



**WESTCOUNTRY CLASSIC VEHICLE CLUB (WCVV)**  
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**Newsletter** **February 2018**

**Editorial:**

**What ho dear friends!** So another year has gone and a new one arrives and no doubt 2018 will prove to be just as interesting/challenging/fraught/exciting as the last. We had our AGM on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2018; further information on the proceedings will be given in the President's Address below and in the Chairman's Report. Our feature in this issue concerns the latest from the DVLA regarding "Vehicles of Historical Interest" and the position regarding their status if they have undergone "substantial change" that may affect their need for, or exemption from, the annual MOT test. So it's a New Year and, as we are nearly into Chinese New Year, I wish you all **Kung Hei Fat Choi!** - Happy New Year!

**We seek to see** an ever increasing membership. For existing members and new members a membership form can be found on Page 8 to what is one of the friendliest of classic car clubs, as we also seek to see a richer attendance to our monthly club meetings. 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 [bakerchrissue@aol.com](mailto:bakerchrissue@aol.com).

**President's Message:**

**At the recent AGM** I had the privilege of being elected the clubs new President. Having been one of the founding members this was an honour that I gratefully accepted. Roger Stringer will be a hard act to follow but I will do my best to not let the Club down.

In common with a lot of other clubs and associations we have a problem in recruiting committee members and helpers for our shows. This is a shame and something that we must get to grips with if we are to move forward as we all want. My telephone number is readily accessible so if anyone should like to contact me please do.

I am very proud of our Club and the friendly atmosphere at our great shows. Rest assured I will try to build on what we have achieved.

I look forward to meeting you all over the hot summer that we will surely have.

**Best wishes. Chris May (President)**

**Chairman's Report**

**We have had an interesting year** with 6 successful car shows being run and managed by the club with Teignmouth and Exmouth being our show events. Well done and thank you to all those working to achieve the above. It is unfortunate that there seems to be a certain lack of enthusiasm for our club nights and social events. What we propose to do is to encourage club members to join the committee in a brain storming session to come up with ideas for events and presentations that will appeal to members.

Sadly, we lost our club president Roger Stringer who had been ill for some considerable time. He had a great send off with a full church and many dignitaries attending from Torquay. He will be sadly missed.

**Shows: Torre Abbey:** the first event went well and was well attended; unfortunately the second show suffered from a communication problem and was not so successful.

**Teignmouth:** Once again at the Den, with an excellent show and a good turn out, fine weather. Well done Margaret and other members, well organised.

**Newton Abbot:** Two events this year, both having excellent turnouts. Newton Abbot Town Development Manager Sally Henley commented that it was "lovely to work in partnership with the WCVV". Rained on both show days but did not deter attendance or enthusiasm.

**Exmouth: The World of Country Life.** Yet again well organised by Ken with lots of encouragement from World of Country Life. Superb Autumn weather and very well attended.

**Moving forward to 2018,** we already have some dates secured again but more help is required in managing shows and other activities. I have again booked **Carols Down the Line** for those interested but tickets are limited. Date at this time is Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2018. **TOWC Paignton Green;** Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> July. Ten spaces have been pre booked for WCVV stand.

**AGM** Thank you to those who voted me back in, I hope it is because you were satisfied with my actions throughout the year. The club still requires help with the running. Hopefully this can be resolved on the February club night.

**Storage.** The club really needs some help with the storage and transportation of equipment to the shows. If you are able to help please contact me.

**John Bartholomew,** Chairman

## **Feature: DVLC and Vehicles of Historical Interest**

**Owning and caring** for our 'classic vehicle' should be fun. Expensive fun at times, but fun nonetheless. But we operate our hobby at the behest of the DVLC (Driver and Vehicle Licensing Centre), our nanny-state government organisation which gives guidance on Vehicles of Historical Interest, or VHI's. Latest piece of guidance from them is on **Substantial Change**, where "*vehicles made or first registered more than 40 years ago may be exempt from annual MOT testing unless they have been substantially changed*".

**As you can imagine**, the above covers many pages of detailed information written in classic parliamentarianese, so what I am going to do is to direct that you look at the DVLC website ([www.gov.uk/historic-vehicles](http://www.gov.uk/historic-vehicles)) if you want to read the whole deal, but I will attempt here to condense some of the verbiage into understandable words. I am helped by excellent copy from the Rover Drivers Guild which has also attempted to make some sense of the thing.

**The Criteria:** For example, alteration to axles and running gear, suspension and steering constitute a substantial change and may not be exempt from annual MOT but on the other hand they may be. Re-engining with a modern version of the same engine or with an alternative engine of more or less the same cc's does not constitute a substantial change, for example a Triumph Stag re-engined with Rover V8.

**Changes made** to preserve an important vehicle when original parts are no longer available; changes of a type (an original Mini that eventually becomes a Rover Mini) that can be demonstrated to have been made when the type was in production or in general use within ten years of the end of production; changes to axles and running gear to improve efficiency, safety or environmental status, all these do not constitute a substantial change and may be exempt from annual MOT. Are you following this? You are?!

**Vehicles** that have been issued with a "Q" prefix registration; a kit car assembled from different makes and models of vehicle; a kit conversion where a kit or new parts is added to an existing vehicle, or old parts are added to a kit of a manufactured body, chassis or body shell, all constitute a substantial change and are not exempt from annual MOT, as the owner of a 1966 AC Cobra found when the DVLC reclassified it as a modern car, devaluing it by half. He is suing the DVLC for not showing duty of care in their determinations.

**From the 28 May 2018**, when taxing a vehicle, the vehicle keeper can declare the vehicle exempt from MOT if it was constructed more than 40 years ago. When declaring this exemption you will be required to confirm that it has not been substantially changed as defined in the DVLC guidance, some of which is outlined above. This process applies to pre 1960 registered vehicles, as well as newer vehicles in the **HISTORIC VEHICLE TAX** class. If you want to know just what that means, again log on to [www.gov.uk/historic-vehicles](http://www.gov.uk/historic-vehicles). **The key words** above are **MAY BE EXEMPT**. The word **MAY** is very much up to the divinations and interpretations of the DVLC and I would very much advise that you do your homework and read up the official words on the situation.



## **Members Meeting: Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2018.**

**Further to** our Chairman's comment about a brainstorming session, Club members gathered at Old Forde Hall Social Club for a convivial evening and to discuss, suggest, agree and vote on club matters, as follows.

**Charities and Donations:** The club's charity for this year is Rowcroft. Donations will also be for £100 to Torre Abbey, and £300 to Children's Hospice.

**Skittles:** There will be no skittles evenings at Old Forde Hall Social Club this year, due to increased charges of £165 per session which members agreed was unreasonable. Alternative venues will be looked into for next year, or earlier if something can be found.

**Trophies:** Members agreed that trophy prizes this year would be as follows: 1 trophy for commercial vehicle; 1 trophy for motor cycles/trikes and similar; 1 trophy for best car overall; 1 trophy for best car runner up.

**WVCV events:** this year entrants at events will receive the WVCV pen on arrival.

**Barbecue:** This year, for Powderham, a barbecue will be arranged for WVCV members.

**WVCV social events:** It was agreed that, on club nights, small food items/nibbles will be provided (crisps, biscuits etc), and on special events (speakers, presentations etc) a finger buffet will be arranged. Suggestions for social evenings were as follows: Talk by Rowcroft; a Pool and Darts competition; a talk by the Fire Brigade; a Ding-Bats quiz evening. A presentation by Chris Baker on getting the best out of supermarket wines has already been agreed; see **WVCV club nights** below. If you have any other suggestions please contact Ken Malin 01803315231

## WVCV Club Nights:

**Our Club Nights** are located at Old Forde Hall Social Club, Brunel Road, Newton Abbot TQ12 4AG. WVCV club nights take place on the third Friday of every month at 7.30pm. Dates for your 2018 diary are:

**Friday 16 March**

**Friday 20 April**

An interesting talk will be given by a Fire Safety Officer from Devon Fire Services on the problems when dealing with household domestic appliances, causes and preventions.

**Friday 18 May**

**Chris Baker gives a presentation:** Supermarket Psychology and Making sense of Supermarket Wines. Whatever your budget, buy the best wine you can. Chris gives you the benefit of his 60 years in the booze business.

**Friday 15 June**

**Friday 13 July**

**Friday 21 September**

**Friday 19 October**

**Friday 16 November**

**Friday 21 December**

## WVCV Classic Car Events for 2018:

**Below** we list the dates for the forthcoming events for the 2018 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 9 June.** 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.



**Show 2** **The Den, Teignmouth. Sunday 24 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 15 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 16 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 29 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 2018 Shows**

**NAME:** .....

**ADDRESS:** .....

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

**MEMBERSHIP NO:** .....

**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, unusual, historical or important.**

**PLEASE TICK FOR THE SHOWS ATTENDING:**

Tick Box			Members	Non Members	M/C & Trikes
	Saturday 9 June	NEWTON ABBOT	£4.50	£5.50	£3.50
	Sunday 24 June	THE DEN	£4.50	£5.50	£3.50
	Sunday 15 July	TORRE ABBEY	£4.50	£5.50	£3.50
	Sunday 16 September	WORLD OF COUNTRY LIFE	£5.50	£7.50	£3.50
	Saturday 29 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: MARGARET MALIN, 28 FIRST AVENUE, TORQUAY TQ1 4JB**

**HEALTH AND SAFETY**  
**BASIC RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR CLUB EVENTS**

Dear Member,

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 10.00am 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.**

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 BELOW THAT YOU UNDERSTAND AND WILL ABIDE BY THE CLUB RULES. BRING A COPY OF THIS DOCUMENT WITH YOU TO EACH EVENT YOU WILL BE ATTENDING.**

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Booking Form to Reserve Table/s for  
WORLD OF COUNTRY LIFE 2018**

**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:** .....

**MINITURE STEAM ENGINE:**.....

**OTHER:**.....

**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 2018 (including where WVCV have a stand)

Killerton	Sunday	13 May		
Call 07583146498 To book a place	John Phillips			
Devon County Show	Thurs/Fri/Sat	17-19 May		
Pecorama	Sunday	27 May	0129751542	
Brixfest	Wed Eve	30 May		
Donkey Sanctuary	Sunday	1 July		
Powderham	Sat/Sun	7 – 8 July		
Entry Form obtained from	Mrs M Malin 28 First Avenue Torquay TQ1 4JB	01803315231	£8 per car £2 for plaque	WVCV have a club stand.
Paignton Green	Sunday	22 July	TOWC	
Entry Form obtained from	Mrs M Malin 28 First Avenue Torquay TQ1 4JB	01803315231		WVCV have a club stand. 10 places available
Totnes Show	Sunday	29 July	Contact Colin Banks	07944731609
Torbay Steam Fair	Fri/Sat/Sun	3,4, and 5 Aug		
Contact direct and write WVCV on entry form	John Pine 01803854742 evenings			WVCV have a club stand
Aveton Gifford	Monday	27 Aug		
Sidmouth Car Show	Saturday	15 Sept		
Entry Forms From April 2018	Contact Edwina Ford	enquires@sidmouthclassiccars how.co.uk		

### Our charity for 2018 is Rowcroft Hospice

#### About Us

It takes time, compassion, patience, medical expertise and money to help patients and families make the most of every day, but every year we help over 2,000 people living with life-limiting illnesses in South Devon to do just that.



By providing comfort, support and specialist services in our patients' homes, in the community and at our Inpatient Unit in Torquay, we enable families to share precious and joyful moments when they are needed. At our premises in Torquay, our team of doctors, nurses, social workers and a range of other health and social care professionals provide specialist care in our Inpatient Unit. We also care for out-patients and their loved ones, offering therapies, bereavement support and medical consultation in an environment that helps patients and families make the most of precious time together.

From Dartmouth to Dawlish, we care for ¾ of our patients in their own homes with a team of community nurses, social workers, occupational therapists and bereavement counsellors delivering a holistic approach tailored to individual needs.

Last year it cost £8.3 million to provide our services. As an independent charity, more than 70% of our funding comes from the incredible generosity of local people, without whom we would not be able to fund our work. We're determined to make sure every penny raised from your donations continues to help patients and their loved ones make the most of every moment they have together. (Source: Rowcroft website)

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**Membership/Renewal Form 2018**

**FULL NAME:** .....

**ADDRESS:** .....

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

**Would you like to receive your newsletter by email YES/NO**  
**Your details will not be shared with any other organisation**

**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:**  
**WESTCOUNTRY CLASSIC VEHICLE CLUB**

**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**

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