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CHAIRMAN'S CHAT

Hello and Welcome to the August Edition of the magazine.

Firstly, I hope everyone is getting their magazine via email, if you know of someone or have been told of someone who is not receiving it, please contact our Editor Roger Lucas and he will try and rectify it.

Our revised dates for our Saturday Morning Car Meet is now coupled for the same day and time as Pipers Car and Coffee. This is working very well, we have had lots of feedback from members attending telling me that it is much better. YCC have their own parking area where all members can park together and of course there is so much more to see. Three or four hours well spent or stay as long as you wish as some members do. This of course takes place on the second Saturday of every month, 9.00am to 12.00pm.

I'm pleased to say we attracted some new members to the club in July, so Welcome, your membership is most appreciated and we hope you enjoy your stay with the club.

On the 4th July some members attended Hardington Street Fair, this was organised by Paul and Carol Vallis and we thank them for their work.

On the 11th and 12th of July some members braved the heat and visited Powderham Castle, the organisation for this was undertaken by Chris and Joan Jones, we thank them for doing so, I understand that the weather was very hot, but a very good show.

We would be interested in anyone who attended Sherborne Classic Car Show to do an article for the magazine and let the club know how the show went. Also, any article that you think is relevant for the magazine. Please send them in.

Some dates for your diary;

Gary Wraggs Annual Picnic will be on the 9th August, see more details in the magazine. We are also proposing a Breakfast Meet at Henstridge Airfield on Saturday October 3rd, more details in the magazine.

If anyone has any queries or questions they want to ask, please do not keep them to yourself, contact me direct on 07860 262631 and I will endeavour to answer them.

Stay safe and see you soon

Merv Dawe

VICE CHAIRMAN'S NEWS

Hi All,

I hope you've all been coping during the heatwave. We noticed that there appeared to be quite a few cars on the roads, but not many people out and about. We came to the conclusion that some people were just driving around and enjoying the comfort of their air-conditioned cars when temperatures became unbearable at home. I know somebody who never goes to the seaside, but went to West Bay just to sit in a cool car!

I would like to thank everyone who brought their cars to Hardington Street Fayre on the 4th July. YCC had a display of eleven cars. It was a very pleasant afternoon with stalls, live music, entertainment, a bar, BBQ, refreshments in the village hall plus art and craft displays in the church. The pictures below were taken on the day.

Until the next time, stay safe.

Paul Vallis



YCC EVENTS 2026 (Note! The green shaded lines show the ones planned for this month).

Date		Event	Contact
January	1	New Year Meet at Pipers, 10am-2pm	Jeremy Veale
February	7	Car Meet at Pipers, 9am-12pm	Merv Dawe
	14	Valentine's Breakfast Meet	Merv & Liz Dawe
	18	Evening talk at P&R Hurt	Chris & Joan Jones
March	7	Car Meet at Pipers, 9am-12pm	Merv Dawe
	8	Club Lunch	Chris & Joan Jones
	18	Film Night at P&R Hurt	Chris & Joan Jones
April	4	Car Meet at Pipers, 9am-12pm	Merv Dawe
	15	AGM at Westlands Centre, 7.30pm	Merv Dawe, Ian Wernham
	26	Drive It Day	Merv Dawe
May	2-3	Abbey Hill Steam Rally	Alan & Sharon Miller
	2	Car Meet at Pipers, 9am-12pm	Merv Dawe
	16	Breakfast Meet	Jeremy Veale
	25	Sherborne Country Fayre	Graham Dewar
	30-31	Andersea Classic & Vintage Show	Merv & Liz Dawe
June	6	Car Meet at Pipers, 9am-12pm	Merv Dawe
	7	Bennetts Water Gardens	Merv & Liz Dawe
	21	Salisbury Motor Show	Jeremy Veale
July	4	Hardington Street Fayre	Paul Vallis
	11	Car Meet at Pipers, 9am-12pm	Merv Dawe
	11-12	Powderham Castle Crash Box Classic	Chris & Joan Jones
August	8	Car Meet at Pipers, 9am-12pm	Merv Dawe
	9	Picnic at Gary Wragg's	Merv Dawe
	16	Summer Run	Nigel Edwards, Liz Dawe
	29	Halstock Fete & Flower Show	Mike Kanter
	30-31	Honiton Hill Rally	Merv & Liz Dawe
	31	West Coker Fete	Diane Howes
September	6	Haynes Car Show	Merv & Liz Dawe
	12	Car Meet at Pipers, 9am-12pm	Merv Dawe
	18	Fish & Chip or Pie Night	Paul & Carol Vallis
October	3	Breakfast Meet Henstridge Airfield	Merv & Liz Dawe
	10	Car Meet at Pipers, 9am-12pm	Merv Dawe
	18	Autumn Colours Run	Rod & Evelyn Coleman
November	14	Car Meet at Pipers, 9am-12pm	Merv Dawe
	TBC	Mid-Week Lunch	Chris & Joan Jones
December	12	Car Meet at Pipers, 9am-12pm	Merv Dawe
	TBC	Christmas Meal	Chris & Joan Jones

Contact numbers for the event organisers can be found inside the front cover of this magazine. Please note! Some events **not** organised by YCC are also advertised in this edition.

EDITORS NOTES

Hi All,

Hope you are coping well in all this heat, we shouldn't complain really – Autumn isn't too far away & the dry weather has provided great conditions for all the events held in recent weeks & it looks like similar conditions are staying with us as we approach a new month.

Talking of events, many club members have enjoyed themselves recently at club events including the Salisbury Motor Show, the Crashbox Classic at Powderham Castle, the Hardington Street Fayre in Hardington & of course our monthly meet at our Headquarters at Pipers in Sparkford. You will see some feedback & a few pictures from these included within this issue – well done to the relevant organisers!

Looking forward, its still not too late to sign up for the Three Counties Summer Run on 16th August – entries close on the 1st August, so if you want to enter, you need to be quick! All the details are included on page 12.

Also included this month are the regs for the Autumn Colours Run on 18th October which is being run by Rod Evelyn Coleman. This has proven to be a popular event in the past so please get your enties in early. Details can be found on page 21.

You may remember from my ramblings last month that some new @yeovilcarclub.co.uk email addresses were being introduced for certain club positions. These have now been finalised & the details inside the front cover of this magazine have been updated accordingly.

If you've been following the exploits of Mason Turner, one of youngest if not currently the youngest club member, you can't help being very impressed by the progress he is making within the Karting world. Having competed recently at a National level, he is competeing internationally in South Africa at the end of July which is absolutely fantastic! The club wish him all the very best & we look forward to hearing his feedback.

Staying topical & on a local note, some of you may have seen that the site of the Clay Pigeon Karting Circuit was due to shut & be redeveloped into a holiday park. Whilst this is still likely to happen, I understand this won't be for another couple of years, so for now there has been a temporary stay of execution & motorsport will continue there in the short term which is welcome news.

That's all for now, thanks to all of this months contributors & to our advertisers for their continued support.

Take care

Rog

CLUB MERCHANDISE

Don't forget the club has a good range of shirts, polo shirts, fleeces, sweatshirts and hats plus many other items in club colours & with the club logo, all at reasonable prices. Please contact Sharon & Alan Miller for further information & to place an order. Their contact details are shown inside the front cover of this issue.



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Fun at Windwhistle Car Club Treasure Hunt – Sunday 28th June

We recently saw the mention of the above and thought we would give it a go. The start was at the Bere Cider Company, Aller. If wanted you could buy a Sausage, Bacon or Egg Torpedo roll – the sausage roll was very good!

Instructions and pens were handed out and we left about 10.15am. We had a quick look through the paperwork, where were we going to find Clare's phone no.? How many clubs? What was 90/4? Take a selfie with a cow!

After a couple of hours, we were just about at the end of the instructions when we found two lovely ladies on the side of the road (no it's not what you think!!). They gave us a second lot of instructions together with two goodie bags (bottles of water, crisps, chocolate and sweets) suitably refreshed, we set off again. Where is the squirrel? Not two in the bush? What is the BIG Bird? What is the last collection time on a Saturday? Not forgetting a picture of a swan!

Along the route we had to pull in where we were shown 12 pictures of parts of company logos which we had to identify in a minute, off we sent again.

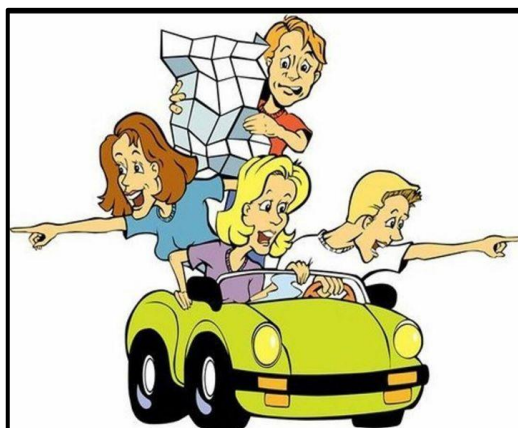
After another couple of hours of doing as many miles in reverse as forwards, we ended up back at the Bere Cider Shack where, whilst waiting for the results, you could buy a cream tea – which, of course, we did!

Out of I think 13 cars, we finished about half way. It was a very enjoyable day we were made to feel most welcome by the Windwhistle members. It must have taken a long time to plot the route and set the many questions.

We would like to thank the organisers for all their hard work in doing this.

Hopefully, if they do the same next year, we will certainly give it another go and would recommend it to club members.

Paul and Jenny Phillips



Salisbury Motor Show 21st June 2026

It was an early start for those of us that attended the Salisbury Motor Show on 21st June. The club had been invited to put on a display of cars and we had 12 cars and 23 members make the journey to the lovely old market square in the centre of Salisbury next to the impressive Guildhall.

The day dawned cloudless with blue sky and the sun shone all day. Perfect top-down driving weather, that is for those of us that can take our tops off!

Attending the show was of particular significance for me as it is my city of birth and where I lived for some 28 years. Having moved from the city in 1989 this was the first opportunity I'd had to display my TVR, so not to be missed!

The club displayed a good variety of cars under the hot sun and the show attracted a lot of people on what was Father's Day.

Lots of interest was shown in our cars whose owners were young and old. The Sporting Bears were at the show making lots of noise with their sports cars and offering dream rides for a donation to charity.

My favourite car of the show? a very nice but noisy Ford GT40 5L V8. You can't beat the sound of a V8 can you? but I might be a little biased...

The journey home was enjoyable heading back into the late afternoon sun and 3 of us cruised down the A303 in convoy. All in all, a very nice day out, I hope we get invited back next year!

Mike Cox



Powderham Castle – Crashbox Classic 11th & 12th July

Some club members made the journey down to Exeter & enjoyed a warm weekend in the sunshine at this event. Many thanks to Jeremy Veale for sending these photos in.



NOTES ON UPCOMING EVENTS

Chetnole Flower Show and Fete Saturday 1st August 2026

Display of Cars

As usual Chetnole is holding its annual Flower Show and Fete on the field in front of Chetnole House next to the Village Hall.

As always, interesting cars, including vintage, and classic cars, are most welcome to attend. There is no entry fee.

The venue is best found by using the Post Code of the adjoining Village Hall, which is DT9 6NU.

It would be good if you could arrive no later than 1pm.

The vehicle entrance is just next to the little bridge over the River Wriggle.

All are welcome just to turn up, but it would assist if entrants could let **Bob Owen** know on rowen13@uwclub.net or by phone on **01935 873064** or **07770 751793**.

Gary Wragg's Picnic

This is taking place on Sunday 9th August from 10.00am to 2.00pm. For those of you who haven't been before, Gary and Rachel invite us over for a picnic (supplied by yourself), it's very informal to meet up and look at some of Gary's vehicles, machinery and small gauge railway. For those interested please contact me for their address and so that we can let Gary know numbers. Gary makes some fantastic biscuits to go with their tea and coffee which they kindly supply.

Merv & Liz Dawe

07860 262631



You are invited to enter the Yeovil Car Club's 'Three Counties Summer Run', which is open to all club members and non-members.

We will be starting this year's run from The Café at Pipers Trimmers, Vantage Park, Goodwood Drive, Sparkford, BA22 7FQ and finishing at Henstridge Airfield, Camp Road, Henstridge Marsh, Templecombe, BA8 0TN

The route is approximately 70 miles, taking in many wonderful roads through Somerset, North Dorset and South West Wiltshire.

Drinks and refreshments are available at the start (own cost) but your entry includes a 2 course Sunday Roast at Henstridge Airfield. There is no alcohol licence but you are welcome to bring your own beer/wine, glasses will be provided. Various soft drinks available at the café.

This is a superb day out with wonderful scenery and some great driving roads ending with an excellent value 2 course Sunday lunch at an interesting venue already used by the club for a successful breakfast meet. We look forward to welcoming you on this exciting Day Tour of roads you may never have been on!

If your weekend classic car is not available you are more than welcome to bring your everyday car.

Nigel Edwards

SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS

ORGANISATION

- 1.0 The Three Counties Summer Run is a touring car assembly for cars. Modern sports cars and any other vehicles of special interest may be included at the organiser's discretion.
- 1.1 The event will take place on Sunday 16th August 2026.
- 1.2 The event is organised by Yeovil Car Club.
- 1.3 The route will be approximately 70 miles.
- 1.4 The Start will be from Pipers Café, Goodwood Drive, Sparkford, BA22 7FQ and finishing at Henstridge Airfield, Camp Road, Henstridge Marsh, BA8 0TN.
- 1.5 Entrants will be issued with a printed route.

2 ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1 All vehicles must be taxed, insured and with current MOT if appropriate.
- 2.2 Drivers must hold a valid driving licence.

3 ENTRIES

- 3.1 The closing date will be 1st August 2026. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the organiser but may not receive a rally plate or be included in the programme.
- 3.2 The entry fee, to include refreshments at the start finish, will be £26 per person for members (£29 per person for non-members).
- 3.3 Entries should be sent to Liz Dawe, The Haven, 26 Sherlands Gardens, Merriott, Somerset, TA16 5RF. No acknowledgement will be sent. Final instructions will be issued on the day.
- 3.4 Refund of entry fees will be at the organiser's discretion.

4 START AND ROUTE

- 4.1 Start will be at the Pipers Café, Goodwood Drive, Sparkford, BA22 7FQ
Cars will leave the start from 10.30 am.
- 4.2 Cars should be at the start by 10.00 am at the latest.
- 4.3 The finish will be at Henstridge Airfield, Camp Road, Henstridge Marsh, BA8 0TN.

5 CANCELLATION

- 5.1 Should unforeseen circumstances force cancellation of the event the organisers will view the return of any part of the entry fees with due consideration.

The Three Counties Summer Run
16th August 2026
ENTRY FORM

Entrant's Name

Address

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Postcode

E mail

Telephone Number: Home

Mobile:

Please tick if member of Yeovil Car Club ☐

Name of Driver(s) 1st.....

2nd

Make of Car.....Year of Manufacture

ModelType of Body

ColourRegistration Number

Menu Choice	Name	Name	Name	Name
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Beef.....				
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Chicken				
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Pork.....				
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Vegetarian.....				
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Desserts. (please enter dessert choice per person)

Apple or Rhubarb Crumble and custard/cream.....

Chocolate Cake with cream

Two scoops of Ice Cream

(Vanilla, Chocolate. Strawberry)

Coffee/Tea included afterwards

Please sign and return the Declaration form on the next page with your entry.

DECLARATION OF INDEMNITY

I have read the supplementary regulations issued for this event and agree to be bound by them and by the General Regulations of the Motor Sports Association Ltd. In consideration of the acceptance of this entry and of my being permitted to take part in this event, in respect of any parts of this event not held on a publicly adopted road, I agree to save harmless and keep indemnified the Motor Sports Association Ltd, such Person, Persons, or Body as may be authorised by the Motor Sports Association Ltd to promote or organise this event, and their respective Servants, Representatives and Agents from and against all actions, claims, costs, expenses and demands in respect of Death or Injury to or Damage to the property of Myself, my Driver(s), Passengers(s), Mechanic(s) or associated Personnel arising out of, or in connection with, this Entry or my taking part in this Event.

I enclose the entry fee

£26.00 pp Club Members (£29.00pp non-Club Members).

Please Note; Partners of Members are classed as members

Cheques payable to Yeovil Car Club Ltd

Payment by BACS can be made to Yeovil Car Club Ltd.

Sort Code. 60-24-37. Account No, 70118809 giving reference- your surname

SignedDate

Please sign the Declaration of Indemnity and return the form to;

Liz Dawe, The Haven, 26 Sherlands Gardens, Merriott, Somerset, TA16 5RF

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The Halstock Fete (BA22 9SH) is on Saturday 29th August & gates open at 12.00 noon. This promises to be a great afternoon & members are invited to display their vehicle(s) on the Classic & Interesting Vehicles stand. Pre -registration is required, so if you are interested in attending, please contact Mike Kanter (see details below).

The fete includes a super flower show in the Village Hall, arena displays including a tug-of-war, bar, live music, Thai food, ice cream, pizzas, tea & cakes, BBQ, craft, books and plants stalls, flying model aircraft, model boats and steam trains, silent auction, raffles & tombola.

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Another date for your diary if you are interested in attending.

West Coker Village Fete, Monday 31st August 2026 11am - 4pm

Join fellow club members and display your **vintage, classic or any other interesting vehicle** at this village fete. This is open to **ALL** members regardless of what you drive. Please let Di Howes know either via telephone on 01935 863371 / 07811 820524 or via email howesdiane@yahoo.co.uk There will be various stalls, plus food (burgers & cakes) and a bar, it's a lovely way to spend a late summer's day with fellow car enthusiasts.



Please note cars will need to be in place by 10.30am

Haynes Classic Car Show, September 6th

We have 21 cars attending and we will email all those who are going 5 days prior to the show to let you know details and time to arrive - Merv and Liz Dawe.

Llanerchindda Farm

We are visiting Wales in September for a four day trip, arriving on Monday 21st and departing on Thursday 24th. On the Tuesday and Wednesday they are organising scenic tours of the area. We have 11 rooms booked, 22 people and we have been advised that they have one double room and one single available if anyone is interested.

The cost is £375 per person, which includes bed, breakfast, 3 course evening meal, route maps and rally plate.

I have been reliably informed that this is a well planned and enjoyable event from others who have gone in the past, in fact they are mentioned in a lot of well known motoring press.

You do not need to take a classic vehicle or a car you are not too sure of, your every day car is perfectly acceptable.

For further details, please do not hesitate to contact me - Merv Dawe 07860 262631.

Breakfast Meet, Henstridge Airfield

This will take place on the 3rd October at Henstridge Airfield, as with our events, no one is going to object as to which vehicle you bring, we are hoping that all our vehicles will be parked together. No doubt there will be aircraft landing and taking off and for those of you who didn't attend in March, the Restaurant is just across the runway from the Air Ambulance. We know this is not in Yeovil, but it is a very social morning without being rushed out of the restaurant. The food is good and sensibly priced, please arrive by 10.00am.

If interested and we hope you are, please contact us as soon as you can.

Merv and Liz Dawe

07860 262631

MOTORSPORT RADIO LINK NEWS

Anyone wishing to go out on the following events, contact me ASAP on 01460 61224 or at e-mail enricostone8@gmail.com. I will do my best to contact the organisers and get you a place for the event.

If you have found an event you are interested in, that's not on the list, please also let me know.

If you would like to join us at a rally to see how it works or if you would like to learn the ropes, feel free to contact us.

August 2026

9 th August	Gareth Hall Rally	Trawsfynydd Bala
30 th August	Mewla Stages	Buith Wells

Eric & Maggie Stone - Yeovil 7 Safety Radio Car



THE AUTUMN COLOURS RUN

18th October 2026

A YEOVIL CAR CLUB EVENT

A scenic run of around 65 miles

Taking in Bullbarrow, Milton

Abbas, Bovington and Wareham.

Starting at

The Virginia Ash, Henstridge for tea/coffee.

10:00am for signing on.

Leave at 10:30am for a tour around Dorset with plenty of places on route to stop, explore and possibly have a picnic.



SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS

ORGANISATION

1.0 The Autumn Colours Run is a touring car assembly for cars. modern sports cars and any other vehicles of special interest may be included at the organiser's discretion.

1.1 The event will take place on Sunday 18th October 2026

1.2 The event is organised by Yeovil Car Club

1.3 The route will be approximately 65 miles

1.4 The Start will be Virginia Ash, Henstridge,

1.5 Entrants will be issued with a route book

2 ELIGIBILITY

2.1 All vehicles must be taxed, insured and with current MOT if appropriate

2.2 Drivers must hold a valid driving licence

3 ENTRIES

3.1 The closing date will be 11th October 2026. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the organiser

3.1 The entry fee, to include tea/coffee and a bacon roll at the start and a cream tea at the finish, will be £20.00 per car **(Driver and Navigator)** for members (£22.00 per car for non-members)

Extra passengers £6.00 per head.

3.2 Entries should be sent to Rod Coleman, 17 Bowden Road, Templecombe, Somerset. BA8 0LE. Refund of entry fees will be at the organisers' discretion

4 START AND ROUTE

4.1 Start will be at the Virginia Ash Henstridge.

Cars will leave the start from 10.30 am.

4.2 Cars should be at the start by 10.00 am at the latest for signing on.

5 CANCELLATION

5.1 Should unforeseen circumstances force cancellation of the event the organisers will view the return of any part of the entry fees with due consideration.

The YCC Autumn Colours Run 2026

18th October 2026

ENTRY FORM

Entrant's Name

Address

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Postcode

E mail

Telephone Number: Home.....

Mobile:.....

Please tick if member of Yeovil Car Club: ☐

Name of Driver(s) 1st

2nd

Make of Car.....Year of Manufacture

ModelType of Body

ColourRegistration Number.....

Please give details of any special history or points of interest that may be printed in the entry list

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Please sign the Declaration of Indemnity overleaf and return form to:-

Rod Coleman, 17 Bowden Road, Templecombe, Somerset. BA8 0LE.

DECLARATION OF INDEMNITY

I have read the supplementary regulations issued for this event and agree to be bound by them and by the General Regulations of the Motor Sports Association Ltd. In consideration of the acceptance of this entry and of my being permitted to take part in this event, in respect of any parts of this event not held on a publicly adopted road, I agree to save harmless and keep indemnified the Motor Sports Association Ltd, such Person, Persons, or Body as may be authorised by the Motor Sports Association Ltd to promote or organise this event, and their respective Servants, Representatives and Agents from and against all actions, claims, costs, expenses and demands in respect of Death or Injury to or Damage to the property of Myself, my Driver(s), Passengers(s), Mechanic(s) or associated Personnel arising out of, or in connection with, this Entry or my taking part in this Event.

I enclose the entry fee

£20.00 per car **(Driver and Navigator)** for Yeovil Car Club members (£22.00 non-members)

Extra passengers £6.00 per head

Total

Cheques payable to Yeovil Car Club Ltd

Signed Date

Rod Coleman, 17 Bowden Road, Templecombe, Somerset. BA8 0LE.

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We collect your information when you fill in your membership application or renewal form, and event entry forms. The information you give us may include your contact details, name address and telephone number or email address and vehicle details.

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This Month's Cover Picture - VW T6 Transporter

This month's cover vehicle is owned by club members Jon & Sally Baggott & here Jon shares the heart-warming story of its significance.

In March 2025 I began a course of chemotherapy. Perhaps not the usual start to a Tyre Squeals article, but please bear with me!

I didn't know how it would turn out, so I decided to aim for a 'bucket list' goal – to be a van driver again. I had driven vans in the 1970's before, during, and after my teacher training (think Bedford CA and CF, Austin JU250 and Leyland Sherpa). I appreciated the higher driving position long before the arrival of SUV's; and my wife is a keen cyclist, so I thought that if we bought and spec'd a nice van, whatever happened to me, she would have the opportunity to enjoy her hobby with her friends, plus a great vehicle for family holidays.

Sally has done a few cycling trips where she and friends have paid for a support vehicle, and I hoped to be available instead – and I don't charge as much!

We had already owned a T2 VW Bay Window campervan for eight years, and sold it when Covid made trips nigh on impossible, so a newer VW was the obvious choice (and likely to be less rust-prone and able to climb steep hills!)

So, there I was, hooked up to the chemo intravenous machine at St Margaret's Hospice near Yeovil, searching through Autotrader on my laptop! This led to two dealer visits, and the second yielded the van we bought – an ex-Motability 2019 T6 Shuttle DSG.

These need careful selecting; some have hoists and/or ramps fitted, and this often means a smaller fuel tank and a different exhaust system. Also, unscrupulous traders sometimes remove the mechanisms with an angle grinder, then cover the hole with plywood and a new carpet – buyer beware!

Ours was a straightforward nine-seater long wheelbase Shuttle, preferred to the more upmarket Caravelle because it has hard-wearing carpet more suited to carrying mucky bikes!

Combi vans can work, but they are registered as commercial vehicles, which can affect road tax rates. Shuttles are DVLA category M1, so are treated as cars, the same as, say, a Ford Galaxy.

Interestingly, our insurance company suggested we permanently remove the third row of seats, thus making ours a six seater. This suited us anyway, because we wanted the space for up to five bikes, and had no intention to carry more than five passengers.

The engine is the tried and tested single turbo 150 bhp diesel (which tends to be more reliable than the twin-turbo variant but quicker than the lower powered version). I wanted a late T6, not a T6.1, because the latter have electric power steering to enable that ghastly lane departure warning system to operate, plus nowhere to rest one's left foot! The 6.1 also has fewer 'real' buttons and a larger touchscreen – not to my taste, I'm afraid!

Sally and I had really enjoyed planning and designing together the refurbishment of our home in Castle Cary, and so I thought the modifications to the van would be another project we could work on together.

Sally is, like me, a keen driver, and understands the trade-off between comfort and handling. We discussed the merits and shortcomings of the different cars we've owned, and the experience of several BMW's was particularly helpful as we refined our choices. We settled on SoLow NSL adjustable dampers and springs, plus 20" Calibre wheels and Michelin Cross Climate tyres. The van is currently lowered by 80 mm.

Sally was also keen to have heated seats and a powered tailgate (they are quite heavy!), and I wanted the Audi-style LED headlamps and indicators, plus a rear spoiler and dark tinted windows. We chose orange for the decals to contrast the metallic grey paintwork, and for the brake calipers too. I designed the orange script for the tailgate (Of Delight) and the driver's door (Go Nice).

Chris Ryland, who runs the Van Cave in South Petherton, did all the work, except the window tints and the decal application. He also gave us excellent advice throughout and kept us up to date with progress.

Subsequently, the van has had Lanoguard underseal professionally applied.

From some initial scepticism (*another* midlife crisis, Jon?), Sally and stepdaughter Sarah are now complete converts! Sarah and her husband are insured on the van, and have taken it for a family holiday to France (a well as dump runs and collecting building materials and furniture!). I've been the support vehicle driver for Sally and some friends around the Isle of Wight, and will be doing a similar trip with the Wincanton Wheelers (Sally is the secretary).

But the biggest adventure was in May 2026 – Sally and a friend cycled from Lands End to John O'Groats, a fourteen-day trip, over a thousand miles, and the opportunity to raise over £2,000 for the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance.

So, it's been an amazing journey; I'm clear of the cancer so far, and we now have a truly personalised van which we all enjoy so much. If I had to sell all my vehicles save one, that one would be our VW T6!

Jon & Sally Baggott

BREAKFAST MEET AT VANTAGE PARK



The following photo's were taken at the July Breakfast meet, thanks to our Vice Chairman Paul for sending them in.





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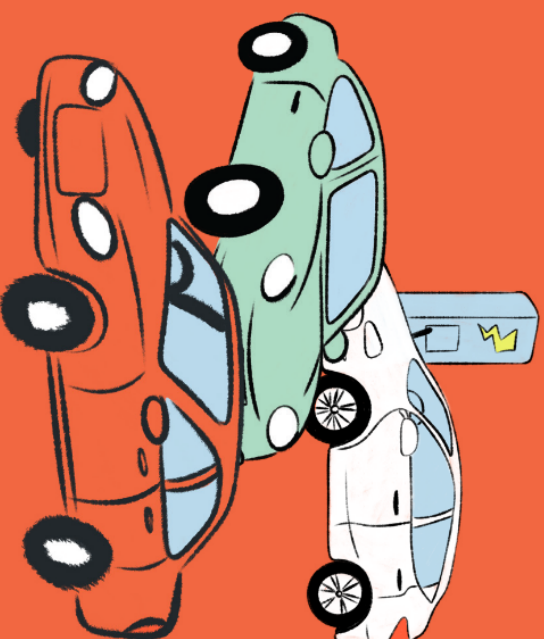
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