



## Newsletter December 2018

### Recent Postings on the Website

News Reports:

- 2018 Classic Car Show, NEC
- (Minutes of November 2018 Committee Meeting will be posted shortly)

### Change of Club Venue

It was announced at the November Club Night that our club now needs to look for a new venue for monthly meetings and other events. The Five Arrows, under new management this year, is becoming more commercially-oriented in its primary role as a hotel. In consequence, hosting of our club night meetings is a very low priority for them, as evidenced by their not expecting us for the last few months, and their recent unwelcoming attitude. If we now wish to use The Coach House or The Dairy for any events, we have been told that these venues will be chargeable at a rate which, not being a wealthy organisation, the club cannot afford. So we are now actively seeking an alternative venue.

At the November club meeting Dave Barton asked the members present to consider if there are alternative venues of which they are aware and that might welcome us on Monday evenings, and which have the sort of facilities that we need, ie sufficient car parking space and a private area for meetings etc. I had prepared a map of the area within a 20 mile or so radius of Aylesbury showing where current members live, and this showed, not surprisingly I suppose, that the membership epicentre is in the Waddesdon area. At the meeting we had a discussion on likely venues, all of which are in the target area. The pubs in Aylesbury town centre were considered, but none of them has sufficient car parking for our needs, and so had to be discounted. Based on this discussion, Dave carried out a brief survey of the identified options and reported back to the November committee meeting that three venues would be willing to host us on Monday evenings. The following is quoted from the committee meeting minutes:

*" Three venues have said that they would be delighted to host us, and these are:*

- a) The Long Dog in Waddesdon. Here there is a problem with insufficient car parking for normal club nights, so the PoO and other well-attended events would have to be held elsewhere. There is no dedicated space for meetings, but Monday nights are quiet, and we would be offered a reserved space within the pub, which offers two for the price of one on meals on Mondays, so members could eat here before the meeting.*
- b) The Lion in Waddesdon. There is no meeting room, but they would let us use the restaurant, which is currently free on Mondays. There is no issue with parking as there is a large car park at the rear and also a covered area which would be useful for administration of the PoO which could be held on-site. There is a possibility for a deal for members to eat before the meeting, and like The Long Dog is as accessible to members as The Arrows.*
- c) The Akeman at Kingswood. Again, there is no separate meeting room, but the management would screen off a private area for us for our club nights and other events such as the PoO. There is more than enough parking for club nights, and for the PoO we would be offered a cordoned-off area which would also include the paddock. The Akeman has an extensive menu, and have shown that they can cater for our sort of numbers as we have used the pub for several successful Drive and Dine evenings. And we could possibly negotiate a special rate for meals on club nights.*

*Whilst The Akeman seems to be the front runner for our new venue, no definite conclusion was*



reached. Instead, the committee will individually visit the candidates and report back on their experience. In the meantime it was agreed that we should hold the January AGM in the Lion".

The Akeman in Kingswood seems to have the most suitable facilities and we have held successful events there, so it is probably the front runner, but no final decision will be made until all options have been explored and the membership has been consulted, so your views on this matter are important. Please channel your comments or suggestions through me in the first instance.

## Upcoming Events

### Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December – Club Night

The Annual Quiz, Clive and Helen Wayland officiating. Five Arrows (hopefully) from 20.00. Feel free to bring branded-only nibbles along (home-produced commestibles would apparently invalidate the Arrows' Health and Safety certificate). We shall be offering a prize of a case of wine for the winner, funded by a Raffle, so please bring along a raffle prize on the night if you are attending and are able to do so.

### Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January – Annual General Meeting

At 20.00 in The Lion in Waddesdon High Street. See above.

This is where you get to stand for and vote in your committee and have your say about which direction the club should be going, and what events we should either be attending, or organising ourselves. Important evening, so please make every endeavour to attend.

### Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2019 - Annual Dinner and Prizegiving

The date of 2<sup>nd</sup> February has been agreed for the Annual Dinner and Prizegiving. Because of the impending change of venue, this will be held in The Chequers at Weston Turville, and this has now been booked. Clive Wayland is in liaison with them regarding the menu choices, and this will be circulated as soon as it is available. Could those who intend to attend please notify me as soon as possible so that we can confirm numbers with The Chequers. As we did last year, to save messing about with cash and credit cards on the night, diners will be asked to pay the cost in advance into the club account so that the Treasurer can settle a single bill on the night.

### Chiltern Hills Rally 2019

The booking arrangements for The Chiltern Hills Rally for 2019 are now online via their new website, so individual members can book directly rather than going through me. I have received the following message from Adrian Fell which, which clarifies the new arrangement:

*"The Chiltern hills rally now has a new website and online booking -*  
[www.chilternhillsrally.org.uk](http://www.chilternhillsrally.org.uk)

*If you or any members would like to come along as usual, when you fill in the form online, there is a section at the bottom for club stands. It's important that all entrants fill in that section to allow them to join your club stand on the day. They will then be able to print off their class ticket and club stand tickets respectively.*

*I hope that makes sense, but any problems please do not hesitate to contact."*

Any queries, contact me.

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