note. Ed)

Mallow - The dates for Mallow have not been set, as far as I am aware. Details to follow.

Beaulieu - As usual the man

to speak to is Mike Evans, here again a form will be given out for those interested to express an interest.

Irish Visit - There will be the usual invasion by Irish people in October, again details will be published as they are available.

Last year I headed a party of five cars on a weekend at the Ramble Inn, Ballinghassiq. Lots of fun was had by all, including a certain teetotal taxi driver, who managed to park his car in the middle of a field, after first driving through an electric cattle fence. - What does he sweeten his tea with, I wonder? I shan't tell you who the two lady members were who paddled in a muddy ditch in the early hours of the morning. - stone cold sober, of course! - and if you believe that you will believe anything, the excuse was that they got lost on the way home. We can set this trip up again this year if enough interest is shown, but it is not for the faint hearted.

We are hoping to arrange more social runs, day trips, weekend trips and runs to shows were we could set up a Club stand. If you have any ideas, let us hear them, the Committee will help in any way it can.

Happy and safe driving in 1996.

Ivor.

KINSALE 1996

Ivor wrote the preceding notes from his sick bed. He has now been conveyed to ward 9 of Singleton Hospital, where he will be till they let him out. However, Holly has been to visit the Swansea-Cork Ferry people and has found out that the world and his

golf bag is going to Ireland on 9 May. There are few cabins left and the ferry is filling up fast. Please let Holly know on 01792 296839 if you intend to go on the rally as she will need to confirm the bookings much earlier than usual.

SINGLETON SHOW

We have again teamed up with Mumbles Round Table to organise the 17th singleton event.

Because of the poor attendance last year, the blame for which must surely be laid at the door of Swansea City Council for changing the date, the show this year will hopefully be more attractive.

The internationally acclaimed "Its a Knockout" will be staged in the park with 9 teams from all over Wales competing. These will include teams from Cable-Tel, Autotrader, AXA Insurance Co., Welsh Water, Swansea City Council, the Emergency Services and others TBA.

The programme will take the form of a supplement printed and distributed by the "Western Mail". This will go out to 76,000 readers throughout Wales the week before the Show, there will also be 5000 available on the day. We have achieved this through advertising sponsorship.

If this doesn't put SHVR and the show on the map then nothing will.

We are having a special commemorative 20th

anniversary plaque minted. Unfortunately, because of the huge cost involved, we will have to ask for a small donation of around £1, but for this you will also receive a free Western mail and programme and any other freebies we can beg.

Volunteers will be needed on the day, please contact Alan Hardinge (01792 794563)

Don't forget to sort out your garage and have an autojumble stall, only a fiver if paid for in advance, see Mike Palmer or Stan Bingham for details.

FUTURE SHOWS

Steve Pearson is organising a road run and barbecue in conjunction with Caio Show, on 25 August. Details to follow.

Folly Farm has a new date of Sunday 5 May.

What about a Club Stand at this year's St Athan airshow?

Is anyone interested in a run to Holland to join up with the Singer & Riley OCs?.

If you are interested in any of these contact a Committee Member.

Mike P

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SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subscriptions are due from January, at the AGM it was unanimously decided to raise the subs to £10. Please pay Stan Bingham promptly as we need the money. Cheques should be made payable to "SHVR" and sent to Stan at the address above. Stan also does the distribution of the newsletter, if you do not attend a meeting to get your copy personally, please let him know should you change your address.

WELSH AUTOMOBILE AND AERO CLUB

I am still still pursuing my quest for information on this Club which had a club room at the Tenby Hotel (now the Conservative Club) in Walter Road, Swansea from 1904 to 1913. I would dearly love to buy or even see one of their badges, as they most certainly had some, because in one annual report the Secretary complains that not all the members were carrying them on their cars. Any information or clues on this Club would be most welcome.

Mike Evans

SMALL ADVERTISEMENTS

Alan Broughton (01269 870293) has details of two Morris 1000s for sale:-

Early OHV split screen 4d saloon, black with red trim. reg. MAM, unused for many years but garaged. Looks sound and very original, contact Mr Bussell on 01267 236308 or 0374 401636 (Mobile). Must be sold. The man is open to offers, and would like to see the car restored, he knows that restoration work costs money so does not have an inflated idea of its value. Don't insult his intelligence, but ring him and have a chat!

The second is a very late four door needing attention to brakes and interior trim and is said to have a new "Goldseal" engine. Contact Simon or Kalia Vaughan on 01994 484595. Again the owner has no clear idea on price and would like to haggle.

I feel that the earlier car is likely to be cheaper and by far the most rewarding project. AB

CLUB EQUIPMENT

Would any member holding any items of Club equipment please return it forthwith to:-

John Presdee
Fourside Farm
26 Northway
Bishopston
SWANSEA

The equipment is need for audit and checking, Johns phone number is 01792 232400. Please also contact John if you have any idea of the location of any of the items.

20th ANNIVERSARY

Ray Legate has suggested that the 20th Anniversary of the Club be marked by a special edition of the Newsletter and I think that this is a very good idea. Mike Worthington-Williams has offered to help with the production of articles etc. I have most of the old Newsletters, (who remembers them being printed on computer listing paper for example?) and we could also run a series of articles from past editions each month. Has anyone a complete set?

Ray would also like to organise an anniversary run, to somewhere like Builth Wells, or perhaps we could re-enact one of the events put on by the Welsh Automobile & Aero Club.

Perhaps we could also write the history of the Club and our main event at Singleton. Who remembers the traction engine that fell down a drain and nearly overturned or the double-decker bus that got stuck in the mud? Ray wonders what has happened to Bill Gorge, who organised Singleton for many years and also where is Miss UK 1979, Miss Ann Jones, who opened the first Show. Ray won the "Long Distance" award that year (and in many subsequent years), his prize a sleeping bag, which he still has. An ideas to one of the Committee please. MJE