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1979 Triumph Spitfire 1500 in Pageant Blue
Brian King

Sues Social Page

How time flies it's already October and nearly the end of our second year as a club.

I do need some feedback from members about what you would like to do or places to visit. It was with regret that I had to cancel the Treasure Hunt at the beginning of September due to lack of interest.

The Equinox visit to the North Sea Observatory at Chapel St Leonards was our most popular social visit this year. The changeable forecast meant many took their modern cars however, Paul & Gill as well as Len & I took the risk and it paid off an unusual warm, sunny and pleasant day for the end of September. The café was really busy but we managed to eat together as well as take advantage of the sunshine to chill outside on the veranda. (see photos)

Later in October we intend to meet up at Hemswell Antiques meeting in the café at 12 noon on Wednesday 23rd. Afterwards members can wander and browse to their hearts content.

I'm struggling to get enough numbers for the Bateman's Brewery visit on 3rd November. It is a Sunday I have provisionally booked a tour for 2pm at a cost of £4.95. Members can eat in the café beforehand. We have to have a group of at least 15 with a max of 20. I pre-booked 16 places but have only had interest from 13, possibly 15. I'm putting a deadline of 10th October, the day after the members meeting.

I'm now collecting names for the Brigg Garden Centre Christmas shopping extravaganza. They will designate an area for us in the café at 12noon so long as I book in advance therefore, I really do need to know if you would like to join us.

Sue Peach

(See page 15 for photos)

LAC Events Calendar 2019

Month	Meeting	Events	Contact
May		<p>12th May Normandy Hall Classic Car Show</p> <p>Mablethorpe (M) 19th May</p> <p>Caistor Market Place 27th (12 -4pm)</p> <p>Carrington 26th/27th May</p>	<p>Beverley Hoyles 01507 527740</p> <p>Gerry Blythe 01507 606981/0793172737</p> <p>caistor@outlook.com</p> <p>enquire in April Mr P Cade</p>
Jun*	<p>Members meeting 12th</p> <p>Market Rasen Golf Club 7pm</p>	<p>Louth Classic 2nd</p> <p>Lincoln Castle Rally 16th</p> <p>Walled Garden Baumber 16th</p> <p>Lincs Show 19th & 20th</p> <p>Winterton Agricultural Show 6th/7th</p>	<p>Terence West 01507605675</p> <p>J. Bigwood 01522 500566 E. info@lvvs.org.uk</p> <p>John Janney (01507 578763)</p> <p>Jim Colley 01522751576</p> <p>K Wear 01790 752975</p>
July		<p>Baston Car and Bike Show 7th</p> <p>Mid Lincs Rover Classic 13th</p> <p>Church Farm Skegness 14th</p> <p>Spilsby Show 14th from 10am all entries by 1st June</p> <p>Newby Hall, Ripon . Historic Vehicle Rally 21st</p> <p>Anderby Creek 27th</p>	<p>07758 865 690.</p> <p>07970 035550.</p> <p>Beverley Hoyles 01507 527740</p> <p>01790 752975</p> <p>Beverley Hoyles 01507 527740</p> <p>01790 752975</p> <p>Harry Fletcher on 07778 319546 or via laurenm20042002@yahoo.co.uk</p> <p>Tony Edwards 01507 490500</p>

		Vintage Motorsport Festival, Cadwell Park – 27th (M)	Ted Stanley 0789 105 6818 ted@tedstanley.uk
Aug*	Members meeting 14 th Market Rasen Golf Club 7pm	LAC Classic Car Show -Appleby ice cream 4th Aug (M) Classic & Vintage Rally, Beehive Bus Park, Wragby -11 th Lincs Steam 17 th /18 th North Thoresby 25 th /26 th	Paul Connolly, paulconnolly15@sky.com Sheila Webb 01522 704792 01507 605937 Sandra Bunyan 07751111368 <u>Sandra.bunyan@btinternet.com</u> www.sccms.co.uk (entries July latest) Possible club stand <u>Mary Sanders @ Sleaford Historic Car & Show</u> <u>Committee</u> <u>07908 620 677</u>
Sept		Ludborough 1940's weekend 7th (M) Sleaford Classic cars & Motorcycles 7 th	
Oct*	Members meeting 9 th Market Rasen Golf Club 7pm		
Nov			
Dec*	Members meeting 11 th Market Rasen Golf Club 7pm		

*= Bi-monthly magazine
M= LAC Gazebo-official LAC event



Social Calendar 2019

(Please ring Sue 07774552801 to ensure tables are booked)

Month	Weekend Runs	Midweek Lunch Runs
Jan Feb*		<p>Snowdrops at Bridgewater Gardens, Bridgewater House, Saxby, Lincs LN8 3DQ Wed 27th February, Meet at 1.00pm in the car park. Entry to gardens £5. Food on the Café in Hay barn at 2.30 e.g. Homemade soup & cakes</p>
Mar	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Weekend Meeting at Redbourne Blacksmith workshop with lunch at Red Lion 12noon Saturday 9th March. Two forge demonstration groups – am/pm MUST BOOK PLACE for demonstration as well as table Lincolnshire Aviation Heritage Centre, East Kirkby PE23 4DE Saturday 30th March 10 – 4pm; Meet for group lunch in café at 12noon. 	<p>Snowdrops at Bridgewater Gardens, Bridgewater House, Saxby, Lincs LN8 3DQ Wed 27th. Meet at 1pm in car park. Entry to gardens £5 Food in Café in Hay Barn eg Homemade soup & cakes at 2.30.</p>
Apr*	<p>Heckington Mill Tour, Hale Road, Heckington, Sleaford, Lincs NG34 9JW Sun 12-5pm, tea rooms open 11am Admission – visitors centre & mill tower £5. Sunday 14th April</p> <p>Weekend Treasure Hunt (Postponed until Oct)</p>	<p>Gibraltar Point Lunch, Gibraltar Road, Skegness, PE244SU Meet 12 noon at Visitors Centre, Wednesday 24th April</p>
May		
Jun*		<p>Doddington Hall, Lincoln LN6 4RU Hall & gardens £11; Gardens £7 Wednesday 26th June Meet in car park across road at 12noon Wednesday June 26th</p>
July		<p>Tileworks Barton upon Humber Old Tile Yard, Far Ings Road, Barton-upon-Humber DN18 8RF Wed July 24th at 12 noon; meet in main car park with bridge view</p>
Aug*	<p>Annual LAC EVENT Sunday 4th AUG Appleby Ices</p>	

Sept	North Sea Observatory, Chapel St Leonards, Skegness PE24 5XA Meet at Seascape café at 12 noon on Sunday 22 nd Sept	
Oct*	Weekend Treasure Hunt (organised by Len & Sue Peach) Sunday 6 th Oct Starting point to be decided	Hemswell Antiques Wednesday 23 rd Oct Caenby Corner Estate, Hemswell Cliff, Gainsborough DN21 5TJ Park in main carpark and make your way to café in building 1 to meet Sue at 12noon
Nov	George Bateman & Son Ltd Salem Bridge Brewery Wainfleet, Lincolnshire, PE24 4JE Sunday 3 rd November Pre-booked for 15+ (max 20) £4.95 or £3.95 (over 65) Tour 12noon or 3pm = carvery in Patricia Room (order from bar) Open 11.30 – 4pm	Brigg Garden Centre Bigby High Rd, Brigg DN20 9HE Wednesday 27 th Nov. Meet Sue outside café entrance at 12noon. Opportunity for Christmas Shopping
Dec*		

* = Bi-monthly magazine

Normous Newark June 2019

The final day of June found me motoring along the busy Lincoln bypass in my Midge, Tilly, giving other passing classics a cheery wave. I was heading for the regular autojumble at Newark showground. The organisers have borrowed the epithet “normous” from the former kit car shows that I used to attend there in the ‘90s. I passed by Norton Disney, home of Walt Disney’s ancestors. There’s a plaque to that effect in the village church. Soon, the brown sign for the nearby Newark Air Museum hove into view and I turned into the enormous, 200 acre showground.

A steward directed me to the classic vehicle show area, where interesting cars, bikes, commercials, kits and customs are displayed. I parked up next to a beautifully restored Morris traveller and set off to explore.

There were hundreds of stalls. I bought a set of welding magnets and an aerosol chrome paint. Many stalls were specialist: barn find car panels and grilles; auto electrics; polishing hardware; motoring books/manuals; toy vehicles. A lot were what the French would call *vide granier* – general junk from the garage or loft. However it’s well worth a pick through. I’ve found some real treasure in past years.

On return to Tilly for a picnic lunch, I came across the Morris Traveller crew, a couple of retired gents from Chesterfield. They listened with approval to my account of travels in the Highlands and Hebrides in my own traveller, back in the early ‘80s. Knowledgeably, they picked up on Tilly’s Herald/Spitfire heritage, from the tell-tale front running gear.

I had another mooch around the stalls, before a last cup of tea and a read of my book, a Morse mystery. By 3.00 pm, most traders had packed up and gone, so I set away for home in the sunshine.

Newark Showground is sited at the former RAF Winthorpe Airfield, to the east of Newark. The autojumble is held on 10 Sundays throughout the year. It’s a great day out for the car or motorbike enthusiast. Its stalls provide a huge selection of parts, tools and restoration services in a friendly, relaxed environment. For more information, simply Google” Newark Autojumble”.

Michael Taylor

One experience ticked off the Bucket List

After a serious fall at work in April this year, my dream of driving my 1979 Triumph Spitfire to our holiday home in Spain seemed impossible. I had fractured two vertebrae and was in a back brace for 8 weeks, but had previously planned my epic drive, booking the English Channel ferry crossing for Saturday 6th July.

I acquired my car three years ago, with just 56,000 genuine mileage on the clock and a full and complete history of its 3 previous owners, MOT's, and every receipt of all the work that had ever been carried out on it. I decided from the start that it deserved a full refurbishment which started with the bodywork. So with the engine and interior out, the car was stripped and a full paint job was undertaken in the original colour of Pageant Blue by a specialist in my home town of Grimsby.

Then I set about the interior, changing the colour from brown to black and fitting heated seats. The rest of the interior was left original.

I also replaced all the suspension, new bushes, wheel bearings, discs, drums and brake shoes and pads, upgrading the headlights to halogen and fitted electric cooling fans on a thermostat.

The next big job was of course the most important – the engine. Initially I set about fitting electronic ignition. My pottering on my car gave me tremendous pleasure and I worked on it as often as I could over the course of last year or so.



I also had a fuse board fitted inside the car, fusing everything separately and putting anything on with a big load on relays.

It wasn't until earlier this year – February/March – that I really started to drive the car any distance in order to test the



way the car performed. Still working for a living, I could only really do this on sunny Sunday afternoons. During March it became apparent that the big ends were noisy and I had no alternative but to have the engine

reconditioned. I was advised to enlist the services of 'Service Engineering' in Roberts Street in Grimsby and they had the engine for quite a few weeks and did a really good job. They reground the crankshaft, installed new a new camshaft, pistons, oil pump and timing chain.

However, on 10th April I had the fall at work and it was at this time that they informed me that the engine reconditioning was complete and ready for collection. I was unable to even get out of bed unaided, never mind about fitting the engine back in my car, and with only two months to go to my epic journey I was in despair. Luckily I had previously been introduced to a retired chap called Graham who had worked on Triumphs and he was very happy to fit the engine for me, although I was extremely annoyed that I was unable to do it myself. I was very grateful for Graham's help and expertise and he suggested a remote oil filter and also rebuilt the carburettor on which he did a good job.

As the days and weeks passed, my back got a lot better, having been in a back brace for 8 weeks and doing exactly what I was told by the doctors and in June I began to be a lot more mobile. So the race was now on to get the car tested and ready for the big journey as well as getting myself fit enough to drive the long distance. I had to complete 800 miles to 'run in' the newly reconditioned engine and then change the oil so I drove it as

often as I could, trying to do some fairly long runs in order to test its performance.

The car went well and the only bug bear now was the windscreen. On



purchase of the vehicle the windscreen was very scratched and I had tried to replace it myself, buying a new one from Rimmers in Lincoln. But the rubber seals did not fit properly so I decided to use my car insurance windscreen service but it proved to be a race against time as it took them three

attempts for their engineers to get it right.

As July approached, my friend who was to accompany me, started to plan the journey. We were to drive from Grimsby to Portsmouth on Saturday 6th July in order to catch the overnight Brittany Ferry to Caen in Normandy, France. On the following day we would drive through France to Lourdes and then on the Monday we would drive through the Pyrenees and down to our holiday home in a little village called El Mojon which is situated in the south eastern region right on the Mediterranean coast exactly on the boarder of Alicante and Murcia. My wife and my friend's partner would fly down to Spain and meet us there,

I am delighted to say that all went well and as planned. Throughout the trip we tried to avoid motorways where possible and where time allowed.

Unfortunately on setting off on Saturday 6th July it was raining in Grimsby and so the roof had to stop up until we reached Oxford where the skies cleared to a fine afternoon. We arrived in Portsmouth by tea time and met up with a friend who, originally from Grimsby now lives in Gosport after serving in the Navy for many years. So we had plenty of time to board the

This is the route we took once we docked in Caen early on the Sunday morning:-

Caen – Argentan – Alencon – Le Mans. We then stopped at Le Mans racing circuit but, although there was a classic vehicle event taking place, due to our own time commitments we did not stay and pressed on to La Fleche - Saumur – Poitiers – Angouleme - Pau and finally to Lourdes for an overnight stop, arriving late evening.

Following on, early Monday morning saw heavy mist and so the car roof had to be put up until we reached the Spanish side of the Pyrenees but the scenery along the route was staggering, being part of last year’s Tour de France cycle race. I now have full admiration for the cyclists taking part – we struggled with some of the heights in a car!

Onwards towards Spain, departing Lourdes, heading south west to the Spanish boarder at Col-du-Portalet, then to Biescas, along the N260 to Huesca – Zaragoza – A23 – Teruel – Valencia – A7 down the coast to Alicante, then the N332 coast road to our little village of El Mojon near to Pilar de la Horadada and San Pedro del Pinatar just north of the salt lagoon of La Manga.

After spending a week relaxing in the Spanish sunshine in our holiday home we departed early on Monday 15th July back to England, but this time we had planned a slightly different route back to Caen:-



We travelled back up the N332 to Alicante, along the AP7 to Valencia and then Sagunt/Costello – taking the N10 to Sant Mateu, A232 to Alcaniz, N211 to Lleida, N145 to the independent principality of Andora passing through the Pyrenees – Pamiers – finally arriving for an overnight stay in Toulouse, arriving very late.

The following day – Tuesday - we set off from Toulouse to Montauban – Brive-la-Gaillarde – Limoges – Chateauroux – Tours – Le Mans and then on to Caen, arriving in time to catch the overnight ferry to Portsmouth.

We arrived back home in Grimsby safe and sound by mid-afternoon on Wednesday 17th July.

The car performed magnificently throughout with only one slight problem as we neared Caen on the return journey. We noticed the car had become noisier and on investigation it was discovered that the exhaust had come loose from the manifold. We pulled into a small garage and the chap was very happy to help. He put the car on ramps and tightened the exhaust and wouldn't accept any payment.

Everywhere we went we attracted a lot of interest and people waved to us. We were made most welcome at the many roadside cafes we called at in both France and Spain. On one occasion when filling up with petrol, the attendant asked for us to take a photograph of him with the car!

On our arrival back home we were absolutely shattered but very proud to have achieved our goal especially without any dramas, clocking up a total of 2,970 miles. Would I do it again? Yes of course – but would definitely take a lot more time to enjoy the journey.

Brian King August 2019

Alistair at
North Thoresby



ferry for the 11pm sail. It was wonderful to sail through Portsmouth's historical dockland, seeing HMS Victory and the new HMS Queen Elizabeth aircraft carrier.

Visit to North



Sea



Observatory (see Page3)



Hero 'Summer Trial 2019'

Once upon a time in a land fairly far away, I started to rally a 1969 FIAT 125...and I'm still at it 50 years later. Can't stop!

Last weekend I took my 1966 classic Porsche 912 SWB Coupé out over the roads and tracks around the Peak District and the Derbyshire Dales on the HERO 'Summer Trial' - a three day / three leg Historic Road Rally - with an excellent navigator (Clare Nedin) beside me. We had not rallied together before and she had not even managed to sit in the car so Friday's leg was very much a learning process hence the odd mistake was excusable from both sides of the car!

On Saturday we started 59th - and I made my first mistake almost immediately on the first test...but we recovered as we drove for around 200 miles up and down steep hills and through deep fords, trying desperately to maintain very strict average speeds and timings - the ultimate is to arrive at a timing point exactly on the second, thus gaining the coveted 'zero' penalty. And we managed a few of those. Lunch time was not so clever - we were at the National Arboretum in Staffordshire where the starter motor gave up the ghost, necessitating push starts for the rest of the rally! A bad mistake later in the evening saw us drop rather badly to 73rd overall.

However, after the push start on Sunday, we began very much to gel, more 'zeros' - but a bad wrong slot at the end of the day was not exactly what we wanted. However, our final overall position was 41st (out of 99 starters!), so we managed to pull up 30 odd places on the last day. This was my first rally as a Core Team member for Racing Pride, the LGBT motor sport supporting organization so on went the Racing Pride

decals to the flanks of my 912...and there they'll stay.

Many thanks go to Clare for her navigational skills, considering that this was the first time together, and these rallies are not as easy as some think - even I had to use my brain working out times and speeds...keeping to 18 mph is not that easy when one has to consider steep hills and very sharp bends, as well as junctions - all designed to slow one down even further...But fun. Unfortunately Clare is now back in Iceland, and I need to find another navigator to show me around for other, similar, events.

After the Silverstone weekend I shall be with Poppy at Lotherton Hall and then the southern CarFest in August. Rally functions include the HERO Challenge (navigator wanted) and the International Rally Day at Castle Combe in September!

Rowena Purdy





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