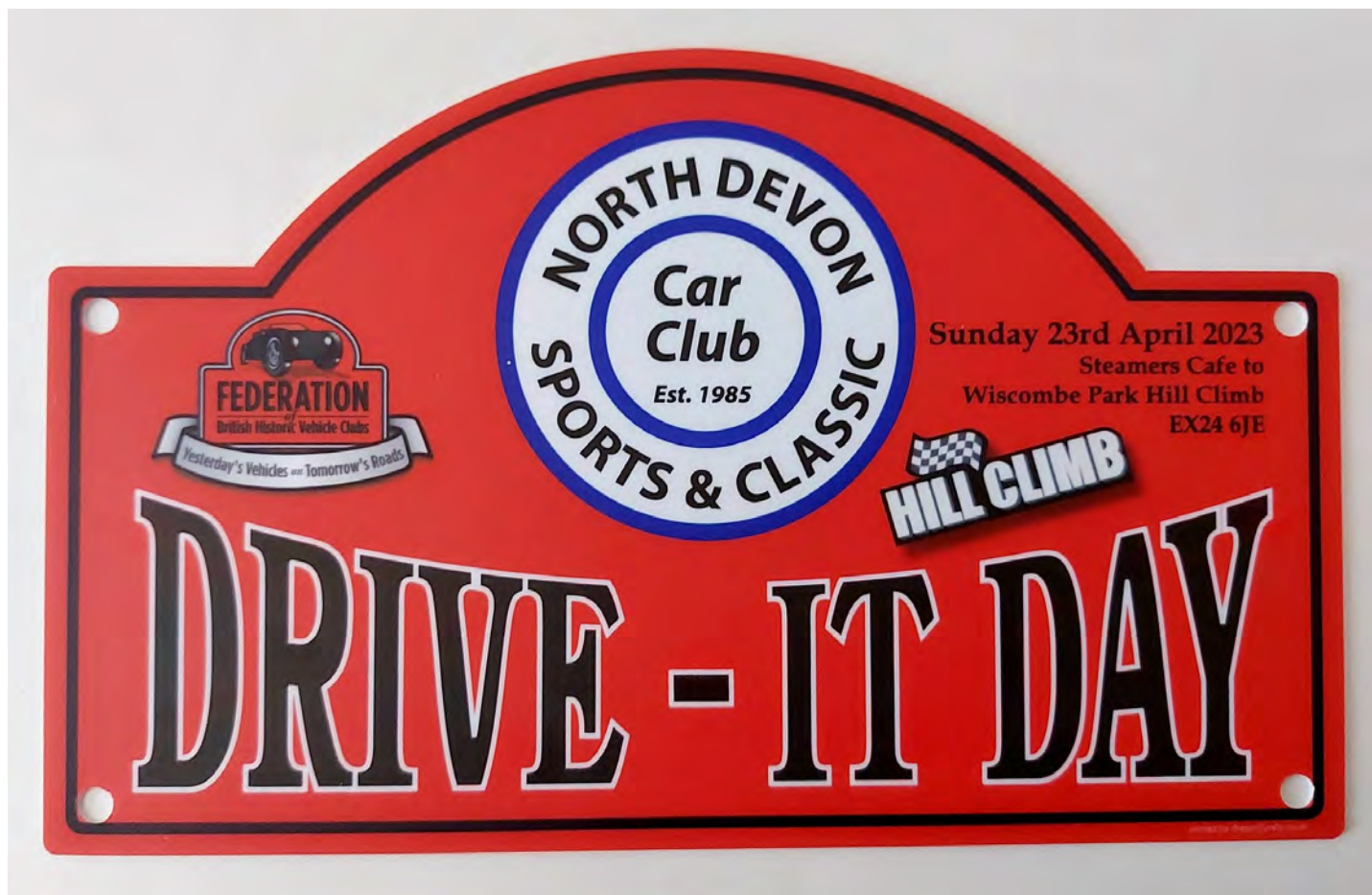


North Devon Sports & Classic Car Club

May 2023



Drive it Day 2023 saw NDSCCC Members heading to Wiscombe Hill Climb.

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VICE CHAIRMAN'S CHAT

An introductory message from Robin Smith (new Vice Chair)

I have been a member of the club since 2018 with the same car, a 1998 Jaguar XK8 convertible. I have always been interested in things that look fast and go fast, I think all of my early public library book borrowing was car and aeroplane based. My history of car ownership is somewhat chequered and eclectic, starting up with an Mk2 Cortina, progressing to an MGB with wire wheels that I wrote off within a week (ah, the folly of youth), a Triumph Vitesse saloon, a Triumph 2.5pi (also written off but it did last a bit longer), a couple of Allegros (insurance was expensive and times were hard, I can't understand why my insurance premiums were so high). You'll be relieved to hear that my driving has calmed down a lot since those early days. Other highs and lows (you decide) were an L reg. MGB GT in blaze, a Triumph Acclaim, a Vauxhall Cavalier SRi Mk 2, an Audi A6 with the 2.4L V6 and an Audi A4 s-line 2L oil burner.

I'm performing a slow, rolling tidy up of the Jaguar XK8 (restoration is probably overstating it a bit). It does fit in my garage just about but there is no room to do any work on it once it's in there. I'm comfortable enough doing servicing and more major repair jobs that can be done in a day but beyond that I hand it over to people with more skills, space and tools.

The Jaguar is not and never will be concours but I enjoy driving it and, on a sunny day with the roof down, it's hard to keep the smile off my face. The shows the club put on through the year prompt me to get the polish out and it does clean up reasonably well.

I look forward to meeting you all at our many and varied events and will try and round to meet as many of you as possible but please be kind to me when I struggle to remember your names.

Cheers

Robin



NDSCCC - Membership Renewal 2023/ 24

North Devon Sports and Classic Car Club 2023 / 24 Renewal / Membership



Title	
First Name	
Surname	
House Name/No.	
Street	
Town	
County	
Postcode	
Telephone Number	
Email address <i>(Please ensure this is clear)</i>	
2nd Member Name	

Vehicle information (continue over page if required)

Year	Make	Model	Registration No

Will you display your car at events? Yes / No

Cars at Club events may be photographed and images maybe published in club newsletter or used in online media.

PAYMENTS

Payment Method Bank transfer Cheque Cash

Preferably pay online by Bank Transfer **using your Surname as the Reference**

Name: North Devon Sports and Classic Car Club Sort code 20-04-59 Account No. 50441007 at Barclays Bank

If cash, name of to whom paid and at which event.

Please return your completed form with your fee of £15 to: The NDSCCC Membership Secretary, 40 Daneshay, Northam, Bideford, EX39 1DG

Cheques and online payments Payable to: NORTH DEVON SPORTS AND CLASSIC CAR CLUB

If paying online, you may email the completed form to the Membership Secretary at email address club@ndsccl.co.uk

You are reminded that it is an offence against the Road Traffic Act to use a motor vehicle on the road without a valid certificate of insurance and, where applicable, Tax & MOT. Any member who attends an NDSCCC meeting or event with a vehicle not covered by such certificates will risk having their membership terminated.

Please note your details will be kept on the NDSCCC database for membership purposes, urgent communications, and newsletter distribution. If you object, please contact the Membership Secretary. Membership is renewable in March each year.

All communication is via email (i.e., no paper).

To take advantage of the club insurance it is important both partners/members sign this form

Please tick this box to agree to follow the NDSCCC club Membership Rules:

Signed 1)

Signed 2) Date



NDSCCC EVENTS CALENDAR—2023

IMPORTANT - Please note:

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

- 1 — It allows the Club to check that your membership is current and therefore you are covered by our insurance
- 2 — It allows the Club to keep the database of vehicles current
- 3 — It allows us to track attendance to see how viable / popular events are

All information is solely for the use of the Club and no information is passed on to third parties.

We trust you will support us in this matter.

MEETING POINTS FOR EVENTS

To keep things simple, the following meeting points will be used for events

Bideford – Affinity (Atlantic Village) Main Car Park, Clovelly Rd, Bideford EX39 3QU

Barnstaple – Homebase Car Park, Rose Lane, Barnstaple EX32 8PG

Tiverton—Homebase Car Park, Lowman Way, Tiverton EX16 6SR

South Molton – Eastbound Truck Stop on A361, South Molton EX36 4RZ

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are always looking for volunteers to be the point of contact for events. This does not mean you have to organise it, attend meetings, or be on the committee, just be the named contact for a specific event.

Let us know if you are able to assist.

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

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MIDWEEK INFORMAL MEETS

We have set up mid week meeting venues for any members who wish to get together outside the formal event calendar.

These are a “just turn up and natter” and no booking in is required, however if you require food please contact the venue direct to book a table.

All venues have large car parks

The meeting points are:-

1st Wednesday of the month	- Williams Arms, Wrafton, Braunton EX33 2DE	01271 812360
2nd Wednesday of the month	- Anchor Inn, Exebridge TA22 9AZ	01398 323433
3rd Wednesday of the month	- Crealock Arms, Littleham EX39 5HN	01237 477065
4th Wednesday of the month	- Portsmouth Arms, Umberleigh EX37 9ND	01769 561117

We welcome your feedback on whether these are successful or not.

2023 Calendar of events

On the following pages is the 2023 event calendar for full members only.

Please note that some of these are still provisional.

In all cases please register interest with the nominated event leader quoting Membership Number. **Please DO NOT email the Editor .**

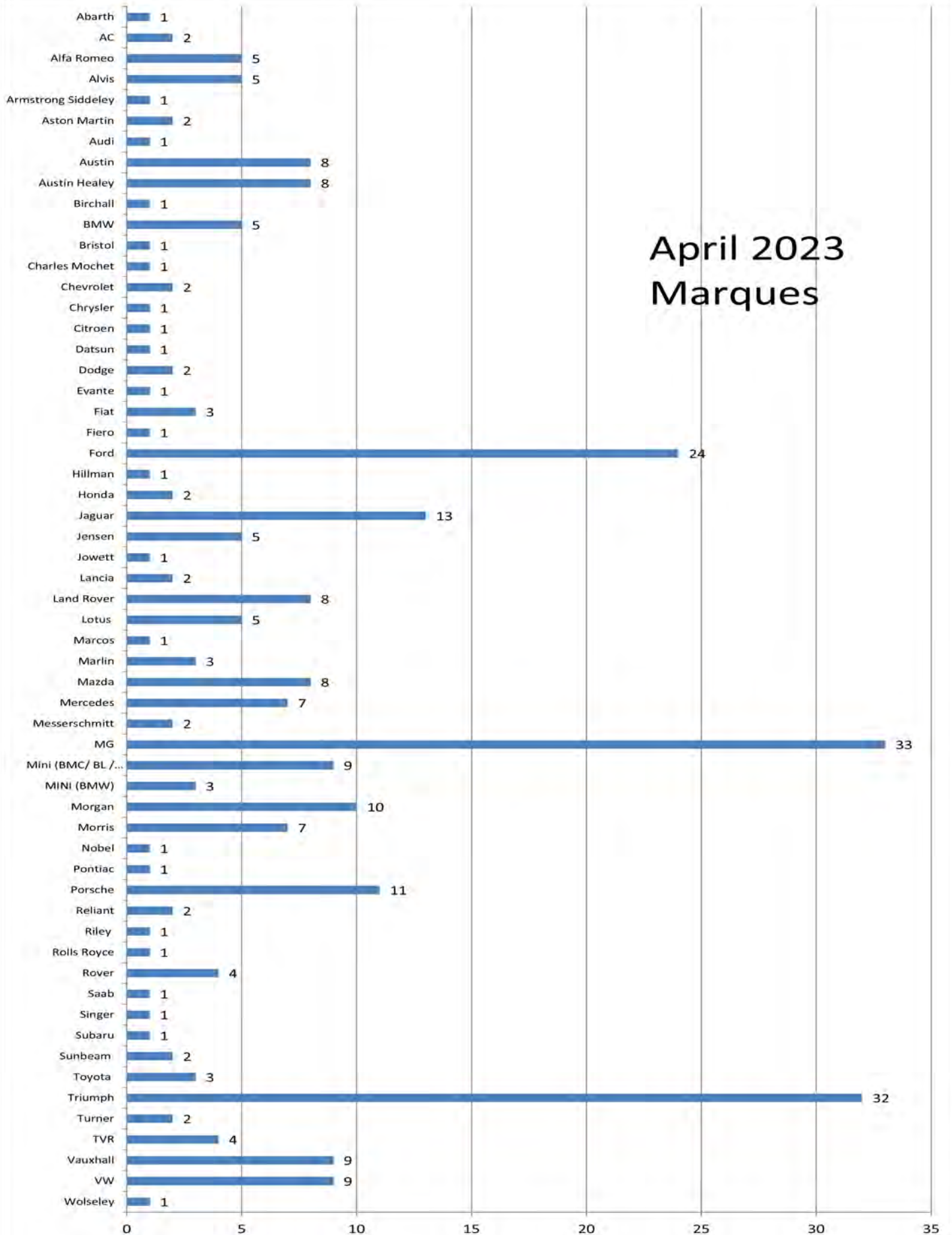
DOGS

We have tried to identify where dogs are welcome or not allowed in the event list.

Some locations allow dogs in restricted areas only. If in doubt please check with the venue

NDSCCC - Members Cars

Numbers reflect renewed membership for 2023



NDSCCC - Where we've been

Drive it Day—April 23rd

Ant Kane Reports

The day started with the majority of members meeting at Homebase car park in Barnstaple.

We left there at a very early 0800 with a convoy choosing the quick route via the A361 Link Road and onto Steamers Cafe Re-Fuel in Willand. The other convoy chose to take the scenic route. This included driving through Tiverton and also included the occasional wrong turn, which meant we saw parts of Tiverton we should never have seen. This convoy eventually met the others at Steamers Cafe.

Drive it Day wouldn't be the same without a mechanical issue.

One member (Chairman, Tim H) had a problem with his hand brake, when it became permanently stuck on with smoke coming from the rear brakes. With a bit of roadside assistance from a fellow club member, the hand brake was released and they made their way to Steamers Cafe in time for breakfast.

The staff at Steamers Re-Fuel were amazing and I can't imagine there being any complaints on our part. I can highly recommend it for a good breakfast with a smile.

Once breakfast was done the Wiscombe Hill Climb tickets were handed out and everyone made their way to Wiscombe Park.

This also didn't go to plan as the first convoy also made a wrong turn, but we all got there eventually.

We all enjoyed our time watching the cars making their way up the hill, which became increasingly interesting when the rain set in for a couple of hours in the afternoon. It was also interesting getting out of the car park for us. Luckily there were two very nice marshals on hand to give us a push if we needed it.

Many thanks to all that could make it, with 35 cars and over 50 members, the club's first event of the season was brilliantly supported and I look forward to meeting you all at our future events.



NDSCCC - Where we've been

Drive it Day—April 23rd



NDSCCC - Members Article

DIGITAL SECURITY FOR CAR

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We all love our classic cars and would be heartbroken if it was lost or stolen. As well as the standard arrangements of immobilisers and car alarms that can be tricky to fit to classic wiring there are a couple of new techniques for protecting your classic car. Some initial technology is required as both these techniques work in combination with an Android or Apple iPhone.

CCTV for your house and garage has come a long way in the last 10 years. The cameras are much more intelligent about recognising when cars or people move within the area of view. If you have house fed power to your garage, you can almost certainly fit CCTV cameras that will constantly monitor the garage inside and out. Cameras can be configured to alert your phone when there is a movement within your garage. Unlike traditional alarm systems an ongoing subscription is not required as monitoring and alerting is done directly to your mobile phone. For garages beyond the reach of power and Wi-Fi self sufficient cameras are available that will send the pictures home via a mobile phone signal. Some charges would apply in this case. Separate boxes for recording are also redundant as cameras can store recordings of interest on an included memory chip. The modern camera types are no longer just a passive recording or scanning devices and are available with two way audio and siren trigger. Typically, the price for a powered network enabled camera is about £70.



Example Reolink battery powered camera with 2 way audio and siren (wifi model)

The second most interesting development to keep your car safe and located is the small tracking AirTags. A small tag about the size of a £2 coin is secreted somewhere on the car. When the car moves beyond defined limits alerts are sent to your phone. The tags provide occasional updates as to the location of the car that can then be tracked and located. These AirTags have a replaceable battery that lasts about a year. The tags work by using the same technology that is used to find lost phones. Whilst they do not have specific GPS receivers, they send their location back to base using any available phone that comes into the range. As there are over 1 billion mobile phones on the planet these days you're never that far away from a mobile phone. Cont.d

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These tags are great for knowing the last known time and location of a car. There are a couple of little wrinkles when using air tags that are separated from the phone for longer periods of time, however, this type of device can provide an extra layer of security and a recovery for a classic car. The cost for an apple AirTag is about £35 each or £120 for a four pack with no on going subscription apart from what's needed to keep your mobile phone going. The dangers of thieves and stalkers planting these tracking tags has been mitigated within the "Find My" tracking system but everyone should be aware of their existence.

Let me know if you are interested in above or have any questions.

Clive England

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Apple Airtags are about 25mm / 1 inch diameter.



NDSCCC Membership



CLUB SHOP



NEW:

NOTEBOOK/PEN SET £5 each

CLUB KEYRING £2 each

CLUB CAR AIR FRESHENERS 2 for £2.50 ~~SOLD OUT~~

STILL IN STOCK

IRON ON CLOTH BADGES £3

CAPS were £10 now £8

MUGS were £5 now £3.50 ~~Now £2.50—Limited Stock~~

PIN BADGES were £5 now £3.50

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Anything car / garage related – for sale or wanted.

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Any automobile related signage, suitable artefacts etc. for my "man cave".

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