



POLAR NEWS

FROM YOUR EDITOR

A warm welcome to new members Laurence and Margaret Hogarth (MG TD), Graham Craig and Pauline Gibson (Daimler Dart) and Chris Cooney (Panther Kallista). It was good to meet you all at the April lunch and to see Bob Selby back in action - and he thanked everyone for their condolences.

It is sad to hear of the death of active and long-standing Polar Bear Mary Smith - she will be missed. I also have to report that Brian Short has been diagnosed with Oesophageal cancer and we all wish him well.

APRIL LUNCH



A beautiful day saw 28 Polars enjoy a delicious lunch at the Collingwood Arms Hotel. The raffle raised £190 - the two charities suggested to benefit were REACT and Clowndoctors. Dick Nortcliffe then opened the meeting by going over the diary of events and passing round the 'volunteer sheets'.

Jim Harris suggested a Shiny Day event to coincide with the Leyburn '40s weekend on July 25/26th. You can park at his unit, join the demo on how to clean a



car, visit the '40s weekend, chocolate factory, art gallery or pottery. There are plenty of places to stay and it sounds an excellent weekend - contact Jim if interested (see What's Next). The Forres car show had suggested a Dream Rides event at their show next year - Dick and Pat will visit this year and 'suss out' suitability.



DOUNE HILLCLIMB

Another sunny, if a bit chilly, day saw the Polars setting up our 'awareness raising' stand at the Hillclimb. However, the space allocated was tiny and wouldn't accommodate the 10 cars expected. Discussions with the organisers and some re-shuffling of the adjacent stand, allowed us to put up our gazebo and squeeze (and I mean squeeze)

eight cars around it - Keith and Ann's BMW, Helen and Brian's Mini, Andrew's Porsche 911, Fiona and Mike's MGA, Hamish's TVR, Chris's Panther Kallista, and the two Porsches of Bill and Karen and Jim and Aly.



Robert and Helen arrived late in their Flying Spur and had to go to the public car park! However, at 11am the Veterans of Motorsport Association next to us decided to go home which allowed Robert and Helen to bring over the Rolls and join us.

Everyone settled down to enjoy the day by visiting the Antique Centre, watching the Hillclimb, speaking to the general public and re-homing a few bears. Fiona



and Mike and Dick and Pat had done a delicious soup and sarnie lunch for a donation to CHAS (it certainly beat the burger van) and Ann Cubbitt had also sent a lovely almond cake, which was consumed in short order! The lunch money and donations from the public raised £160 for CHAS.



WHAT'S NEXT

3 May Forres Vintage Vehicle Day - individual entries. Contact Dick 01358723845 or email polarbears@sportingbears.co.uk

15-17 May The Northern Gambol Too - new participants especially welcome. Contact Paul Bonsall 01539623242

7 June Dream Rides at Thirlestane Castle. Setting up 6 June.

Volunteers wanted to help with this event. Contact Dick 01358723845 or email polarbears@sportingbears.co.uk

5 July Classics at Corbridge car show. Contact Bob Selby email cobra.gpt290s@blueyonder.co.uk

18 July Classics in the City, Edinburgh. Contact Andrew Carrie 07798646844 or email Andrew@acarrie.net

25/26 July Shiny Day, Leyburn. Car detailing plus Leyburn '40s Weekend see www.leyburn1940sweekend.org Contact Jim Harris email - Jimmini@btinternet.com

10 August Children's Dream Rides at Teesside Autodrome. Contact Tony Beverley 07968823172 email - tonybev52@gmail.com.

23 August Sunday Lunch and Meeting at The Collingwood Arms Hotel, Cornhill-on-Tweed, Northumberland Contact Pat 01358723845

6 September Boness Hill Climb. Contact Andrew Carrie 07798646844 or email Andrew@acarrie.net

13-15 November NEC Dream Rides contact Andrew Lake email treasurer@sportingbears.co.uk

6 December Sunday Lunch and Meeting at The Collingwood Arms Hotel, Cornhill-on-Tweed, Northumberland. Contact Pat 01358723845



There seemed to be far more Hillclimb entries than last year and a lot more cars coming off the track, which resulted in delays - but presumably was exciting for the spectators as well as the drivers! By half three we



started to take the stand down and that is when the fuss started. Various "robust" discussions took place between the Bears and other attendees, regarding their somewhat enthusiastic view of the rules. Dick then had a similar



discussion with the event organisers, and eventually all ended in reasonable harmony. However, sadly, it did cause a rather sour end to an otherwise pleasant day.



FOR SALE



Chris Pollin is selling his Westfield. It has a 285hp 4.3litre V8 engine. It has been a popular Dream Rides car. Full details on the Bears' web site. If you are interested contact Chris at chrispollin@googlemail.com

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