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'WESSEX WAYS' JANUARY 2020

VEHICLE OF THE MONTH



The **DAF33** was a small but interesting car that became reasonably popular in England during the early 1970's. It was one of a series of 8 models manufactured by the Van Doorne's Automobiel Fabriek company from the Netherlands, and originally started in the 1920's. The DAF 33, as were all DAF cars, was run with a CVT (continuously variable transmission) gearbox, in this case the DAF Variomatic. The first model (the DAF 600) started in 1959, through to the last (the DAF 66) which ceased in 1976.

The DAF 33 was made between 1967 and 1974 and was available in right hand drive; it was a small family vehicle powered by a 746cc flat twin cylinder engine of modest power, but fitted to the Variomatic gearbox. This clever device did away with conventional gears: The fully automatic transmission consisting of a "V" shaped drive belt and two pulleys, each of two cones, whose effective diameter can be changed so that the "V" belt runs nearer the spindle or nearer the rim, depending on the separation of the cones, and via a pair of sliding cones connected by a reinforced rubber transmission belt, allowed, in very simplified terms, an infinite variation in the speed of the car depending on the speed of the engine.

It proved to be economic to run, and had the unusual benefit of being able to be driven as fast forwards as in reverse. This was a theory that when tested could end in disaster due to directional instability caused by the swing-angle rear suspension! The transmission system proved to be successful enough for Volvo (who acquired an interest in DAF) to use it on a variation of the 4-cylinder Volvo 340GL between 1976 and 1991. There have been and continue to be a wide variety of CVT transmission systems used throughout the automotive world on all types of vehicles.



CHAIRMAN'S CHATTER

Hi Everyone,

Myself and the committee hope that you all had an enjoyable Christmas, & we wish you all a prosperous New Year,

Not that much has happened since the last newsletter, just the car club night where we enjoyed a bingo evening. Those of you who were lucky enough to have won, would you be kind enough to let me know what you thought of the bag of Christmas bits, the only reason being is that without a bit of feedback I have no idea what anyone thinks and it always helps moving things forward.

Also the annual Christmas meal took place at the Bloxworth Club; it was done slightly differently this year, which was not to every one's liking, with some valid complaints about the meal being rather cold and the service appeared to be a bit down on the normal standards, I am sure that these things can be sorted out for the future.

Well that's me done so you all drive and ride with care, see you soon.

Doug.

SHEPTON MALLET CLASSIC BIKE SHOW – February 1st/2nd 2020

This is just a note to you bikers: I have had a chat with Colin who suggested that we may struggle to get enough of us to be able to put on a good club stand at the show. So this is just to check to see if anyone wants to go to the show this year; we have to remember that it is quite a commitment to do it - as you know it's very cold at this time of the year and none of us are getting any younger, but if you feel you would like to give it a go could you please let me know.

Doug.

ADVANCED NOTICE OF THE CREAM TEA RUN

This will be taking place on June 28th. Further details will be provided in Spring.

Doug

CALENDER OF FORTHCOMING EVENTS

February 11th – Quiz night – bring your brains with you please.

March 10th – Bingo night – prizes to be won!

April 14th – Speaker: Paul Stickler on 'The Kray Twins.'

May 12th – Noggin and natter.

June 9th – 'Cars and Bikes in the Field' night – more prizes!

July 14th – Bingo night – yet more prizes.

August 11th – Auction night – bring all your unwanted treasures.
September – 8th – Speaker: details to be announced later.
October 13th – Baked potato night.
November 10th – The AGM, everyone’s favourite.
December 8th – Bingo night – festive prizes!

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ON DISPLAY AT FUNCHAL AIRPORT, MADEIRA



An extremely rare, and possibly a 'one-off' conversion of a 1950's Riley RMB for the British diplomatic corps on the island. The convertible style would have been ideal for the warm climate on Madeira. The high cost of all the strengthening work necessary for what was essentially an ash framed body on a steel chassis was no doubt borne by the British tax payers!



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