



WESTCOUNTRY CLASSIC VEHICLE CLUB (WCVV)

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Newsletter

February 2019

Editorial:

The WCVV newsletter is supported by the WCVV web-site which can be accessed by the address as shown at the newsletter heading above. The newsletter can be sent to you via email, please send your email address to Chris Baker at our new email address: bakerchrissue20@gmail.com

Can I remind members when sending in your completed 2019 membership form, to send it to John Bartholomew with a self-addressed and stamped envelope. When sending in completed application form for WCVV 2019 Shows to send it to Margaret Malin with a self addressed and stamped envelope. Thank you

Chairman's Chat

Chairman's end of year report: WCVV successfully presented five shows, being two at Newton Abbot; then one each at Torre Abbey, Teignmouth Den and World of Country Life, Exmouth, displaying nearly 400 cars during the course of the year. The Club also had stands throughout the year at other shows, principally being Paignton Green, Torbay Steam Rally and Powderham Castle.

Membership: The club membership at the end of 2018 stands at 70 which showed a steady increase.

Obituary: It was with great sadness that respected WCVV member Jim Cudlipp passed away 5th July, 2018. He and his Albion breakdown lorry were a feature at Club and other events. Also, Reg Heard who passed away 29 November 2018 aged 77. He was an active member for many years and Reg took 40 members as a coach driver on an enjoyable mystery tour to Tintagel.

Other Activities: During the summer months an attempt was made to encourage members to join in with a monthly lunch-time carvery followed by a run out for the classic cars. When suggested to attendees at the shows, enthusiasm was shown but not followed up in practice and the idea has been shelved.

Show Support: Club support for the shows has been good, but assistance with marshalling and general help has been lacking with the exception of the usual few who are left with this now considerable burden, especially considering advancing years of most of us. I earnestly appeal to our members to please come forward and give a much needed hand.

The Newton Abbot Cup. Sally Henley, Newton Abbot Town Development manager, has allowed me to use the Cup that she presented to the club for the show and is now obsolete, to be used at our discretion. Therefore I propose to present this yearly to the outstanding club member for their volunteering support. This year it will be presented to Sylvia Hern for her tireless work and we will present it with our sincere thanks.

Club Nights: Every effort has been made to liven up our club evening with interesting events, including speakers on various topics, quizzes, social happenings and presentation of hobbies. During the year a number of speakers gave forth on interesting topics but the attendance in some cases was poor, an unfortunate state considering the time and effort that the speakers put in to their presentations. It would be unfortunate if these evenings turned out to be a waste of time.

The News Letter and the Web Site: I would like to thank Sue Baker for managing, organising and presenting the Web Site and to Chris Baker for organising the News Letter.

Treasurer's Report, which included income and expenditure statement and bank reconciliation statement up to 31 December 2018, was distributed by hand. The report showed a surplus of £690.76

Presidents Report: Charity payment this year was £300 to Children Hospice and, yet to be presented, £100 to Torre Abbey. £500 this year to Rowcroft. 2019 charity – British Heart Foundation . Mike mentioned that a music group promoter had said that whatever the club raised, he would double. (for example if we donate £100, he will also give £100), this to be confirmed in writing. Ken suggested that World of Country Life's own chosen charity, a charity for the school of deaf and dumb be considered. Chris proposed that for this a donation of £1 will be taken from each entrant's fee at Country Life and donated to this together with other takings – agreed.

Nominations for Committee:

President: Chris May **Chairman:** John Bartholomew **Treasurer:** Mike Langford, assisted by Sue Baker

Membership: John Bartholomew. **Show Coordinator:** Margaret Malin **Club Secretary:** Chris May

Club Nights: Ken **Web Site:** Sue Baker **News Letter:** Chris Baker

Safety Officer: Roger Jones.

Any Other Business:

Roger Jones suggests that Torre Abbey event be held to coincide with the adjoining Soap Box Derby event on the same day. Both groups will benefit with visitors from each visiting the other.

Chairman John: Is it possible to show Club cars at the Torbay Air Show?

Gordon Oliver: I don't know: I'll look into it. What about having an auto jumble stand at Torre Abbey? What about Cockington as a venue for the coming year? What about having Alan Denby as a speaker for the coming year; he is a former Formula 1 racing driver

John Bartholomew, Chairman

Feature:

The Leyland Eight:

A luxury car produced by commercial vehicle makers Leyland Motors from 1920 to 1923.

Its names again, this time it's **J.G.Parry Thomas** and **Reid Railton**. John Godfrey Parry-Thomas was a Welsh engineer and motor-racing driver who at one time held the land speed record. He became chief engineer at Leyland Motors. After the First World War he and his assistant Reid Railton designed the Leyland Eight luxury motor car, which was intended to compete with Rolls-Royce. In 1925 He acquired the Higham Special from the estate of the deceased Count Zborowski, and in it he was killed at Pendine Sands on 3 March 1927 while trying to regain his own world land speed record

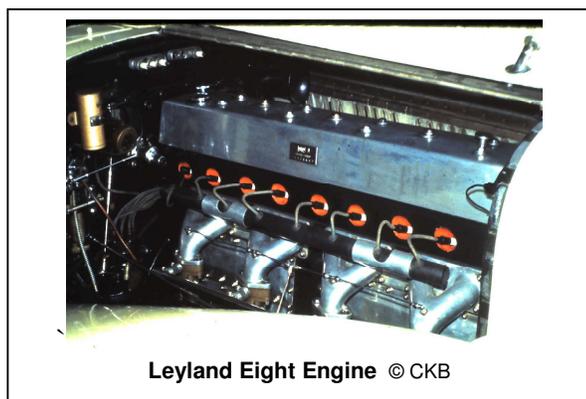
Reid Railton joined Leyland Motors in 1917 where he worked with Parry-Thomas on the Leyland Eight luxury car. In 1927, on the death of Parry-Thomas, Railton moved to Brooklands working for Thomson & Taylor becoming their Technical Director with responsibility for John Cobb's 1933 Napier Railton car which took the Outer Circuit record in 1933

Those of you who know Exeter in the 1950's, before the construction of the old bus and coach depot, will – might – remember a car sales garage at the roundabout at the bottom of Heavitree road. This, at the time, was selling British Leyland products and on one memorable day I happened to be there when on display was what is now one of the rarest cars in the world, the Leyland Eight.



Leyland Eight at Exeter 1958 © CKB

The car was intended to be the finest car available. It was the first British car with a straight-eight engine and was offered in one of two capacities: 6,920 cc, producing 115 bhp, or 7,266 cc, producing 146 bhp. The car was very expensive, the chassis for delivery to a coachbuilder costing £2,500 in 1920. It was the most expensive



Leyland Eight Engine © CKB

British car of its day with a 40/50 Rolls-Royce Silver Ghost chassis costing £1,850. Chassis were supplied to customers for their choice of coachbuilders which included Vanden Plas, Barker, Carlton and Windovers. Just 18 of these cars were made and it seems that all the assembled cars had disappeared even before WW2. The reasons for the failure of the car to sell were principally the name Leyland – associated with trucks, buses and, in the early days, steam powered lawnmowers; the complex nature of the mechanical design and the cost, a Rolls Royce, a name firmly attached to luxury, reliability and refinement, being cheaper.

However, there remained a car assembled by Thomson & Taylor Ltd., at Brooklands in 1927, from parts they had retained from the Parry Thomas collection of spares including three chassis that he took with him when he left Leyland to open his own engineering works at Brooklands. There he built the Leyland-Thomas, a racing special based on the Leyland Eight. The Thomson and Taylor car incorporated the best of the Leyland Eight and the racing Leyland-Thomas cars. It was given a sporting two-seater body, probably by Barker. This is the car that I inspected and photographed in Exeter in 1958.

After the war the car was discovered and was used in sprint events. In the 1950's it was purchased by Sir Henry Spurrier, Managing Director of Leyland's, who acquired it for his apprentices to refurbish. After the rebuild, the car was taken on a round Britain tour to Leyland agents in 1958. This last Leyland Eight, was said to give 200 bhp. When completed, the Leyland was finished in cream paintwork and placed in the Company's Museum. The British Leyland Corporation inherited the car and it duly found its way into their Leyland Collection, now housed in the Donington Park Museum, and later in the collection of the Heritage Motor Centre.



Leyland Eight today at Heritage Centre

WCVV Club Nights: Our Club Nights are located at Old Forde Hall Social Club, Brunel Road, Newton Abbot TQ12 4AG. WCVV club nights take place on the third Friday of every month at 7.30pm. Dates for your 2019 diary are:

Friday 15 March - Social Evening Cheque presentation of £500 to Debbi Shotton, Rowcroft Hospice

Friday 12 April - Social Evening

Friday 17 May - Social Evening – Skittles with TOWC

Friday 21 June - Social Evening

Friday 19 June

August – no club night, school holidays.

WCVV Classic Car Events for 2019:

Below we list the dates for the forthcoming events for the 2019 season. The dates as shown are correct as at this time. For full information on shows, gatherings and events, please contact **MARGARET MALIN, 28 FIRST AVENUE, TORQUAY TQ1 4JB** for entry forms for the following events, or download from the website.

Show 1 **Newton Abbot Town Centre. Saturday 8 June.** Sited directly in the centre of the town adjacent to the clock tower, with all the towns shops and facilities close at hand. Presentation of awards takes place at 3.00pm.



Show 2 **The Den, Teignmouth. Date to be confirmed.** This large event is sited on the Teignmouth sea-front with close access to the town centre and all its facilities. The Den is one of the most popular areas offering, as well as the car show, a variety of family attractions.



Show 3 **Torre Abbey, Torquay. Sunday 21 July Date to be confirmed.** Torre Abbey is a historic building, museum and art gallery in Torquay. Torre Abbey is known for the formal gardens which make a perfect surrounding for a classic car gathering.



Show 4 **World of Country Life, Sandy Bay, Exmouth. Sunday 15 September.** Always well attended, this event allows participants to take advantage of the Victorian shops, vintage farm machinery and vehicles, the Country Life's own collection of classic cars and commercial vehicles, and all the other family activities that make the event a classic of its own. Any club member with a hobby that they would like to display, for example stationary engines, miniature steam engines, model vehicles and similar, can reserve a table. Booking Form available at the end of this newsletter.



Show 5 **Newton Abbot Town Centre, Saturday 28 September.** Sited directly in the centre of the town adjacent to the clock tower, with all the town's shops and facilities close at hand. Presentation of awards takes place at 3.00pm.



All show times are from **10am – 4pm**; club members showing their vehicles should be on site by **10.00am** and **not** leave the site until after **4.00pm**.

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Entry Form for the WVVC 2019 Shows

NAME:

ADDRESS:

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POSTCODE: **TELE NO:**..... **EMAIL ADDRESS:**.....

MEMBERSHIP NO:**SIGNATURE:**..... **DATE:**.....

VEHICLE DETAILS:

MAKE: **MODEL:**

YEAR:..... **REG NO:**

**Vehicles less than 25 years old will only be accepted at the discretion of the Committee, if the vehicle is interesting, rare or unusual or important
PLEASE TICK FOR THE SHOWS ATTENDING:**

Tick Box			Members	Non Members	M/C & Trikes
	Saturday 8 June	NEWTON ABBOT	£4.50	£5.50	£3.50
	To be confirmed	THE DEN	£4.50	£5.50	£3.50
	Sunday 21 July. To be confirmed	TORRE ABBEY	£4.50	£5.50	£3.50
	Sunday 15 September	WORLD OF COUNTRY LIFE	£5.50	£7.50	£3.50
	Saturday 28 September	NEWTON ABBOT	£4.50	£5.50	£3.50

**Cheques made payable to:
WESTCOUNTRY CLASSIC VEHICLE CLUB**

**PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED FORM AND FULL PAYMENT WITH A S.A.E. (Stamped/Self Addressed Envelope) TO:
Mrs Margaret Malin, 28 First Avenue< Daison, Torquay TQ1 4JB**

HEALTH AND SAFETY BASIC RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR CLUB EVENTS

The Committee members have taken every step to ensure the health, safety and welfare of all persons visiting or connected with the show.

Please make yourself familiar with the health and safety notices and precautions in place for your protection.

Everyone is required to observe all such precautions and signals given by the Marshall and Committee Stewards. Should you feel that any health and safety issues have arisen that we are not aware of please bring this to the attention of the Safety Officer.

Parents and Guardians must ensure that children in their care remain under control at all times.

No vehicles – exhibits or otherwise, to be driven at more than 5mph anywhere on the rally ground. Please note that all exhibitors must have completed and signed a rally entry form. No vehicle movement between 10.30am and 4.00pm during the show WITHOUT THE CONSENT OF THE SAFETY OFFICER.

All drivers must be qualified in law and insured to drive the class of vehicle exhibited. No more than the intended number of persons to be on a moving engine, tractor or vehicle.

All entries must be insured against third party risk, fully licensed and tested as appropriate for us. The Safety Officer reserves the right to ask for proof such item.

No exhibits to be left running unattended. All vehicles to be properly braked or have the wheels chocked.

The organisers, employees, helpers or the land owners can NOT be held responsible for any loss, damage or injury during the event. In the unlikely event of a dispute, the organisers reserve the right to ask any exhibitor, trader or participant to leave the site.

No joyriding at any time on the site.

Please put litter in the bins and bags provided around the site.

No dogs (except guide dogs) allowed at THE WORLD OF COUNTRY LIFE including no gazebos.

Note: Should the Rally/Event be cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances Westcountry Classic Vehicle Club will not accept liability for any financial loss incurred by entrants.

PLEASE SIGN TO ABIDE BY CLUB RULES:

Signed:

Print Name:

Date:

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**Booking Form to Reserve Table/s for
WORLD OF COUNTRY LIFE 2019**

NAME:

ADDRESS:

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POSTCODE: **TELE NO:**.....**EMAIL ADDRESS:**.....

MEMBERSHIP NO:

PLEASE RESERVE **(QTY) TABLES FREE**

TYPE OF MODELS ETC:

MODEL VEHICLE:.....

STATIONARY ENGINE:

MINIATURE STEAM ENGINE:.....

OTHER:.....

SIGNATURE:..... **DATE:**.....

Please note no gazebos allowed at the World of Country Life.

**Please return form to:
Mrs Margaret Malin, 28 First Avenue, Daison, Torquay, TQ1 4JB**

**For confirmation of booking please enclose S.A.E. (Stamped, Self
Addressed, Envelope)**

Other Classic Car Events for 2019 (including where WCVV have a stand)

The South Zeal Devon Classic Car & Motorcycle Show	Saturday	6 April	01837840244 Email: spowelluk@aol.com	
Uffculme	Monday	6 May	Enquiries to patsyphili@aol.com	Closing date 26/4/2019
Killerton	Sunday	12 May	Call 01392881345 Email: Killerton@nationaltrust.org.uk	
Devon County Show	Thurs/Fri/Sat	16-18 May		
Pecorama	Sunday	26 May	0129721542	
Brixfest	Wed eve	29 May		
Donkey Sanctuary	Sunday	7 July		
The Lyn Valley Classic	Sunday	9 June	Contact 07974382159	
The BHP Fuel Fest	Sunday	16 June	Westpoint Arena Contact: Jay Dennison@bhp events 01409261729	
The Great West Jaguar & Classic Car Day	Sunday	30 June	http://www.jec.org.uk for more details	
Powderham	Sat/Sun	13/14 July		
Entry Form obtained from	Mrs M Malin 28 First Avenue Torquay TQ1 4JB	01803315231		WCVV have a club stand.
Paignton Green	Sunday	28 July	TOWC	
Entry Form obtained from	Mrs M Malin 28 First Avenue Torquay TQ1 4JB	01803315231		WCVV have a club stand. 10 places Available.
Totnes Show	Sunday	28 July	Contact Colin Banks 07944731609	
Torbay Steam Fair	Fri/Sat/Sun	2-4 August		
Contact direct and write WCVV on entry form	John Pine 01803854742 evenings			WCVV have a club stand
Mount Edgecumbe	Sunday	5 August		
Hennock	Sunday	11 August		
Aveton Gifford	To Be Confirmed			
Sidmouth Car Show	Saturday	21 Sept		

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Membership/Renewal Form 2019



FULL NAME:

ADDRESS:

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POSTCODE:..... **TELE NO:**..... **EMAIL:**.....

Please write your existing Membership Number given to you in 2018

Would you like to receive your newsletter by email **YES/NO**

I/We agree to abide by the club rules and regulation **Signature:**..... **Date:**.....

Your details will not be shared with any other organisation. WCVC fully complies with Data Protection legislation

Spouse/Partner/Children up to the age of 16 years

Names:.....

VEHICLE DETAILS:

MAKE: **MODEL CC:**

YEAR:..... **REG NO:**

ADDITIONAL VEHICLE DETAILS:

ANY OTHER RELEVANT INTERESTS:

Cheques made payable to:
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PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED FORM AND PAYMENT WITH A S.A.E. (Stamped/Self Addressed Envelope)
TO: Membership Secretary
Mr J Bartholomew
12 Landridge Road, Paignton TQ3 3PT

Memberships:	£ 6.00	Single
	£10.00	Family with Junior (up to the age of 16 years old)
	£ 3.00	Social Members Single
	£ 5.00	Social Members Family