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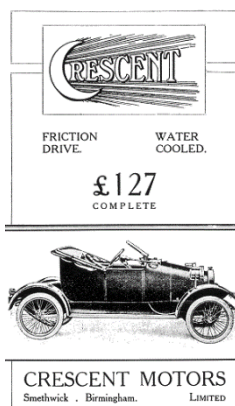
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Welcome to the 77<sup>th</sup> edition of the newsletter and I hope you are all getting ready to hug everyone from Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May! As mentioned last month Derrick Wallbank has booked a pitch for CIP and has 14 cars booked in (with space for just 2 more) on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> July and I have 8 cars already booked in for Himley on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> September. If you do want to display your classic car at either or both shows, then please contact us asap.

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If anyone knows of a car enthusiast who is looking to buy a detached house in the Sutton Coldfield area, then please contact me as I know of one! It has a double garage in the 'low maintenance' small back garden and parking for 2 or 3 more cars plus off-road parking on the front for a further 3 or 4 vehicles.

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Who knew that cars used to be made in Smethwick!

In 1911 production started in Pleck Road, Walsall on the first 'Crescent' cyclecar. It was powered by an 8hp air cooled V-twin JAP engine and was belt driven. The belt drive was not good in wet weather, so an improved friction drive model was introduced. This car had some success in trials and in December 1912 B.N Bailey won a gold medal in the very first cyclecar trial which consisted of a 100-mile route from Birmingham to Stratford-upon-Avon and back. In 1913 production

moved to Britannia Works at Smethwick where a new model was launched. It had a chain drive to one rear wheel, so no differential. This open 2-seater sold for £127 but very few were built, and production ended in 1915 after the onset of WW1.

The photo is of the only known Crescent cyclecar that has survived which was built in 1914.





This lovely 1961 Series 2 Hillman Husky is still up for grabs. It is in superb condition with less than 71,000 miles on the clock and has been dry stored for last 4 years. Charcoal grey over foam white with a red interior and all original. The sale also includes a folder full of history and model information. Engine and gearbox are sweet. A full restoration was carried out by a previous owner (5+ years ago).

Car is in Worcestershire and if anyone is interested then please contact the owner at [davel@netsteward.co.uk](mailto:davel@netsteward.co.uk) for an album of photographs/ask any more questions or e-mail me for his phone number. A bargain at only £6,500.

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John, Di, David & Carol Littley displayed their MGs at the first 2021 Middleton Hall Sunday Show on the 2<sup>nd</sup> May. These gatherings are on the first Sunday in the

month (9.30am - 4.00pm) up until 3<sup>rd</sup> October. The site opens to general visitors from 11:00am and closes to everyone at 4:00pm. Please note that a pre-booked ticket only system will be operated in May and June until all restrictions have cleared and cost is £5 per car. Cost includes the driver plus one adult and under 16 passengers.

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Paul Moran's lovely MG J2 is now halfway through its mammoth restoration with new side body panels and hand-crafted doors that fit better than when it came



out of the factory! Original 87-year-old black body panels were discovered underneath the red ones during the initial stripping out, so it has now been painted in its original factory colour. It looks a stunning job from the photo as you would expect from Paul. He has also made a new

wooden dashboard complete with matching door capping's. Time is getting near for me to go and fit the new wiring loom, connect everything up and hope it all works!







During the recent autotest at Curborough Roger T and myself got talking to Richard Hinton from Wolverhampton & South Staffordshire Car Club and he mentioned a nice local classic tour he was

organising and asked if we would publicise it for him. It will be a charity three/four-hour drive with proceeds going to The Community Foundation for Staffordshire. He has now set up a FB page for this tour and looking yesterday he stated that "Route recce completed this morning. Enquiries continue apace and hope to get an entry form published next weekend. Sorting out final details with the finish venue on Friday."

The route will visit places like Barr Beacon, Sutton Park, National Memorial Arboretum, and the finish venue will be near Wolseley Bridge (A51/A513 junction). For those of you who do not do Facebook I will endeavour to get the entry form on our website when it becomes available. I hope you will be able to support this local event organised by another local car club.

[Cannock Chase Classic Car Tour | Facebook](#)

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The British Motor Museum at Gaydon are holding monthly evening meetings on the second Tuesday of every month (5.00pm till 8.30pm) until the Autumn. These gatherings which have to be pre-booked will be held outside at the front of the museum and there are refreshments on sale including burgers, teas etc. At 6.30 the workshop doors will open and they will bring out some vehicles that are not normally seen out of the museum. Further details of this and other events can be found at [www.britishmotormuseum.co.uk](http://www.britishmotormuseum.co.uk)



Owen classic car enthusiasts Derrick Wallbank, Melvyn Cox and Howard Cottrell enjoyed a great day at Curborough last Saturday if rather wet and slippery.

Melvyn finished with a 2nd in class just behind Derrick in class 1B.



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