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Next meeting

The next club meeting will be held on Tuesday 4th April 2012 at the Clarion Hotel, Carrickfergus.

Please plan to attend. Your participation is necessary to the club's activities.

Membership Fees

Membership fees are now due. For those who have already paid, many thanks for being prompt.

Remember, as per the constitution, if you haven't paid before MARCH 31st, you will then be classed as re-joining with a fee of £20, so get it in and save money.

Many thanks.

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Forthcoming events

**Annual Dinner Dance,
 Clarion Hotel, Carrickfergus**
 (Friday 9th March 2012)

The East Antrim Old Vehicle Club (EAOVC) is holding its Annual Dinner Dance at the Clarion Hotel, Carrickfergus.

Back by popular demand, entertainment is supplied by the band 'This Way Up'.

This year there is a new menu and we are, for the first time, downstairs at the Clarion in the Castle View Room.



Entertainment by
 This Way Up

We urge you all to support this as much as you can. It is not restricted to members so you can bring along friends, neighbours, family, etc.

The ticket price has been held at last years price of £22.00 per head. Tickets going quickly so get your requests in early.

Event Organiser Richard Gregory
Address 54 Tudor Park,
 Newtownabbey,
 BT36 4FT
Email dinnerdance@eaovc.co.uk

St Patrick's Day run

The 17th March will bring another Norman Neill organised event. This time to Waterfoot to savour Irish stew and music.

The cost of this event will be £7 per person. Entry forms are now available on the web site.



Easter weekend

The Easter weekend will take place on the 7th and 8th April at the Cromleach Lodge Country House Hotel, County Leitrim



Professional photos



Contact James on 07850099559 or Patrick on 07811180512.

The Cost will be £80 per person sharing which includes

evening meal bed and breakfast and entry to two displays



Cavan and Leitrim Railway

The museum was established in 1993 and offers a variety of narrow gauge trains, planes fire engines and artillery.

The museum, run entirely by volunteers, is located beside the Irish Rail station in Dromod and has restored and preserved the Station House, the engine shed and water tower as well as more than 0.4k of line where trains run every weekend and Mondays.

The Arigna Mines

In the 1980's, the government promised a Crow coal (the name given to the lower grade coal being mined) burning Power Station; this however failed to materialise. With the winding down of the existing Power Station, Arignas main source of employment was no longer required and in 1990 the mines closed for the last time.

With almost every family in Arigna dependant on the income from the mine, the blow to the community was significant. The opening of the Mining Experience in 2003 is an indication of the determination and passion within the community to preserve a history which has meant so much for so many generations as well as opening up new opportunities in the area.

There were two primary methods used for mining coal in Arigna opencast and underground. Opencast involved using giant excavation machinery that tore up large portions of the mountain to reveal the coal seam which then could be worked out. This method was used primarily where the terrain was too wet to allow a tunnel to be sunk.

In Arigna underground or drift mining was predominant. A main tunnel was driven from which branched a series of secondary tunnels, each branch had a series of gobs at which the coal was mined.

Portrush Cavalcade 2012



The Mayor with Brian's new car

On the 22th of last month the Mayor of Newtownabbey, Billy Web, helped launch The Portrush Cavalcade. David Lauro, and Brian Hamilton brought their cars for a bit of publicity to get the event under way.

Brian took this opportunity to unveil his latest car, putting David and Gavin out their misery.





You are by now aware that we have changed the format for this year.

1. We will be assembling in Mossley Mill (home of Newtownabbey Borough Council) instead of Belfast Zoo.
2. Assemble time from 8.00 am onwards.
3. You will be provided with hot breakfast.
4. You and your companion/s will also be issued with lunch pack for your break. You don't need to bring any picnic if you don't want to. This is included in your price.
5. Our route for this event will be going through Templepatrick & Antrim and then straight to Portrush for Static display in Dunluce Centre, Portrush.
6. No lunch stop at Tullyglass.
7. By passing Ballymena, Ballymoney, Coleraine and Portstewart.
8. Finishing at Royal Court Hotel between 4.30-5.00pm for meal and finisher's awards.
9. Static display Dunluce Centre, Portrush from 12.30-1.00pm to 4.30pm.

You should have received your entry form, all I am asking is to fill your entry form and post it as soon as possible. *YOUR SUPPORT AS A MEMBER OF THE CLUB IS IMPORTANT.*

If you have any questions or queries, please ring Brian 9083 2321 or Robert 9084 2993

Advertisements

As you know that most of our charity money is raised from the Souvenir Programme and we want your help. Last year few members helped by obtaining a page or two. We would like to see more members involved in obtaining adverts. Cost of Full page £50, Half page £30, Qtr page £15. If you ask around your friends who are in business, or your local shops, you will be surprised at the response. Every little helps and help can come through YOU. For any information regarding this contact Andy at

07778939777 or David Lauro 07779430582.
WILL YOU HELP?

Who is who in the Portrush Committee

Co-Chairman: Brian Hamilton 9083 2321
Robert Raj 9084 2993
Entries Robert Raj
Advertising David Lauro 07779430582
Andy Leckey 07778 939777

Ballot Books

Richard Gregory (to send books to members)
Ballot on the Day Dora & Debbie
Chief Marshalls Martin *Waterworth*

Person Receiving the money & Ballot Books at the start: Richard Gregory
Breakfast Organiser: David Frazer
Finishing Organiser: Robert Raj
Brian Hamilton
Club Stand Norman Neill
Iain Cairns

The Chief Marshall will be calling some members to help to marshall especially at The Mill and at Dunluce Centre, Portrush. If you have not yet received your Constitution, please let the secretary know. He will be pleased to send you a copy.

If you don't know who is who in the club, let the secretary know. He will be happy to print the list for you to know who is who in the club from the president to the Committee.

Belfast Zoo

As usual we have been asked to help "Dream night" for Children Hospice. I need 12 vehicles for that evening on Friday 1st June from 5.00 pm to 7.00pm or so. Can you help? Please give your name to Robert Raj.

Jubilee Celebrations

We have been asked by the Newtownabbey Council to put a display on 16th June at



Loughshore Park, Newtownabbey. I would like a big entry for this event. Please complete your entry form and post or hand it to the organiser of this event. It is a big event and I know that I can count on your support.

Event reports

Ten pin Bowling

Many thanks to all who attended the ten pin bowling.

We had 6 lanes and about 30 participated. The overall winner with 140 points was Patrick Cleary, 2nd place my daughter's boyfriend John Hayes with 123 and 3rd was Thomas Crosier with 119.

The craic was great and I received a phone call just before arriving today I was a granny. My son Johnathan and his wife Audrey had a bonnie baby boy called Mitchell.

Some ended with going to McDonalds for a bit to eat.

Report by Cathy Cairns.

MG Owners Club Pub Quiz

Our club fielded a team at the recent MG Owners Club pub quiz. The team, made up of Colin Campbell, Martin McCullough, Richard Dalzell, Martin and Dora Waterworth and Gavin Millar, came in fourth overall. Not bad out of 11 teams and it was our first time as a club to enter the event, plus a good time was had by all.

AOVC Dance

This was a great meal and entertainment presided over by AOVC Chairman and EAOVC member Martin Waterworth.

Our chairman David Lauro attended accompanied by Andy Leckey, Richard and Wendy Gregory and Brian and Evelin Hamilton. A good night was had by all.

And Finally!

Did You Know?

1. A ten gallon hat typically only holds six pints.
 2. Fish & Chips represent 12% of the fast food market.
 3. According to old proverb, summer doesn't start until elder trees are in flower.
 4. The "Italian" sewer that the Minis drive through the Italian Job is actually in Germany,
 5. Los Angeles has more cars than people.
- More next month.

Have you any interesting "*did you know's*" specially about cars etc,

Send them to the Editor. They might be interesting to others.

Have you any interesting stories to tell ?

- Restoration projects that you would like to share
- History about your car or how you came about to acquire your car
- Anything that people might want to read about

Let us know.

Email the editor or the webmaster and if necessary, we can help you put the story and pictures together for inclusion in the newsletter and on the website

On The Website

You can download all Entry Forms and the latest event information on the website

www.eaovc.co.uk

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