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BEAULIEU

This year there were about 2000 stalls, 200 more than last year. Our stall was in our usual place and many old friends looked us up.

There were no great mishaps to report this year, but also no fortunes were made.

However a steady trade was done by the members on the stall. One year we might even sell Brian Jenkins' tyres!

There seems to be more and more foreigners there every year, both as stallholders and punters, it all adds to the variety.

We sett up about 1.30 on the Friday, but the usual rush of dealers buying up stock as we unload did not seem to happen this year.

We were able to cover most of the stall, due to a co-operative effort but Saturday was a fine day. Sunday, however was wet. It saved up the heaviest rain for us till we were packing up. Everything and everybody got soaked through.

Further improvements will be made in the stall for next year, which is only another eleven months away.

RAY LEGATE

Shm mae (hello) to all my friends and Members of the SHVR. I have not been able to get down to Club meetings as often as I would like to have done recently, due to other commitments. Also the Club newsletter has only been produced as a news sheet recently, no doubt due to us members not providing our Editor with sufficient copy. I have enjoyed reading the interesting articles by Brian Jenkins on the Le Mans Morgan and, more recently, on the ERA R4D.

My wife Bridie and myself went to Ireland for a holiday at the back end of June and had a marvellous time, as usual. Happily, the end of our holiday coincided with the SHVR visit to Ireland for the Mallow run and I was able to join in the "craic" on the Saturday night thanks to an old friend - Francis Cantillon - who drove us over to Mallow in his restored Chrysler. We really enjoyed the day, meeting up with everyone for the start of the run at Mallow Castle. When we first arrived at the Hibernian Hotel I thought that I would surprise most of those gathered over breakfast that I was in Ireland at all, let alone in Mallow. However, that was not the case and

when I tapped Mike green on the shoulder and later at the castle, said hello to Mike Worthington-Williams, both showed little surprise that I was there. Thanks to you all for a great days rallying and a pleasant trip back the following Monday on the ferry.

Restoration is progressing steadily with my 1964 HA Viva. I had made the mistake of not putting it up on blocks whilst in storage and so the tyres now have a "flat" spot so it will have to be new tyres all round, I think I will stick to cross plies for originality. The brakes are seizes as I expected but the wheel cylinders should not present a problem to replace. I had wax-oyled the car over the years and this has resulted in both the body and underside being in pretty sound condition. Hopefully, everything will be ready for next seasons rallying.

By the time you read this, the lads from our twinned club in Kinsale will have been over and as I write I am looking forward to the weekend rallying around Gower.

My next visit will probably be the Christmas Club night, I hope to see and chat with you all once again that evening.
Best Wishes
Ray

IRISH VISIT

All Members should have had the timetable of events that we had arranged for the past weekend.

The visit kept approximately to timetable, which is about all one can hope for if there are any Irish people involved. Their timekeeping is completely different to ours.

Many thanks to all our members that helped with the organisation of the events. Special thanks to Mike Palmer, who did a lot of the ground work, but then fell ill and had to spend the time in Ward 10 of Singleton Hospital. Get well soon Mike.

Also special thanks to Rose and Idris for their hospitality to all over the weekend.

Another special thank you to Layton Roberts, who once again opened up his collection for all to see and very generously provided refreshments for everyone.

I think that most of them caught the ferry and they all should be home by now. There was a very strange looking woman at the party in the Benbow, she must have been dressed for hospital visiting as she had a lot of fruit on her head. When she eventually got to the hospital, she nearly caused relapses in most of the patients.

GARAGES

Huw Richards is looking for a garage/workshop to rent for the forthcoming winter so he can rebuild his rally car.

If you know of any suitable premises, please ring him on Swansea 202046.

AUTOJUMBLE

Swansea Motor Club is holding an autojumble on the lines of a car boot sale on December 3 at Murton Rovers Club.

Customers should get there about 10am, but stallholders will be able to set up from 9am.

If you want to spend £5 on a stall contact Ken Davies on 01792 232069.

Refreshments will be available from the Club and it is expected that it will be finished by lunch time.

WEEKEND BREAK

Rose and Ruth are planning a weekend break for Saturday and Sunday 33 and 12 of December.

It is envisaged that cars will start from the Benbow after lunch on Saturday to drive to somewhere like the Cawdor Arms in Llandeilo. A dinner and perhaps some dancing is proposed for the evening.

After a good nights sleep, breakfast will be followed by a run to somewhere like Talley Abbey. Lunch will be in a local hostelry and would be followed by the return trip home.

Old cars will be most welcome but if your old car is not taxed, a modern will do at a push. Please ring Ruth on 366640 if you wish to get final details.

CHRISTMAS BUFFET

As is normally the case the meeting will be on the second Monday in December, the 11th.

The traditional buffet will be served and will be accompanied by seasonal festivities. Members are welcome to bring one guest and tickets will be available at the November meeting. (£3 per head for extras)

CLASSIC CAR MART

This magazine, under the helm of Mike Worthington-Williams goes from strength to strength. I cannot recall an issue that our Club has not been mentioned, many thanks to Mike for that. He does depend on people telling him of the Buried Treasures so please let him know if you have anything that might be of interest to others.