



BCCC Christmas Dinner

Our annual Christmas Dinner will be held on

Friday 4th December 2009

**At the Jolly Miller— North Warnborough
in the skittle alley 7.30pm for 8pm**

**This year it is a two course Carvery of Roast Topside of Beef
or Roast Turkey with Seasonal Vegetables & Roast Potatoes**

**A choice of Christmas Pudding with Brandy Custard
or
Cold Dessert**

Coffee and Mints

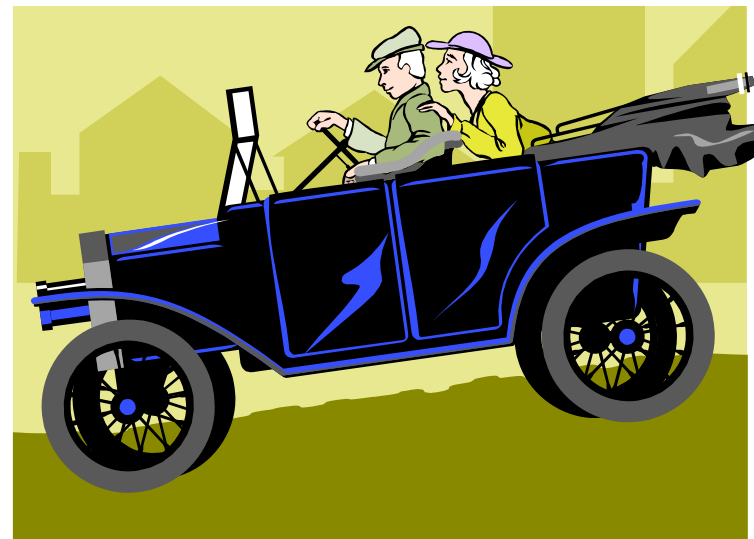
£13.00 per head

**There is still time to book.
It is a great night so if you wish to come
phone Penny Butler on 01256 322865
As soon as possible**



Basingstoke

Classic Car Club



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Chairman's Natter

For those of you who still have your classic vehicle on the road a note for your diary November 22nd Newbury Classic Car and Bike Show plus auto jumble at Newbury Racecourse.

Contact: Andrew Greenwood on 01484 452002 or classicshows@btconnect.com.

On Sunday 13th September Brian Hay organised a visit to a private museum of classic cars and automobilia. The owners Robert and Tanya Lewis made us very welcome providing refreshments and a personal tour of some of the rarest, immaculate and interesting cars I for one have ever had the privilege of viewing.

Their collection of about 40 cars are taxed and road legal and are used regularly. Robert allowed us to sit in the cars fiddle with the controls and dream. After dragging us out of the museum we were given a guided tour of the wonderful garden and ended the day having a picnic in the grounds. BCCC along with some members of the MG club had a very good turnout. A visit to the museum is by personal invite to classic car clubs only. Robert and Tanya do not make a charge to visit but welcome contributions to their chosen charity - Help the Heroes. Our members on the day suggested to the committee that BCCC should consider making a small contribution to this very worthy cause and a donation of £50 pounds was duly agreed and sent off. A visit next year is on the cards and we are told to expect more cars. I am sure Brian will keep us posted.



Some of the beautiful cars at Churt Museum



Most Christmas Puddings have to be made weeks in advance, and I often find I'm not organised enough to do this - and then at the last minute have to go and buy one.

Ingredients

- 10 oz good mincemeat - if you're organised you can make your own, if not use a good quality make (I use Marks and Spencers).
- 8 oz brown sugar (molasses style)
- 8 oz self-raising flour.
- 3 well-beaten eggs
- 5 oz marmalade (the fine shred is best)
- 1 oz glace cherries
- 4 tbs whisky
- 4 oz frozen butter which is grated or chopped to fine pieces.

Method

1. Line a pudding basin (2 pt size) with greaseproof paper.
2. Thoroughly mix all the ingredients together in a bowl.
3. Spoon the mixture into the greased bowl and cover it with greaseproof paper.
4. Put bowl on plate and cook in microwave on **medium** power for 20 /25 minutes.
5. Test it with a skewer or knife - if it is 'done' the skewer will come out clean.
6. Leave to 'rest' for 5 minutes.
7. Carefully turn on to serving plate and decorate with cream and holly.
8. You can serve with other things like Brandy Butter, Custard or Cream or if you are like my husband all 3!! Ed.

Would you like to receive your copy 'hot off the press', and save the club postage costs? If so, e-mail editor@b-ccc.com

FBHVC – What is it?

By Kevin Newell

The Federation of British Historic Vehicle Clubs or FBHVC exists to uphold the freedom to use old vehicles on the road. It does this by representing the interests of owners of such vehicles to politicians, Government officials, and legislators both in UK and (through membership of Fédération Internationale des Véhicules Anciens) in Europe.

FBHVC is a company limited by guarantee and was founded in 1988. There are nearly 500 subscriber organisations representing a total membership of over 250,000 in addition to individual and trade supporters.

BCCC rejoined the FBHVC earlier this year as we felt this organisation best represents the users of classic vehicles to ensure Governments take the classic movement's views into account when drafting new legislation. Through FBHVC we also receive a very good deal on our Public Liability insurance.

Every Newsletter I hope to bring you an interesting extract from the FBHVC Files.

This month's extract comes from the minutes of the last AGM held on 17th October 2009.

Every year the Federation raises the subject of reinstating a rolling date for historic vehicle taxation with the All Party Parliamentary Historic Vehicle Group (APPHVG). There is little chance of this happening under the current government, although throughout Europe concessions are granted for vehicles 25-30 years old.

Hypothetically to bring in concessions for 30 year old vehicles (255,000 registered 1973-1980) would cost £42 million.

Again hypothetically, to bridge this funding gap every historic vehicle would have to pay £58. This is the sort of negotiation we foresee happening after the general election.

For more information on the FBHVC visit their website www.fbhvc.co.uk or follow the link from the BCCC website

Surrey Classic Vehicle gathering at Tilford was, as always, a good show. If you have never visited try it next year as it is always well attended and a nice relaxing day. Sorry I must go back on the relaxing part, this year I decided to take the MG Roadster I purchased earlier in the year and on the way home - yes you can guess - it broke down, thank goodness I was being followed by club members the full story to follow.

The club is in need of another trailer, the one we have is very good but we now carry more weight so we need one with brakes. If any member can help or know of a braked trailer or a small caravan that could be used as is or converted to suit our needs, free or not too much money please contact Trevor Sibley or a committee member.

And finally

NEW YEAR'S DAY

Does anyone have any information about the Phoenix Inn at Hartley Wintney? If so please contact a committee member. The pub has been closed for some time now. As regulars to the New Year's day gathering of vintage, classic cars and motorbikes this was a great event to be at if you weren't suffering from a hangover! **Trev.**

Forthcoming Events

November 25 th	2009	The Coach & Horses, Rotherwick RG27 9BG
December 4 th	2009	Christmas Meal - The Jolly Millar, North Warnborough
January 13 th	2010	AGM—Moose Hall Basingstoke
January 27 th	2010	TBA
February 10 th	2010	Club Night—Moose Centre Basingstoke

If you would like to enter your name on any of the lists and can't make it to the club simply phone me on (01189) 799358 or e-mail barbara@b-ccc.com

Secretary's Chatter

As the 2009 season draws to a close it is an opportunity to look back over the year and plan for 2010.

In January, at the AGM, some new faces were elected to the committee with Trevor Burrows becoming our Chairman, Brian Hay special events, Kevin Newell the web site editor and me Peter Norton the new club secretary. (Not as pretty as Penny) Trevor Sibley carries on with the position of Vice Chairman and Jean as membership secretary. Rita is our treasurer. Rob Manton took on the job of magazine Editor.

Once again the Basingstoke Classic Car Club has enjoyed a year of success; success in that we have attracted new members and success in the trips, shows, and events which have been well attended the weather on the whole has been good, it did rain at Popham and Lasham but it didn't spoil the days out. At Lasham we were allowed into the hangers and we were able to get up close to the aircraft undergoing maintenance. Lasham staff were on hand to answer technical questions and others not so technical. A tour of the workshops where aircraft components are tested for cracks and defects was very interesting; Rita particularly liked the dark room ...mmm.! A word of thanks to Dave Butler who organised the event.

I didn't manage to get to either the Thornycroft or the Hartley Wintney shows. Last May Jean and I celebrated our Golden Wedding anniversary and as a surprise my daughter Angela arranged a holiday in Spain for us, which clashed nicely with the two main shows. In hindsight I know where I would rather have been, and it wasn't in an apartment situated in the middle of an industrial estate. You know you do tend to wonder why ear plugs were to be found in the drawers in the bedroom, come Monday morning that question was noisily answered.

Our social evenings visiting local pubs for a meal and a chat have always been popular and the locations can be found on the web site or on the events calendar, they happen on every fourth Wednesday of the month, come along and enjoy a good evening out.

Christmas is coming and as usual our Christmas meal and get together will be at the Jolly Miller North Warnborough...This year the meal will be a carvery and a choice of desserts.

If you have never been before why not give it a try ! Full details further on the back page of this magazine so book your place for a fun evening.

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Mary, husband Steve, and Dave and Penny Butler were joining us at the hotel that day and phoned to say they were all enjoying themselves shopping and would see us later at the hotel (not sure about **all** enjoying themselves!) Anyway back to the task in hand, after a struggle due to rust etc., the glass was removed, a deal was struck and we were back in the showroom having a final drool before leaving for a visit to the coastal town of Clevedon. Our first stop was at a tea room on the sea front. Trevor, Jean and Kath had toasties and I decided to have a ploughman's and what a ploughman's it was you could have fed the five thousand. Next it was a walk around town with some lovely but very expensive shops, even the charity shops were pricey so it was back to the car to make our way to Weston-Super-Mare railway station to pick up Ted Squires who was arriving by train at 5pm to join us for a day. It was then we had a small problem with the car - it was taking us the wrong way down the M5. After a few miles and then a few more through roadwork's and then a few more to find a exit and re entry it was time to discard the Sat Nav! We were now heading in the correct direction and eventually arrived at Weston Station to be greeted by Ted.

I took over the driving to give Trevor a rest and Ted being a Somerset man directed us the quick way back to the hotel and what a welcoming sight, in the driveway Dave's early chrome bumper MGB Roadster gleaming in red, arguably the best colour for a MGB, and also Steve's famous Austin A55. Dave, Penny, Steve and Mary were waiting on the balcony looking very relaxed after a day travelling and shopping. It did not take long before we had all freshened up and met in the bar for a few drinks before our evening meal then back to the bar for a few more drinks. Mary, our leader for the rest of the week, organised a quiz for each evening the first being on pop and our winners were Penny and Dave.

Considering Trevor and myself had spent the first two days doing what the ladies in our lives wanted it was at this point I was wondering what Mary had in store for us for the rest of the

Enjoying an evening meal
in Somerset



Annual trip * Mooseheart Hotel * Winscombe * Somerset

On Wednesday 30th September Trevor and Jean Sibley arrived at my house in Basingstoke, Trevor driving his 1967 Daimler Sovereign, on its first run for many a year after a very long restoration. We set off just after 10 am with me and my wife Kathy in our 1967 Jaguar 420 and Trevor and Jean following. The weather was fine and the drive very pleasant. After about an hour and a half it was time to stop for breakfast as some of you are aware Trevor needs his food or he turns into a monster). We pulled into a transport cafe and had a very nice breakfast. As I had used this cafe before I knew what was behind the premises, yes you've guessed classic cars, a restoration company, and it didn't take us long before we had introduced ourselves and were given a tour of the workshops. There were many Aston Martins, a few E-Type Jaguars, a Lagonda and many other makes of classics having full or partial restorations, plus one totally rotten Triumph Stag having a complete restoration at a cost probably five times the value of the car.

But the car that aroused the most interest belonged to the man who was showing us around - a Wolseley 110 parked outside and being driven daily, he was turning it into a police replica so as you can imagine it didn't take long before he and Trevor, the owner of a wonderful Wolseley 6/90 police replica, had exchanged phone numbers.

Well it was time to move on, our route took us though the wonderful scenery of Cheddar Gorge a slight detour led us through Banwell to the Mooseheart Hotel in Winscombe.

With our cases safely in the rooms, after a quick cuppa we took a walk into the village, window shopping and a look around a few charity shops then it was back to the hotel to freshen up, meet in the bar for a few refreshments before the evening meal and back to the bar for a few more refreshments before retiring to bed.

Day 2 1st October

A hearty breakfast was had before Kath and I joined Trevor and Jean in the Daimler and set off for Taunton. A small fuel leak at the carburettor was soon rectified and we were on our way again. Arriving at our destination we were surprised to find we were at a classic car showroom. The owner had some great low mileage cars on display some to be sold and others not, but this was not the real reason for us being there, so after a bit longer drooling it was back to the purpose of our visit. Behind the showroom and workshops was a Wolseley 6/90 ripe for dismantling for spares, so Trevor put on his overalls to take the glass out of the doors, I handed him the tools and the Kath and Jean handed me the tea. At this stage Trevor was interrupted by a phone call from Mary Hallam.

Rob Manton, due to other commitments, has asked for a successor to his role as magazine editor.

A number of club members were approached but we, as a committee, are pleased to confirm that Barbara Capel is willing to take on the job. Club members input to the magazine and the web site is vital, let Kevin and Barbara have your photos, write ups of shows, jokes, recipes, anything of interest, come on .

The "Car of the month" feature is of great interest so let Kevin have a profile of your classic and photos so that he can put it on the web site at www.b-ccc.com

A word of thanks to all the members whose efforts over the past year have contributed to the ongoing success of **The Basingstoke Classic Car Club**.

As this is the last magazine for 2009 the Committee would like to take this opportunity to say we hope you have a fantastic Christmas and a very Happy and Healthy 2010.

Look forward to seeing you at the AGM on Wednesday 13th January 2010.

Peter Norton
Club Secretary

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**By popular demand—coming back for 2010
Your Favourite Recipes**

**Come on ladies (and you fella's too!) share your favourite recipes. Just pop it on an email and send to editor@b-ccc.com
To start you off there is a recipe for a quick Christmas Pudding on page 11.**

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Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Basingstoke Classic Car Club takes place on Wednesday 13 January at the Moose Centre Basingstoke at 7.30 pm.

Cheese and wine will be served and all members are encouraged to come along and find out more about your club – in a convivial atmosphere.

Subscriptions for the coming year will remain at £12 .

On the previous page you will see the current list of committee members. These posts will become vacant on Wednesday 13th January 2010.

If you wish to nominate yourself or any member of the BCCC for a position on the Committee, then please complete the form below and scan it into an email and send to the Club Secretary, Peter Norton at peter@b-ccc.com **no later than Monday 4th January 2010**. Alternatively you can hand your form to him personally at any of the forthcoming events.

All current members have indicated their willingness to serve for a further year, if nominated.

Basingstoke Classic Car Club - Committee Nomination Form

Position	Proposed	Nominated by	Seconded by
Chairman			
Vice Chairman			
Secretary			
Treasurer			
Membership Secretary			
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Website Editor			
Events Organiser			
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