

Monthly Newsletter June 2022

I don't know how many of you are really thinking of motorsport or jobs to do in the garage, at the moment there is a big focus on the Jubilee Celebrations with village halls buzzing and street parties taking over neighbourhoods, perhaps it gives people time to reflect and enjoy what they have, away from our little island there is more than enough turmoil to contend with.

The club recently had a stand at the Launceston Steam & Vintage Rally, an ideal showcase for us to show the general public what we are all about, we had a good variety of machines present 2,3,&4 wheeled varieties and several members on hand to talk to anyone interested to know more, thanks to all the committee members for giving up their time, in particular Andrew and Lorraine Rippon for coordinating everything and taking charge, well, except for the erecting of the gazebos which was confusing as always but Lisa sorted it out by reading the instructions, we men aren't big on reading instructions.



Chairman's Chat

I hope you are all enjoying the spring weather although the temperature outside today is more conducive to writing this contribution than some fettling in the garage

Our last event was the Northgate Trophy Sporting Trial and this was unfortunately curtailed due to Roy Hartley having a heart attack. Thanks particularly to Andy Prosser and other club members for their assistance for Roy and to the ambulance crew for helping them gain access down across the

from Holsworthy ? Yes my Dad was Allin Penhale. Reply –‘ I competed with your brother Richard in Sporting Trials in the 1980’s ‘ What a small world. For course Allin Penhale will be remembered by members of my age and older as a very successful regular competitor in Classic trials winning many of our Trophies .Richard is now living in Denver having been in the USA for many years. Photos of me & car were taken to send to Denver .

We then set off for Long Compton with Murt in pursuit & arrived on site at 8.45 where a large number of competitors were already parked. There were many familiar faces ,some from the classic car world & others not seen for a good many years.

The format was- 3 Trials

HERITAGE (entry 28)

Basically, 1950’s road going without fiddle brakes& including 11 Dellows & an Allard.

These tackled 6 sections on the lower slopes 3 times. Familiar faces included Dave & Anna Robinson, Pete Tudor & Roger Ashby

HISTORIC & POST HISTORIC (55 Entries)

Historics are NTF cars from 1953 to early 1970’s with fiddle brakes & there were 30 side valve Cannons plus other specials. These guys appear to have an emphasis on having a jolly good time & often dress in period attire –namely flat cap, tweeds & tie. Also look to have a good picnic.Definitely from another era.

Post Historics are NTF cars from early 1970’s to 1978 with mainly BMC A series , Imp ,Renault 16 & Ford crossflow engines & drum brakes.

Again these classes tackled 6 sections 3 times on the medium slopes

MODERN (entry 34)

This was the Jacobean Trial being a round of the BTRDA Championship.

We tackled 6 sections 3 times on the steepest terrain & we ran on 8 psi.

There was a good local contingent comprising Murt ,Stewart Stamp, Jason Daniel, Duncan Stephens, Thomas Bricknell, Jerome Fack & myself

I had 2 bogey hills which keep my score unnecessarily high but still kept in close contention with Murt & Jason ending just 5 points adrift but well down the field.

For the record the winners were-

Heritage	Martyn Halliday	Lotus
Historic	Ian Wright	Cannon
Post Historic	Simon Kingsley	Kincraft
Modern	Thomas Bricknell	Crossle

It was a privilege to take part in such a truly extraordinary event (117 entries) which was superbly organised by Josh & Elaine Veale & the MTCC team.

It was a pity that with simultaneous running we did not really have much opportunity to watch the older cars in action but I don't think it could have been any other way.

All that remained was to load up after assisting a transporter beached on the corrugations of the field & start the long journey home followed by Murt . It was touch & go whether we could make home(380 mile round trip)on a single tank so stopped for top up & espresso to keep awake Don't know how we would manage such a trip in the future with an electric tow car ?

Someone said it was like a Goodwood for Sporting Trials & that was a fair observation . I will probably look to go again another year after all it's the taking part that matters.

As usual many thanks to my long suffering bouncer Nigel as without his enthusiasm I would probably have stayed at home.

Mike Wevill

GasGas 250cc Pampera Mk III For Sale

A rare opportunity to acquire a GasGas Pampera Mk III...recognised as one of the best long-distance trials bikes ever made. This bike is genuine one owner from new, and has recorded just over 3000 km. The original rear-wheel sprocket is still in place. It is one of the last two Pampera MkIIIs imported to the UK, and was purchased new from BVM of Stroud.

It is all original, except for Renthal trials bars and grips, nearly-new Pirelli trials tyres, security bolts, KTM handguards, and an Iris O-ring chain. Even the original speedo and indicators are still fitted and working. There is a good quantity of spare parts and consumables with the bike, including original type Vee-Rubber enduro tyres. All documentation is present, including the original bill of sale, handbook, sales brochure, and an information pack.

I'm selling because a Beta X-Trainer has replaced both it and my four-stroke trail bike. There is a small 'ding' in the front wheel rim (not a problem at MoT-time), and a small hole in the seat cover over the base. Apart from that, just a few little scrapes and scratches.

These machines only rarely come onto the market now.



Future Events

12/06/2022 Testing / Production Trial at Smithson Farm Kelly.

Lisa Gregory is the entry taker and can be contacted through our facebook community page or you can enter online via the club website .

19/06/2022 Spry Sporting Trial. We have a new venue for this, Higher Frankborough Farm, Broadwoodwidge. Mike Wevill is your contact 01566 784451. Email j.wevill@btsupport.com

10/07/2022 Motor Traders Trial at Waterloo Farm North Petherwin.

MCC 3 Day Trial 24/25/26 June Our club is running hills on Day 2 of this event and as always any offers of marshalling help would be most welcome , contact myself on 07971 249783.

Anyone at a loose end on the 19th of June may want to come along to the Tresmeer Village Hall family treasure hunt. Starting at 2.00pm at the hall, all clues are done using the What 3 Words app, on completion return to the hall for tea and cakes.

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So as you can see we are busy planning events for you the members to enjoy, in particular the Testing Trial is one that caters for all age groups in whatever form of vehicle you have, preferably not an electric one (only joking) as one of our Vice President's Les Connect is yet to be convinced of the concept. Unfortunately his application to the local Council to turn his garage into a giant fuel store was refused, Les was last seen at a hardware shop in Newton Abott buying a pick and shovel with plans to excavate an underground fuel store under the veg plot in the garden.

All for this month, don't forget to send contributions to billjan299@gmail.com

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