



Fellowship Newsletter July 2024

News and Events from your Fellowship

As ever, as we work through the year's programme of events for members, the thoughts of the Fellowship's committee turn to the approaching year. The latest Committee meeting was held on the 10th of July, held at Unipart House in Oxford. Many thanks to Unipart for being our host. 2025's events formed a significant part of the agenda and we hope to have some exciting news in our next newsletter. If you have an idea for an event, let us know.

One of the most special events of the year will soon be upon us; the Tony Jennings Classic Car Show, which is held in conjunction with the Annual Summer Fete at the BEN facility at Town Thorns, near Rugby. If you like classic cars (*don't we all ? Ed.*) then this is the place to be on the first Sunday in August. More details below.

We hope you enjoy reading this newsletter, please let us have your comments - criticism or praise, both are useful. Why not submit your bit of motor industry experience to share with other Fellowship members ?

Recent events:

The 2024 Southwest & South Wales Luncheon

Thursday 20th June

A bright sunny day greeted Fellows and guests at the Southwest and South Wales lunch at the Walnut Tree Hotel in North Somerset. Fellows Tony Ham and Brian Spratt once again

welcomed everyone to this very informal luncheon. Pictured below is Fellowship chairman, Peter Cottle, who thanked Tony and Brian for organising this very friendly event.

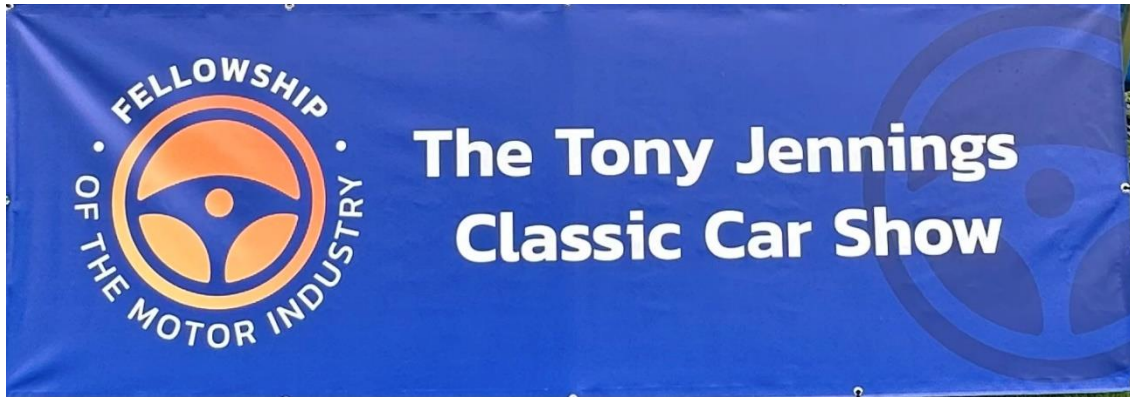


A precise two dozen were lunching together this year, almost double the attendance in 2023. Sadly Sid and Ellen Ekers were unable to join the group as planned; get well soon, Sid ! Our staunch band of regular supporters from South Wales joined the group, with Fellow Colin Allen providing both Grace and jokes aplenty !

On departure there was much handshaking and hugging, and promises to be there again in 2025. Bring your friends !

A BIG thank you to all who brought raffle prizes, for which the amazing sum of £174 was raised for our trade charity BEN.

There is more news of this event along with some photographs on the Fellowship's website. Just follow this [LINK](#) .



Tony Jennings Classic Car Show and BEN Fete

We are very pleased indeed to announce that we will be holding our annual **Classic Car Show** at BEN's Care Centre at Easenhall, near Rugby. We hope for near 100 classic cars to be on show, and Fellows can also enjoy the various stalls, plus food and refreshments set in the splendid gardens. The date will be **Sunday 4th August 2024** so please make a note in your diary.

For those wishing to attend without a classic car the entry fee from BEN will be just £2 per car. Fellows, local car clubs, and individuals are very welcome to display their classic car(s) and a fee of £3 per car, to cover our costs, will be collected after cars have parked up on the display area. Classic Cars can arrive from 9.30am to 11am prior to the official opening of the Fete.

Cups will be awarded as follows:

Best Car in Show

Best Car 1900-1960

Best Car 1961- 1999

Please email Peter Cottle at cottlepeter@yahoo.co.uk to register your interest.

We look forward to another enjoyable day among friends, families, and like minded enthusiasts and hopefully the weather will be kind to us !

The website link is [HERE](#)



Last year's Car of the Show - 1972 Austin 6cwt Pick-Up owned by John Halford

The fete is at the BEN Town Thorns Care Centre, Brinklow Road, Easenhall, CV23 0JE

Thames Boat Trip

This ever-popular boat trip on the River Thames is again being held in 2024. Leaving the Riverside Steps in Maidenhead (SL6 8NP) at 12.00 noon on **August 22nd** the Georgian will progress downstream towards Windsor at a leisurely pace. Fellows and their guests need to be ready to embark at 11.45am. There is ample paid parking in the Riverside Gardens (directly opposite the steps).

This is an ideal event to bring along partners, friends and especially friends or colleagues who are thinking of joining the Fellowship. The atmosphere is always lighthearted coupled with lovely views as we progress down the Thames.



A two-course lunch will be served on board and takes the form of a hot fork buffet. There is a bar on board to order your drinks. The trip will take four hours returning at 4.00 pm.

The event is always well supported so please book early to avoid disappointment by purchasing a ticket via this website.

The price of a ticket will be £61, do book early as numbers are limited. Any queries please email the event organiser, Tina Steele at tsteele47@aol.com

Closing date for tickets is 1st August.

The website link is [HERE](#)

Other 2024 Dates for your Diary

(click on the event, to visit the webpage)

August 4th [Tony Jennings Classic Car Show](#), Town Thorns nr Rugby

August 6th [Golf Match v. MTGS](#), Beaconsfield

August 22nd [Thames Boat Trip](#), Maidenhead

September 6, 7 & 8th [Goodwood Revival - Meet & Greet](#)

September 25th [Visit to the National Memorial Arboretum](#), Alrewas, Staffordshire

November 14th [London Lunch](#), RAF Club, Piccadilly

And more activities in preparation – news to follow - keep visiting the Fellowship website !

Special MoT tests for restored vehicles proposed

The body representing classic car enthusiasts has proposed stricter safety checks for vehicles that have undergone significant restoration or repair. The Federation of British Historic Vehicle Clubs (FBHVC) believes these in-depth inspections should be necessary to ensure the continued roadworthiness of such cars.

Currently, classic cars over 40 years old are exempt from mandatory MOT tests. However, the FBHVC suggests that following major work, a one-off inspection might be prudent. These inspections could involve a more thorough assessment than a standard MOT, potentially including partial disassembly to examine key components.

The FBHVC emphasises that these checks should judge the vehicle against the safety standards that were in place when it was originally manufactured, rather than imposing modern requirements. Their proposal comes in response to a recent DVLA call for evidence on how classic and modified vehicles are registered and regulated.

The DVLA is exploring whether current policies need to be updated to keep pace with advancements in technology and ensure the safety of these vehicles on the road.

What do you think ? We know that many Fellowship members run classic cars, what are your thoughts on this proposal from the FBHVC ? Do you have your classic car MoT'd ?

Motoring - 100 years ago GB takes Land Speed Record

Driving at 146.16 miles per hour (235.22 km/h) in his Fiat Mephistopheles, Ernest Eldridge of Great Britain broke the land speed record of 145.89 miles per hour (234.79 km/h) set earlier in the week (on Sunday, July 6) by Rene Thomas of France. Both records had been set on a public road at Arpajon, France, after which the Fédération Internationale de l'Automobile (FIA)

announced that it would only recognize records set on closed racing circuits, bringing an end to attempts to set a land speed record on a roadway used by other motor vehicles.



The Fiat Mephistopheles was created by combining the chassis of the 1908 Fiat SB4 with a 6-cylinder, 21.7 litre (21706 cc) Fiat A12 aeroplane engine producing 320 PS (235 kW; 316 bhp). This picture was taken by an unknown photographer at the 2011 Geneva Motor Show. *(Another motor show that has disappeared this year. Ed.)*



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