



WESTCOUNTRY CLASSIC VEHICLE CLUB (WCVV)

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Editorial: What ho dear friends, it seems that 2019 brings new ways for classic car owners and motorists in general to part with their money and to bring other ways to make car ownership more difficult. From increases to the tax you pay, more ways to fail MOTs, emissions zone charges and licencing updates, there's a lot for drivers to keep track of this year.

Here are key need-to-knows for the year ahead and beyond compiled by RAC. We would suggest that, as a matter of urgency, you look up RAC on the computer, dial in **Driving and law changes in 2019** and read the considerable amount of wordage involved. If you don't have a computer, contact someone who does and get the lot printed off. In brief, the driving and law changes in and from 2019 that might affect us, are as follows:

Driving and law changes in 2019

Tax increases; New MOT rules in place from 2018; Diesel surcharges for residential parking permits; Smart motorways to be retrofitted with Emergency Refuge Areas (ERAs); Changes to Insurance Premium Tax; Consultation begins on green-coloured number plates; £420m released for local authorities to tackle potholes; Smart Motorway red X fines; Pavement parking ban; Intelligent Speed Assist will be mandatory for new cars from 2022; New legislation to counter rogue parking companies; Upcoming government inquiry into road safety; Highway Code road safety review.

As far as Brexit is concerned and any affect it may have on classic car owners, no-one knows what is going on, especially the government, so until we do know what is going on there is no point in making any comment. When we do know something, watch this space.

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

Hi, we're now into a new year. Sorry that it's taken so long to get dates out for upcoming shows. But some organisers have been slow to provide us with dates. Last year was extremely successful; we hope this year will do us well.

Whether warning

The success of the club is dependent on **whether** members wish to participate in activities put on by the club. It has been extremely disappointing to not only have few (but the same few) attending the AGM. Members of the club are not attending club nights, leaving the same few members being there and generating an interest in functions. When something has been organised, and less than 12 people attend it is extremely disheartening.

We have members that have **never** attended any club nights. Even when we have the skittle nights, we have relied on borrowed members from other clubs to make up the numbers on our team. The same goes for our club shows. The only assistant given in setting up and marshalling functions comes from the same few staunch club members. There are club member's to my shame, I do not know – because there has been no contact with some members – not even to say "thank you" and "goodbye".

It has been hard to motivate the willing member's to carry on as sometimes it seems for no return. With some of the committee having to double up on running the clubs systems. Please, it would be extremely nice if some member's came forward to assist in keeping the club running into the future. Bearing in mind, all of us who are car owners only want to show our cars and none of us really need the hassle of trying to keep the club alive under the above circumstances.

John Bartholomew, Chairman

Feature:

Classic Cars and Afternoon Teas.

If you, dear reader, are contemplating putting together your “bucket list”, that is things to do before it’s too late to do them, you could do worse than to take afternoon tea in some of the Grand Old Colonial Hotels. Reids Hotel, Madeira and the great Peninsula Hotel in Hong Kong still carry out with full reverence the tradition of afternoon tea.

Afternoon tea at these grand institutions gives you the opportunity to take in the history, tradition and style of a bygone era. It’s for that reason that these hotels remain a must for the tourist, for the afternoon tea enthusiast and for the traditionalist. The Peninsula Hotel in Hong Kong is the classic example for the best “tiffin” available, closely followed by Reids Hotel, Madeira. Both these hotels also have a classic car connection in their use of luxury vehicles as guest transport, particularly the Peninsula (or ‘Pen’ as it is fondly known) in Hong Kong. The Peninsula opened in 1928, and was founded by members of the Kadoorie family. Afternoon tea is taken in the Lobby Lounge where guests will be serenaded by a small orchestra in the upper gallery.



Reids Hotel, Madeira. This is a must for the tea tourist. The mountainous islands of Madeira are 560k off the coast of North African Morocco, in the Atlantic, and belong to Portugal. Madeira’s classic colonial hotel gem was founded by William Reid in 1891. The hotel was refurbished in the 1990’s upholding its luxurious colonial style. Afternoon tea takes place in the Lounge and on the Tea Terrace. Apart from the good selection of teas and foods and exemplary service, a must is a glass of fine Madeira wine with your tea.

And, if you are thinking of making an adventure in your life, there are still a good number of these traditional Old Colonial Hotels operating throughout the world where the tradition of afternoon tea is firmly entrenched. If on your travels you go to Singapore, I recommend Raffles Hotel for fine afternoon tea, as I do the Mandarin Oriental in Bangkok, the Eastern and Oriental in Penang, Malaysia, the Galleface Hotel, Sri Lanka, The Majestic Hotel, Malacca, Malaysia; The Pera Palace, Istanbul; The Phoenicia Hotel, Valetta, Malta; The Hacienda Los Lingues, Chile; and the Khan Majhan, Baghdad (yes, it is still in operation and still offers afternoon tea).

Rolls Royce enthusiasts will unanimously agree that the big 40/50 horsepower Phantom II which was in production from 1929 to 1935 was, in its final form, the epitome of automotive excellence; rich, elegant, luscious, noble, perfect. One of the best examples of this fine vehicle can be viewed at the ultra luxurious Peninsula Hotel in Hong Kong where it has been in constant commission as luxury guest transport since 1992. The acquisition of this fine car was the decision of Peninsula Hotel Group’s CEO Michael Kadouri who wanted something suitably remarkable to show off the Pen’s then new image. The coachwork of the car came from Royal coachbuilders Barker in 1934, wearing coachwork in the style of *Sedanca de Ville* where the front section of the roof folds away leaving the chauffeur in the open air with the passengers enclosed in superior luxury and stately comfort.



The whole vehicle was totally rebuilt, refurbished and lightly modified to enable the vehicle to cope with Hong Kong traffic and climate. The steering has power assistance, electric cooling fans have been fitted to the radiator and an air conditioning system installed to cool the passengers. Apart from this the car is as standard as the day it left the works. Finished in Black over the delicious Peninsula Brunswick green, this car is a reminder of times past when cost was secondary to quality. The car shares its stabling with a fleet of latest model Rolls Royce Phantoms, some 14 of them, that provide guest transportation. Such is the success of this fleet that all of the Peninsula Group hotels now have similar

fleets, each with a classic Phantom II as flagship car.

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

Friday 17 May - Social Evening – Skittles with TOWC

Friday 21 June - Social Evening – Hobbies Night

Friday 19 July – Social Evening – Auction Night for our charities

August – no club night, school holidays.

Friday 20 September - Social Evening

Friday 18 October – Social Evening

Friday 15 November – Social Evening

Friday 20 December – Social Evening

Friday 17 January 2020 - AGM

WCVC 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. Sunday 30 June** 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.** 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
	Sunday 30 June	THE DEN	£4.50	£5.50	£3.50
	Sunday 21 July	TORRE ABBAY	£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)

Pecorama	Sunday	26 May	0129721542	
Collaton St Mary	Monday	27 May	01803 522260 S Robinson	
Brixfest	Wed eve	29 May	01803 843094 J Bye	
The Lyn Valley Classic	Sunday	9 June	Contact 07974382159	
The BHP Fuel Fest	Sunday	16 June	Westpoint Arena Contact: Jay Dennison@bhp events 01409261729	
Morewellham Quay Rally	Sunday	16 June	01822 832766 Free entry	
The Great West Jaguar & Classic Car Day	Sunday	30 June	http://www.jec.org.uk for more details	
Donkey Sanctuary	Sunday	7 July	01395 573101	
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.
Forde Abbey Summer Fayre	Thurs	25 July	01460 220231	
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 01647 252805	
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	4 August	carshow@friendsof-mount-edgecumbe.org.uk	Email
Hennock	Sunday	11 August	01626 833266	
Seaton Sea Front	Sunday	25 August	01 297 22109	
Aveton Gifford	Sunday	25 August	01548 550784 Chris Knapman	
Sidmouth Car Show	Saturday	21 Sept	www.sidmuthclassicc arshow.co.uk	

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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