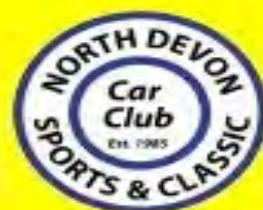


North Devon Sports & Classic Car Club

August 2025



SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!
THE NORTH DEVON



FESTIVAL of TRANSPORT

SUNDAY 10th AUGUST 2025 10 TILL 4.
at Victoria Park, Bideford

Entry; £5 pp / Under 16's FREE (with adult)

Classic, Vintage & Sports Cars
Vintage & classic Motorcycles
Commercial, Agricultural & Military Vehicles
- Crafts & Stalls - Food & Drink
Bar (at Rugby Club) - Miniature Steam Train
Face Painting - Bouncy Castle - Music



Bideford Bridge Rotary Club

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Bideford Bridge Rotary Club
and the
North Devon Sports & Classic Car Club**



CHAIRMAN'S CHAT

At the end of June, we took a group of cars to Sheppy's Cider Farm for a drive and taster day, we had a lovely tour, and we all enjoyed it, our thanks to Diane Coles for organizing the day.

On the 6th of July we celebrated the 40th anniversary of the NDSCCC. With over 100 people attending and 60 cars (not all classics). We had a great day with food and music from the group Nothing but Treble at a great venue of Riverside Caravan Campsite. We made a presentation to two founding members of the NDSCCC. My thanks go to all members who came along to help make the day a lovely success.

Powderham - On a very hot weekend we had a total of 31 cars attending to help celebrate our 40th anniversary. On the Saturday quite a few members managed to dig out some 80s attire to put a smile on ours and other people's faces. A lot of laughs were had and there were lots to see and do. If it was your first time going to this event it would have seemed fantastic with it being Crash Box's 50th year of running the event. My thanks go to all who helped me to set up and take down the club stand.

Rosemoor - In a fantastic setting, the club had a stand on Saturday & Sunday and with over 50 members cars over the 2 days it all added to a fantastic show. With bacon baps and tea and coffee we were all looked after royally by Ian & Claire McPhie plus Lesley and the great sum of £43.28 was made for this year's charity. Ian asked me to say thank you to all who helped over the weekend. Always great teamwork.

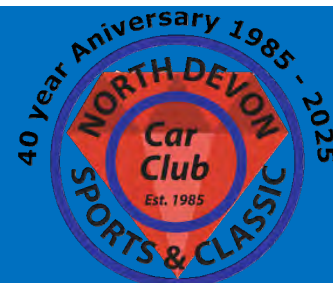
Braunton Wheels - With 30 plus cars the club had a stand at Braunton, our thanks go to Ann & John Whitehead for organising this event and to those who helped them set it up.

My final words are to all members who helped to make July a complete success, without you guys turning up the shows would not be the same, so from myself and all those who organize events THANK YOU.

PS. Our big fundraising event NDFoT is on the 10th August, if you have not booked in so far, please do, fill out the application form.

Cheers Mark

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NDSCCC EVENTS CALENDAR—2025

IMPORTANT - Please note:

At all Club events, a member of your 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.

If you do not agree, please let the Membership Secretary know.

MEETING POINTS FOR EVENTS

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

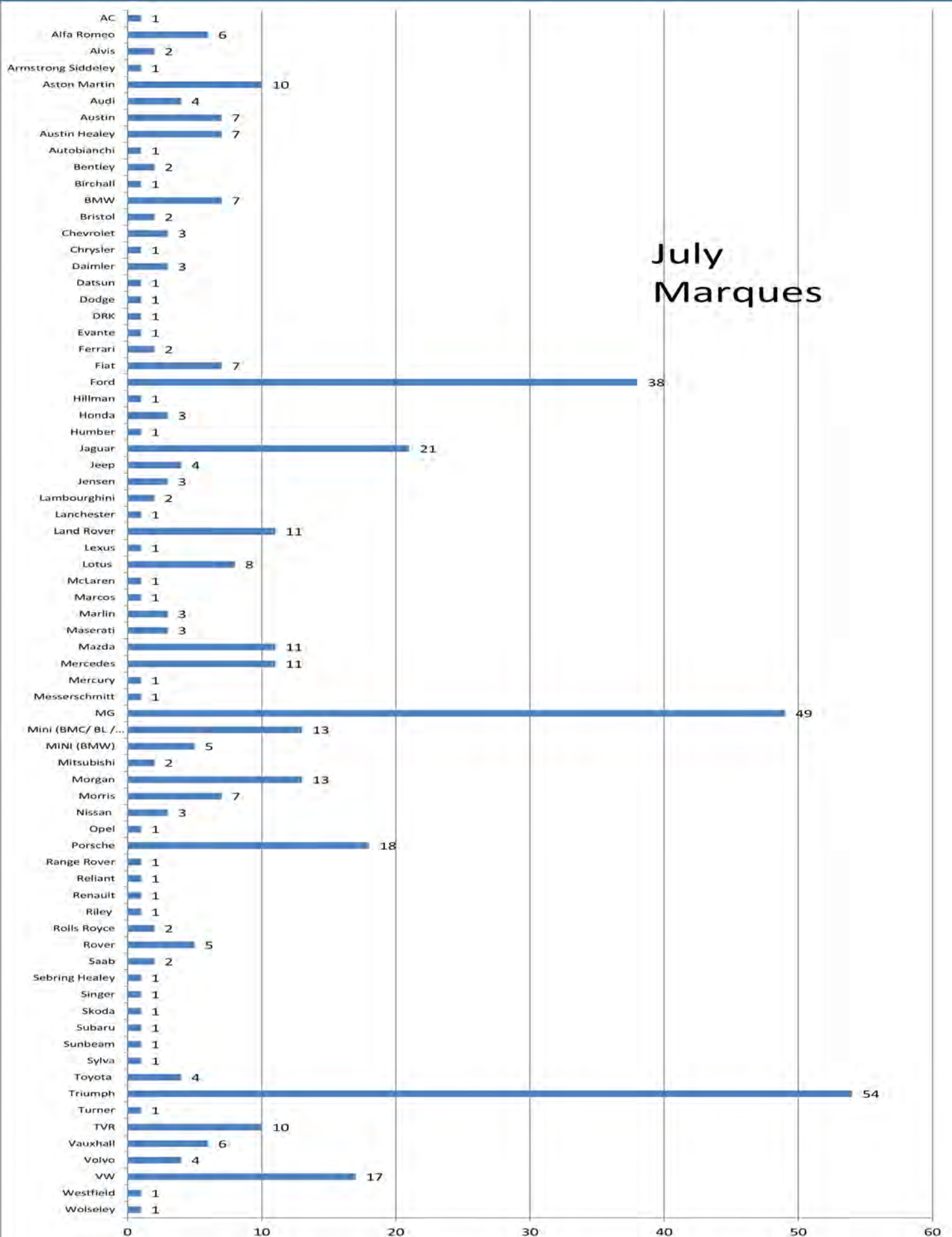
Bideford – Affinity (Atlantic Village) Main Car Park, Clovelly Rd, Bideford EX39 3QU

Barnstaple – Tesco 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

NDSCCC— Members Cars



NDSCCC— Where We've Been

NDSCCC 40th



40th celebrations at Riverside Caravan Park was well attended.

A run (for some) was done beforehand.



BBQ, music and much nattering was done!

Thanks to Committee for organising ... we even had a Red Arrows fly past!!



NDSCCC— Where We've Been Powderham



NDSCCC— Where We've Been Rosemoor



NDSCCC— Where We've Been Braunton



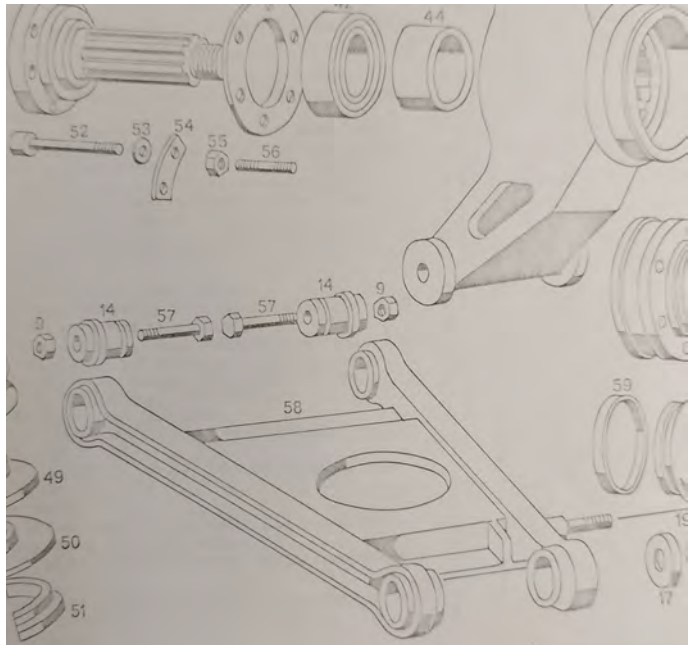
NDSCCC— Member Contribution

Kevin Burridge—Total A-Mas-ement

Recently we had this ever so lovely Maserati Merak limp into our yard feeling sounding very sickly indeed. Its deep black paintwork and pointy Italdesign lines being let down by it's coughing and spluttering (now 3 cylinder) engine. On first inspection with it running, it was soon established that the right bank of cylinders weren't firing, and as the car runs 2 separate coils, a quick swap over with leads showed us that indeed the coil pack had failed. For the low cost of coils, we replaced both and left the remaining good one in the car. Whilst I was doing the basic checks I found that some plugs were far cleaner than others, indicting that the carbs were far out of balance. I had the very inconvenient job of removing the airbox, which was not as straightforward as you'd hope due to the less than convenient design of welding the studs to the base plate of the airbox. The airbox lid studs (Which are welded to the base plate may I add) being 2 inches in height, with only 1 ½ space to the bottom of the Bulkead. Meaning I had to lift the airbox up with one hand, and undo the mounting nuts through the gap with the other, before pulling everything backwards to gain access to the tops of the carbs. The Maserati has a compact little V6 with 3 sets of Weber DCNFs, all sharing one throttle linkage bar. First I adjusted the locknuts to match the positions of the butterflies so all the carbs opened at the same time, which already made a big difference to the airflow through the carbs, and later Kevin adjusted the mixture individually to bring the hydrocarbons to a good level. He uses the gas analyzer and his vast knowledge to find the right balance. A lot of folk focus too much on bringing the CO levels to a point where they are nearly matching a modern car, figures as low as 1.5 or 2% CO, (a modern petrol car is 0.2%). But the truth is that due to the poor quality of modern petrol compared to the petrol that was around when these engines were new, and also the "antiquated" designs of inlet manifolds and cylinder heads, it is impossible to get the older cars running nicely with the "correct" air fuel ratio. The extra fuel serves a purpose of preventing fuel evaporation in the manifold or carbs. We find with many classics we end up with a CO rating of nearly 6% in some cases to get the engine sounding its sweetest, relying more on the hydrocarbon figures to determine the right tune of the vehicle. If you check our Instagram page you can see videos before and after we balanced the carbs.

Once we had got the engine tuned and running smoothly again, all that was left to do was refit the suspension arms, as Kevin eagle-eye noticed the rear wishbones had been fitted back to front meaning every time the suspension compressed, the reinforcement sections whacked the exhaust manifolds and dented them, as well as the driveshaft bolts being loose, so also dealt with those while we were in there. Once all done, gave it a light wash off and returned to the customer who was very happy with how the pointy girl was driving again. A nice successful turnaround.

Elliot



NDSCCC Membership

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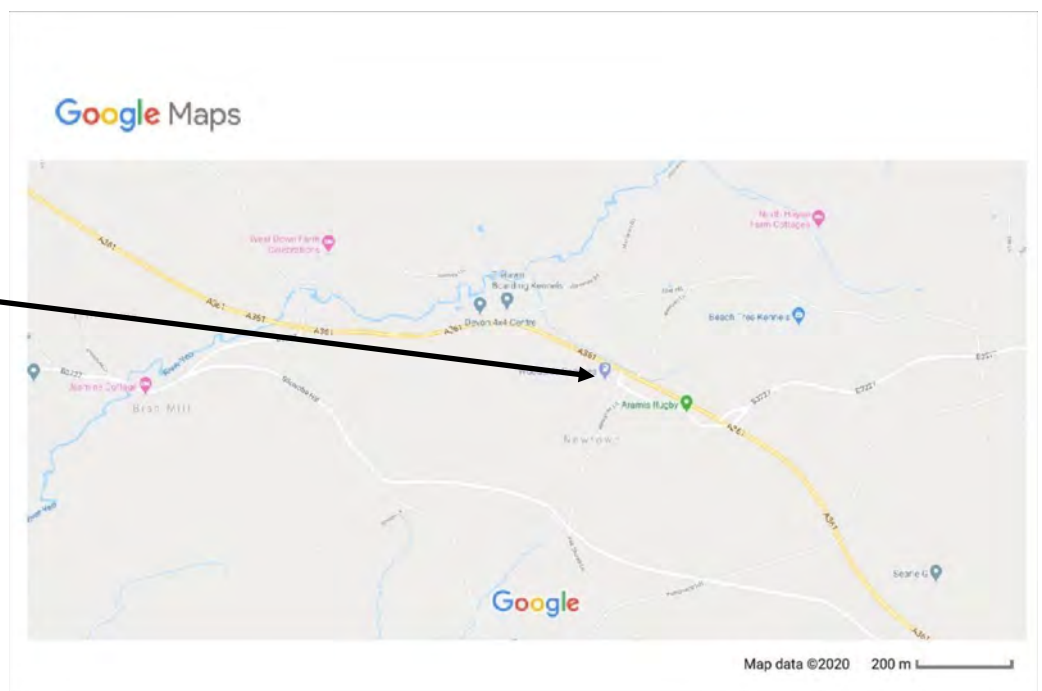
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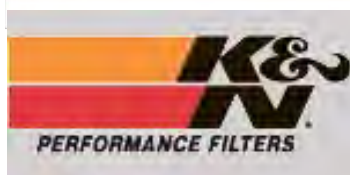
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