



# THE VIRTUAL SPORTS-CAR CLUB

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### *From the Library:*

As the library section of TOPO (The Old Post Office) is slowly getting back to normal, the uploading of past Bulletins onto the web-site is now curtailed. If there is sufficient demand, then past Bulletins on a memory stick might be available for a modest fee to library funds.

### **Friday night is NOT Quiz Night!**

As people gradually get more busy we would like to change the Facebook Live Quiz to a weekday and hold it once a month. The current suggestion is the first or second Wednesday of the month, does this suit you? Please email [info@vscc.co.uk](mailto:info@vscc.co.uk) to let us know or to pose alternative suggestions! You can also volunteer to host or submit ideas for questions.



## Mallory Park Race Meeting - 23 August

As we look forward to Mallory, we will be able to welcome spectators, although they will not be able to access the paddock area. To get discounted tickets, Club members can call Mallory Park on 01455 502214 or visit their website by [CLICKING HERE](#) quoting VSCC5 to get the discount of £5 on the full ticket price. Tickets will not be available from the Club Office.

The programme for the event will be made available as a pdf on our website prior to Sunday.  
The timetable is as follows:

Practice Sessions commence at 0930hrs; 9 races start after lunch at 1300hrs:

0930hrs – 1200hrs  
Practice Sessions

1200hrs – 1300hrs  
Lunch Break

1300hrs:

Race 1 – Allcomers Scratch Race – 12 Minutes

Race 2 – John Holland Trophy for Vintage & Pre '61 Racing Cars – 15 Minutes

Race 3 – Mallory Mug for Standard & Modified Pre-war Sports Cars – 15 Minutes

Race 4 – MG vs Austin 7 Challenge Race – 12 Minutes

Race 5 – HSCC/FJHRA Historic Front-Engined Formula Junior Championship– 20 Minutes

Race 6 – Allcomers Handicap Race – 12 Laps

Race 7 – Race for Frazer Nash/GN Cars – 12 Minutes

Race 8 – Allcomers Handicap Race – 12 Laps

Race 9 – Allcomers Scratch Race – 12 Minutes



# Club news

## Cheshire Rally - 24 October

We hope you have enjoyed the Table Top Rallies and are now ready to put all you have learnt into practice!

This year's Cheshire Rally will follow a similar format to that of the 2018 Bowland Rally. It is a different event that should appeal to a wide range of abilities. The aim being to provide a less intense, more relaxed day out for all (but the experts) with straight forward instructions and time to socialise.

There will be several options as follows:-

**The Trophy Class** - Is open to any fully paid-up VSCC member in an eligible car that has a 'Buff-Form'. This class is aimed at experienced rally crews who want a 'full-on' rally. The winner of the 'Northern Jug' can only come from this class. Instructions will be as explained in 'Finding Your Way'. Entrants in the Trophy Class will get 15 minutes plotting time.

**The Clubman Class** - Is open to any fully paid-up VSCC member in any pre-war car (Buff-Form not necessary). This class involves straight-forward map reading and is aimed at those with some rally experience. Instructions will ONLY take the form of grid references, tulip diagrams and map features (as found on the key). There will be 30 minutes plotting time for entrants in the Clubman Class.

**The Champagne Class** - Is open to any fully paid-up VSCC member in any pre-war car (Buff-Form not necessary). This class is ideal for newcomers, beginners and those who want an enjoyable drive in beautiful countryside. Instructions will be in the form of a straight forward Road Book containing clear TL, TR instructions, tulip diagrams and a marked up map. Hints will be given with timing. Champagne entrants will get 45 minutes to familiarise themselves with their instructions. We can (virtually) guarantee you will not get lost!

*Classes 2 and 3 are ideal for both those who are new to rallying and also for those who have tried rallying before but are anxious about moving into the competitive Trophy class.*



## Club news

### Curborough Staffs CYP Charity Sprint - Monday 31st August

*Club member David Leigh writes:*

Following the success of the Oakamoor Hill Climb Revival and ever hopeful that the current easing of the Covid-19 lockdown will continue, we are pressing on with preparations for a charity demonstration sprint at Curborough Sprint Course near Lichfield. Entries are now open, follow this link: <https://scypsprint.mfestreg.com/signin>

The event is scheduled to take place on Monday, 31st August 2020, for up to 120 cars and motorcycles (eligibility 1900 to 1980). As a demonstration event, runs will not be timed, but will nonetheless provide a great opportunity to have some fun on the figure-of-eight course.

So please save the date and like our [Facebook page](#).



All proceeds go to Staffordshire Clubs for Young People: [www.staffscyp.org.uk](http://www.staffscyp.org.uk)

Sadly due to Covid-19, it is highly probable that this year's event will have to be closed to the public but we are looking at ways of transmitting live action throughout the day and event highlights.

### Table top rallies

Your Table Top Rally Clerks of the Course are taking a holiday this week, scouting for new locations, but you will find the answers to rally 14 [here](#). There were a couple of glitches in the instructions for this rally, spotted by an eagle-eyed competitor, and the version now on the website is the corrected one.

There are now fourteen rallies available for download, set by seven different Clerks of the Course and with different styles and levels of difficulty. If you would like to set a route, or have any comments on the ones available so far, then please email [Annabel@vscc.co.uk](mailto:Annabel@vscc.co.uk)

## Club News

### A message from Jane Arnold-Forster

This is shameless and I make no apology. I made a short film as part of a documentary film making course, about women bikers and the Ace Café. I am now looking for funding to extend the film, filming a track day as well as interviewing a very spritely lady who rode from the Ace in the 1950s and 1960s (and up to nearly the present day). Here is a link to my crowdfunding page.

Even if you cannot donate (and I totally understand if you can't), please can you share it amongst those of your friends who might be interested, and able to help.

<https://www.indiegogo.com/projects/ace-women>



### A message from the Radnorshire Arms Hotel

We would like to ask if any of your members would have any copies of old photographs which we could frame, of hill climbing or other memorabilia relevant to either Presteigne or your club they would be willing to loan to preserve the club and hotel history.

We have a close family friend who is the granddaughter of Harry Spence from Yorkshire who was a life member of the club, they have kindly offered a winners cup won during a trial at Presteigne for display in the Lockable cabinet in our main reception, we would like to utilise this and remaining wall space for anything in connection with the Club.

We would also like to take this opportunity in offering a warm welcome to Club members by means of a direct booking discount of 10% should they ever need to stay at the hotel (01544 267536). We are hoping to open in 2 to 3 weeks.

Yours sincerely  
Lee Rivers

Is there someone you think should be featured on the Club website as a Club hero - past or present? Please do let us know by emailing [tania.brown@vscc.co.uk](mailto:tania.brown@vscc.co.uk).



### John Harris

John died in October 1997 at the age of 58. Whilst at the Charles Clifford Dental School in Sheffield, his passion for cars began and a succession of pre-war cars were used as daily drivers, he joined the VSCC in 1960.

It is estimated that at one time or other 160 cars passed through his hands, the longest ownership being the Henry Coates 4 1/2 Rapide Special (swapped for his Lagonda over a pint of beer!) He regularly competed and won the PVT class at the Measham three years running from 1989 to 1991.

In later years, he much enjoyed the trialling scene, rebuilding a Fiat 514 four seat tourer and winning an award on the Welsh Trial just a week before his passing. His enthusiasm inspired the inauguration of a trial in Derbyshire, which still bears his name to this day.

His met his wife Judy when they were just 16 and married in 1961. As his obituary in the Bulletin states '...he appreciated Judy's support in all that he did. As a man, John always played by the rules and gave short shrift to anyone who didn't. He was never afraid to speak his mind and although he would sometimes ruffle feathers, it was always based on integrity and high moral values.'

*If there is anything you would like to see included in the newsletter, please send it to the Club Secretary ([tania.brown@vscc.co.uk](mailto:tania.brown@vscc.co.uk))*



## CELEBRATING CLASSIC CARS ON DISPLAY, ON SALE AND ON-SCREEN

The wait is over and we can finally all get together at one of the most exciting new events for the Season.

Whether you're a buyer, collector or simply an enthusiast, The Classic Car Drive In Weekend is the ultimate, socially distanced outdoor Classic Car event. Taking place at the iconic classic motoring hub at Bicester Heritage on the weekend of 18<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> September, the event brings together over 500 Classic Cars for you to admire or buy along with a selection of the most iconic Classic Car Movies at a Drive In Cinema.

### PLUS



Displays from over  
25 of the UK's  
leading Car Clubs



Bonhams  
MPH  
auction



Drive-in Movies



Daily track  
parades and  
demonstrations



Over 50 Classic car  
dealers, restorers  
and traders

### TICKETS

Drive In Movie Screening:  
**Adult £10 / Child £7.50**

Drive In Movie and Exhibition:  
**Adult £25 / Child £15**

We'll be sharing details of a special offer for all full club members in the coming days,  
so keep an eye out across our social platforms.

# VSCC MERCHANDISE

## *Unique to the Club*



## GREETINGS

*A fabulous set of six unique quality greeting cards designed for the club by Anna-Louise Felstead.*

*Blank so you can use for any occasion*

## BADGES

*VSCC Traditional Logo badge designed to be ironed or sewn on to any item of clothing.*

*Flameproof Speed and Formula Vintage Badge conforms with the ISO 15025 Includes sewing kit with Nomex thread for fixing to race overalls*



## REUSABLE

*Choose from a VSCC Thermo mug to keep refilled with Tea or Coffee - great for late nights in the garage.*

*Or a metal a drinking bottle with an extra attachment to secure to your backpack - Both designed for the VSCC*

