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CHAIRMAN'S CHAT

Hello and Welcome to the September Edition of the magazine.

With Roger being on holiday, this month has worked out well as he has given us a couple of extra days to get our scribblings in.

Our Car Meets on the second Saturday of each month at Pipers Car & Coffee are working out extremely well. As you know, the Car Club has its own designated space and in August we had so many members there, which was great, we had to park some elsewhere! The Cars & Coffee side for Piper's seems to be growing month by month and there is always an interesting array of cars to see. I think we are very fortunate to call Vantage Park our headquarters, it is truly a super venue.

On the 9th August, Gary Wragg invited the club to his Annual Picnic, this was very poorly attended by the club, only 4 or 5 cars there. We also felt extremely sorry for Gary and Rachel as they went to a lot of trouble to accommodate the club, i.e. baking biscuits and cakes, but we thank Gary and Rachel for their hospitality and invite.

On the 16th August we did our Summer Run. We met from about 9.00am onwards at Vantage Park for tea and coffee, then departed with Liz and myself being the first car away at 10.30 am. This was a super run through some lovely country side, some splendid quaint villages and finishing at Henstridge Airfield for lunch & leaving for home about 4pm.

My thanks go to Nigel Edwards for all the route organisation, which was greatly appreciated and to Liz for doing the admin. It was so nice to see such an array of vehicles on the run, ranging from classic, sports cars and modern every day cars, this is exactly what the club is all about today.

Three more events which will happen in August and will be reported on next time are Halstock Fete and Flower Show, Honiton Hill Rally, and West Coker Fete, I hope they will all be well attended. Looking forward to the 6th September, The Haynes Classic Car Show, which I'm led to believe will be bigger than last year, plus the Car Meet at Vantage Park on the 12th.

At this time, I know our committee member Joan Jones is in hospital and we wish her a speedy recovery to get back home.

See you soon

Merv Dawe

VICE CHAIRMAN'S NEWS

Hi All,

Just to let you know that we will holding another Pie Night.

When: 25th September 2026

Time: 6:30pm

Where:

The Village Cafe,
The Old Coach Yard,
East Coker
BA22 9HY

Parking is available.

Pies:

Chicken and mushroom
Beef
Vegetable pie

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Price: £17.50 pp

Please let me know asap if you're attending and let me have your menu choice no later than 17th September.

Please email, phone or text to paulvallis1@gmail.com or 07976786307

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,

I'm writing this issues notes a little earlier than normal as I will be on holiday between the 16th & 25th of August, so I'm preparing some of the content now so that there is less to do when I get back. That said, you should still receive this before the start of the new month.

Firstly, a point of clarification from Rod Coleman who has alerted me to a small 'faux pas' (i.e c*ck up 🤦) that was made in the Autumn Colour Regs included in last months issue. Although it was advertised, Rod apologises that sadly there will be no cream tea included in this event. The primary reason being to keep the entry cost down, however there will be plenty of opportunity to purchase refreshments along the route if required. A copy of the revised regs is included on page 16.

August has been a busy month for the club with 6 events listed in the calendar. It's true to say that the monthly meet at Pipers on the August 8th was very well attended, however I received an email from a member who went to the advertised event the following day.

Hi Roger,

I am writing to say as a member of YCC how disappointed I was at the attendance to Gary Wragg's picnic, there were only 4 YCC cars there & this is from a club with more than 200 members!

I know it's a busy time of year, but where are the members?

It must be disheartening for the organisers.

Regards

Richard

When you balance this with summer holidays, other club events you plan on attending or have attended, family life etc, its easy to come up with a reason why you can't attend, but Richard does make a very valid point here. A lot of time & effort goes into planning events & typically it's the same people who organise the majority of them. Hopefully you will have seen some feedback from members who have attended recent events & have had a good time, so if you are able to, I'd encourage as many of you as possible to sign up to & support future events.

As a footnote to this, Richard sent in the following photo & added;

NO ONE CAN DO EVERYTHING, BUT EVERYONE CAN DO SOMETHING 😊



The Clubs new website has been up & running for several months now & personally I think it looks really good. It has more features than the previous one & has been brought right up to date. If you haven't taken a look at it yet it can be found [here](#). If you are interested in having your car displayed in the Members Section, please email a photo & a few details about it to treasurer@yeovilcarclub.co.uk and he will arrange it.

Its great to see our youngest club member Mason Turner continuing his karting success on the international stage, so I won't elaborate too much, but his report from his time competing in South Africa can be found later in this issue.

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

Take care

Rog

THIS MONTH'S COVER CAR

1980 Mk2 Ford Escort 1600 Sport

As many of you will know, I have a passion for Mk1 & Mk2 Ford Escorts, so I was delighted when Bob Wilding arrived at our August Club meet at Pipers in his immaculate Mk2 1600 Sport. Bob has owned the car for a couple of years and it was in good condition when it became his, but with his keen eye and attention to detail, Bob had some very minor paint & decal issues addressed as well as it having a thorough service with the results speaking for themselves. The car had many admirers on the day & so it should, it's a lovely vehicle.

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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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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SHERBORNE CASTLE CLASSIC AND SUPERCAR SHOW 2026

On 26th July I attended this year's Classic and Supercar Show at a very dry Sherborne Castle.

An alarming rainy start, as we were arriving, resulted in much frantic work with a chamois around the field, but we were then treated to as good a day for a show as you could ask for, sunny and dry but not too hot.

The Show itself of course focusses heavily on modern sports and supercars, which brings in the crowds, with several sessions of fast and noisy passes down the Castle Drive by Lamborghinis, Ferraris and Porsches etc.

But every year the Show spotlights a single marque and this year it was Alfa Romeo. The regular commentator, my old friend Wayne Scott, had done a lot of homework, so his outline of the history as he presented a number of splendid out of the ordinary, and a few well turned out but ordinary, Alfas was pretty good.

Although many potential exhibitors had been discouraged by the increase in stand prices this year, there were a good number of visiting Alfas, and a large selection of other visiting classic cars parked on the now traditional field as you enter the castle grounds. In the main field there were delegations from some of the larger marque clubs, such as Rolls Royce, Bentley, Aston Martin, Porsche and Jaguar and, by way of contrast, Citroen 2CVs.

I should mention, though I did not get a photograph, that the club was represented, as our President, Colin Gosney, was present on the VIP stand in his blue YCC shirt, with his excellent MG WA Convertible.

Bob Owen



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THREE COUNTIES SUMMER RUN – 16th AUGUST 2026

Fortunately it was a cooler but very pleasant English Summer Sunday for the 16th August Three Counties Summer Run.

It was well attended with 20 cars (Triumphs reigning supreme with 4 different models) and 43 participants!

The start at Pipers, Sparkford in Somerset (monthly HQ of the Club) was an excellent beginning with Larry Piper and his mother looking after us very well with coffees, teas and biscuits or cakes!

It gave everyone a chance for a good chat and a wander around the marvellous array of cars. Those of both participants and ones in for superb interior trim work by the Piper family. Those awaiting work or collection included an early Bristol, a BMW CS, Aston Martin Vantage and Vanquish and a subdued looking Lamborghini Aventador in Lime Green!

Members turned up in the aforesaid Triumphs (Stag, 2500's and TR4), Fiat 500, Alpine A110, like new Daimler Sovereign and Morris Marina, Audi TT, MGF, JCW Mini Roadster, a rare Ford Zephyr and totally original Vauxhall Nova to name but a few - all in great order and condition many with lovely histories.

The Tour was flagged away on time by the organiser Nigel Edwards and some beautiful sweeping B roads and a few wonderful country lanes followed over the next 72 miles taking in the Three Counties.

Briefly down the A303 and into Wiltshire with Norton Ferris, Maiden Bradley, Kingston Deverill and Mere, then on to Dorset passing through wonderful sounding Tollard Royal, home of Guy Ritchie (Madonna's ex husband) and Olympic Gold Medal and Badminton Three Day event winner William Fox Pitt. Then on to Sixpenny Handley, Bower Chalke, Ebbesbourne Wake and Berwick St John to name but a few great English village names!

A stop in Shaftesbury was a must for some who had not previously seen the famous Gold Hill (of Hovis and Austin Healey 3000 advert fame).

By then navigators could start to relax a bit to cover the last 10 miles stretch through East and West Stour and end up at Henstridge Airfield for the delicious and very well earned Sunday Roast followed by wonderful chocolate cake or fabulous Apple Crumble.

Geoff the owner of the fully operational airfield and modern cafe/ restaurant and his ultra efficient staff were/ are a great place to end a really enjoyable and fun day out in the wonderfully eclectic mix of Club Members' cherished classics.

Small planes of varying makes and designs plus the superb new yellow Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance Helicopter all took off over our time there so we were well entertained!

Many thanks to all those who helped provide such an excellent excuse to properly exercise our cars!"

Nigel Edwards



Above photos show some of the participants being waved off from Pipers & the finishing point at Henstridge Airfield.

Members Feedback - *What a very enjoyable run and lunch afterwards. Our thanks go to Nigel for the amount of time and effort he put into the organisation and to Liz for handling all the admin. Also we would like to thank the many cars that stopped when we had pulled in for my navigator to have a comfort break - thinking perhaps we had a problem with the car! Once again our thanks to Nigel and Liz and the staff at Henstridge Airfield and look forward to the next one.*

Paul and Jenny Phillips

WEST ABBEY CARE HOME 22nd AUGUST 2026

The club were invited at fairly short notice to attend the open day at West Abbey Care Home in Yeovil. Club Secretary Ian Wernham circulated an email inviting members along which yielded 8 entries. Members who showed their cars thoroughly enjoyed showing them to the residents & staff of the care home. They were treated superbly by the care home team & were supplied with plenty of food & drink.



NOTES ON UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Calling on all of you who like a little run out in your car, whether it be the weekender or the everyday car and enjoy a lovely breakfast once there. We have booked the restaurant at Henstridge Airfield for 10am on the 3rd October which is a Saturday. 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



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.

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

1.1 The event is organised by Yeovil Car Club

1.2 The route will be approximately 65 miles

1.3 The Start will be Virginia Ash, Henstridge,

1.4 Entrants will be issued with a route book

1.5 Food will be available at the finish at extra cost

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 at the start, 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.
Entries can be e-mailed to rod.coleman@totalise.co.uk

3.3 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.

Entry Form For The YCC Autumn Colours Run 2026 - 18th October 2026

Entrant's Name

Address

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Postcode.....

E mail

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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.....

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:-

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DECLARATION OF INDEMNITY

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Total

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Signed Date

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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.

September 2026

5 th Sept	Rai Bae Ceredigian Stages	Mid Wales
5 th Sept	Wiscombe Hill Climb	Wiscombe Nr Honiton
6 th Sept	Rai Bae Ceredigian Stages	Mid Wales
6 th Sept	Wiscombe Hill Climb	Wiscombe Nr Honiton
12 th Sept	Wiscombe Hill Climb	Wiscombe Nr Honiton
13 th Sept	Woodpecker Stages	Newtown Wales
13 th Sept	Wiscombe Hill climb	Wiscombe Nr Honiton
19 th Sept	Hills Ford Stages	Shrewsbury
20 th Sept	Hills Ford Stages	Shrewsbury
26 th Sept	Lombard Rally Festival	Escot Park, Fennybridge, Devon
27 th Sept	Lombard Rally Festival	Escot Park, Fennybridge, Devon

Eric & Maggie Stone - Yeovil 7 Safety Radio Car

BREAKFAST MEET AT VANTAGE PARK



The following photo's were taken at the August Breakfast meet at the club's Headquarters in Sparkford. Arguably, this was the busiest meet to date with the good weather no doubt playing its part in bolstering attendance. If you've yet to make it along to one of these mornings, the next will be held on September 12th.



@Masonturnerracing

At the beginning of July, Mason joined Precision Racing Labs as their first International driver – a fantastic achievement, then at the end of the same month he took part at a premier karting event in South Africa which consisted of several preparation days & ultimately raceday.

Here Mason describes raceday in his own words. Its brilliant to see him doing so well not only on a national scale, but now on the international stage too. Keep up the great work Mason!.

Race day

First time in an owner kart race, First time racing in South Africa, First time in a senior race!

I was racing at the Formula K Raceway in Johannesburg and the format consisted of a super pole qualifying and then 3x 20m minute heats.

Practice – Practice went really well and I managed to be the fastest on track.

Qualifying – Quali also went really well managing to take pole position!

Heat 1 – I started heat 1 in pole position however we had the faster class karts starting ahead of us. I thought they were going to let them go and then start our race but that wasn't the case we were all supposed to start together putting me straight down to P7 before I had even crossed the line.

I got my head down and managed to overtake as quickly as I could and managed to come across the line in 2nd. A shame as had I known we were going at the same time I could have won the first heat.

Heat 2 – I had a better start in this heat starting in P2 and keeping up with P1, Everyone in the top 4 had really close lap times and there were a lot of battles between us all, after some great racing I crossed the line in P4.

Heat 3 – I started in P4 and managed to make a move quickly into P2, I then sat with P1 for a few laps until I saw a chance to overtake and take first and this is where the tussle for the top 5 began... I got sandwiched between two karts and ended going back to 6th place with only a few minutes of the race left. I managed to grab the last few positions that I could and came across the line in 3rd place.

This was one of the most enjoyable races of my life wheel to wheel, bumper to bumper and respectful racing!

Final result

With all the heat points totalled together I managed to finish the day in P3 a brilliant result for me against local, more experienced drivers. I am really pleased with my result considering last year I was racing in rental Cadets and have only moved up to rental juniors this year... to then come 11 hours from home to race on a unfamiliar track in the senior category for my first ever owner race. I really enjoyed the racing, the track and the lessons learnt on race day and leading up to it.

Thank you to precision racing labs for all the team support its been a fantastic day!

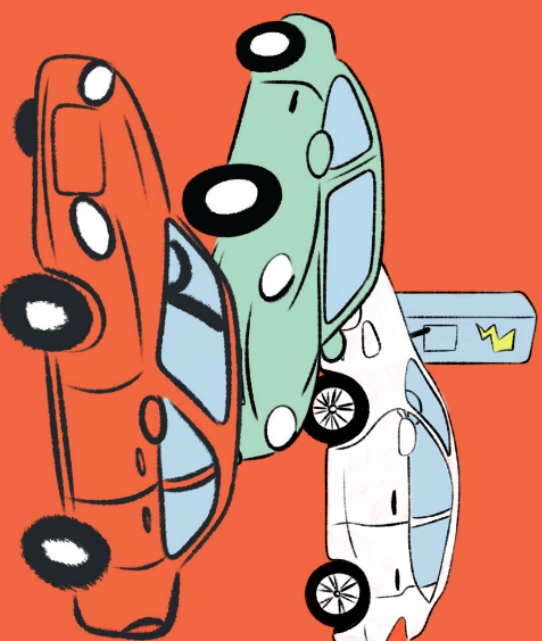
Well done to Derek on his win and Kyle for his 2nd place!



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