

# North Devon Sports and Classic Car Club



November 2020



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## CASTLE COMBE 2020

A rather lonely TVR at Castle Combe October 3rd 2020 in the NDSCCC allocated parking area.

The loneliness is not COVID related, it's the fact that Ken and Dana went a day early, everyone else went on Sunday 4th!

Last laugh on Ken and Dana though, they saw some track action—the racing was cancelled on Sunday!

# CHAIRMAN'S CHAT

Hopefully most of you will have seen the recent email following the Committee's difficult decision to cancel all future NDSCCC events until further notice. The rationale being that although individuals can, for example, book a table for 6 at a breakfast meet, the fact that 20 or so classic/sports cars are parked in the car park might take a bit of explaining. Furthermore the Committee thought that the sight of loads of classic/sports cars out on a run could bring unwelcome and negative attention to the NDSCCC in these difficult times. That is not to say that individuals should not get out and use their cars, its just that it should not be done in groups of more than 6 individuals at a time. Hopefully we will be able to resume our activities to some extent when the rule of 6 is lifted to enable, for example groups of up to 30 are allowed, or indeed when the pandemic is judged to be of no significant threat.

I hope everyone will agree that despite the pandemic we have managed to get out and about this year within the Covid 19 guidelines and that after all, at this time of year, our events are normally scaled back in any case.

I suspect that the restrictions will be around for a good while and as such your Committee will be exploring ways in which the Club could operate lawfully under various restrictions. More on that in the future though.

On a brighter note, winter is often the time when people decide to spruce up their car or to finally finish that ongoing restoration before next year's season. So if you have any pictures or indeed feel like writing an article please get in touch with the Editor!

For those of you that spent 4 hours in a "pressure washer" to and from Castle Combe the other weekend (the Autumn Classic was cancelled at 1100 on the day!) I hope that you and your cars are now finally dried out. I have lobbied Castle Combe on your behalf and they have agreed to re-issue the same tickets for next year.....hopefully the weather will be kinder! I have yet to agree the mechanics behind the re-issue so I am unsure whether the re-issue will be to individuals or to myself as the organiser.

Keep your chin's up, use the Facebook site and the phone/email to chat to other members and if any of you are feeling on your own then get in contact for a chat (details of the Committee are in the mag).....or better still wax the car, "reflect" on your achievements,....and then get in touch!

Cheers  
Tim

# NDSCCC COMMITTEE

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# NDSCCC EVENTS CALENDAR 2020 / 2021

See Website for latest details / entry forms ([www.ndsccc.co.uk](http://www.ndsccc.co.uk))

## **Please note:**

At all Club events from 2020, a member of the committee will take details of you and your car. This is for several reasons:-

- 1— It provides the Club with a contact list for Covid-19 track and trace
- 2 — It allows the Club to check that your membership is current and therefore you are covered by our insurance
- 3 — It allows the Club to keep the database of vehicles current
- 4 — It allows us to track attendance — the person(s) that attend the most events within in a season will be presented with a prize at the AGM.

All information is solely for the use of the Club ( and NHS track and Trace where appropriate)

No information is passed on to other third parties. We trust you will support us in this matter.

As you know, things can change very quickly, so please keep your eyes on your email and Facebook.

As soon as anything changes I will email you. Check your SPAM folders.

Bob (Editor)

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Date	Event	NDSCCC event	Club Stand	Contacts
12th November 2020	Nosh and Natter, 12.30 ---1pm Venue TBC	Yes <b>CANCELLED</b>	No	
29th November 2020	Breakfast Meet 09.30 The Panniers Barnstaple	Yes <b>CANCELLED</b>	No	
29th November 2020	Pannier Market, Barnstaple EX31 1SY	Yes <b>CANCELLED</b>	Yes	
29th November 2020	Lunch Meet 13.00 Portmore Golf Club EX32 9LB	Yes <b>CANCELLED</b>	No	
December 2020 TBC	Nosh and Natter, Christmas meal 12.30 ---1pm Venue TBC	Yes <b>CANCELLED</b>	No	
TBC 2021	Post Christmas meal Venue TBC	Yes	No	TBA

As you know, your Committee have took the difficult decision to cancel all Club events for the time being.

However, that does not stop you using your cars. So if you go out or do work on the car, send me some photos stating when and where and I'll share them with the Membership in the next Newsletter.

Editor

## NDSCCC— Member Off Season Photos

Keep sending them in!



Roger Burge and Keith Funnell meet up by chance for brunch.

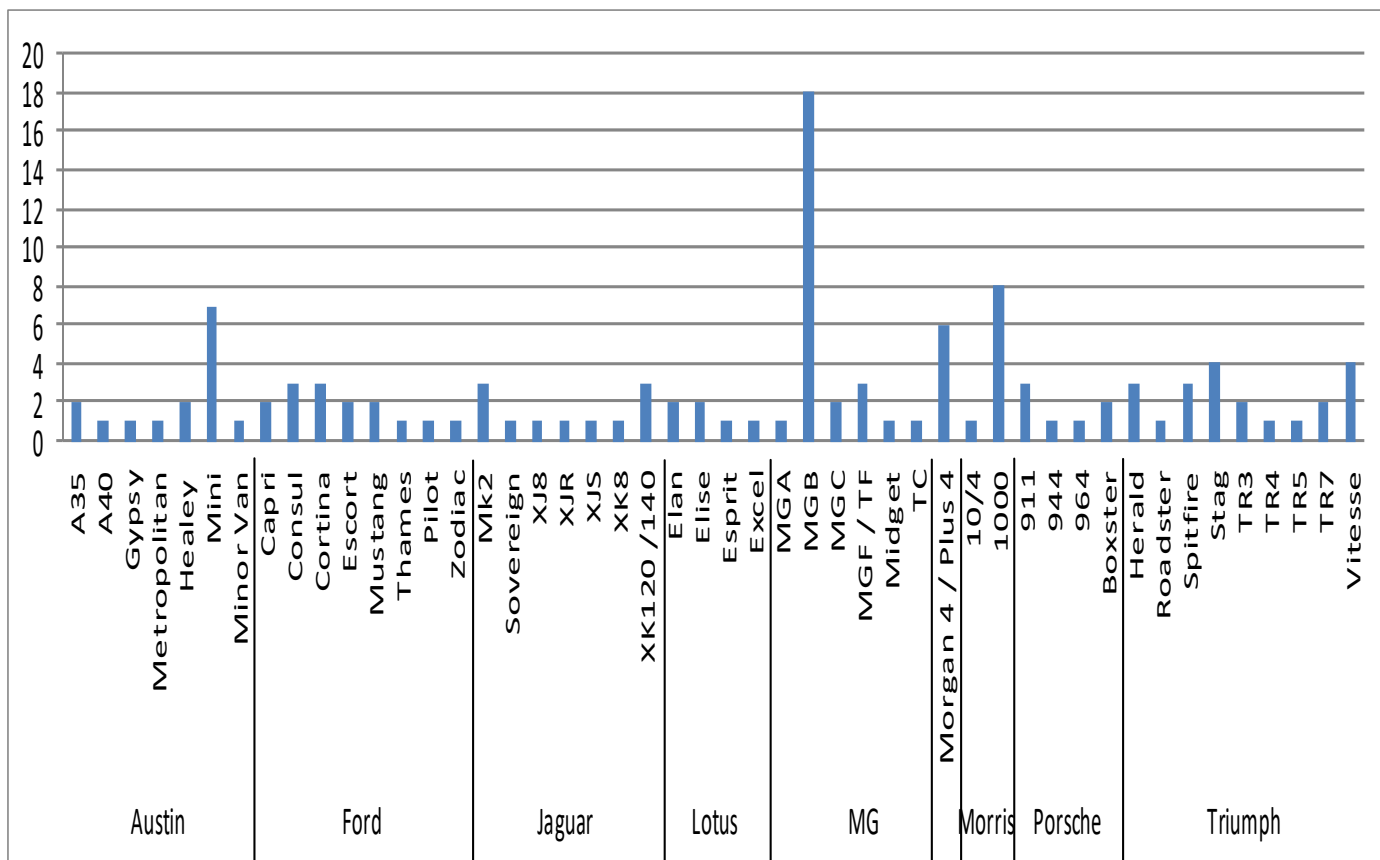


Kate Hatcher out and about on Exmoor in her Jubilee MGB



Editors Vitesse —  
Post maintenance test run.

# NDSCCC - MEMBERSHIP DATA



As suggested last month, I thought I'd break down the marques into models where there are 5 or more vehicles in the marque.

Note that BL / Rover Minis are all under Austin. .

As you can see MGB (all versions included) is the most popular!

Couple of surprises for me

No Austin / Morris 1100 / 1300 / 1800 (including badge engineered variants)

No big Farina saloons (Cambridge / Oxford etc (and badge engineered variants)

We have as many Mustangs as Escorts!

No Triumph TR6 — the most popular in terms of numbers made

Based on August 2020 data

Bob

# NDSCCC - CHARITY NEWS



Ref: EM/ASN/051020

5 October 2020

Mr C England

Bideford  
Devon

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Email: [info@familiesingrief.org](mailto:info@familiesingrief.org)

Dear Mr England

Thank you very much for the donation of £42.00 from North Devon Sports and Classic Car Club. As always, the support of the club is very much appreciated.

We hope you enjoyed your event at the Cornwall at War Museum on Sunday 20 September 2020.

Could I ask you to pass on our thanks to the members of the club who contributed to the collection, we very much appreciate their kindness.

With best wishes

*Emma Marston*

**Emma Marston**  
**General Manager**



## NDSCCC - PICTURE PUZZLE

Can anyone identify the make of this this car?

Just a bit of fun..... Email your answers to the Editor.

Answer and a new picture puzzle next month





## DVLA - Expired driving licences automatically extended by 11 months

Published: 12/10/2020

**Photocard licences or entitlement to drive that expires between 1 February and 31 December 2020 have been extended for 11 months from the date of expiry.**

Under the changes, drivers whose photocard driving licence or entitlement to drive runs out between 1 February 2020 and 31 December 2020 will have their entitlement automatically extended from the expiry date, for a period of 11 months. Drivers do not need to apply to renew their licence until they receive a reminder before their extension expires.

The initial extension expired at the end of August. This has now been further extended to the end of the year under temporary changes announced by DVLA today (1 September 2020).

DVLA Chief Executive Julie Lennard said

“Being able to drive is a lifeline for millions of people and this further extension will ensure that in these continued uncertain times, drivers don’t need to worry about the admin or the associated costs with renewing their licences.

The temporary extension is automatic, and drivers do not need to do anything. Drivers who have already applied to renew their photocard driving licence or entitlement to drive can usually carry on driving while we process their application, providing they have not been told by their doctor or optician that they should not drive.”

The initial extension from the EU expired at the end of August and we have now agreed a further extension with the EU to the end of December.

The extension only applies to full driving licences, not provisional driving licences.

If a driver applies to DVLA to renew their photocard or their entitlement, they can continue to drive while DVLA is considering their application, providing they have not been told by their doctor or optician that they should not drive. Further information is available [here](#).

By law, all drivers must ensure they always meet the medical standards for fitness to drive when driving. Information about driving with a medical condition is available on GOV.UK.





## DVLA - Online duplicate log book service launched

Published: 30/09/2020

The time it takes motorists to receive a duplicate log book (V5C) has been slashed from 6 weeks to just 5 days, as a result of a new online service launched this week by DVLA.

The 'Get a vehicle log book (V5C)' service is the latest DVLA online service, and has been designed for motorists who have lost or damaged their log book.

This will be the second online service DVLA has launched in the last 4 months, following the change address on vehicle log book service which was launched in June and has been used more than 300,000 times.

Every year, DVLA issues around 500,000 duplicate log books where motorists have either lost or damaged their document.

Julie Lennard, DVLA Chief Executive, said:

"DVLA's new online service to apply for a duplicate log book is quick and easy to use and means customers who have unfortunately either lost or damaged theirs will receive their new document within a matter of days."

"We know how important a log book is to motorists so if you have lost or damaged yours, the quickest way to get your duplicate document is go to GOV.UK."

## NDSCCC Golden Pencil Award

Members are invited to submit a short article for the chance of winning a prize at the 2021 AGM

### This month— Gary Grant—Jaguar MK2 & Triumph Spitfire

The Golden Pencil award (announced via email late last year) is made to one author selected at random from any club member who contributes a personal article & picture to the club magazine in the year between AGMs.

A new award is up for grabs, so don't be shy, put pen to paper or finger to keys and tell us a story via the club magazine for a chance to win.

Templates can be found on the website.

Or just send a word document and photos to the Editor. Don't worry about spelling, grammar or format—we'll sort that for you!

**Thank you to all those members who have submitted in 2020**

Although I have owned and sold 18 classic cars over the last 43 years (*some were not classics at the time!*), my most favourite two were a 1963 Jaguar 3.4 MK2, and a 1966 MK2 Triumph Spitfire. They were my favourites for different reasons;-

The Jag was fast, smooth, comfortable, and great to look at, whereas the Spitfire was nippy, easy to work on, and sounded wonderful.

Both cars have provided much pleasure, but also some open wallet surgery!

Although I did not fix the Spitfire's overdrive for better cruising, I remember taking it to the Goodwood Revival and parking it next to a Silver Birch Aston DB5 (*James was not there at the time*). After a great day in glorious sunshine, upon leaving Goodwood the Spitfire conked out! After much head scratching and diagnosis, I gave in and called the AA. It turned out to be the earth wire arcing in the distributor base. One new piece of wire later and it was on its way home in the dark with the roof down! The sound of the throaty exhaust going through the Dartford tunnel was just bliss. Not like the time I was fixing the wiring loom and my mate crept up next to me and said Boo! Whereby my Stanley knife slipped and sliced through my finger, followed by blood everywhere, a few colourful metaphors, and my mate's face the same colour as the Spitfire.





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Driving the Jag made me feel like a VIP and a 60's villain both at the same time, even though it was a money pit and went through two electronic ignitions in 6 months! Mind you; apart from all the appreciative glances, the best complement occurred in the local garage where I was having some paintwork done. A know-all work colleague saw me looking over the Jag and said, "I bet you wish that was yours, well dream on". I simply said, "It is". I borrowed the garage's trolley jack to help lift his chin of the deck.

Another memorable time with the Jag, was taking it to my nephew's wedding, with white ribbon tied from the leaping cat to the sun visors. It out classed all the modern Euro-boxes, but my joy was cut short on the way home when the clutch master cylinder seal departed, requiring lots of double-de-clutching to get me home.

In addition to the Jag and Spitfire, my dreams of having a shed full of other classic cars is dependent upon either Camelot or Ernie being kind. So, in the meantime I shall keep and enjoy my MGB, tinkering in bad weather weekends, and the hope of giving it plenty of sunny exercise whenever possible.

I've provided a picture of the Jag and the Spitfire, with the thought of 'It is better to loved and lost, than never loved at all'.

By the way, if you have not been to the Goodwood Revival yet, try to get there at least once, as you won't regret it. As apart from the classic racing, the paddock, the air shows, the music, side-shows, special events, memorabilia and a car park full of fantastic sports and classic cars worth millions, it's great fun to dress up in 1940s to 1960s outfits and join in with the spirit of that thrilling era. Chocks away / broom broom! *(It's okay, I'll keep taking the pills).*

Happy motoring,

All the Best, Gary.

## NDSCCC - CLUB SHOP

### Club Logo Mugs and Pin Badges

We have had some mugs printed, they are available from the Chairman via email. They are £5 per mug and can be collected from a show or posted for extra cost. We also have our pin badges. Made out of metal with an enamelled face displaying our logo. A nice high quality item, priced at £5 plus postage or collection from a show. The Caps are £10

Available from REGALIA SECRETARY Rob Martin— [robjohnmartin60@gmail.com](mailto:robjohnmartin60@gmail.com)



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This saves Committee members having to organise it and paying up front out of their own pockets. The website address is as below and the prices are the same as we have paid before albeit there is now a post and packing charge.

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or speak to your REGALIA SECRETARY Rob Martin— [robjohnmartin60@gmail.com](mailto:robjohnmartin60@gmail.com)

## NDSCCC - Members Advertisement

### WANTED

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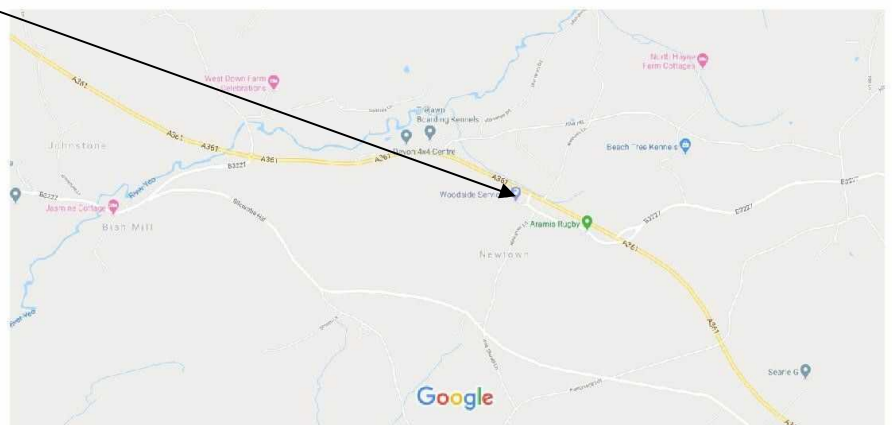
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