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The Magazine of Yeovil Car Club



'Lovely Brenda'

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CHAIRMAN'S CHAT

Welcome to the June magazine,

Drive-it Day, 26th April, this year this was held at our new headquarters at Vantage Park, courtesy of the Piper family. We had a good turnout, met some new people who joined the club that day, so I say to them welcome to the club and I hope you enjoy your stay with the club. The weather stayed fine, thank you to all who turned up and thank you to the Piper family for their hospitality.

We would like to thank Alan and Sharon Miller for organising Abbey Hill Stream Rally again this year, I understand they had a good attendance on the Saturday, despite a drop of rain but fewer cars on the Sunday, We would like to thank Jeremy and Rod for transporting the gazebos etc, there and back and of course Eric and Diane Howes for supplying the tea and coffee and generally assisting Alan and Sharon over the two days, I'm led to believe some members went up on the Monday as well.

2nd May, we had a Car Meet at Vantage Park, Sparkford, considering Abbey Hill was also taking place we had a surprisingly good turn out, it was suggested we cancel this in May, but the committee thought it was a good idea to go ahead.

A couple of dates for your Calander, Bennetts Water Gardens, Sunday June 7th and also in this month's magazine the entry form for the Three Counties Summer Run.

I've been watching the progress of Mason Turner on his Face Book Page, again this year he is doing well and I hope he continues to do so.

Until next time stay safe.

Merv.

VICE CHAIRMAN'S NEWS

Hi All,

On the 15th May our President Colin Gosney rang me with the very sad news that his lovely wife Brenda had passed away. She was a longstanding member of YCC who was loved and respected by all. She will be missed and we send our heartfelt condolences to Colin and his family at this difficult time.

Road trips.... Before a recent trip, I started to think about how most of us probably planned our past journeys. We would sit down with a trusty and hopefully up to date road atlas, scribble down the entire route from start to finish, highlighting the A and B roads and note the places and villages of interest. Sometimes the route would include picnic stops (weather permitting), a pub or two and comfort breaks. After all this we would then try to remember to pack it in car and even better, place it somewhere for easy access. Did we often get lost? Well, the answer is yes. How did we know about diversions and road closures? No chance. Did we have a navigator who didn't know left from right? Yes, we did! Did we have a navigator who could only read a map upside down..... well sometimes.

Another form of navigation that I used was the good old Ordnance Survey map. If you could master this and read an O/S map using given reference coordinates, then well done. I believe it is one of the most satisfying ways of map reading left and for a rally car navigator to read out information to the driver from a map at speed is very skilful and to applauded.

Today is a very different story for most of us. Now relying on Sat Nav is just a case of tapping in a post code or talking to it and off we go. Marvellous!

Please don't throw your old road atlas away, better still place it in your car just in case! My wife doesn't agree and says "How many old atlas's does one person need?"

Until the next time, stay safe.

Paul Vallis

BRENDA GOSNEY

This is one of the hardest things I have had to do since I became chairman in 2018, to inform the club members of the very, very sad news that Brenda passed away today the 15th of May.

As most of you will know, but some wouldn't, Brenda was the wife of our President Colin, so Brenda has been involved with the club for over 50 years. As recently as our AGM, Brenda spoke up about one or two items that was passionate to her, although she was quite ill at the time. Not only did Brenda have her own business, she no doubt helped Colin with his. She looked after the merchandise for the club for many years and whenever you saw her, she always had a smile for everyone she met.

Colin told me some months ago when Brenda was in Taunton Hospital that the name the nurses put on her door was 'Lovely Brenda'. How true that was, Brenda was a lovely woman, she was a wife, a mother, a grandmother and a great grandmother, not only will she be sadly missed by Colin but everyone who knew her in the Car Club.

'Lovely Brenda', RIP

Merv Dawe – Club Chairman



Brenda's favourite car-husband Colin's MG YA.

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	Car Meet at Pipers, 9am-12pm	Merv Dawe
	4	Hardington Street Fayre	Paul Vallis
	11-12	Powderham Castle Crash Box Classic	Chris & Joan Jones
August	1	Car Meet at Pipers, 9am-12pm	Merv Dawe
	9	Picnic at Gary Wragg's	Merv Dawe
	16	Summer Run	Nigel Edwards, Liz Dawe
	30-31	Honiton Hill Rally	Merv & Liz Dawe
	31	West Coker Fete	Diane Howes
September	5	Car Meet at Pipers, 9am-12pm	Merv Dawe
	6	Haynes Car Show	Merv & Liz Dawe
	12	Breakfast Meet	Merv Dawe
	18	Fish & Chip or Pie Night	Paul & Carol Vallis
	3	Car Meet at Pipers, 9am-12pm	Merv Dawe
October	18 or 25	Autumn Colours Run	Rod & Evelyn Coleman
	5	Car Meet at Pipers, 9am-12pm	Merv Dawe
November	TBC	Mid-Week Lunch	Chris & Joan Jones
	5	Car Meet at Pipers, 9am-12pm	Merv Dawe
December	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.

ABBEY HILL STEAM FAIR

Sharon & Alan Miller and Di & Eric Howes would like to thank all members who helped set up & dismantle the YCC pitch and supported us at the Abbey Hill Steam Fair, 3rd & 4th May.

We had an excellent display of cars on the Saturday, but not quite so many on the Sunday. Everyone enjoyed tea, coffee (Di kept the hot water supplied) & delicious cake made by Evelyn Coleman, Heather Caplen & Chris McMurray.

Thank you - it was a good show with a lot of interesting vehicles on display & plenty to see & do. Below are a few photos of club members & their cars from that weekend.



ABBEY HILL STEAM FAIR – CONT'D

Carey Carnell must be the oldest or one of the oldest members of Yeovil Car Club. At 91 years old he drove his 1953 MG TD from Mark, near Burnham on Sea with an open top!

Unfortunately, on Saturday afternoon the rain came in and Carey drove home in pouring rain.

Well done Carey - what a legend!



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.

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NOTES ON UPCOMING EVENTS

Bennetts Water Gardens,

This is taking place on Sunday the 7th June, making our own way there at our own pace, to arrive at approximately 10.00 am, I am told the water lilies will be out in full bloom, if you have never seen the gardens in full bloom, they are a sight to be seen. Tea/coffee and food is on site to purchase or if you prefer to bring your own picnic there is a picnic area for you to use. You can stay as long as you like, there will be club parking together. The cost of this event is £13.50p per person, which includes entry to the gardens plus a small admin fee for the club.

We need to know numbers by the 3rd June at the latest, please contact Merv & Liz Dawe on telephone number 07860 262631.

Summer Garden Party, Norwood House, Corscombe, 13th June 2026

Hiya folks,

Another great opportunity for Classic & Interesting Vehicle enthusiasts to meet up.

This time after leaving the Haynes Auto Jumble on 13 June, maybe.

The Summer Garden Party proceeds are to help support the roof rebuilding of the beautiful old Anglo-Saxon church in Halstock, the historic slates are literally falling away.

The organisers would like to have a display of classic cars at the garden party location between 15.00 and 18.00. The details of the event are shown on the attached poster.

The entrance fee of £5 will be waived to classic car occupants on presentation of this note.

We hope to see you at this stunning garden setting.

Mike (& Ros) Kanter

P.S If you think you can make it, a confirmation email to me would be appreciated.

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Invitation from Windwhistle Car Club – The Big Summer Treasure Hunt on 28th Jun 2026



Starting at The Bere Cider Company, Woodpecker Lodge, Bere Road Aller, TA10 0QX

Arrival from 9am, first car away 10am.

There will be tea, coffee and the traditional bacon rolls at the start and a cream tea at the finish. Food to be paid for on the day. Please let us know the number of people

that require food at the start and at the finish venues.

Entries to Nick Gibbs via email please gibbsbuilders@gmail.com

or, if you cannot email, contact Nick via telephone on 07887 861283 with the following information

- Name
- Number of people for food at Start and Finish
- Entry fee £15.00 please pay by bacs to NatWest with:

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The poster is for the Hardington Village Street Fayre. At the top, a blue banner with a scalloped edge contains the title 'Hardington Village Street Fayre' in a large, black, serif font. Above the banner are several colorful triangular flags (red, yellow, green, red). Below the banner, the text 'Calling All Stallholders!' is written in a bold, black, sans-serif font. To the left of this text is a red banner with a scalloped edge that says 'Craft & Food Stalls' in white, with a small illustration of a cupcake and a teapot. To the right is a blue banner with a scalloped edge that says 'Live Music & Entertainment' in white, with a small illustration of musical notes. Below the main title, the date and time 'Saturday 4th July 2026, 12-4pm' are written in a black, sans-serif font. The text 'We're looking for enthusiastic stallholders to join our vibrant community event, celebrating its 16th Year !' is written in a black, sans-serif font. Below this, a paragraph states: 'We are over 50% full but are looking for artisans selling adult and or children's clothing, sweet treats, dog toys/treats pet accessories , or local produce, we'd love to have you be part of the fun.' Another paragraph follows: 'Come and showcase your products, meet the community, and enjoy a lively afternoon filled with entertainment, food, and family activities.' To the left of this paragraph is a cartoon illustration of a dog holding a yellow sign that says 'Fun Dog Show'. Below the paragraphs, the text 'To book a stall or find out more: Contact Kate at hardingtonvsf@gmail.com' is written in a black, sans-serif font. At the bottom, the text 'Let's make this year's Hardington Street Fayre the best one yet!' is written in a black, sans-serif font. At the very bottom, there are two social media icons: an Instagram icon and a Facebook icon, both followed by the text 'HARDINGTONVSF' and 'HARDINGTON VILLAGE STREET FAYRE' respectively.

Hardington Village Street Fayre

Calling All Stallholders!

Saturday 4th July 2026, 12-4pm

We're looking for enthusiastic stallholders to join our vibrant community event, celebrating its 16th Year !

We are over 50% full but are looking for artisans selling adult and or children's clothing, sweet treats, dog toys/treats pet accessories , or local produce, we'd love to have you be part of the fun.

Come and showcase your products, meet the community, and enjoy a lively afternoon filled with entertainment, food, and family activities.

To book a stall or find out more:
Contact Kate at hardingtonvsf@gmail.com

Let's make this year's Hardington Street Fayre the best one yet!

 **HARDINGTONVSF**  **HARDINGTON VILLAGE STREET FAYRE**

If you are interested in attending this event, please contact Paul Vallis.

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**.

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* Saturdays 8.00am – 1.00pm

*(PLEASE NOTE: Subject to events we attend, calling before a visit on Saturdays is advisable)



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 Model

.....Type of Body Colour

.....Registration 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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Deserts. (please enter desert choice per person)

Apple or Rhubarb Crumble and custard/cream.....				
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Chocolate Cake with cream				
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Two scoops of Ice Cream				
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(Vanilla, Chocolate. Strawberry)

Coffee/Tea included afterwards

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

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

Once again I have been asked to organise a display of classic and vintage cars at the above.

This is always a good day with the usual burgers, cream teas and bar, together with stalls and entertainment.

If you would like to join Yeovil Car Club stand, please let me know.

Diane Howes

howesdiane@yahoo.co.uk

07811820524

Haynes Classic Car Show, September 6th

You will have course seen the email regarding this show, we have now got the 20 car spaces we booked full, but, if you haven't booked with us to put your car on our pitch, please contact Merv Dawe and we will endeavour to book additional space.

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.

@Masonturnerracing

Editors Note - In last months magazine I featured local Karting youngster Mason Turner who is competing successfully at a National level and who gave a talk to club members back in March. Here we catch up with Mason's latest race reports from May 2026.

On Sunday May 3rd, I headed to Shenington kart track for round 2 of the Club100 Junior SLW Championship.

The day started well coming in the top 3 for testing and then top 5 in my group for practice

Quali – I went out and quickly realised there was an issue with my kart, it was lacking pace and pulling to one side, so I made the choice to change it. Unfortunately, this meant instead of 11 minutes to qualify I only had 6 so I had to get the kart warmed up and put in some quick laps fast! I managed a good time and Qualified 13th in the A pre final.

Pre A final – I started P13 and managed to survive the start. For the rest of the race, I picked off the drivers ahead of me and got myself up to P7 by the end of the race.

A final – I started P7 and got up to P4 by the first corner but unfortunately a false start was called. The driver in second was now aware of when first place was going to accelerate, this meant the other side of the grid got a much better start. I was hung out to dry and lost a few positions. The kart was also slightly down on power on the exit of the corners but was manageable. I got myself up to P8, but was bumped and passed meaning I lost a few positions to the drivers behind. On the final corner of the race, I sent a huge divebomb and made it stick meaning I finished in P10.

A good day finishing both races inside the top ten, but I think qualifying could have gone better if I'd had a warm kart and slipstream as it is important at Shenington. Also, a good haul of points for the championship that puts me up to P8.

Looking forward to the next round at Rissington!

Thank you to my sponsors for their continued support including [#Yeovil Car Club](#)



Sunday 10th May - Win at Dunkeswell Round 3!

I headed to Dunkeswell for round 3 of the (Rental Sprint) Championship. Unfortunately, I wasn't able to attend the first 2 rounds as I had race clashes, so I was really excited to be able to come along to this round.

I started with a 15 min qualifying session where I ended up 8th in the A final.

A-Final – I knew I needed to get to the front quickly or the front starters would pull away.

I managed to get myself up to P4 by the end of the first lap and then up to P2 by the end of the second lap. Now I worked together with P3 to catch up to P1 as she had a huge gap already.

We managed to catch up and I made my move up to 1st.

After a great race with the two drivers behind me I brought the kart home in P1

Winning round 3 of the Dunkeswell Championship!

I'd like to thank my sponsors who make my racing possible including [#Yeovil Car Club](#)



BREAKFAST MEET AT VANTAGE PARK



Below are a few photos of vehicles taken at the May Breakfast meet.



BREAKFAST MEET AT HAMISH'S

A very enjoyable time was had at Hamish's Farm Shop & Cafe on the 16th May for members to get together & have breakfast. Many thanks to Kate & all her staff for making us so welcome!!



MEMBERS CAR FOR SALE

1965 Singer Gazelle 1600cc



This car was purchased by the current owner on May 27th 2017.

Shortly afterwards in August the car won "best unrestored or original condition car " in the Purbeck Rally.

Interior.

Since purchasing the car the owner has had the drivers seat repaired, all carpets replaced, a new roof lining (by Pipers) and new furlflex round all the doors.

Exterior.

Bare metal body restoration, new windscreen, bespoke stainless steel exhaust, re manufactured external sun visor which has been sprayed red along with the roof, full set of whitewall tyres and electronic ignition fitted.

This car is well known within the club, has had only 4 previous owners, has never been stored off road and has a complete history file.

Price guide - offers in the region of £7000.

If interested please contact Gary Doodney on 01935 814779 for more information or to arrange a viewing.

CLUB INFORMATION

WEBSITE: www.yeovilcarclub.com

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Committee Meetings are held every month at our Vantage Park Headquarters.

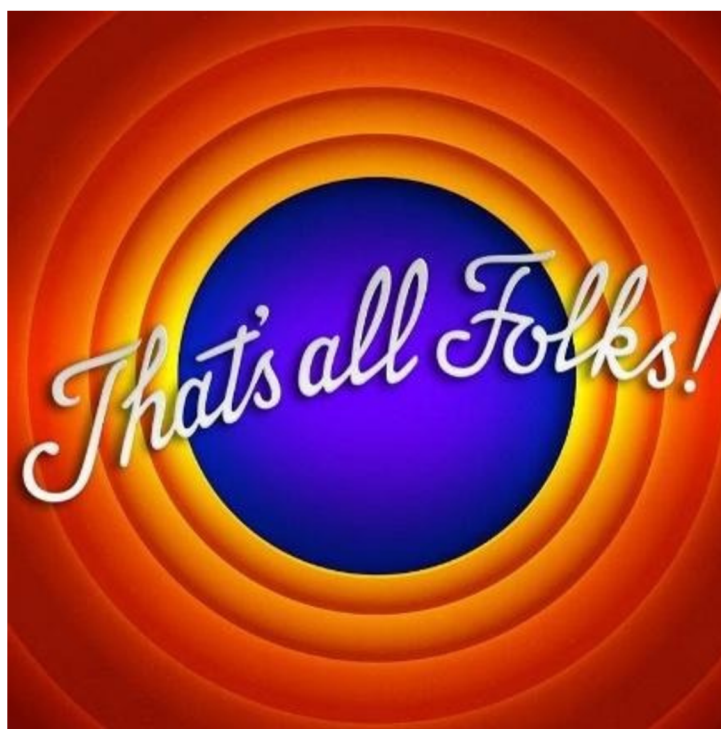
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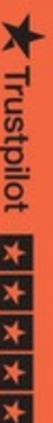
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