

## **NNCVC March 2021 Newsletter.**

Welcome to the March 2021 newsletter. I am writing this, following the hottest day of the year so far at 17 deg C at the weekend, at my desk whilst watching the cold, damp sea fret rolling past my windows at a tropical 4 deg C. Welcome to early Spring in North Norfolk. Not a lot has changed since the last newsletter in February in terms of being able to get out and about due to the pandemic. I have however seen the odd classic on the roads dutifully embarking on their essential journey whilst at the same time blowing away some winter cobwebs. I am currently waiting for some warmer weather before I wheel out the Triking for an essential trip to the shops.

In the last newsletter I outlined some of the various events organised for later in the year so I won't repeat these again here. However there is more info on the Hempstead Open Gardens weekend 26/27 June 10.30 to 5 pm. There is free dedicated parking for classics on playing field next to the church. Refreshments / toilets in village hall. Plant stalls, artworks, sculptures, live owl carving, dog agility course, off-lead area for dogs, mapped circular walks around village and learn about moths! Entry to gardens £5 p.p children free, dogs on leads allowed. Club members are, as ever, reminded that they are responsible for their own safety and should adhere to any national Covid-19 restrictions and advice that may be in place at the time. This is in addition to any further requirements imposed by the event organisers.

Please keep an eye on the club website as Roy is continually adding event details as they come in to him. Having said that please make a date in your diaries for the club Festive Lunch which has been booked for Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> December at the Old Rectory, Crostwick. If this has to be postponed again due to government imposed restrictions then I guess the country will be in deep trouble!!

Normally at this time of year we would be holding our AGM. Unfortunately looking at the Government's roadmap out of the current restrictions, the earliest we could hold the AGM with members present would be sometime in July! This delay is not acceptable so I am proposing that we hold a simplified version of the AGM by post. Included with the club's Spring Magazine (scheduled for Easter delivery) will be a short document dealing with the election of the club's officers and committee together with a treasurer's report and financial statement of accounts for the past year. You will be able to vote for the approval of the accounts and for those officers and members of the committee who wish to seek re-election. As is usual, you will be asked to vote on any new rule changes and the election of any new volunteers wishing to join the committee.

Should you wish to volunteer to join the committee, or wish to suggest a rule change to our Constitution, please can you contact me by Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March so that I may include this in the AGM document being issued with the club magazine.

Once we have completed the AGM formalities we can get back to the major task of organising suitable events for the club. As we have not been able to use our classics much this last year I am hoping that we could organise more drive out/picnic events to get some miles under the bonnet. If you have any ideas for suitable venues where club members could drive to, and then hold a picnic, please let me know. The only prerequisites are that we should be able to park a reasonable number of vehicles (preferably for free) and that toilet facilities are available. Other than that the world's your oyster. I look forward to hearing your suggested venues.

And finally! You will recall that in the last newsletter I took Ruby to the H Curtis & Son garage at Overstrand to check the engine compression and poor starting. As with most things involving me nothing is simple and Ruby is no exception. The compression on all cylinders was excellent but still the poor starting continued. A replacement electronic distributor made for a much better spark and easier starting from both cold and hot. However Ruby still fails to start reliably every time. She has petrol at the carb, a spark at the plugs (at the correct time) but still refuses to start every time. Ruby continues to cause much head scratching but hopefully by the next newsletter the chaps at Overstrand will have cracked the problem and she will be back home fully operational.

Stay safe, and hopefully see you around and about soon.

Bob