

North Norfolk Classic Vehicle Club – February 2021 Newsletter.

Welcome to the February newsletter, hopefully many of you will have at last received your first dose of the Covid-19 vaccination and are feeling more positive about the coming months ahead. Not only is Spring just around the corner and the days are getting longer, but we are starting to receive news of classic events being organised for the year ahead. Although some of the earlier ones have already been cancelled or postponed, there are outline plans for many others later in the year. Roy has listed all of those that he is aware of on the club website but I have picked out just a few below for you to put in your diaries.

Meanwhile can I please welcome the following new members to the club. They are:

Peter and Bridget Lewis who own a 1990 Lotus Excel.

Tony, Maggie and Andrew Rothe who are the proud owners of an Austin 10/4.

Nick McMeneny who owns a RR Silver Shadow and a Mercedes benz SL500.

Hopefully we will see our new members at some of the up coming events.

So, what's in the diary for 2021?

The usual show at the **Skeyton Goat** has been scheduled for Sat/Sun 8/9th May. Vehicles from 1985 to 2000 will be on display on Saturday whilst pre 1985 entrants will be on show on Sunday. This event may well be subject to change as the vaccine roll out will still have only just got round to the second dose for those of us in the over 70 category.

Sunday 13th June has been set for the **Ludham Classic car and Open Gardens show**. This is a Club supported event and Vernon will provide more details, and an entry form, as soon as all the details are finalised. The last running of the show was very oversubscribed so I suggest you all keep an eye on the website for when the registration form becomes available.

Member Steve Key informs me that there is to be an **Open Gardens event at Hempstead Village on June 26th and 27th** and would like to include a display of classics. Full details are still to be confirmed. Once again, please keep an eye on the club website for updates.

The **Aslacton Tractorfest and Classic Vehicle Show** will take place on **Saturday 10th July** at Griffin Park, Woodrow Lane, Aslacton NR15 2JE. Open 1 pm to 5pm. Lots to see and do including refreshments. New for 2021 The Raptor Trust and the Waverney Beekeepers Association will be attending. More details nearer the date. Club members Janine and Peter Jarrett are amongst the organisers so if there is sufficient support a Club Stand will be provided.

The **2nd Rocky's Road Classic Car and Music Festival** is planned for **Sunday 11th July**. As was previously, the venue is the Recreation Ground at Aylsham and is once again in aid of 'Young Minds' Charity. More details to follow. This event was first held a couple of years ago and attracted a great number of entrants. Once again it will be a Club Supported Event.

The club will hold its annual **Show 'n' Shine & BBQ Night on Monday 19th July**. Venue as always will be the Sheringham Golf Club. The Mark Harris Trophy will be awarded for the "best in show". This is an opportunity to bring out your classics and get to know new club members as well as meeting up (at a suitably social distance) with old friends. A chance to show how much work has been done on your vehicles during the year of lockdowns.

The **Helmingham Hall Classic Car Show** is scheduled for **Sunday 1st August**, Helmingham IP14 6EF. Our Club Entry has been confirmed so to participate you **MUST** contact Christine Sparrow: ST. SWITHINS, SCHOOL ROAD, ASHMANHAUGH, NORWICH, NR12 8YN. TEL: 01603 781917, email: csparrow57@gmail.com to confirm you wish to enter as Individual

entries will not be able to park on Club stand. A cheque payable to Helmingham Hall Gardens for £10 to cover Driver and one Passenger will be requested by Christine before the closing date which is Friday 9th July. Christine will also contact you regarding the strict time and details of entry to the grounds. This is a Club supported event.

Sunday 1st August also sees the **Wroxham & Hoveton Lions Charity Summer Fete & Classic Car Show** at Hoveton Village Hall, NR12 8DU. 10am to 4pm. Details and entry form from:

[classics_booking.pdf](#)

Sunday 15th August, Stonham Barns Classic Car Show. Club supported event. Details to follow.

Sunday 22nd August is the new date for the club's postponed **St George's Drive It Day run** from Sheringham to Holkham Hall Courtesy of Earl and Countess of Leicester. If you haven't already previously registered for the event a new entry form can be downloaded from:

[st_g_21_new_entry.pdf](#). If you have previously registered then you do not need to re-register as you are already on the Run's database. Hopefully by postponing the run to the end of August we are able to provide an event to replace the now defunct Summer fair at Beeston.

On **Sunday 12th September** the Wroxham Bure Valley Rotary Club will be holding their second **Charity Classic Car event at Wroxham Barns**. Further details to follow.

Hopefully the arrival of these events will encourage everyone to dust off their classics in anticipation of getting back onto the road again. On a personal note I decided last weekend to wake up Ruby as she was due to be driven to the Curtis & Son garage this week for some engine diagnostics and potential valve re-grinding. It took me a day and a half to get her to fire up! Plenty of sparks, lots of fuel in the carburettor but no fuel in the cylinders. Following much cursing and swearing (and blowing out the carburettor jets a number of times) I managed to get her running. I immediately drove her over to Overstrand (2 days early for her appointment) where she is no doubt sitting sulking before being attended to.

And finally, when Ruby was being completely renovated, I was prevailed upon to purchase some waterless coolant and prep fluid for her. However on contacting the makers (Evans) - unfortunately after I had bought the coolant - I was advised not to use the coolant as Ruby does not have a water pump and relies on thermal circulation! As a result I have 4 ½ litres of Power Cool 180 and 4 litres of Evans Prep fluid (total cost just under £100) going spare. If they are of any use to a member I will let you have them for a suitable donation to the EAAA.

Stay safe and hope to see you out and about once we have all been jabbed and are released once more into the wilds of Norfolk.

Bob