



WESSEX VEHICLE PRESERVATION CLUB

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'WESSEX WAYS' DECEMBER 2018



VEHICLE OF THE MONTH



The **Fiat 500**, something to pop into the Christmas stocking perhaps! The original 'classic' Fiat 500 was manufactured in Italy from 1957 until 1975, and was available as a two door saloon, two door semi-convertible, three door estate and three door van. Happily they were made in right-hand drive form, and proved to be very popular and inexpensive cars. The 500cc air-cooled two cylinder engine produced only up to 21bhp, but with the help of a 4-speed gearbox could reach 65mph or so. The rear-engine rear-wheel drive layout allowed a cabin space capable of cosily seating four adults while providing a front 'boot' space large enough for a shopping bag. Acceleration was never a strong point of the 9' 9" long 500, but Abarth nevertheless created a sports version called the Fiat Abarth 695ss. This could reach nearly 90mph with the help of a highly tuned 695cc two cylinder engine. It was readily recognised by its flared wheel arches and raised engine cover 'for stability and cooling'.

THE REINVIGORATED CHAIRMAN'S CHATTER

Hi Everyone,

Well here we are again. I hope you can put up with me for another year, as I will have to put up with all of you! My reason for coming back is I just couldn't sit back and see the club just drift into oblivion, and it goes without saying that I will be looking for your support. The newly elected committee have held their first meeting and I am very encouraged by everyone's attitude and we will be doing our best to make the club a success. I will be mingling among you for any ideas. As always, ride and drive with care. Doug

WVPC CHRISTMAS DINNER

This year's Christmas Dinner is on Saturday December 15th at The Bloxworth Club. It will start at 8pm prompt. Menus and details of how to book are available now - if you have not already booked your place, you will need to contact Doug or Mo on 01202 895387 in order to get one posted to you, assuming that there are still places available of course!

BRISTOL CLASSIC BIKE SHOW

It's that time of the year again when the bikers amongst us get out the dusters and the polish as the opening show of the year heads for the Bath and West Showground; and as always the club's bikers will be in attendance with a club stand. The show takes place on the weekend of the February 2nd and 3rd, so if you are thinking of going to have a look around then don't forget to visit the WVPC stand where you will possibly be offered a cup of tea/coffee.

THE WVPC AGM

And now for what we have all been waiting for. Will the WVPC slide into oblivion as we were warned by the committee? Fortunately, the answer is no, as at the AGM we learned that we are to have a revived set of committee members. Also, we have the treat of a resurrected Chairman in the fine figure of Doug Cronk! As he now reports :-

'As always, there was a good turnout of members for this riveting annual evening. It was a pity that the outgoing treasurer Val Baker could not be in attendance as she has done a sterling job having taken it on during very difficult times, and I thank her for her support on behalf of the members. It was stated that the club had done well during a bit of a funny year, so thank you for those concerned. A new committee was elected and we are looking forward to a good year ahead.' Doug.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2018 **THE WESSEX VEHICLE PRESERVATION CLUB LTD**

Minutes of the AGM held at Cobham Sports and Social Club, Merley, Dorset on **13th November 2018**

1. **Meeting is opened**

Peter Fletcher, as spokesman for the Committee, opened the meeting at 20:00. He thanked everyone for coming.

2. **Apologies**

Committee members Val Baker, Colin Baker and Dennis Stranack were not in attendance. Apologies for absence were received from club member Lin Hammerton.

3. **One Minute's Silence**

A silence of one minute was held in memory of those members and friends who had died during the past year.

4. **Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 2017**

The minutes of the AGM 2017 were proposed and seconded, signed and dated.

5. **Adoption of Accounts**

The accounts were proposed and seconded, signed and dated.

6. Committee Report

Peter talked on behalf of the Committee. He thanked the members for their support during the year. Membership currently stands at 116. There have been some good runs during the year and members have continued to represent the club at local shows. The new Data Protection rules caused a few headaches but this is all sorted now. Thanks were given to Doug and Mo for their continued involvement in runs, shows, quizzes, bingo and the raffle.

7. Election of Committee Members for 2018/2019

Peter informed the members that Doug had stepped forward and agreed to come back as Chairman.

Val Baker had served the Club well as Treasurer for the last few years and has decided to take a break due to family commitments. Peter expressed the thanks of the Committee and club for this.

Dennis Jones, assisted by his wife Christine has volunteered to take on the treasurer role.

Dennis Stranack has been on the committee for many years, updating the website and more recently representing the Club with the Federation. He has now decided to stand down and Peter again expressed the thanks of the Committee and club for his help and support.

The nomination forms that had been received were proposed and seconded. So the committee going forward will consist of:-

Doug Cronk - Chairman
Dennis Jones – Treasurer, website
Christine Jones – Treasurer’s support
Christine Fletcher – Membership Secretary
Janet Palmer – Secretary
Colin Baker – Motorcycle Section Co-ordinator
Peter Fletcher – Events
Mo Cronk – Committee Member

This was agreed by all present.

Peter informed the Club members that we will need a Federation Representative, and are looking to the club members for a volunteer.

8. Open Forum

Doug thanked the Club members and explained that he was coming back on board as Chairman as he did not want our long standing club to fold. This was appreciated by those present with a round of applause.

Kim Archer and Shelagh Hunt stepped forward and have volunteered to take on the raffle in the New Year. This was much appreciated by the Committee.

The meeting closed at 20:25.

CALENDER OF FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Saturday December 15th – WVPC Christmas Dinner at Bloxworth.

January 8th – Club night - noggin & natter, plus pay any subs.

Sunday January 13th – Holly Run.

February 12th – Club night - quiz, with a bottle of wine prize.

March 12th – Club night - Bingo.

WVPC COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chairman – Doug Cronk - duggcronk@btinternet.com - 01202 895387

Secretary – Janet Palmer – familypalmer29@hotmail.com

Treasurer – Dennis Jones.

Treasurer's support – Christine Jones.

Membership Secretary - Christine Fletcher.

Website Co-ordinator - Dennis Jones – wvpcweb@gmail.com

Motorcycle Section – Colin Baker - bikes@wvpc.org.uk

Events Co-ordinator – Peter Fletcher.

Committee members – Mo Cronk.

FOR SALE

Riley Workshop Manual for 1½ and 2½ Litre models, part number AKD 630A. Well used but original and complete.
Reasonable offers considered – 07717 343 129.

HOLLY RUN 2019 - January 13th

Hi everyone,

I thought I had better get on with the annual run so here are the details.

The run will start at the Avon Heath Country Park, where you should arrive at around 11.00/11.15am as we will need to leave at 11.45 sharp. We will travel on a devised route to the Lytchett Minster Craft Centre for a roast lunch, for which the cost is £10.00 per person.

ENTRY FORM FOR THE HOLLY RUN

Roast chicken _____ Roast beef _____

Both served with vegetables.

Apple crumble with custard _____ Trifle _____

Please mark your selections and return to me with a cheque payable to the **WVPC Ltd**.

Name _____

Membership No _____

Send to 91 Pinehurst Park, West Moors, Dorset BH22 0BP.

As always, thanks for your support. Doug.



THE WVPC COMMITTEE WISH YOU ALL A HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND A TROUBLE-FREE NEW YEAR'S MOTORING.