



FROM YOUR EDITOR

There is a vacancy for Editor. Thanks for photographs and articles in this issue go to Dick, Andrew, Sid, Fiona, Mike (Webber) and Claire.

Dick, Fiona and Mike went on a "recce" to the Deeside Festival of Speed. This event does not look promising for Dream Rides but might be a possible event to attend.

CLASSICS IN THE CITY

Saturday in the heart of



Edinburgh, a parade of vintage, classic and sporting cars descended on the historic pedestrianised area of the royal mile on an overcast, coolish, but thankfully dry morning, and for the rest of the day with some sunny bright spells.

Due to the late exit of traders' delivery vehicles, a start to the display was not made until late in the morning. By this time the milling international tourists were in full flow; and created a task in itself to get all the cars positioned without upsetting too many.

Lining up in the display; Brian Hunter is his powerful Nissan GTR; Ron Dyer in the lovely TVR Chimaera; Chris Pollin in the limited edition Renault 9; Rob



Daniel's gleaming RR Flying Spur; Chris Cooney's open topped Panther Kallista; Stewart Brown in the gorgeous vintage Lagonda; Mark Mckail's wonderful orange coloured Lotus Exige, Sid Palmer's Boxster S and Andrew Carrie's well-polished white Porsche 911. Claire Howie was Chief photographer on the day.

Dick in his usual energetic spirit set about erecting the gazebo with able assistance from attendees. A table was set out to display the homeless bears. Sadly they missed the feminine



touch to find new owners, with the exception of an extraordinary, very colourful and metal clad lady, who contributed to give a home to 2 of the larger bears. Disappointed she couldn't get a bigger one, she set off in pursuit of Andrew. From what we gather an interesting and exhausting negotiation took

place to relieve him of the big white bear he has had for many years.

Unfortunately, just prior to the event, Hearts & Minds had announced that, due to other engagements and holidays, there were no Clown Doctors available to attend. This was a big disappointment as, had they been there, it may have been possible to raise a greater amount of funds. Shirley Monteith from H&M did visit with a bundle of leaflets and red noses and did her best.

Enthusiastic visitors from all over the world poured over all the cars; for many this unexpected show of lovely sporting cars in the heart of the City made their day. Stewart Brown's Lagonda took the mantle for the day. Visitors just loved it. Very much befitting the historic location.

And yes, despite major pre-event concerns about getting back out of the area later, the bollards did go down automatically on demand –



phew !!!

The total for the day realised £324.50.

Many thanks to all who attended.

Sid

CORBRIDGE CLASSICS

As always, this event organised by Bob Selby, attracted a very good response with 19 Polars descending on the Rugby Grounds from all parts of our region. This year there was a "new system" in place whereby entrants were given a stand number on their passes and directed to it by the marshals. This seemed to work well (at least for those of us who arrived around 10 am). After having joined the slow queue to snake our way from the main road, there was only a short delay getting to the stand once in the grounds. This year the layout had been changed to allow for an increased number of participants - over 1000 cars were expected - and the



Sporting Bears had been allocated a very generously sized site immediately in front of the pavilion. With so much room, our main decision was where to place the gazebo! Eventually it was positioned at the end of the allotted space nearest the public entrance. Our excellent display of 14 cars attracted the public and our members were happy to chat to them about their pride



and joys.

Sheila and George once again rose to the challenge of setting up an attractive display of bears and other creatures and set about extracting donations. Undeterred by her recent hip op Sheila bravely stood with bucket and bear in one hand and walking stick in the other. The rep from Smile for Life, along with 2 great young men who benefit from the charity, joined us for a couple of hours and helped spread the word about this local charity.



Although the sun only shone in short bursts, the day remained dry if somewhat chilly. Most folk were able to wander round the extensive show as well as enjoying the entertainment provided - a live band and dog agility shows. For various reasons none of the members retired to the Duke of

Wellington this year for a post-show meal. Whilst waiting for the traffic to clear, we were entertained by a couple of marshals trying to extinguish a fire in one of the giant wheely bins!



A good percentage of the bears were re-homed (although Pat commented that she didn't recognise a lot of those returned to Aberdeenshire by Dick!) and along with donations we were able to raise £225 for Smile for Life. Many thanks to all who helped to make this a sociably enjoyable day.

Fiona Davies

WELCOME

A big welcome to Craig Russell from Perth. We hope to see you at some events in the future.

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BO'NESS HILL CLIMB

This year's Bo'ness Revival promised to be even bigger and better than before. The event is centred around the hill climb racing, which included a variety of historic race cars, some over 100 years old, as well as a number of other classic and interesting cars.

This year, they have changed the course so that you don't have to queue to cross it to get in and out. This makes it much easier for participants and for spectators. It also allows a much bigger space for the club stands so it's a little less squashed.

I was a little disappointed that the response from members wasn't initially as great as I had hoped – lots of "regulars" had other things on, and with only a few days to go, I didn't even have enough people to put the tent up, never mind run a stand. But with a bit of last-minute changes, and a few more people, we decided to go ahead.

I arrived on the day at the new entrance gate, to be told our stand was "over there" with a wave of the hand that took in the whole field... "See that guy there with the hat on/ Ask him when you get further up the field". Well, "that guy there" was walking away from me, and everyone else had obviously been

told the same thing, because he was being followed by a trail of disparate car models, like sheep following a collie that looks as if it knows where it's going.

When it was eventually my turn, I got another wave of the hand and an "over there" that at least limited potential destinations to the furthest quarter of the field. After spotting a tiny sign saying "Sporting Bears", we were there! Beside the burger van and the ice cream van. See, if he had said that at the gate, I would have found those in milliseconds.



Once you've staked your claim, you can at least give other members something to aim for, so it wasn't long before we were all assembled and parked up – my Porsche 911, Mike Webber's Dino, Jeff Ferris's Marcos Mantara, Ron Dyer's TVR Chimaera, and Sid Palmer's Porsche Boxster. And not forgetting Dick and Pat, of course, who had transported all the gear in their Jeep.

With the tent erected and the

cars all cleaned and set up, and with the teddy bears settled down for their picnic, we were able to start collecting. Once the early dew lifted, and after Chris Cooney arrived with some welcome bacon rolls, it got quite sunny and warm, so the sunburn kid here was soon in his element, collecting donations, chatting to people and letting people sit in the car.

Once again, in addition to the racing, there was an even bigger static display of classic cars of all types, and it's often interesting to see what cars other people are preserving. The Jowett stand was just across from us, and they had some beautiful cars on display, for example.

We had brought too much stuff for the picnic, so we also ended up giving away cakes and biscuits and sweeties and juice to all and sundry. But mostly, to ourselves (or was that just me?).

We were invited to take a car into the arena and explain about the Sporting Bears. I was ganged up on, so had to do it. The car then decided it was being stolen, so was setting off the alarm every time you looked at it. We certainly got attention, not all of it welcome...

We raised just over £278.00 for James Rennie School, which is a pretty good result, considering how few of us there were.

We also won 2nd prize in the "Best Club Stand", behind the MG Caledonian Club. That's as good as a first in real life, if you get my drift.

A huge thank you to everyone who came along on the day, with such an interesting selection of cars for people to admire, and for your help throughout the day, in so many ways, big and small. Everybody's contribution is greatly welcomed.

Andrew

See You Soon!

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WHAT'S NEXT

11 – 13 November NEC Dream Rides, Birmingham

4 December Sunday Lunch and meeting at the Collingwood Arms, Cornhill-on Tweed, Northumberland, contact Dick. Join us for our annual Christmas Lunch and discuss the events for 2017.

GOODWOOD DAY OF DAYS

For my recent big birthday I was lucky enough to receive a day at Goodwood Motor Circuit driving various cars.



These included the FF2000 (above), Ferrari 360, Lamborghini Gallardo, E-Type Jaguar, and my three favourites:-

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Favourite and most fun: D-Type Jaguar (A summer's day with Spitfires taking off and landing...)



Second favourite: Aston Martin DB4



Best modern (for me): Ferrari 355. I am a lucky boy!

Mike

Situations Vacant Polar News Editor. Tasks are preparing and collecting articles and photographs, requires email and arm-twisting skills. Mike does the techy stuff.

Have a nice day!