



# THE VIRTUAL SPORTS-CAR CLUB

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### *From the Library:*

Bulletins 1953 Vol. 12-01 to 12-04 are uploaded in the News/Bulletin/1950-59 section. With Vol. 12 the Bulletins are now into the familiar sequencing of four per year i.e. Spring, Summer, Autumn & Winter. You can find them [here](#).

### *Important AGM announcement*

As the VSCC's Articles and the Companies Act 2006 require the company to hold an AGM within 15 months of the previous AGM a new date has now been set for 13 June 2020. In spite of the impact of the COVID-19 situation there has not yet been a relaxation of the legal requirements to hold AGMs and notice is therefore given of an AGM to be held on 13 June 2020. The Articles require a quorum of 50 members to be physically present at the AGM, but ***this will not be possible under current Government guidelines.***

The meeting will need to be adjourned and reconvened one week later at the same time in the same place which will 1pm on Saturday 20 June. This adjourned meeting would be quorate based on members actually present and would constitute a valid AGM.

To join this meeting via our Zoom webinar, please register [here](#).

## Club news



Currently Motorsport UK have suspended all permits until 30th June but have very recently released guidance on how to get motorsport restarted. There are many and varied opinions among the members who have been in contact. Your committee have discussed this at length and the headlines from the recent President's message are below:

- *Both Prescott meetings will be cancelled as competitive events.*
- *Track days will replace both, on their original dates.*
- *Mallory Park subject to expressions of interest from competitors, other formats will be considered if insufficient entries expected.*
- *Loton Park has been cancelled by Hagley and District Light Car Club*
- *Shelsley will now run on Saturday 8 August.*
- *Welsh Trial cancelled.*

We are currently speaking to The Bugatti Owners Club about the logistics of the track days at Prescott and further details will be announced as soon as we have them.

### LOUIS LATOUR

Club sponsors Louis Latour have invited the Club to join them on their stand at the rescheduled Game Fair at Ragley Hall on 18-20 September. They are asking us to provide four cars each day and the plan is that there will be two tickets for each car, and maybe another couple for helpers manning the stand. It is not finalised but we have suggested that we would probably prefer to have different cars each day.

We would need the cars there at 8.00am and not leaving before about 6.00pm (7.30pm on Friday). You can find more details at [www.thegamefair.org](http://www.thegamefair.org)

If you fancy getting in with the huntin', shootin' and fishin' set but without committing yourselves at this stage, please let Ian Ferguson ([ian.ferguson@vscc.co.uk](mailto:ian.ferguson@vscc.co.uk)) know which day(s) you think you can attend, and we'll start a list.

## KEEP MADEIRA DRIVE OPEN - THE PETITION

Brighton Council closed Madeira Drive during the Covid 19 pandemic to allow people to use it for exercise. Now a small minority are lobbying to ban all motor vehicles permanently.

This would mean the end of all motor events on Madeira Drive and would mean the end of the Frosts Brighton Speed Trials as well as other events.

If you wish to add your voice to those who wish to protect the Brighton Speed Trials and the businesses on Madeira Drive you can sign the e-petition [here](#).

## SUSPICIOUS EMAILS

There have been several emails circulating with titles that are linked to previous VSCC emails. There is no evidence that our systems have been compromised. If you receive an email, especially from an unknown address, that contains a link which it urges you to click on before a set day or has a Read Message button, please do not click.

## BLUE DIAMOND

Blue Diamond Riley Services has remained one of the leading 'go-to' destinations for pre-war Rileys for nearly forty years.

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Alongside the restoration and servicing work, Blue Diamond provides an extensive spares service, offering parts for all Riley models from 1927-1939.

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## You Tube Finds



[The Exmoor Trial 2020](#)



[Jay Leno's Garage](#)



[Richard Hammond at Prescott](#)

## Table top rallies

Last week's rally was set in Yorkshire, masterminded by Sue Swales, who competes regularly with the HRCR as well as the VSCC. This week we return to Kent. If you would like to be Clerk of the Course for a week, then do get in touch with Annabel.

The latest rally is [here](#).

Let us know what you are doing

We are hearing lots of stories of members clearing out their garages, fettling their cars and finding ways of filling their time. If anyone wanted to video work on their cars, give us a virtual tour of their garage or anything else that may interest fellow members, please get in contact by emailing [tania.brown@vscc.co.uk](mailto:tania.brown@vscc.co.uk)

## VSCC Bulletin PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

We need your photographs: those selected by you, but most importantly, these must only be those taken by you when you were in charge of your camera.

Tell us what we are looking at  
Tell us your name and where you took the picture  
Tell us anything that helps us understand what we are looking at

We want you to send about three or four pictures taken in the last five years or so, but with the selected theme of cars indoors – in a garage – in a workshop – in store – in a showroom but with the interest in the details that go with maintenance, development, fettling, repair and rebuilds, etc.

Entries to [bulletin.photocomp@vscc.co.uk](mailto:bulletin.photocomp@vscc.co.uk)

Club member, Anthony Fenwick-Wilson is arranging a one-car motor show outside his home on 21st June to raise some much needed cash for the fabric of the local, ancient church which dates back to the 7th century, and is built on the foundations of a pagan temple.

If you would like to support him, you can send an envelope, stating how many tickets you want, at £2 each, containing the cash or a cheque, into the Old Vicarage, Bull Ring, Claverley. Include your name and address, and the tickets receipt will be posted to you.

The raffle prize will be a day as Rosita the Railton's guest, at the Silverstone 'Spring Start' race meeting of the Vintage Sports Car Club, next April. There will be about 200 pre-war racing cars going hell for leather round this iconic circuit. To view last years' race meeting, click on <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ar5na6xNd7o>

Winner will be drawn by the Vicar on Tuesday 23rd June.



## Sponsor News

News from Chez Longstone.

What a weird time we are going through! As my family and I are fortunate enough to live in the countryside with a garden and more importantly, we have all stayed healthy.

With all this spare time at home, it has actually been a bit of fun. I have my kids at home, my Mum and Dad just around the corner, and a handful of lovely old cars to keep me out of trouble (well nearly).

Within my important tasks, I have been fettling my garage, we have Wilfred's Austin 7 special spread around the place, as Wilf learns to fettle; he hasn't, as yet, learned to do it tidily. I decided that the way to keep a GN running well was to make it difficult to get at, so it didn't get used. "Are you running that GN in or wearing it out?" The way to get Piglet in better fettle was to drive it and shake out the weak spots. Which of course meant that I had to swap them round in the garage, which of course means a gentle drive around the block in my 2 favourite cars; it seems that what takes 20 minutes in a GN only takes 5 minutes in Piglet.

Being purveyors of unusual rubber goods, we do tend to know the local old car scene reasonably well, and out of the blue I received an email from a local type with a couple of pictures asking if I was interested in buying his 1927 Austin 7 Chummy. He had had it for a few years and didn't use it. He was rebuilding a Cammy Minor and had a rather glorious 20HP Rolls Royce, and the Chummy wasn't getting the attention it deserves. I popped round with Liz in my Chummy. I poked and played with it, it all seemed fine, I wrote a cheque and set off to drive it home, with Lucky Liz following behind. We must have got nearly 2 miles before the first failure.

However I had the handy Austin 7 carburettor jet spanner under my seat, so after a bit of broddling, off we went until we ran out of sparks, so Liz had to tow me the remaining 2 miles home.

For a brief period, I was fortunate enough to have 2 Chummies. What a happy state to be in! We needed an adventure. So, with sparks back in the new Chummy and Wilfred and Albert in my old Chummy we set off for a Picnic. After 4 carburettor re-builds we dawdled across the Lincolnshire wolds to a marsh south of Cleethorpes. What a fab day;

There is nothing in the rule books against picnics and driving vintage cars.

The bad news is that when talking to my friend Chris about the Chummy he said "I'll buy that off you" and I didn't manage to find a way out of it so my lovely little 1927 Chummy is now initiating a new vintage car owner into the ways of righteousness.





In the little village of Scrooby, with about 100 houses (1 mile south of a certain quality tyre emporium.) We are a hot bed of vintage activity. The most common car in Scrooby is the Austin 7 Chummy, possibly second may be a Frazer Nash, but there is also a good Salmson contingent from my cousin Graham.

All this being said, time is flying by, and though I have enjoyed the sunshine, my garden and the fun to be had with daft old cars, I cannot wait to get back onto the race track and enjoy some of the fantastic race meetings put on by the club. We are so lucky - nowhere else in the world is the vintage car movement so well provided for with such a wide range of events for us all to enjoy. See you all on the other side, and let's get out there and squander our money on VSCC race meeting entry fees and revel in the advantage we have with our club.



Our Tyre shed is open. We are still posting tyres all over the world, and we have started to carefully provide our fitting service again. But please ring and arrange things with Tom and Simon before you turn up.

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You can also view Longstone's helpful videos and the comedic Vintage Top Gear on their channel below:

[YouTube](#)