



# BODA E-Newsletter

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## Welcome

Easter has arrived, quietly. It is not unknown for snow to fall to put a damper on things up here in the tundra, classic cars are appearing even in Tesco's car park and the first organised drive out are appearing.

The Hero Flying Scotsman rally will be passing through the area. Going to view is a good day out with a number of well used cars driven as they should be but sadly we will miss it this year as we will be at Silverstone for the BODA lunch.

We issued a brief note relaying the survey results (repeated in this issue) and these results will be discussed in detail and an action plan generated. What is clear is that, if we are to expand our activities we need to recruit additional members to lighten the load. More of this as our ideas solidify!

Summer is a difficult period for the newsletter as time is taken up in preparing cars and attending events, a few lines with pictures about your activities would be welcome.

My 400 is going to see more use this year, it has been in good dry storage whilst I built a new house (and garage). I have serviced the brakes, no leaks, just lots of brake dust. I've changed the brake fluid, greased the front bearings and reset the end float. Surprisingly the Enots lubrication system is working.

All that needs doing now is replacing the clutch!

*Andy*

*Andy Gibbs 07739 461086*

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*March 2024*



## Yorkshire Yarns

Dear All,

Here we are still waiting for Spring to start. Despite this there has just about enough sunshine to kick start the process of getting our cars ready for the road. I thought that the best way to get the process up and running was to clean and polish the 412.

This starts with a visit to the dark corner of the garage where the `products' are kept. I use this term loosely because as you work through from the front, readable labels, flowing liquid, and openable tops. Sorting to the rear of the shelf there are bottles with no idea of what they do. The final batch are the more focused creams and fluids aimed at the wheels, upholstery, glass, engine etc. I found the sheer amount of products alarming as I have never found the process of cleaning and gleaming to be fun. In fact on one of the BODA trips I was gifted with a bucket and a sponge! It may come as no surprise that I still have them.

After sorting out usable bottles, I was ready to start. But this achievement was also greeted by rain. Oh well there is always next week.

You will all have seen the results of the survey regarding what we all would like from the club in the future. The response has been splendid and will help us all over the next few years.

The other topic I would like to draw attention to is that we need help especially in the organising of events both local and national. We do have an interesting range of activities already lined up, we are receiving invitations from other clubs which all help in spreading the information on our cars but we do not have the people to do them all. You can get a good sense of what is current. If you are interested please let me know or if you need more information on what the commitment is please contact me.

*Paul Smth*



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## Membership Matters

### Welcome to New Members

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Note: If you have difficulties logging on to the BODA website don't hesitate to contact our membership secretary Jane Smith at [memsec@bristoloda.org](mailto:memsec@bristoloda.org)

*Jane Smith, Membership Secretary*

## A Taste of Cumbria

**There are still places available but do hurry as we can only hold the rooms until 6 April! If we don't have sufficient participants we will have to cancel. So do come and enjoy the beautiful Lake District**

- Five nights from Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September based at the Crooklands Hotel LA7 7NW three minutes from J36 of the M6
- Price per couple sharing a room £850 to include
  - 5 nights bed and breakfast
  - 4 evening meals
- Suggested routes for the four days to cover popular attractions in south and west Cumbria such as The Ruskin Museum and "Bluebird".
- Expressions of interest are needed by the **6<sup>th</sup> April** in order for us to secure the accommodation.

A more detailed proposed itinerary can be sent to you by email.

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## Results of BODA Members Survey

We have recently carried out a survey of our members. In the preamble we explained that BODA would like to be a 'broad church' and assist members with as many different facets of our old car hobby as practicable. It is 14 years since we came into existence and it is important that we continue to be managed in an open, honest and transparent way. But we have been thinking how we might expand our activities to be fit for the next 5 to 10 years of our life.

Since inception the primary focus has been on restoration, preservation, and maintenance of our cars. Whilst this is critical to our future there is also plenty of scope for expansion in the nature and style of our activities. First let's thank our members for responding and providing their comments. An amazing 45% of our members replied which tells us firstly that our members are engaged and interested in what we are doing.

The results of the BODA membership survey are presented below. Without being complacent in any way, the results confirm that we are in general providing the services that members want.

We are planning to discuss the results in more depth and think about what they mean for our plans at our forth coming Committee meetings.

Technical advice and spares are by far the most important thing that we do, not a surprise considering the high volume of technical queries which the team deal with and the continuing growth in spares sales and enquiries. The most surprising result is that 40% of the membership would be happy to receive the newsletter and BODAcious by electronic means in return for a lower subscription rate.

One or two comments thought one or both publications are at risk of being discontinued but this was never the case. Our thoughts revolve around how we ensure all members get the publication that they want in the format they prefer. Many members were clear they would prefer all communication in printed not email form, the financial implications must be considered as a large proportion of our subscription income goes on printing and postage.

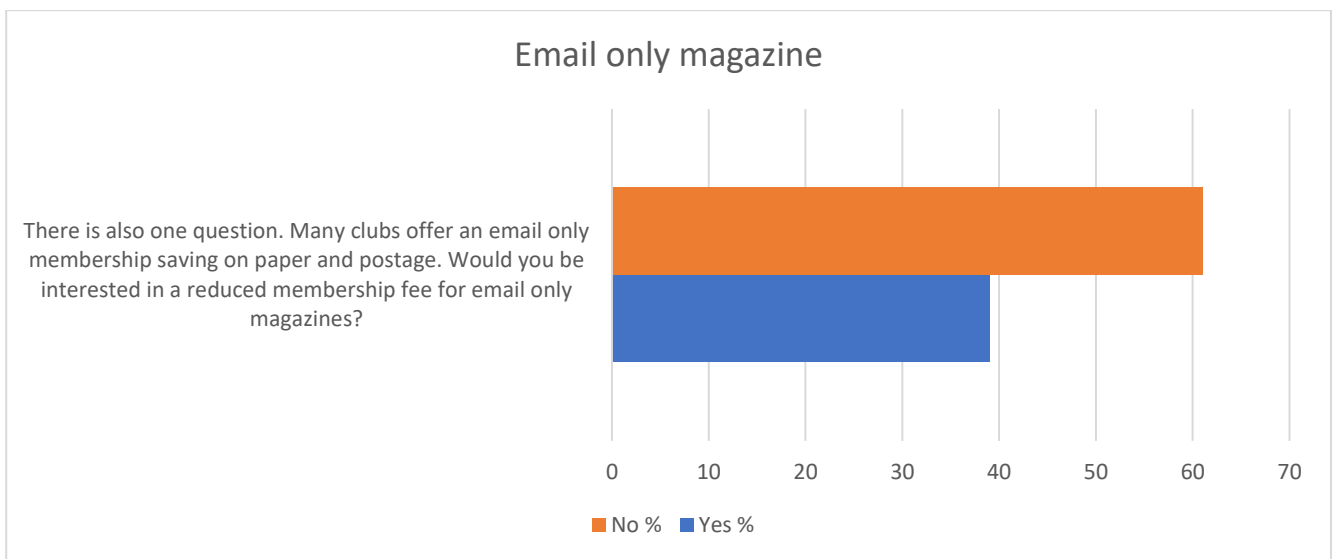
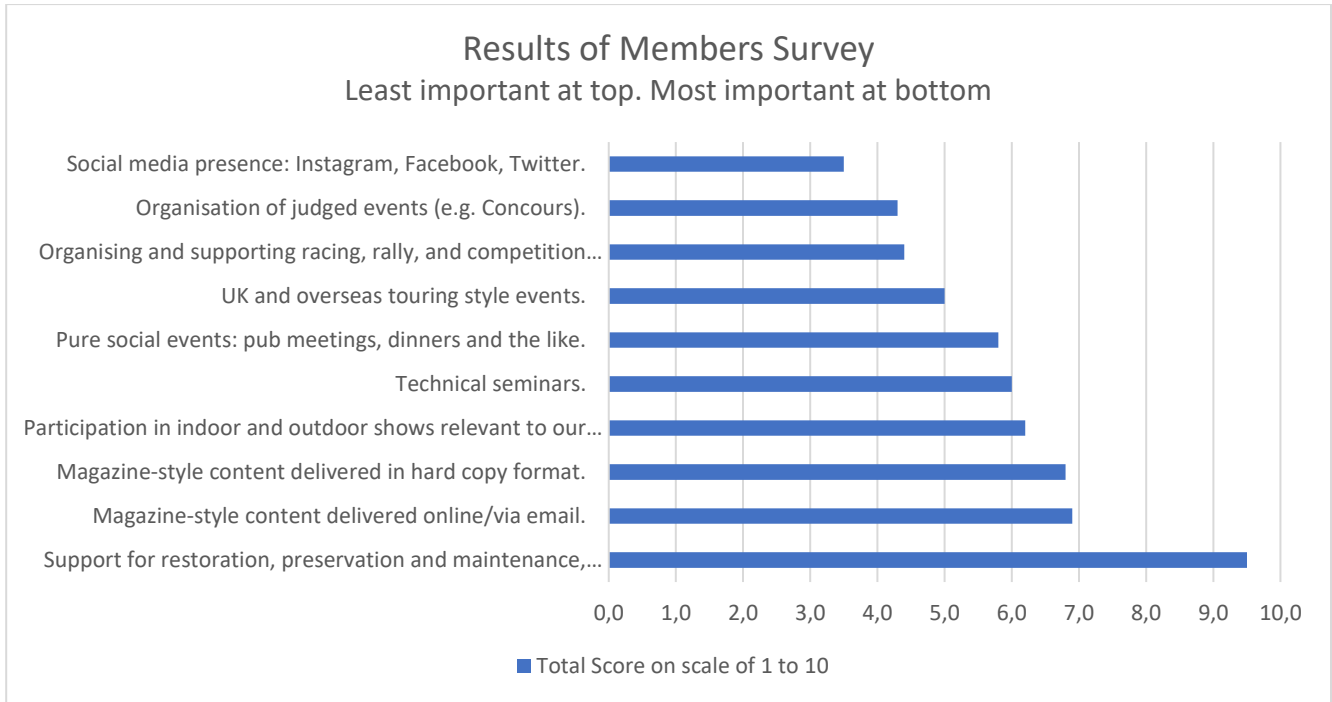
A substantial group of members would like to participate in overseas or UK trips. Whilst we are trying to recruit an events co-ordinator, we have a trip going to Ireland in May, a tour of the southern lakes for September and a return visit to Llangollen planned for October.

We'll communicate our plans as they are developed.

*Andy Gibbs*



## Results of BODA Members Survey (contd.)





## Registering a Vehicle Under its Original UK Number

If you are seeking to restore the original pre-DVLA UK registration number for your Bristol, BODA may now be able to help. Applications to DVLA for this purpose need to be made using their V765 form, which is required to have been endorsed by a recognised Vehicle Owners Club. BODA is a DVLA-recognised Owners Club and will be pleased to assist our members for this purpose, provided of course that our appointed Club officials can be satisfied that the application is legitimate.

As you would imagine the whole process is fraught with difficulties and nothing should be taken for granted. Our email newsletter of July 2023 contained extracts from Paul Griffin's book related to this subject called 'The Past and The Spurious'. That highlighted some of the problems and contradictions which might arise.

Courtesy of some third party support from the BOHT and others we have access to certain archives which may assist in the verification process, albeit a physical examination may also be required under some circumstances. Anyone wishing to avail this service is recommended to approach our Registrar, Ian Beeby, in the first instance, at [registrar@bristoloda.org](mailto:registrar@bristoloda.org)

*Michael W Barton*



## **NXT 655 403-1402 PART 8 – FINISHED (IF THESE PROJECTS ARE EVER FINISHED!)**



*Figure 1 - As found - Summer 2015*

As of writing I would have expected NXT 655 to be back with me by now. It's still at the trimmers. All the interior work was finished last week, but unfortunately the 403 now has to go back to the body shop as a result of a minor slip at the

trimmer's works, and the body shop can't take it till the second week in April. Anyway, I saw it in the flesh three weeks ago, and it was looking stunning. It's difficult to believe this is the same car that was trailered here in the summer of 2015.

NXT 655 when it was despatched from the works in 1953 was Bristol Red with 1A trim (from my researches 1A trim was light beige leather, with brown piping, and brown carpet). Sometime before the neighbour I bought it from had acquired it in 1978, probably around its time of minimum value, someone had "restored" it. The work had comprised of roughly fabricating patch panels out of galvanised steel, and riveting these over the chassis, body and outrigger corrosion points. Copious quantities of body filler had then been applied, followed by a respray in green. The original light beige leather had all been removed (the one exception being the pieces on the steering wheel) and replaced by brown vinyl. Green bathroom carpet completed the horrors. By the time I took delivery (Figure 1 above) you can see the paint has started to peel away from most of the repair patches. My eight-year project has been to try and get it back to its 1953 condition, maybe with one or two well-hidden modern upgrades. Much of the work I have covered in previous Newsletter articles, so I'll move on to the most recent work – the trimming.





## NXT 655 403-1402 PART 8 – FINISHED (contd.)



*Figure 2 - Rear of interior*

As you can see from Figure 2 I decided I didn't like brown piping on the beige leather, but preferred the leather work piped in the same colour. The carpet is piped with a more flexible, thinner, brown, leather bought specially for the purpose. Because I had decided to install modern inertial reel seat belts for the two front seats, and I wanted the inertial reels mounted at the base of the "B" posts, I had to modify the bottom of the rear seat base on each side. In addition, the trimmer, at my request, has modified the armrest panels to allow each seat belt to slide up and down between the arm rest and the "B" post trim. I think I had mentioned in a previous article that I have reinforced the "B" posts to take the upper mounting

points.





## **NXT 655 403-1402 PART 8 – FINISHED (contd.)**



*Figure 3 - Interior front*

The original front seat trim would have had a moquette material with a sort of interlaced oak-leaf pattern, to complement the light beige leather. After a fair chunk of research, it appears that this original material is no longer available. The trimmer offered me several choices of alternative patterns, and the one we went for can be seen in Figure 3. It's not original, but is "in the spirit of", and nicely complements the leather. Incidentally, the leather, from UK Hide in Weybridge (they have also provided the leather for the House of Commons seating) is their Doeskin colour. Apparently, it was originally a Connolly colour. It must be close to the original Bristol 1A colour scheme, because once we cleaned up the original

leather on the steering wheel, it's a near-perfect match.

The correct door pulls were missing on my car. They had been replaced with after-market chrome pulls. After I put out a plea to see if anyone would let me have a pair of the correct pulls, I managed to acquire a pair. They must have been from a different Bristol model, as they were too long, but it was a simple job to take some links out to get them to the correct length. The trimmer has done an excellent job. It's almost a shame to hide the stitching! Leather end covers will do fine until I can learn how to do the correct Turk's Head Knot!



## **NXT 655 403-1402 PART 8 – FINISHED (contd.)**



One aspect I am particularly pleased with is the Sun Blinds. These were missing on my car, replaced with horrible canvas roller blinds with white plastic pull strips. After a chat with Geoff Kingston, he let me have two old blinds which had some damage, along with sufficient parts from other old blinds to make up two good ones.

*Figure 4 - one of the blinds from Geoff Kingston, part-built*

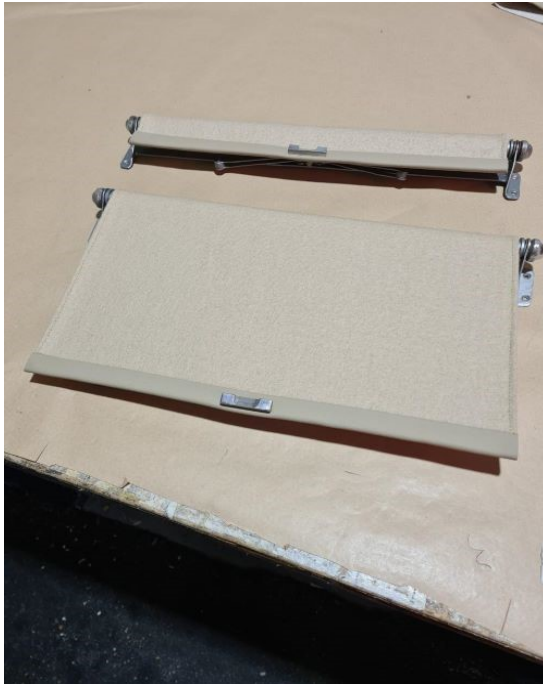


In Figure 5, you can see what I issued to the trimmers. I am very pleased with the finished result, which can be seen in Figures 3 and 6. We used offcuts from the cloth headlining for the blinds, with finishing strips along each bottom edge trimmed in leather offcuts.

*Figure 5 - Restored blind mechanisms as issued to trimmers*



## **NXT 655 403-1402 PART 8 – FINISHED (contd.)**



*Figure 6 - Finished Blinds*

It's a strange feeling finishing up on what has turned out to be an eight-year project. I am of course delighted to have finished something that I really wasn't expecting to be able to finish. I have learned so many new skills along the way. I can now MIG weld. I can silver solder. Because of the relative difficulty in getting replacement parts for an early Bristol, the project has taught me how to look for other ways of achieving a goal. I now look at making or restoring as well as simply buying a replacement. It has taught me to acquire bearings and seals from lists and catalogues nothing to do with Bristol cars. I have installed and commissioned a new wiring loom. I've built the insides of an RB106 regulator into the body of an RF95 regulator, set it up and got it working. But I'm now wondering what to do next. I suppose the next step will be to get NXT 655 out on road and find out what else needs doing! And I've a Healey 100 BN2 that has been rather neglected. Perhaps I should make a start on that.....

Acknowledgements – Thanks to Ashley Harding Trim Developments of Comrie for a stunning trim job and for providing some of the photographs. Thanks to Gordon Needs Bodyshop of Alyth for an equally stunning paint job. And lastly, and most importantly, thanks to everyone in BODA who I have contacted about anything. There is absolutely no way I could have done this without you all.

*Mike Brooks*

*March 2024*



## The Armiger Foundation

Many Bristol owners will remember Hannah and Adrian Berry with fond memories. Their white Bristol 412 (aka 'The Fridge') and their Farina bodied Bristol 401 (aka 'Bluebell') were regulars at Bristol events and various rallies. They participated in the Mille-Miglia on some 15 occasions.

Hannah and Adrian are now sadly no longer with us. Hannah passed away in June 2020 just at the peak of the first covid crisis and Adrian followed her in June 2022. The last time many Bristol owners would have met him was at the launch of 'Aero-Dynamic' in May 2022 held at the BRDC Clubhouse at Silverstone. Adrian was able to take 'Bluebell' around the circuit for one last time.

Their marriage had not been blessed with children and neither had any close family. Wanting to see some good come from their time together they set up 'The Armiger Foundation' to receive their combined estates.

The Armiger Foundation is a registered charity. Its stated purpose is:

***"Promote education for the public benefit in the subject of classic and historic vehicles principally by promoting the knowledge and understanding of the maintenance, repair, restoration and operation of such vehicles and providing or assisting in the provision of apprenticeships or other training relating to the maintenance, repair and restoration of classic and historic vehicles for young persons"***

By arranging their affairs in this way, they also thwarted the taxman as, because their wealth went to a registered charity, no inheritance tax became due on their estate. That was an important aim for both and I can hear Hannah's voice to this day cursing the tax authorities.

Their combined estate is close to being settled into the charity and so the trustees are casting their net for ideas, suggestions, and themes which they might consider. These might be capital in nature (a building) or revenue related (grants). They could range from naming a building to constructing one. Sponsoring apprentices to sponsoring educational lectures.





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## The Armiger Foundation (contd.)

Please feel free to contact myself to discuss. I am one of three trustees drawn from Hannah and Adrian's car friend groups. One of my colleagues represents their Porsche affiliation, another their interest in Rolls-Royce and myself for their Bristol interests.

To save you googling it the couple lived on Bowman's Drive, Battle. An armiger is *a person entitled to use a heraldic achievement either by hereditary right, grant, matriculation, or assumption of arms*. In this case the arms are the crossbow.

Please let us have your thoughts.

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**Trustee, The Armiger Foundation**

**30<sup>th</sup> March 2024**



*Bluebell in Corsica April 2009*



*Adrian & Hannah Goodwood Revival 2008. Adrian makes his point!*



## BOHT Lecture Day

### Sold Out!

All seats are now booked for the Bristol Owners Heritage Trust lecture day on 19 April at the Atwell-Wilson Motor Museum, Calne.

If you can't attend our lecture day, the new, freshly published Christopher Balfour "Bristol Six-Cylinder Cars" and John Manley's "Bristol 403" which will be presented there by the authors can be ordered from Amazon or bought from all good bookshops including W.H.Smith and Waterstones.

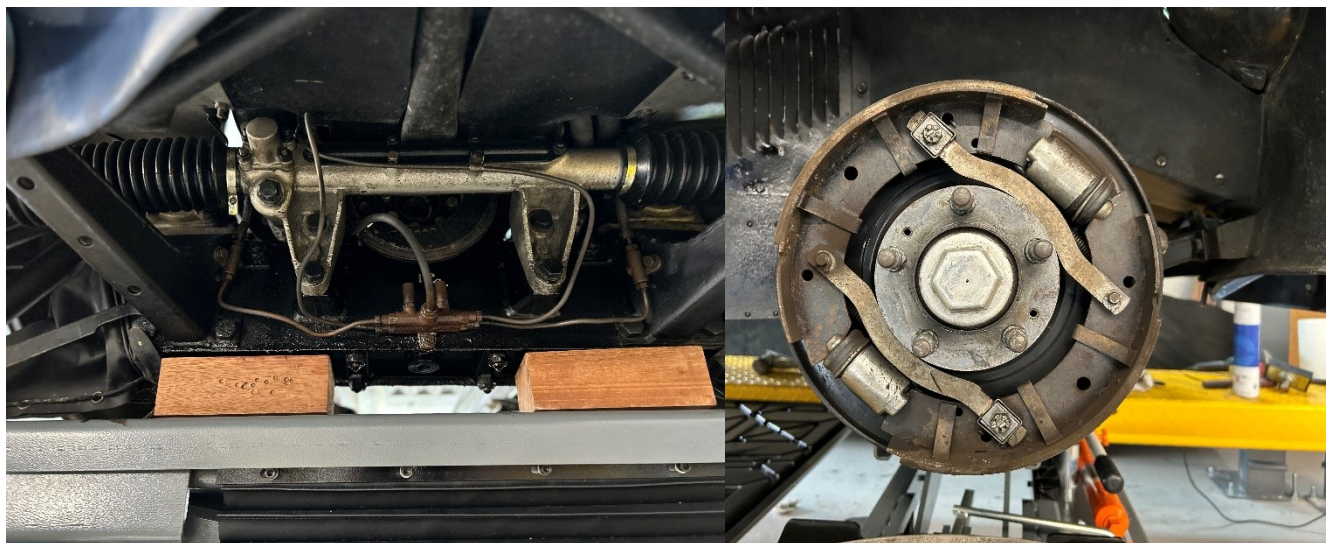
We hope to video the day's proceedings for those unable to make it.

Yours in Bristol

*Stefan Cembrowicz*

## Recommissioning the 400

The Enots system has taken 20 plus years to get it to function correctly. I have used all sorts of oil in it but have settled on 80/90sae This oil seems to emerge gradually and does not leave a stain on the tyre wall







## Southport Classic & Speed 13<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> September 2024



2024 sees the third running of this event. It is organised by the Aintree Circuit Club. Southport, alongside Brighton, Bexhill and Blackpool is one of Britain's original Motor Sports venues. The Aintree Circuit Club is working to commemorate that and of course continue to make history.

For 2023 the organisers kindly arranged a closed class for Bristol and Bristol engined cars. That attracted five entries and we were able to make the inaugural award of the Anthony Crook Memorial Trophy to the fastest car in our class. The trophy went to Ben Maeers driving Peter Mann's Frazer Nash Le-Mans Replica RPJ1. Appropriately this is the car in which Tony Crook enjoyed his greatest motor racing triumph at Monaco in 1952. For those who know their Bristol history, Southport is where, in 1926, Crook became addicted to motor racing. You could speculate that without Southport the future of Bristol Cars (and cars) would have looked very different after 1960.

At this stage BODA is seeking interest from members. The expected format for 2024 is as follows:

Discounted accommodation at a local hotel with very secure underground parking.

### **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September**

An informal dinner for our group at one of the local restaurants.



## Southport Classic & Speed 13<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> September 2024 (contd.)



### *Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September*

Timed sprints along closed roads on the front. To take part you'll need a Motors Sports licence (free of charge and no medical required) and hopefully a competitive car. Last year the only lady entrant came fourth and felt very pleased with herself. As we are in a closed group you will not be embarrassed, and

you will have a fantastic (new to some) Motor Sports experience. In the evening there will be a black-tie dinner.

### **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September.**

A concours type event at Victoria Park, Southport. Having attended the last three a display of Bristol cars will be well received. The event finishes with a parade of all cars around Southport town centre.

If you are interested in attending and participating in some or all of the weekend, please could you let me know as soon as possible. After the success of 2023 we already have two new entrants!

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## South of Ireland Tour

There has been significant interest in the Tour of the South of Ireland through Scenic Car Tours. So we have committed to go ahead. The company have arranged a number of similar events for other clubs. The itinerary is to catch the ferry from Hollyhead on 14<sup>th</sup> May at 14:10 arriving in Dublin at 17:25 ready for the drive down to Ashdown Park Hotel in Gorey, a town on the East side of Ireland just North of Waterford. This is a very scenic drive and we should arrive just after 7:00pm ready for dinner which has been arranged for that night. We will be staying there for a total of 3 nights giving a chance to explore the area which includes Wells House, [Johnstown Castle](#) and Waterford which has a [great museum](#) and of course tours of the [Crystal works](#). If people are interested, I will see if we can arrange something of an event with the team at [Wells House](#). The idea is to offer suggestions but not be proscriptive.

On 17<sup>th</sup> we will drive along the South Coast road, which is a good A road, to Cork and stay at the Kingsley hotel which fronts on to the original Cork Motor Race Circuit for 4 nights. We have dinner booked for the first and last nights. The circuit, where a Grand Prix race was held in 1938, was a road circuit of some 9.6km where average speeds of 93 – 96 mph were the norm and the same roads can still be driven today. In the area is the [Titanic Experience](#) at Cobh, the last place the ship docked on its famous voyage, [Cobh Cathedral](#) designed by Pugin and [Foto Park](#), an amazing wildlife park. Further afield are [Kinsale](#), the 'Gourmet Capital of Ireland', Baltimore with its newly restored [Castle](#), [Garinish Island](#) with its wonderful gardens made possible by the Gulf stream and of course [Blarney Castle](#). We will be returning via Dublin on 21 May. There will be rally plate for each car and a road book with maps covering places of interest.

The cost is £1499 each for 2 sharing and £2198 for singles. For those seeking to use other ferry routes do speak to Scenic, one member has already been able to vary the ferry route through them. However, where people book their own ferries or live in Ireland there is a £350 discount per booking. Scenic is ABTOT registered so the event is projected financially. You do not have to come in a Bristol, though this is to be encouraged, this is about doing things together as much as anything. You can book on [line](#) or by telephone on 01732 879153 quoting IRE-BODA.

Please get your booking in promptly as we need to confirm the hotel and ferry bookings to secure the price. All the details can be found on the [BODA website](#) under the events tab.

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## Breakfast of the Dead

**You are invited!**

Breakfast of the Dead - Classic Car Breakfast Meet  
SUNDAY 12th MAY 2024  
Industry & Supply, Northampton, NN7 4PS

**Dear fellow car enthusiast,**

Festival of the Dead - The Car Show will be returning at a new venue in 2025. But that's a long time to wait. So, to get everyone together in the meantime, we're hosting an informal breakfast meet at a quirky venue.

As an FoTD supporter, we'd love you to join us at Industry & Supply, Weedon Bec, NN7 4PS on Sunday 12th May 2024 from 9.30am. Open to all vehicle marques no longer manufactured, come on down and join us for a relaxed morning out at this unusual former depot.

Breakfast of the Dead is free of charge for all qualifying cars. Due to the limited number of cars that the venue can cater for, this is a pre-booked ticketed event.

Book your ticket using the button below. **But be QUICK!** We only have 120 vehicle spaces that will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. The number of spaces available for a particular marque will also be limited to ensure there is a variety of vehicles on display. When booking, please select your marque of vehicle from the drop-down list. Once all the tickets have been allocated, feel free to join the waitlist and we'll let you know if a ticket becomes available.

Looking forward to seeing you again at this interesting venue. We'll share a cuppa and just chew the fat.

See you on Sunday 12th May!  
*The Festival of the Dead team*



## North West England Events

### **19th May**

**Lytham Hall Classic & Performance Motor Show.** Lytham Hall, Ballam Road, Lytham, Lancashire, FY8 4JX (sign posted from town centre). Make the most of the beautiful spring with a combination of horsepower and history in front of this classic Georgian Mansion.

### **27th May**

**40th Yorkshire Classic & Performance Motor.** Ripley Castle, Ripley, Harrogate, HG3 3AY. Bank holiday Monday 27th May 2024. Packing Ripley's magnificent show field next to the lake, there will be a sweeping display of hundreds of classic cars from all eras, plus classic motorcycles, kit cars, custom, modern classics, vans, light commercials, trucks and Land Rovers.

### **23rd June**

**23rd Lake District Classic & Performance Motor Show.** Hutton-in-the-Forest Classics in the Park, Hutton-in-the-Forest, Penrith, Cumbria, CA11 9TH. Set in truly stunning surroundings, Hutton in the Forest in North Cumbria, is the perfect backdrop to display classic cars, kit cars, custom, modern classics, motorcycles, light commercials and Land Rovers.

### **30th June**

**Classic & Performance Motor Show at Hoghton.** Hoghton Tower, Hoghton, Nr Preston, PR5 0SH. Classic Cars, Club Stands, Motorcycles, Light Commercials, Ex – Army and Classic 4x4's and performance cars filled the tilting greens, the courtyard and the field in record display over the last couple of years and we look forward to welcoming them all back.

### **7th July**

**25th Leighton Hall Classic & Performance Motor Show.** Leighton Hall, Carnforth, Lancashire LA5 9ST. Huge selection of classic vehicles, including classic cars, Land Rovers, motorcycles, vans, kit cars, custom, modern classics, trucks, 4x4s, military vehicles and commercials.

### **25th August**

**27th Ripon Clubs & Classics Motor Show.** Ripon Racecourse, North Yorks, HG4 1UG. The exhibiting numbers and clubs continue to grow with over 500 historic vehicles, including classic cars, Land Rovers, motorcycles, vans, kit cars, custom, modern classics, commercials, trucks, and ex-military vehicles.



## ***1st September***

**Cheshire Classic & Performance Motor Show.** Arley Hall & Gardens, Northwich, Cheshire, CW9 6NA – please follow brown tourist signs to Arley Hall on approach to the venue from the M6 or AA signs. Visitors to this stunning historic house, Arley Hall near Northwich, Cheshire will be treated to displays of classic cars, motorcycles, kit cars, custom, modern classics and classic Land Rovers, as well as an exciting auto jumble and a host of trade stands. You can also feast your eyes on retro, sports, modified and supercars from any age. Arley Hall's Gardens are a place of enormous character, charm and interest.

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## **East of England News March/April 2024**

### **Bristol East Newsletter Easter 2024**

I thought I should send you an update as we are heading into a plethora of motoring events, particularly in May. If you are coming to any of the Bristol club events (marked with asterisk) please let me know if you haven't already, and I can put you on the list and let our hosts know numbers.

Barrington Classics, Regular meeting on **first Friday of month, April to October**, 20 mins south of Cambridge on A10. Lovely old pub, good food, c.100 cars on village green (if the weather is nice!)

**\*6th April - we are almost upon our visit to I S Polson between Newmarket and Bury St Edmunds. At lunchtime we will head to the VSCC meeting nearby.**

**We have been very generously invited by a member to visit the workshops at Mill Farm, Ashfield Green, Wickhambrook, Newmarket, Suffolk, CB8 8UZ. We will be there for a tour, chat and coffee from 10am. They specialise in Talbots, and are experts and restorers of other spectacular cars from that period.**

**The workshop is not far from the Queens Head pub at Rede Rd, Hawkedon, Bury Saint Edmunds IP29 4NN, where the VSCC are holding a meeting (that day) from midday. The plan is to spend the morning with Ian and then head to the Queens Head (they have a sandwich menu on Saturdays).**





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## **East of England News March/April 2024 (contd.)**

**About a dozen members / companions have signed up so far, not too late to get yourself on the list but I would like to let Ian know of any additional attendees asap. Thanks.**

**9th April** BODA have a Caffeine and Machine meet over at the 'Ace Cafe of the Midlands', first this year on **9th April**. Out of our area but I know of one 'Easterner' who may be heading over to a couple of these. Details on the BODA website.

**\*20th April - Bristol meet at the Angel Larling just off the A11 at Snetterton, around 11am. We have half a dozen cars coming along - let me know if you want to book in for lunch please, asap. Thanks.**

It does clash with the BODA Silverstone BRDC lunch which is now full. On the **21st** will be some Drive it Days - probably a number happening across our area. The BOC have one with the AGM near Towcester. A busy weekend!

**17th April** Bristols and Bristol engine cars are invited to the Kent Classic and Sportswear Group that meet at the The Moat House, Wrotham TN15 7RJ on Saturday **17th April** 9 to 11.30 a.m. The venue is near the junction of the M20 and M26. Again we may have some of our number attending. Details on the BOC website, BODA members welcomed.

**\*Saturday 4th May - Visit to Dedham Vale Vineyard. We are very fortunate to be invited by a member to this award winning vineyard in North Essex. 40 acres of vines, woods and pasture on the edge of the Dedham Vale, an area of outstanding natural beauty. Situated on the Essex Way with lovely walks through the surrounding countryside and quiet country lanes and villages of Constable Country. Arrive at 12 midday, food will be provided by our hosts, and I expect we will be away about 3pm after a tour. You will need to book via myself, and this needs to be done before the 20th April so I can confirm numbers.**

**For those attending you can get directions from the website, it is found at The Vineyard, Green Lane, Boxted, Colchester, CO4 5TS. 07944376584. Half a dozen cars booked so far.**



## **East of England News March/April 2024 (contd.)**

**\*12th May Shuttleworth - joint meeting at the flying day with Facel Vega Club (invitation via BODA but BOC welcome)**

Shuttleworth is two miles west of the A1 at Biggleswade, post code SG18 9DT. Flying is from 2pm. In the morning we can visit the restoration workshop and the vintage car collection, or indeed the Swiss Garden or Shuttleworth House. Bring a picnic, or we can take our chances with on site catering (which I will do as I am staying the night before).

The FV club are going to let me have ticket details, and I expect we should be able to purchase these via them. I will be in touch again with all who have expressed an interest once these details are to hand. On the day, for those registered, you can turn up individually and then ask to be directed to the Bristol / FV parking area.

8 cars so far - can we do better?

**19th May - Classic Wheels, Rutland Showground, Oakham**

More than 1000 classic vehicles were on display in 2023 alongside Autojumble stands, Food & Craft stalls, Live music, Children's Entertainment and Club displays.

Show Opens 10am – 4pm.

Day tickets are just £10\* and Children under 12 are free. Car Parking is Free.

Turn up in a classic (pre 1990) and park up in Pole Position located within the show. Includes entry for the driver and your parking space in the heart of the show.

**26th May "Cars on the Green' in Barwell**

**8th June LGCCVCC Transport Picnic**

Fairclough Hall Farm

Halls Green Weston Herts

Hertfordshire

SG4 7DP

There will be some Bristol interest. £5 per car, 11- 5, bring a picnic.

**6th July Somersham Wheelie Fun Day**

Near Ipswich - Somersham playing field, Main Road, Somersham IP8 4PF. 10m to 10pm, lots going on.



## East of England News March/April 2024 (contd.)

**\*Wednesday 17th July. Visit to Bridge Classic Cars, Suffolk. Workshop tour, Bristol interest. 10am - 12pm, nearer the time we can sort out a pub for those wanting lunch. We are visiting on a working day so the workshop will be open and the technicians available to answer questions. They can be found at The Nursery, Main Rd, Pettistree, Woodbridge IP13 0HH. Let me know if you are coming if you have not done so already.**

### **4 August [Rushden Classic Car and Bike](#)**

Hall Park Rushden, Northants, NN10 9NG

Register your car for £5, otherwise entry by donation

**11th August** 10th Anniversary run of the Layer Marney Cup in Essex.

**\*Oct 12th - Stow Maries Flying Day, Essex. Please make a note in your diary.**

**\*We are also planning some Cambridge area pub meets, and a visit to a race car workshop. Dates to follow.**

Hope you have a lovely Easter

Best Wishes

Chris

Chris Dady [cmdady@btinternet.com](mailto:cmdady@btinternet.com)

## Llangollen Weekend in October

I am arranging another weekend visit to Llangollen in North Wales.

Some of you will remember the marvellous time we had in 2017 in and around Llangollen.

So, the proposal is as follows:

Weekend 4th October, 2024

1. A boat trip across Telford's Pontcysyllte Aqueduct
2. A visit to Chirk Castle (National Trust)
3. A journey on the Llangollen Heritage Railway



## Llangollen Weekend in October (contd.)

The Hand Hotel in Llangollen can offer the following rates

B&B £110.00 per room (double or twin)

Saturday night dinner in the Denbigh Room is £35.00 per person.

The proposed rates are as above and may be subject to slight changes.

Please let us know asap if you are interested in these trips, and how many nights you would like to stay.

Can you also indicate which of the outings you would be interested in.

Please contact me via e mail [mgdmurray@aol.com](mailto:mgdmurray@aol.com) if interested.

*Mike Murray*

## Save the Date! Plan your Bristoling Year 2024 Updated BODA Events Schedule

### ➤ Caffeine & Machine Gatherings – Tuesday 9 April, 11 June, 13 August, 10 September & 12 November

Caffeine & Machine is an eatery just south of Stratford which is described as the Ace Cafe of the Midlands. It has a great reputation as a place to go with your car. Whilst the venue is



immensely popular, and getting in at the weekend requires a pre-booked ticket, these Tuesday gatherings will not require advance reservations. Arrangements are informal, with vehicles normally arriving in the early afternoon so that owners can meet up for lunch.

It will be helpful if those planning to attend can let Mike Hallissey [mikehallissey@icloud.com](mailto:mikehallissey@icloud.com) know in advance.



## 2024 Updated BODA Events Schedule (contd.)

- **Sunday 12 May - joint meeting with Facel Vega Car Club at Shuttleworth Best of British Air Show, Biggleswade, Beds SG18 9DT**



The Best of British Air Show commemorates the history of aviation and automotive technology in Great Britain, as well as the influence it has had across the whole world. Shuttleworth promises thrilling air displays from both the Shuttleworth Collection of vintage aircraft a host of visitors. Shuttleworth air shows also offer various ground attractions and an RHS Partner Swiss Garden for a more relaxing change of scenery. Contact Chris Dady [cmdady@btinternet.com](mailto:cmdady@btinternet.com) for details



- **Friday 14 to Sunday 16 June – Invitation to attend Standard Motor Club International Rally at Norton Park Hotel, Sutton Scotney, Winchester SO21 3NB**



BODA members have traditionally been invited to join the SMC's annual rally and we hope to be able to support the event in greater numbers in 2024, as this year will mark the Golden Jubilee of the club.

Further details can be found [here](#) and an entry form is available [here](#). It will be helpful if anyone planning to attend could also drop a line to [events@bristoloda.org](mailto:events@bristoloda.org)



## 2024 Updated BODA Events Schedule (contd.)

- **Sunday 14 July – Invitation to attend Armstrong Siddeley Owners Club National Day at Charlote Park, Warwickshire CV35 9ER**



The ASOC have indicated that they would love BODA members to join their National Day, which in 2024 will also be attended by the Daimler & Lanchester OC and the Alvis OC. The ASOC are intending to have a few light-hearted driving tests (nothing against the clock) to add some interest. For those of a “Concours” mindset, there will be a class for other classic cars and judging will take place in the morning. An application form is available [here](#). Will those planning to join this event please also let us know via an email to [events@bristoloda.org](mailto:events@bristoloda.org)

- **Southport Classic & Speed – Saturday 14 & Sunday 15 September**



2024 will see the fourth running of this event, organised by the Aintree Circuit Club.

Southport, alongside Brighton, Bexhill and Blackpool, is one of Britain’s original motor sports venues. The Aintree Circuit Club is working to commemorate that and of course continue to make history.

For full details see separate article above, page 17/18





## 2024 Updated BODA Events Schedule (contd.)

### ➤ Castle Combe “Autumn Classic” - Saturday 21st September



The Bristol Owners Heritage Trust is once again planning to invite BODA members to participate in this famous event at Castle Combe Circuit near Chippenham, Wiltshire, and further details will follow.

### ➤ NEC Classic Car Show - Friday 8<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November



BODA will again be represented at the NEC in 2024, and volunteers will most certainly be required to help resource the stand over the three days. We have yet to be informed by the organisers of the theme for the 2024 show, which may influence our choice of cars for the stand. Please will anyone interested in volunteering to assist on the stand please contact [events@bristoloda.org](mailto:events@bristoloda.org).



## Cars & Parts For Sale

### Bristol 401. Reg. JJW 323



I acquired the car in a Christies auction some 30 yrs ago. It was needing a total repair. Over the years it has been welded, sprayed and re-built. The engine re-build was undertaken last year. The wiring loom has been removed and a new one has been made, but along with the engine and gear box, as yet uninstalled.

The car remains in professional storage in Crediton, Devon, awaiting the final push.

I moved to Northern Spain in 2021 for the better life, but I regret that this has impacted on my efforts to finish the car off. For this

reason I am looking to secure a new owner who can perform the final task, and enjoy the drive that I have been longing for all these past years.

The car is totally unmodified except for the removal of the trafficators, with indicator lights being inserted into the existing light clusters.

The car is able to be viewed by serious potential buyers with the co operation of my father in law who lives in Yeovil Somerset, and who is custodian of the engine and gearbox, and many spares that accompany the sale.

If anyone is interested, but would like the car finished prior to delivery, the car is booked into a workshop in Devon who I have used many times. Unfortunately the mechanic is well respected and is always too busy to buckle to my soft pleas from so far away. So no firm dates are confirmed.

Any interested party can contact me on e mail;

[brianhayes20@hotmail.com](mailto:brianhayes20@hotmail.com) in the first instance.





## Part of a Bristol Collection Sadly Now For Sale



**1998 Blenheim** Metallic red, only 23,000 miles from new. Black interior, bodywork virtually unmarked. Alloy wheels as new. Extra large fuel tank with uprated engine. Fabulous. £55,000



**1968 411 Prototype** Unique design and the only one of its type. Cream with cream interior. No rust, but with some paint blemishes which could be addressed by localised paint work. New brakes & engine fans. Engine hoses all replaced. Avon safety wheels fully refurbished & new tyres. Private plate not included. £25,000

**411 Series 4** Body completely restored, bare metal respray in very subtle metallic red to an incredible standard. New interior in black leather, new West of England headlining, restored dash and door cappings. New lights, new carpets, completely rebuilt engine and gearbox. Rechromed bumpers. Due to be finished in June this year. Offers invited.



**Unique 603** Body was rebuilt and restored by Bristol Cars to a very high standard then painted by them in a beautiful dark metallic red/ brown with special boot spoiler. It was planned by the previous owner to be the best ever 603 and body was rebuilt on a no expense basis but it was never reassembled as Bristol went into liquidation... Supplied with good engine and gearbox both supplied by Bristol. Complete with all windscreens, interior etc. £14,500

**1953 401** Running, blue with original turquoise leather interior. Body sound but some floor welding work needed. £19,750

**603 Prototype** Sound and complete but needs some TLC. £9,950

All vehicles have a V5. Private sale. For more information about any of these vehicles, please contact Hamish Moore on [hamish@drummondhr.co.uk](mailto:hamish@drummondhr.co.uk) or 07930 345757





## List of parts for sale

- 85A block needs repair £1000
- Flywheel good ring gear £100
- Bell housing including clutch arm £150
- Air cleaner and collector for Solex carbs £100
- Fuel pump glass £15
- Set of used pistons for Set old Conrod's £50
- Cam shaft and followers £100
- Tappet cover £50
- Set 400 instruments £300
- Speedo and rev counter cables £50

Please contact Paul Stafford 01733 566488

## Electrical Components



Last year responding to complaints about the poor quality of electrical components for the Bristol distributor, Pegasus sourced British manufactured ignition components. These are available commercially, however we obtained a significant discount in the order of 40%. The price for the complete set (as photo) is £54. The idea was to supply service kits to include these parts plus spark plugs, air and oil filters, oil drain plug washer plus a range of other consumables. The aim of this venture was two fold,

1. to assist members who suffer ignition failure at the road side. If these ignition parts are available the RAC or AA or any

other support mechanic would get you going again, otherwise it's a recovery job

2. to enable your local garage to perform a basis service (there are great numbers of local garages around who are more than capable and eager to carry out this type of work) at sensible prices.

The only problem is that we have sold only 6 sets in total!

This is astounding in light of the survey results where the spares service is rated as the most important by 95% of members. Pegasus performs a great service for members. Please support our efforts. If you have a 2 litre car with Lucas distributor you should carry this get out of jail free card. Sorry to whinge but we cannot look at the next items if we cannot sell these consumables.

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