

CLUB NEWS

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JOIN THE CLUB

Look in the November issue of Car Mechanics (published around the middle of October) and you'll find a two-page article on Ford 100E Owners' Club (illustrated with photographs provided by us - is your car there?). This is the first of a series of articles on motor clubs under the general title of "Join the Club" and we are very proud that we have been chosen to start the series off. Car Mechanics has a larger circulation than any other motoring magazine in this country and the publicity should help to boost membership and to make the Club even more widely known than it is already.

A new magazine called Collectors Car will be launched by IPC Magazines this autumn. Apart from the fact that it will concentrate mainly on post-war cars and will therefore be of great interest to many of our Members it too will contain information about the Club in a future issue. The new magazine is to have unrestricted access to the archives of Motor and Auto car and will be reprinting the original road-tests of various cars appearing in those magazines. We have been told that there is a strong possibility that the 100E road test could be one of those reprinted.

BEAULIEU

As announced in the last issue of Club News the Club had a stand at this year's Autojumble at the National Motor Museum, Beaulieu. The weather was quite amazing; a record number

of people came and we were pleased to see one or two Members who looked in at the Club's stall. Although hardly a profitable day for the Club, our presence at the Autojumble does, we hope, help to spread the good word and we always gain a few new Members from being there. Many thanks to everyone who helped with the stall.

NEXT YEAR

As mentioned in our last edition, we have great plans for next year, the 21st anniversary of the birth of the 100E. Amongst other things we plan to have a really big Sidevalve Day (possibly covering a weekend), more treasure hunts, and a super film show - as well as bumper issues of Sidevalve. We hope to get the Club a great deal of publicity through the mass-media and we aim for a massive increase in membership in the early part of the year. Any help and suggestions will be most welcome.

We are sure that you will wish to rejoin the Club for 1974 and we remind you that the subscription for Ordinary and Associate Members has been reluctantly increased to £2 - still excellent value compared to the subscriptions of many motor clubs. We also remind you that enclosed you will find a voucher entitling you to £1 off this subscription. The reason for this was explained in the last issue of Club News. Please take heed of the politely-'worded reminder and send your subscription off right away - or by 31 December at the latest. If for some reason you feel that you can live without the Club through 1974 please let us know - returning your badge when you do so (refunds according to the Constitution).

SIDEVALVE



NEWS IN BRIEF

Richard Pybus ([REDACTED]) who has a vast selection of 100E spares for sale also has all the parts for the little-known semi-automatic gear change for the 100E. If anyone has the urge to convert their 100E to the Newtondrive system Richard can supply the bits!

A Sidevalve Day Sub-Committee has been formed to organise and manage next year's Sidevalve Day. This is because the Day is planned to be a massive event and your Committee felt that it was not fair for one person to bear the responsibility (and do most of the work!) for it. The new Sub-Committee's members are; Roger Palmer (Chairman), Tony Martin (Secretary, and the organiser of the last two Sidevalve Days), Mike Dawes (Treasurer) and Judy Palmer. The Sub-Committee is responsible to the main Committee.

The E93A and its fellows appears to be coming back into favour. This range, made from 1937 to 1959 and appearing as the Ford Eight, Ford Ten, Anglia, Prefect and Popular, had reached an all-time low a year or so ago, with even good models fetching only £25 or so. The price for a good model is now well over £100 and can be nearer £200. They were, of course, direct descendants of Henry Ford's famous 'T' model and could probably be considered to be the last of the line. Naturally we welcome all owners of these cars as Members of the Club (as we do the owners of Pilots and the other V8's, Y types and all the rest of the sidevalve Fords); and if you are thinking of investing in an older post-vintage car than the 100E they could be well worth thinking about before they are all being sold at ridiculous prices.

The Monthly Meetings of the Club still take place in the Pope's Grotto, Cross Deep, Twickenham, Middlesex on the first Friday in each month, from about 8 o'clock onwards. Numbers at these meetings have been dwindling of late: please come along and bring other Members with you.

Welcome back to our Auditor, Nick Hamilton, who *has* just returned from a year of hitch-hiking round the world. After auditing our 1972/73 accounts he will just have time for a pint of beer before auditing our 1973/74 accounts!

A young man, by name Henry Ford,
Who thought he was being ignored,
Jumped out of his 'T'
And shouted "watch me",
Then jumped in, and down the road he roared.

The crowd stood and laughed - 'twas a treat
Whilst drinking their beer in the street;
For through holes in the floor
Part of Henry they saw:
He was running along on his feet.!

ADVERTISEMENTS AND LATE NEWS

REPAIR MANUAL, very fair condition - £1.25

W H Lawton, [REDACTED]
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1960 POPULAR, fitted 2 glassfibre wings, 3
glassfibre wheelarches (4th available), 5½J's, brand
new 165x13 tyres. Mechanically still bog-standard
with perfect engine & gearbox. Various bits ready to
fit - eg. Cortina front struts with discs, 2
reclining seats, brand new bumpers etc etc.
Potentially a good basis for anyone who wants to
finish it; no body or chassis rot. Gary Wills, [REDACTED]
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[REDACTED], daytime).

HANDBOOKS, BRAND NKW - Cassells : Ford Consul Mk 1;
Austin 10 1939/47} Standard Vanguard series II
Pitmans : Austin 10; Morris 10, 1933/48; Morris 8 &
Minor (to 1956). Each £1.50 post free. [REDACTED]
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