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July / August Events

Aug 1st The American
Auto Club North West

Aug 18th Club Meeting
8pm

*Check the website for
full calendar details*

Tony Littlewood, 17th July 2010

Cholmondeley Pageant of Power

Well I have to say I wasn't at all surprised that SCARCE members were scarce on the ground at Cholmondeley even though, whilst we were there on Saturday, there was hardly any rain at all. My brother and his wife Jane and son Alistair went down with that old Bentley of his along with another old wreck of a Riley – both of which were displayed in pride of place along one of the original fifty Bentley Blowers which Bentley bought at auction back in 1996. Mike and Co were staying the night and sleeping in the

car transporter but since I drove there and back in the Aston I was on the orange juice whilst Heather, Jane, Mike and Alistair took every opportunity to pop into a marquee to quaff some champagne or crack open another bottle of wine. How inconsiderate!

There were some fabulous cars there and I will try to bring a few pics down on Wednesday night and in the evening we sat and enjoyed our picnic to the sound of Mossley Brass Band and the Manchester Camerata along with

Army Bands, Scottish Bagpipes and fabulous singing and enjoyed the 1812 overture to the sound of real cannon fire whilst watching the most fabulous firework display.

I urge you all to keep a note of next year's Pageant of Power as it really is one of the highlights of the year.

*Tony Littlewood
Club Chairman
July 2010*

Members Car Profile

After receiving a call on my mobile from Sally who has worked tirelessly on this newsletter, I for one will not allow 5 pints of Bombardier at the Railway to get in the way of derailing this exclusive article written at 12.45 on Tues a.m. so that our members will get the "stop press" in time for our meeting on Wednesday at the Kingfisher! GVH 359 a 60 year old R type Bentley-original chassis, engine, gearbox and running gear far more original than many "vintage" Bentleys. First registered in Huddersfield in 1953 and now rebodied as a Birkin Blower Special. Lovingly rebuilt by Tony Soameson of APS Engineering who began at 17 apprenticed

to Performance Cars in Brentford followed by his experience at the Chequered Flag culminating in his win 30 years later at the 1995 BRSCC Retro Sports Gt Championship. In building this car for himself he has put all his expertise into creating a 60 year old Bentley with: High ratio limited slip diff; hydraulic twin servo brakes; 6 branch competition exhaust; completely upgraded engine; lightweight cooling system; lumenition electronic ignition; 60a alternator; 40 gall tank for touring Europe; machine turned aluminum dash with deadly accurate instruments; Petersen 19 inch spoked wires; authentic ash frame

skinned in aluminum by Carrosserie; Connolly leather and Wilton carpets, authentic Dunlop racing tyres; twin pack lechler isoakryl Rolls Royce Brewster Green (BRG) paint; all matching numbers from Crewe's finest factory and an absolute pleasure to drive. Gracing the cover of Ray Roberts latest book on specials as he says himself many of these are so splendid as to far exceed anything that came out of the original Works. I think you may gather I enjoy driving this fabulous motor car!

Tony

Get to know SCARCE *Introducing Dave Richardson*



Standard 10



Mercedes 280SL



**Bentley Continental
Convertible**

FIRST CAR "My first car was a Standard 10. I bought it via an auction in Altrincham in 1966 when I was eighteen. I say "via" because my bid of £44 was not enough and the car was withdrawn. The seller approached me afterwards and a deal was done -- no commission to pay, so £44 was the price. I hadn't a license at the time so an ex-school pal drove it home -- minus the brakes --- luckily the handbrake just about worked ! Six weeks later and after reading "How to Pass Your Driving Test" I was let loose on the roads on my own ---- very scary for everyone as I was used to riding motorbikes and the Standard didn't manoeuvre quite as well.

Over the years I have owned about thirty five cars. Funnily enough I've never owned a Ford or Vauxhall --- sticking to more unconventional cars like the twenty years I had with Saabs. Great cars and the 900 Carlsson Turbo and 9000 Turbos were really fast for their

time. A sad day when GM Vauxhall took over I'm afraid.

Over the last few years I have gone down the Porsche route culminating in a 911, 993 model, (last of the iconic air cooled Porsches). Fantastic car and ultra reliable. After six years I have now diversified and own a Porsche Cayenne S and a modern classic 1985 Mercedes 280SL. Very different cars but equally enjoyable. The Cayenne is a sports car on stilts and the 280SL just wafts along. Great !"

DREAM CAR "That's a difficult question. Probably would have to say an Aston Martin DBR or Bentley Continental convertible but from an historical point of view the Mercedes Gullwing takes some beating."

FAVOURITE CAR(S) "Sports car ----- the Porsche 911 993 due to its practicality, reliability, and the exhaust burble was music to the ears !
Saloon car --- W124

Mercedes E class --- sheer class. SUV ---- Porsche Cayenne S --- absolutely brilliant to drive and almost as fast as a 911."

SOMETHING WE MAY LIKE TO KNOW: "Very topical at the moment what with the BP oil leak. I bought an old 1956 MG Magnette from my dad to use as a future part-exchange makeweight in purchasing a MG Midget in the late sixties. It drank oil for fun and it also needed a decoke. I decided to use one of the speciality products to clean out the carbon. Big mistake --- not for me ---- but for all those cars following me ! The clouds of blue smoke being emitted as I drove home from work almost obliterated the landscape. I still can't believe I never got pulled up by the police. Did the decoke remedy work -- no. Did I solve the oil leak ---- no. A bit like BP !"

Dave Richardson

July 2010

**COMPETITION TIME!!
PRIZE TO BE WON
WE NEED YOUR HELP**



Competition Time *Guy Littlewood*

The **Saddleworth Classic
And Rare Car
Enthusiasts (SCARCE)**

Club has been operational for several months. We have a name, a slogan, a website, regular meetings and events, and most definitely a following of the most delightful members a car club could hope to have.

**What we need is a
LOGO.
Can you help?**

We are looking to members to come up with some ideas for a logo which we can use to front the site, all communications and products we plan to produce.

There will be a prize and the competition will be judged by the Committee Members during our August meeting.

You can either:

1. Email me with your idea

2. Produce a sketch of your idea and post it to Tony
3. Produce a sketch and bring it to the July members meeting

Now I know there are some creative people out there so please please help, our club is your club and it's all about our members so our members should help us design the club....right?!

*Sally Harrison
Club Secretary*

SADDLEWORTH CLASSIC AND RARE CAR ENTHUSIASTS
(SCARCE)
MEMBERSHIP FORM
No Membership Fee

NAME.....

ADDRESS.....

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E-MAIL.....

TELEPHONE Landline.....

Mobile.....

OTHER CAR CLUBS TO WHOM AFFILIATED

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DETAILS OF CAR(S)	YEAR	MODEL	COLOUR
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I have experience in the following which may assist our members:

Engineering/Motor Mechanics

Car bodywork/Respraying.....

I.T.....

Secretarial/Word Processing.....

Other (Please specify).....

If you feel you have some spare time and would be interested in joining our
Committee as vacancies arise please tick here

I have no objection to my name, e-mail and car details being passed on to
other members of SCARCE

Date:.....

SCARCE

Saddleworth Classic And
Rare Car Enthusiasts

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We're on the Web!

See us at:

www.scarce.org.uk

Last Meeting Summary

Another successful meeting for the club was held on 21st July 2010 at the Kingfisher. Members are reminded that they can attend the meeting from 8pm onwards for a drink and a catch up. The next meeting will be on

18th Aug.

The logo competition has been launched, please all have a go at coming up with something to help us get our image tip top!

Sept 12th is Uppermill show, please advise if you

wish to show your car and our next drive out will be **15th Aug.**

The new look Newsletter is here....I hope you all like it and look forward to comments, suggestions and article proposals from you all to help us keep the club going strong.

Sally Harrison

Top Gear Review

Whether you are a fan of the show or not, a fan of the presenters or not, you have to admit that Top Gear produce some pretty interesting car stuff! Here's something we picked out for this month, just something we liked:

"G-Power X6: world's fastest SUV

The thing you see above started life as a BMW X6. Then some power was added. Much power. So much power, the X6 seems to have gotten

really, really angry. Just look at its face. That's the face of an angry X6. An angry X6 with 888bhp.

G-Power has been sipping the crazy juice again and decided to 'pay homage' to BMW's outgoing V10 powerplant. They forced it into the X6, strapped on a pair of superchargers, an intercooler, some strong rods, forged pistons and upped capacity to 5.5-litres.

The result is the fastest piece of ugly you have ever seen - this X6 will

shoot from 0-62mph in 4.2 secs and on to a top speed of over 205mph.

You'd need that speed to be honest. We don't need to tell you that this X6 has been uglified to the point of comedy, but, well, it's Ugly. That's right, capital 'U' ugly.

Just five will be made with prices starting from £570,000. Much coughing up of breakfast took place in the TG office on hearing this news.

Top Gear - Vijay Pattni

<http://www.topgear.com/uk/car-news/g-power-bmw-x6-2010-07-15>