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Have you ever locked your keys in the car?

Does your car have remote keyless entry? This may come in handy someday. Good reason to own a mobile phone: *If you lock your keys in the car and the spare keys are at home, call someone at home on their mobile phone from your mobile phone.*

Hold your mobile phone about a foot from your car door and have the person at your home press the unlock button, holding it near the mobile phone on their end. Your car will unlock. Saves someone from having to drive your keys to you. Distance is no object. You could be hundreds of miles away, and if you can reach someone who has the other "remote" for your car, you can unlock the doors (or the boot).

CHAIRMAN'S PAGE

"June is bursting out all over" as the song goes, and that heralds another big event in the Banbridge Old Vehicle Calendar—The Banbridge Cavalcade at the Outlet on Friday 6th June. This was very successful last year and we are expecting upwards of 150 old vehicles this year, for our Display and Parade around the town finishing at the Rugby Club for supper.

Harry Pepper has organised the " Bronte Run" for the next day June 7th, taking us up through the beautiful scenery of the Mournes via the Spelga Dam and Silent Valley, finishing in Warrenpoint for tea. Another trip not to be missed - with a few surprises along the way. June 24th is when we pay another visit to the lovely Tudor Cinema to see our favourite motoring films from yesteryear.

Hillsborough Castle is the venue for our July TT Run on the 19th with a guided tour on the cards and a static display of cars in the grounds -book early.

On 29th July we visit Warrenpoint Docks for a guided tour escorted by the Harbour Master with privileged access to the inner workings of a busy commercial dock facility.

August means County Down and the Stanley Woods Run on Saturday 9th once again visits the grounds of Mount Stewart and the fabulous Vintage Vehicle and Working Tractor Rally.

The Pin Bowling is planned for August 26th and this is always popular--- come along and join in the fun and get a few surprises

Our March 25th Club Night gave us a nostalgic look into the past when we watched a video of the 1969 Le Mans 24 Hour Race.

Autoglym came to our April 29th club meeting to demonstrate the "Latest and Best " products produced all at special discount prices.

On May 27th we had our usual Club Barbeque at the Rugby Club - the most popular night of the year!.

Banbridge Old Vehicle Club is always looking for new ways to attract new members to the club and create interest in older cars so tried a new venture on 20th April—A Classic Car Display . this was held at Sprucefield Shopping Centre , in conjunction with McDonalds and attracted 130 cars of all ages and types including some historic rally and competition cars. A De Lorean "Back to the Future" car, the Dukes of Hazzard car, and a "D"Type Jaguar similar to those raced at Dundrod in 1955.

A great public event with a wonderful selection of classic and exotic cars on display. Not one to miss if repeated next year!. Nine new club members were attracted.

Ivan Adair organised the 1st run of the year on 12th April . this was the Heron Run and brought us through the beautiful scenery of the Mournes finishing in Newcastle for tea.

Our 2nd run of the year was on 3rd May when Brendan Mullan took us around the coast of Lough Neagh to Antrim Castle and on through the beautiful Antrim hill to finish at the Greenisland Golf Club for tea

These were two great runs, well organised and very enjoyable. We look forward to the rest of the year and the events to come.

Sadly we have lost another long time member, Margo Nelson who died on March 8th at her home in Donaghadee. We offer her family our sincere sympathy and condolences

Ken McDevitte, Chairman

The tale of a Morris 10 engine

Around 1980, I bought me the bones of a 1937 Morris 10/4 series 3, simply because a Morris 10 was one of the first cars about our house at home and I was drew to school in one! I spent the next two and a half years, on and off, restoring and felt quite proud taking it to the first rally in Gosford Forest Park, in around 1982.

I spent a lot of time 'basically patching up the engine' and was always on the lookout for a spare engine if I could find one.

We have all come across the sort of people at vintage car rallies, who come up to you making comments like; "I learnt to drive in one of those" or "My father had one of those" that sort of thing. In the mid 80's a man approached me at Shanes Castle Rally and said "I have an engine for one of those lying in our garden" naturally, I was very interested and took his details. The following Saturday, promptly, I arrived with a car and trailer to a wee farm near Aldergrove. We proceeded down the mans garden and spent 10 minutes cutting nettles from around the rusty engine, set it into a wheelbarrow and brought it home.

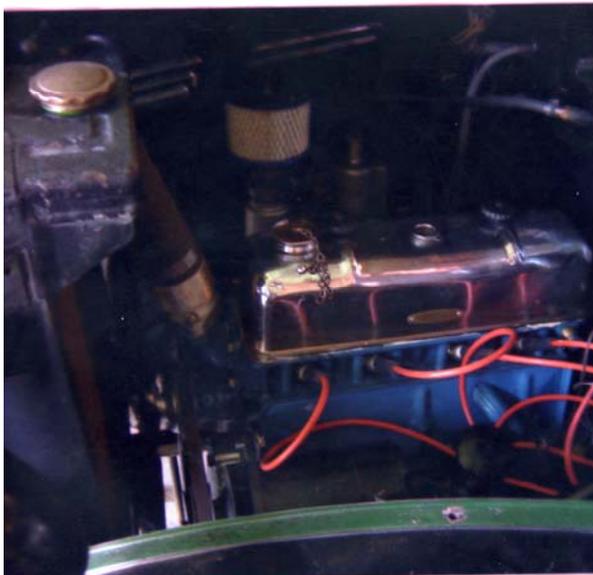
When I got home I lifted the bonnet of the Morris 10 and had a look into it, then I had a look at the engine in the trailer, only to discover, it was a Morris 10 engine alright, only it wasn't the same as mine, it actually turned out to be an engine from a series 'M' car which ran from 1939-1947, a bit disgusted, I threw it behind the shed.

A couple of years later, Billy Burrows said to me "Frank, are you still looking for an engine for your car? Because I know where there is one, near Ballynahinch". Arrangements were made and off we set to a farm on the outskirts of Ballynahinch! Billy and I cut the engine out of the remains of a chassis, set it into a wheelbarrow and wheeled once again another engine to the trailer! I can distinctly remember the old lady at the house saying "What are you going to do with that auld thing? To which Billy replied "Ah she'll be going again!" Truthfully, I had my doubts! Anyhow I brought it home, took a close look at it and would you believe it, another series 'M', so it joined the other engine, behind the shed.

At least 20 years later, while I was working in Mervyn Stewarts on the Boucher Road, I was talking to a customer one morning when another man arrived at the parts counter. The two men seemed to know each other and the conversation went something like this, "Charlie, you used to break up auld cars years ago - I'm looking for an engine for a Morris 10 series M". Naturally, my ears pricked up as the conversation continued between the two men. "I have a brother who has a Morris 10 in Canada, he took the engine out and sent it to the local engine specialists to have it overhauled, unfortunately, they went out of business and the gypsies broke in and cleared the place, he has scoured the UK since looking for a replacement without success. I could not contain myself any longer and said to the man "I have an engine for a Morris 10 series M and what's more I have two of them." He looked at me as if to say 'you're not really old enough to know what I'm talking about. It was agreed that he would bring me in photographs of the car next day, which he did, we concluded that indeed the engines that I had were of the type he required, when he left me that day he said that someone would be in touch with me. The following day I took a phone call from someone making enquiries about the engine that I had for a Morris 10 series M, I told the person on the line that I believed that there was a man from Canada looking for it, he replied "yes, that's me, I'm ringing from Canada". After a few questions regarding the position of the water pump and which side was the exhaust manifold on? He felt happy enough that I had the right engine for him.

The gentleman arrived in Northern Ireland some three months later, picked up both engines and took them to OD Cars in Belfast, there he got one engine made from both the units and had it shipped back to Canada. Later when the engine was united with the car in Canada the man sent me photographs of his beloved Morris 10 series M 'sailing around Vancouver with an engine that came the whole cut from Gawleys Gate!
Eventually I did get an engine for my own Morris 10 but that's another story! So in conclusion, I believe the old saying is very true- If you keep a thing for long enough you will always find somebody for it!!!!

Frank Connelly



My BSA Bantam

Although I owned & rode a D1.Bantam as a youth in the early swinging sixties I was still very much an amateur when I acquired my present D1. as far as the engine mechanics are concerned. I bought the bike from an ebay seller in Oban in northwest Scotland who advertised it as a D1. with no V5. cert. but with a spare frame which was registered with D.V.L.A. the idea being to change over the parts & get the bike on the road. As I am 20 miles south of Belfast it proved somewhat difficult to get the bike consigned to my home. The seller said he would post the V5. off in the meantime along with a Hynes manual, but I never received them. He & I came to an agreement that he would get the consignment to a warehouse in Glasgow, which he kindly did at his expense & I then got it collected by a local haulier & delivered home, but to my disappointment when I unwrapped the carefully packed pallet I discovered the spare frame was not a D1. but a much later D7.

When I contacted the seller he was very apologetic saying he had bought it as a D1. but hadn't opened the packing that the spare frame was in & kindly offered me a substantial refund which I was happy to except. Although the bike was sold as not running it had been running a year previous.

I started to have a wee poke around & got the bike fired up although it was very light on compression & would not keep running at low revs. I removed the cyl. head which was only bolted down loosely to find the gasket which looked fairly new was broken at one stud hole. So with the use of a make shift gasket & some sealer I got the bike fired up again but still light on compression going rough & spitting oil & smoke out of exhaust. I tried adjusting the carb & fuel mix but still no better result, I then discovered the ignition timing was a bit late as the cam had moved on the key way but still no better when I amended same.

I delved a bit deeper & removed the cyl. barrel to find a quarter of the top piston ring was

missing, seems someone had tried to fit the barrel & hadn't located the ring onto the peg. I was tempted to just fit a replacement ring & try again as the bore was in very good condition,



but I then decided to dismantle the engine & found the mouth of the oil seal on the drive side of the crank was worn away & the spring starting to come adrift. By this time I was very puzzled as the side of the inner fly wheel on the drive side had been running hard on the seal & I could see no way to adjust any end float.

So with the very kind help of Bantam John & Tony from www.mistgreen.com by sending pics. of the set up it transpired someone had rebuilt the engine & fitted an early type crank shaft in later casings which are oil fed

from the gear box & not the transfer ports. So to end the story John Phelan supplied me with a very good second hand shaft & every thing else I needed & I now have the wee bike up & running well at a fairly low cost & a bit of knowledge about a Bantam engine with this experience.

Stanley Bowman.

Heron Run report

On the morning of the 12th April we picked up our best friends, the Nesbitts and set off to the assembly point at Gilberry Fayre near Gilford. It was a bright sunny day and the drive was pleasant and uneventful. There were a dozen or so entrants at the venue when we arrived. We booked in with Ivan and then went for our scones etc., which were first class, Davy and I also sampled 2 of the largest fruit squares we have ever encountered, excellent. After some chat and banter we were escorted onto the main road as the Heron Run commenced through Gilford and Scarva towards our picnic stop which turned out to be Kilbroney Park. The sun continued to shine and it was pleasant enough to set up the picnic table for lunch. Some time was spent looking at various cars and talking to their owners before we were called to start up for our drive to the evening meal stop at The Country Kitchen which we later found out to be at the Burrendale Hotel in Newcastle. The staff was very efficient and served a super meal which seemed to be enjoyed by all.

The only problem appeared to be that I put on the wrong colour of trousers and Reg Bell's MGB lay down it seems that he decided to take a short cut and the car decided that it did not want to leave the comfortable environment of the group!!!

It was good to meet friends again after the close season and good to see Dick Graham out again and looking so well. To sum up - like Wallace and Grommit - "A GRAND DAY OUT" was had by all in spite of wearing the wrong trousers.

Congratulations must go to Ivan for his organisation and his selection of superb dining venues, our first time at these, well done Ivan, Barbara and Faith and I must mention Ivan's dad and the support crew in the motor-home many thanks for all your effort and the weather was terrific.

John Montgomery & Co

PARADE OF OLD VEHICLES

FRIDAY 6TH JUNE 2008

Banbridge Old Vehicle Club will organise a 'Parade of old vehicles' (over 20 years old) from the car park of the '**THE OUTLET**', just off the A1, along a route into Banbridge town centre before finishing with supper at Banbridge Rugby Club in Arderys Lane . It is our hope that the event will attract all types of 'old' vehicles including motorcycles, commercials, tractors and cars;

The assembly area will be cordoned off from the main car park from mid-afternoon to allow those who wish, to come early, park and display their vehicles while they explore the many designer shops or perhaps have a meal in one of the restaurants within the complex.

The Parade itself will begin around **7.45pm**, it will follow a route through the two new roundabouts unto Newry Road and along Newry Street to the top level of the cut at Scarva Street. At this point the vehicles will turn left along Scarva St and left unto Edenderry Road to follow the 'BANBRIDGE 100' motorcycle racing circuit of old, about 5 miles in length, taking in Ballygowan Rd, Lisnagade Rd, and return to the town on Scarva Rd over Jinglers bridge at the cut and then to Banbridge Rugby Club, Arderys Lane for supper (Tractors and slow vehicles will, when the parade reaches Scarva St for the first time, turn right over the bridge and go directly to the Rugby Club) The vehicles on the longer route should have about 8 miles to cover while the shorter route will be about 2 miles.

After last years inaugural event we expect that it will grow to become one of the major annual happenings in our club calendar, if you require any further information on the event or wish to help on the night feel free to call me, let's make this an event to remember.

Entry Fee is £5 .00 per vehicle, including 2 supper tickets extra supper tickets will be £2.50 each entry should be pre-booked, we may have to restrict the numbers so it important to get your entry in early by completing the universal BOVC entry form and sent with the cheque (**payable TO BOVC**) to:

Brian McJury 30, Scarvagh Locks, Scarva. Co Down BT63 6NB

Telephone 028 3883 0984 mobile 078 0158 6024

THE BRONTE RUN

7th June 2008

As per the rules of Banbridge Old Vehicle Club, only vehicles 20 years or Over may take part in club runs.

Those taking parting the Bronte Run should assemble at The OUTLET CENTRE outside Banbridge on the main A1 Newry dual carriage at 10.00am. Toilets and refreshment facilities are available for anyone requiring same.

We will leave The Outlet Centre and travel via Loughbrickland, Rathfriland, Hilltown, Spelga, and into Meelmore Lodge Camp site for our Picnic Stop.

After lunch we will head through Bryansford Village towards Newcastle and travel through Newcastle town centre onto the Kilkeel Road. short of Annalong head for Silent Valley, Spelga Dam, head for Hilltown/Rostrevor and into Warrenpoint for our evening Meal in Diamonds Resturant. Total distance covered is around 72 miles.

As you are now aware we shall be using the universal entry form for all runs this year, there are two included with this magazine and further supplies are available through the organiser or any committee member or they can be photocopied if necessary. Please select your choice of menu from the list below and enter the requirements in the space provided on the entry form together with all other relevant information.

Entry Fee per person £15-00 Children under 12 years £7-00

Closing date for entries will be 30TH May 2008.

Please send your completed entry form together with a cheque made payable to BOVC to

Harry Pepper, 23 Richmond Heights Banbridge BT324HU.

Telephone number 028 4062 3108

MENU CHOICE

A - Roast Beef.

B - Breast of Chicken & Stuffing

C - Breaded Cod / Chip

D - Steamed Fillet of Salmon

E- Vegeterian

F - Jam Sponge

G - Pavlova

H- Sherry Trifle

I - Ice Cream

J - Any special dietary requirements Contact Organiser.

*** PLEASE DO NOT FORGET YOUR PICNIC ***

THE T.T. RUN

Saturday 19th July 2008

AS PER THE RULES OF BANBRIDGE OLD VEHICLES CLUB, ONLY VEHICLES 20 YEARS OR OLDER MAY TAKE PART IN CLUB RUNS.

After taking into consideration the cost of feeding our treasured classic cars we have decided to organise a low cost day out with very little driving involved hence the 'Static Display in Hillsborough'

Meet at Gowdys at the Racecourse, Kesh Road Maze at 10.30am for Tea/Coffee and scones

From here we will take a short drive around the local area (around 10miles) before arriving in Hillsborough to park our vehicles in the open parking area to the rear of the old Courthouse. From we arrive in Hillsborough you will be free to wander around the array of shops or have lunch in one of the many restaurants in the village, or perhaps a leisurely walk around the lake or the Old Fort without the worry of wondering if your car is safe from the 'Redcoats'. After lunch we have organised for everyone to have a guided tour(s) of Hillsborough Castle and the beautiful gardens surrounding it, we will confirm at coffee time on the morning of the event at what time the tour will take place and where to meet.

Because of the nature of this event we expect it to be very well supported, we have had to put an upper limit on the number of people that can be accommodated therefore closing date for entries will be Thursday 10th July or sooner if we reach the upper limit and no refunds will be given after this date nor will any entries be accepted after the closing date.

Entry Fee £8.00 per person (there is no concession price for children) this includes refreshments at Gowdys, the tour of Hillsborough Castle and entrance to the gardens. There are numerous well known restaurants and coffee shops in Hillsborough and you will have plenty of time before or after your tour if you wish to partake in some of their delicious cuisine

All completed standard entry forms with cheque made payable to Banbridge Old Vehicle Club should be sent as soon as possible to:-

Andrew Carson 62 Barronstown Road Dromore BT25 1NX tel 028 9269 3756

*****Please Note It would be helpful to the organisers if, when completing the entry form, you would please print the names and addresses of all your passengers on the back of the form. *****

Stanley Woods Run -
Saturday 9th August 2008

AS PER THE RULES OF BANBRIDGE OLD VEHICLES CLUB, ONLY VEHICLES 20 YEARS OR OLDER MAY TAKE PART IN CLUB RUNS.

In conjunction with the County Down Traction Engine Club (Northern Ireland) we have been invited to the vintage event at Mount Stewart. Vehicles should assemble from 9.30am at Scrabo Garden Centre and Restaurant on the Ballyhenry Road. This is signposted off the A21 Comber to Newtownards dual carriageway, where Tea, Coffee and freshly baked scones will be provided. The entry fee of £7.00 per person (made payable to B.O.V.C. Ltd) includes admission to Mount Stewart, Finisher's Award and one snack meal voucher per car.

IT IS IMPORTANT TO COLLECT YOUR ADMISSION TICKET FOR MOUNT STEWART AT SCRABO GARDEN CENTRE AND DISPLAY THIS TICKET OTHERWISE, YOU WILL BE ASKED TO PAY AGAIN AT THE ENTRANCE GATE.

An arrangement has been made with Scrabo Garden Centre Restaurant and they will provide an evening meal from 5pm. This will consist of a main course and tea or coffee (Prices range from £9.00). Those wishing to avail of the evening meal please indicate so on the entry form.

This is one of the premium events in the calendar and raises large amounts for two local Northern Ireland charities. We would appreciate it if you could come and support this worthy cause. A great day out is expected! Thank you for your entry and also for supporting Banbridge Old Vehicles Club.

Entry Fee: This is £7.00 per person, entry to be pre-booked on the B.O.V.C. entry form and sent with the cheque made payable to B.O.V.C to:

Reg Bell, 58 Magherahamlet Road, Spa, Ballynahinch. BT24 8JZ.
Telephone 02897561079 OR 07877385835

ENTRIES CANNOT BE ACCEPTED AFTER THE 5TH OF AUGUST AND WILL BE NON REFUNABLE AFTER THAT DATE.

Please enjoy your day at Mount Stewart, and remember we are guests of the Traction Engine Club.

END OF SEASON RUN

SATURDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER 2008

Banbridge Old Vehicle Club welcomes entries for vehicles 20 years old and over, registered before 31st December 1987 for our "End of Season Run " We will meet at Dundonald old Mill for coffee from 10.30am for departure at 11.30 am. On leaving the Old Mill Coffee Shop we travel towards Newtownards / Comber past Castle Espie along the shores of Strangford Lough via White rocks to Killyleagh and on to Downpatrick for our picnic stop. A tour of the Railway Museum / workshops and premises has been arranged with tea / coffee available in the buffet car. After lunch we travel via Ballydugan Mill and lakes to Seaforde and on to the beautiful scenery of the Dromara Hills finishing at the Spa Golf Club for our evening meal.

Entry Fee per person **£15.00** Children under 12 **£ 7.50**

Closing date for Entries Saturday 20th September 2008

Please send your completed entry forms and cheque to B O V C
c/o **Ken McDevitte 39 Ardmore Park Finaghy Belfast BT10 OJ L.**
Tel = 02890615127 Mobile 07846332069

Menu Choice

- A ROAST SILVERSIDE OF BEEF**
- B GRILLED SALMON**
- C ROAST STUFFED CHICKEN**
- D VEGETERIAN**
- E APPLE & BLACKCURRANT CRUMBLE SERVED WITH CUSTARD**
- F STRAWBERRY CHEESE CAKE**

Any special dietary requirements please contact the organisers.

**Dundonald Old Mill coffee shop is off Belfast - Newtownards A20 Road. 1.4 miles from the Ulster Hospital traffic lights, Turn left at S. P. Dundonald Old Mill. **

****DON'T FORGET YOUR PICNIC ****

Banbridge Old Vehicle Club has been of a member of **FBHVC** for a number of years, we get sent a copy of their magazine but unfortunately not all of our members get the opportunity to read this. It is our intention, where possible, to keep you updated on relevant issues that appear in the magazine. Although it would be unviable to reprint it as a whole we shall endeavour to give you as much relevant information as possible, for those of you with internet access the full magazine can be downloaded from their website www.fbhvc.co.uk

Paint

The latest news from DEFRA is that the licensing scheme to allow the continued sale of 'non-compliant' vehicle refinishing products and domestic paints is unlikely to be introduced before mid-summer. Meanwhile, the DEFRA team is taking seriously the proposal that cellulose and non-compliant coach enamel should be classified as 'special finishes' (which would obviate the need for a licensing scheme as far as vehicle paints are concerned) and, at the time of writing, is planning a meeting with experts from the British Coatings Federation to discuss the detail.

This is, of course, good news, but it would be unwise to count those chickens just yet as there are many technical and legal hurdles that the DEFRA team have to negotiate. In closing on this topic, I'd like to pay tribute to the team at DEFRA - whilst being scrupulously correct in following their obligations under the law, they have done everything in their power to support our arguments, first giving strong support to our application (through FIVA) to the European Commission for a derogation to allow the continued sale of non-compliant products for use on historic vehicles, then ensuring that the UK government would give effect to that derogation, and finally supporting our case that the mechanism for activating the derogation should be simple. We hope that

their political masters will also recognise the merit of our arguments.

Private Hire Vehicles

The Department for Transport has confirmed that the hire of a vehicle with seats for fewer than nine passengers with the services of a driver for a wedding or a funeral is exempted from the normal regulations relating to Private Hire Vehicles. Hire of such a vehicle and driver for any other purposes, such as a tour of the local countryside or attending a special function, falls within the regulations that stipulate such vehicles and their operators must be licensed for the purpose. The licensing authority for this activity is the local authority in which the vehicle and its operator are normally based. Initial indications are that there is no uniformity of criteria.

We would like to hear from historic vehicle owners who hire themselves and their vehicles out for purposes other than weddings/funerals.

Mascots

We have been investigating the criteria under which mascots are 'tested' in Northern Ireland following the MoT failure of the Mark II Jaguar last year because its original equipment 'leaper' mascot did not comply with regulations. There has been a little progress: the Department of the Environment for Northern Ireland (DOENI) has accepted that the element of the MoT test in the province requiring testers to inspect mascots and ornaments

for compliance with the regulation that they should not pose risk of injury to pedestrians is out of step with the rest of the UK. DOENI has also confirmed that testers are given no specific guidelines about how they should 'test' mascots and agrees that a modern interpretation of a long standing regulation could have the effect of creating a retrospective requirement. DOENI is seeking advice from the Department for Transport on appropriate measures to overcome the problem, and this may either be to bring the MoT in NI into line with the rest of UK or to provide testers with guidelines that instruct them to accept original ornamentation (such as the Jaguar leaper or Morris Minor chrome bonnet trim) as compliant.

We repeat the request in the last newsletter for news of any more cases where cars have been failed in NI as a result of original equipment mascots. At the time of writing, no new reports had been received.

Two very useful manuals have been sent to the editor recently. The first, from **Vintage Tyre Supplies**, is an excellent directory of not only tyre specifications but also tyre history, fitment charts, and information on wheels and beaded edge tyres. The company is happy to send out free copies to member clubs. Contact them on 01590 612261, or see their website www.vintagetyres.com

The other is published by the Rotary Club of York Vikings (the **Rotary Retro Automobile Fellowship** has recently joined) and is *Morgan's Historic and Classic Vehicle Events Yearbook*. Proceeds go to charity, and last year this raised £50,000. Copies are £3.50. See www.morgansyearbook.co.uk or telephone 0161 408 7160.

Update on Parades Commission 11/1

There was an article the front page of Friday's (23.05.08) News Letter reporting on a parade organiser being fined £1,000 because a Band he had not listed on the 11/1 Parades Commission Form took part and played music on the Parade.

It is clear the authorities are tightening up on this and we ourselves cannot be too careful.

What happens if someone on one of our runs deviates off the route to take a short cut to the lunch or final stop. Then the run organiser could be liable for prosecution.

In the recent review they are recommending that instead of holding just the person who completes the 11/1 Form legally responsible for any fine the entire Committee and all the Officers of the organising body could find themselves up in court and fined if a problem occurs. The AOVC are doing all in their power to keep all this nonsense as far as old vehicles are concerned in the public eye by bombarding all politicians with Press Releases and the same to local, national & motoring press. You can help them help you by doing the same and getting all members to do likewise. Can you please email Trevor Mitchell on secretary@aovc.co.uk any articles that appear on this topic in your local newspapers so we can add to our file on the matter. Do help us to help you keep all of us out of court and avoid any fines due to some very minor problem that the authorities decide to jump on.

Club night visit to the cinema Tuesday 24th June

For our club night out in June Sam Baird has organised a visit to the Tudor cinema outside Comber. For those of you who have not been there before this is a private facility off the Drumbuck Road run by the Spence brothers, they have a huge range of films and will be willing to show any of them during our visit. This is an opportunity not to be missed to see a cinema as it used to be.

Please ring Sam Baird on 028 9065 1486 to confirm if you intend to join us.

Meeting place The Square in Comber at 7.30pm

Club night Visit to Warrenpoint Harbour Tuesday 29th July

Meet inside the harbour entrance 1930hrs (7.30pm)at the Security Building

Directions: coming from Newry, the roundabout just after Narrow Water Castle, go straight across to Warrenpoint and look for signs on the right for Warrenpoint Harbour/Seatruck Ferries about 200 metres past the Texaco garage on the right. If you enter the 30mph zone you have gone past the entrance! Take this road round to the left where you will see the Security building. Do not go into the Seatruck Ferry compound on the right!

Some refreshments are hoped to be available at the end of our tour.

Please note the Harbour is a Restricted Security Zone and you will be required to produce photographic ID and submit yourself and your vehicle to search before entry.

Contact Brian McJury 028 3883 0984 or 078 0158 6024

Club night visit to ten-pin bowling Tuesday 26th August

Our August Club evening get together will be held this year again at Dundonald International Ice Bowl, Old Dundonald Road, Dundonald for a game of Ten-Pin Bowling and after that we will have refreshments. We meet at 7.30 sharp so come along, join in the fun, meet old and new friends and practice your bowling skills or learn to play. A prize will be given to the person with the highest score.

To allow for the correct number of lanes to be booked and refreshments to be organised it is necessary to complete an entry form as soon as possible.

Closing Date for entries.....21th August 2008

Please return the completed standard BOVC entry form with payment made payable to Banbridge Old Vehicle Club Ltd. To: **Ken McDevitte, 39 Ardmore Park Finaghy Belfast BT10 OJL Telephone 028 90 615127**

May run comments

Windy, cold and obviously I was in the wrong country, this is meant to be May?!!

Any way we proceeded to our start destination Annahilt, passed all the would be houses my wife would like me to buy in Hillsborough, (must have a chat with boss), anyway you can tell by the Hillsborough locals and their smug grins, their not truly happy (only some of them Martin). Inviting warm tea and scones awaited us at the Pheasant Inn. Lovely place and at this time of the morning giving present climate I wanted to stay. But onward the brave of heart, if there is one thing the Banbridge Club has taught me "nothing ventured, nothing gained" (quote from Tony Gardner, a very wet run!)

So off we went, in groups of 5 or 6, this seemed unusual to me, but later on it would all become clear. So off we went and as it happens myself and her indoors, were leading one of the groups, Harry Pepper next in line, giving me a wide berth as we missed the first 2 junctions, my only excuse being the trip metre in our car did not work, so we couldn't reset it, and the fact that my better half was still rambling on about those houses, but with a few twists and turns we were well on our way and would you believe it as we headed north towards Belfast the clouds lifted higher and higher until all was left was a beautiful blue sky.

With the well illustrated directions and a few miles to be come accustomed to them nothing more could go wrong, although I hadn't took in to consideration roast beef sandwiches and brown sauce with no butter and nothing only condensation off the wind screen to wash it down. (Take note; must take more time to prepare picnic)

We followed the Lough Neagh shore for some miles with views of the Lough to the left while passing by houses and homes that acquired some fine views.

Onward to Antrim town to our picnic stop at Antrim Castle. The weather was continuing to both brighten up and become a great deal warmer, after our fuel stop we were given a guided tour of the grounds walk ways and gardens with some interesting points of the history about the grounds along the way.

So we were now about to head off on our next stage when some one demanded a photo shoot. Don't ask whose idea it was, I blame the organizers, who asked us to bring along and wear a "humorous hat", well definitely not the type of thing I'd be getting up to. (I'm the one wearing the motorbike helmet with what appears to be a pink handbag)

So off we went, bye, bye Antrim town, hello mountain views, I don't know the area but we were north of Lough Neagh with a fantastic view of the whole Lough in one snap. On past Slemish mountain and then down towards the coast with views of North Belfast to almost Carrickfergus to our final stop Greenisland Golf Club for a carvery meal second to none.

Thanks very much to the organisers Brendan Mullen and his wife for a great day out, it was really well mapped out, easy to follow and with the more complicated junctions either arrowed or marshalled.

The cars leaving in groups of 5 and 6 was a great idea, anyone I talked to on the run agreed, it felt safer, their was no going down to a busy junction with 20 odd cars all trying to get out in convoy. If a group was split up it was usually only for a few moments and it give drivers more time to enjoy the views instead of always looking out for that brake light 10 or so cars up the line.

(P.S a fiver well spent Ken, I never once mentioned about you and Sheila getting lost!)

Martin Geary

KARL -The Thoughtful Husband...

It is important for men to remember that, as women grow older, it becomes harder for them to maintain the same quality of housekeeping as when they were younger. When you notice this, try not to yell at them.

Some are oversensitive, and there's nothing worse than an oversensitive woman.

My name is Karl. Let me relate how I handled the situation with my wife, Sarah. When I retired a few years ago, it became necessary for Sarah to get a full-time job along with her part-time job, both for extra income and for the health benefits that we needed. Shortly after she started working, I noticed she was beginning to show her age. I usually get home from the golf club about the same time she gets home from work.

Although she knows how hungry I am, she almost always says she has to rest for half an hour or so before she starts dinner. I don't yell at her.

Instead, I tell her to take her time and just wake me when she gets dinner on the table. I generally have lunch in the Men's bar at the club so eating out twice in one day would be extravagant. I'm ready for some home-cooked food when I walk through the door. She used to do the dishes as soon as we finished eating. But now it's not unusual for them to sit on the table for several hours after dinner

I do what I can by diplomatically reminding her several times each evening that they won't clean themselves. I know she really appreciates this, as it does seem to motivate her to get them done before she goes to bed. Another symptom of ageing is complaining, I think. For example she will say that it is difficult for her to find time to pay the monthly bills during her lunch hour. But, lads, we take 'em for better or worse, so I just smile and offer encouragement. I tell her to stretch it out over two or even three days. That way she won't have to rush so much. I also remind her that missing lunch completely now and then wouldn't hurt her any (if you know what I mean). I like to think tact is one of my strong points. When doing simple jobs, she seems to think she needs more rest periods. She had to take a break when she was only half finished mowing the lawn. I try not to make a scene. I'm a fair man. I tell her to pour herself a nice, big, cold glass of freshly squeezed orange and just relax for a while. And, as long as she is making one for herself, she may as well make one for me too. I know that I probably look like a saint in the way I support Sarah. I'm not saying that showing this much consideration is easy. Many men will find it difficult. Some will find it impossible! Nobody knows better than I do how frustrating women get as they get older. However, lads, even if you just use a little more tact and less criticism of your ageing wife because of this article, I will consider that writing it was well worthwhile. After all, we are put on this earth to help each other.

Signed, Karl

Treasurer's comments

In December edition of the club magazine I asked the editor to publish, for the first time, the income and expenditure figures for the period, this was done again in the March edition and below is a continuation for the months March, April and May

Reg Bell treasurer

	Income	expenditure	nth balance+	nth balance-	bank balance
March	nil	£404.27		£404.27	£8746.78
April	£1522.86	£902.03	£619.96		£9366.74
May	£1180.00	£859.00	£321.00		£9687.74

BOVC Table Quiz

I would just like to take this opportunity to inform you about the BOVC table quiz which was due to take place on Monday 31st March. Unfortunately due to clash of dates the organisers reluctantly had to postpone the quiz to later in the year. We can now confirm that the quiz will take place on Monday 6th October at Lisburn Golf Club further details will be in the September Magazine. In the mean time it would be appreciated if our club members would help by asking around for items that could be used for a ballot or an auction I, like many others who attended the previous quizzes am looking forward to a good nights craic, further information can be had by calling Samuel Spence on:- 07785510376 or 02892688533

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Mandatory display of MOT Disc from 1st May 2008



From 1 May 2008 an amendment to the Motor Vehicle Testing Regulations is introducing mandatory display of vehicle test certificates (MOTs).

In 2001 the Driver & Vehicle Agency introduced a new two-part vehicle test certificate for cars and motorcycles. Part two of the vehicle test certificate (the disc) should be displayed on the inside of the windscreen. It should be placed on the passenger's side and should be close to the edge of the windscreen, so as not to cause an obstruction to the driver's view of the road. In the case of motorcycles the certificate should be displayed on the nearside of the motorcycle in a weatherproof container.

Failure to display the disc will be an offence and may result in a fine of up to £200.

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Note to the holders of the club trophies

Would those who were presented with a club trophy (cup) for best car on run please return same to any committee member before the date of the corresponding run this year **please**

Hillsborough Oyster Festival Saturday 6th September

I have been contacted by one of the organisers of the Oyster Festival, they are very keen to put on a display of classic cars around the Old Fort. For those of you who do not intend to go to Kilbroney Show it could be a good day out in Hillsborough, so if you are interested in displaying your car(s) give **Shane Smith** a ring on:-
028 9268 8577

Dromore High School 50th anniversary celebrations

On Thursday 12th June Dromore High School are holding a car boot sale and wish as many members of BOVC as possible to display their old vehicles in the grounds of the school as an added attraction, just turn up on the night from 6pm and park in the adjoining sports ground

Stoneleigh Classic Car Show and Autojumble

If you would be interested in a bus trip to Stoneleigh Show in October 2008? If the answer is yes then phone **George Crothers** from the Classic Rover Club on
028 9044 9138

Kilbroney Show 6th September 2008

This year the event is open to all makes and models of vehicles first registered on or before **31st December 1985**. All those who paid for an Entry in 2007 will automatically receive in the post a Bar Coded Entry Form with your vehicle details. All that is required is that you sign and return this Form confirming you wish to enter this year and make any alterations necessary to your address and/or vehicle details etc. Those who have not entered and wish to do so please be aware that if you want to place your vehicle on a club stand you must state that on the entry form.

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1989 BMW 635 CSI Highline motorsport edition in need of light restoration, 17" genuine Alpina alloys, LSD, sports suspension, full electrics red with black leather interior phone
Andrew 077 9971 1504

1984 Audi Coupe some parts available
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All free to a good home
Phone Ken
028 3753 1514
077 6225 1111

Wanted

Pre-1973 Pick-up type of vehicle any make or condition considered
Phone Billy 028 3887 1368

Wanted

Enough people to fill a bus If you would be interested in a bus trip to Stoneleigh Show and Auto-jumble in October 2008 then phone **George Crothers** from the Classic Rover Club on **028 9044 9138**

Wanted

Triumph Herald 13/60 saloon, estate or convertible any condition only pre-'73
Phone Billy 028 3887 1368

Wanted

Small cheap rotovator of a type that would be suitable for use on a grey Ferguson tractor
Phone Billy 028 3887 1368

Wanted

Cheap touring caravan or chassis for dismantling must have auto-reverse
Phone Billy 028 3887 1368

Welcome to new club members

Alfred Annesley - Portadown - 1982 Ford Capri 2.5, 1962 Ford Classic 315, 1978 Triumph Dolomite 1300, 1980 Triumph Dolomite 1300, 1979 Ford Transit motorhome

Gordon Simpson - Newmills - 1961 Triumph Vitesse6 2.0L

Peter Pedlow - Waringstown - 1967 Morris Minor 1000

James Browne - Hillsborough- 1972 Datsun 100A, 1977 Colt Celeste, Honda Accord

Paul McElhennon - Cookstown - Toyota Corolla

Ken McCarroll - Hillsborough - 1966 Jaguar E Type, 1968 Mini Cooper, 1971 Mercedes SLC

Alan Ross - Glenavy - 1946 Austin 10, 1954 MG Magnette

Joseph Croy - Keady - 1972 Rover P5B

Martin McCusker - Banbridge - 1986 Ford Escort Cabriolet, 1981 Honda CB900 custom

Club Calendar for rest of 2008

Fri 6th June - Parade of old vehicles Banbridge Brian McJury 07801586024

Sat 7th June - Bronte Run County Down Harry Pepper 0778670759

Tue 24th June- Club night to Tudor Cinema Sam Baird 07746844732

Sat 19th July - TT Run Hillsborough Castle Andrew Carson 07731397338

Tues 29th July - Club night to Warrenpoint Docks Brian McJury 07801586024

Sat 9th Aug - Stanley Woods Run Mount Stewart Reg Bell 07761532915

Tues 26th Aug - Club night to ten-pin bowling Ken McDevitte 07846332069

Sat 6th Sept - Kilbroney Show Speak to any committee member for details

Sat 27th Sept - End Of Season Run Co. Down Ken McDevitte 07846332069

Tues 30th Sept Club meeting guest Traynors Auto salvage Brian McJury

Mon 6th Oct - Table Quiz Lisburn Golf Club Samuel Spence 07785510376

Tues 28th Oct - **Club meeting & AGM Banbridge Rugby Club 8pm**

Tues 24th Nov - Club night speaker to be confirmed

Hallidays Bridge Cultural Society

Annual cavalcade of old vehicles will take place on Thursday 19th June at 7pm

Starting at the car park of the NI Electricity on Aughnatrist Road, Culcavey, Hillsborough

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Further details from **Robert Mitchell 07860621413**

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To those who have made contributions to the Magazine the editors offer you our sincerest thanks. As we have said previously it is your magazine for your club for your enjoyment so please, if asked to 'do' an article please don't just walk away if everyone were to do that there would be no magazine. The last date to have anything placed in the September edition will be **Tuesday 26th August**

Club Shop

New items for sale bearing the BOVC crest

Wall plaques £15.00
Metal car badges £8.50
Club Ties £5.00

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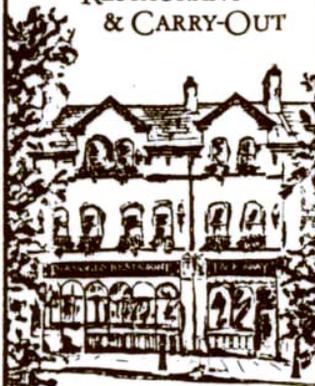
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