



# APRIL 2013 NEWSLETTER

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The next meeting will be held on the 7<sup>th</sup> May It will be a short run starting at the Clarion and end at the Blue Circle Club with a short meeting and refreshments

**Entry forms are available on the website.**

**Congratulations to** Derek on becoming President and also getting the Opel back on the road.

**Club Dues** are now overdue, Members who have not paid are asked to send them by return to the membership secretary

## Forthcoming events

Cancelled Easter Run. Due to the bad weather, as you know, the Easter Run was postponed. Due to extensive damage caused by the snow, Tom Herron's premises are now closed. We will be arranging another run on 4th May, details to follow. Anyone who can't make it on that date please contact Patrick or James for a full refund.

7<sup>th</sup> May Day run and Meeting. Derek Clark

\*17<sup>th</sup> May Hillsborough Charity Classic Car Run

19<sup>th</sup> May Late Members Run. Vince Kelly

\* Not EAOVC

**Portrush Cavalcade** The entry form for the 2013 Portrush Cavalcade is enclosed with this Newsletter.

Members taking part are asked to complete the form and return to David Frazer as soon as possible.

## Event Reports

### Dinner Dance

The Dinner Dance was cancelled due to bad weather and conditions at the venue. It is hoped to re-arrange the event at a later date



The first **RIAC National Classic Car Show** at the *RDS, Dublin* on 9<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> February 2013 was a massive success with an attendance of over 10,000 classic car enthusiasts from all parts of Ireland.

Over 160 classic cars were displayed from both the leading Irish Classic Car Clubs and private collectors. Vehicles from the 19<sup>th</sup> Century such as the 1896 Benz



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Patent Motor Car and the 1898 Benz Velo stood alongside a dazzling display of pre-war models such as 1937 Bugatti Type 57, the Jaguar SS100, the Derby Bentley or the Austin 7 Special and more modern models such as the 1972 Ferrari Dino, 1960 AC Cobra 427/sc or the 1951 Jaguar XK120 FHC.

As many as 50 individual stands, hosted by clubs and corporate exhibitors, featured hundreds of vintage and classic cars at the most spectacular display ever seen under one roof in Ireland.

As well as a truly spectacular display of classic cars, visitors had the opportunity to talk to expert car restorers, find tools and accessories, restoration products, memorabilia, art and collectables.

The weekend of the 9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> February 2013 saw members of the club travelling to the above show by various means. There was a bus on Saturday and Sunday. Nigel Sam and myself had already made our own arrangements and travelled to the R D S on our free passes, booking into Bewley's hotel for the night

After booking into the Hotel we had a leisurely stroll to the R D S where we saw a fine display of Vintage and classic Vehicles. I think that the highlights of the show for me was the 1898 Benz Velo



and the Curved Dash Oldsmobile which was on display on the Blessington Club stand, where I renewed friendship with some of their members, that I had met on our trip to visit them two years ago.



I also had a nostalgic look at the Mark 1 Austin Healey Sprite which was the first sports car that I owned. There were too many wonderful cars to mention. After a busy day at the show we wandered on and had a beautiful meal at the Schoolhouse Restaurant before returning to our hotel. I will not at this point mention the black stuff that was consumed.

The next day saw us return to the show and then on to the Dart and Enterprise for the return journey home

I am sure that the other members regardless of their means of transport enjoyed the Show as much as I did.



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## Spring Run

### Spring Run and Static Display

16th March 2013

The first outing for the cars this year came in form of a static display at Carrick Grammar School, followed by a run to Whitehead Golf Club (The long way round) for an evening meal.

The day got off to a bad start, for me anyway, as the car I was meant to be driving sprung an oil leak before it even got started. This turned out to be a blessing in disguise given the way the weather turned .

The day started wet and cold but tea and a burger kept the spirits up for the 24 or so cars that turned out. The static display was part of the Grammar Schools 50th anniversary celebrations.



Off on the run

At 1:30pm the cars pulled out of the school grounds for a run that would take them out towards Larne before a rest stop and returning via the costal route to Whitehead Golf Club.

As they headed out over the newline the weather got worse with heavy rain and sometimes sleet and snow. The rest stop really was a splash and dash as weather was really too bad to walk around so onward to the warmth of the Golf Club albeit a touch early.



Winter Wonderland  
Whitehead Golf Club

David Frazer decided, to kill time, to have a bit of a quiz. Stakes were high with cream eggs and polo mints up for grabs.

This distracted our attention from the worsening weather outside as by now it was pure snow.

The meal was excellent as usual with a choice of roasted or boiled potatoes as well as chips with plenty to go round.

After we had tea and coffee it was time to see if we could get down the hill in the snow as rumours of the lane being blocked completely had now started to circulate.

The rumours where partially true as there was one car abandoned and a few others struggling to get up the hill.

We all, with a bit of patience made it out and on home where by the time I got to Carrickfergus the snow had all but gone and turned to rain.



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Many thanks to David Frazer for organizing a cold and wet, not to mention the snow, but very enjoyable day.

Report and Photo's by Andrew Leckey

Additional Photographs from spring run

By Sam and Vince



### A FEW JOKES FROM THE PRESIDENT

#### BEG, BORROW OR STEAL (BBC2)

Jamie Theakston: Where do you think Cambridge University is?

Contestant: Geography isn't my strong point.

Jamie Theakston: There's a clue in the title.

Contestant: Leicester

#### BBC NORFOLK

Stewart White: Who had a worldwide hit with What A Wonderful World?

Contestant: I don't know.

Stewart White: I'll give you some clues: what do you call the part between your hand and your elbow?

Contestant: Arm

Stewart White: Correct. And if you're not weak, you're...?

Contestant: Strong.

Stewart White: Correct - and what was Lord Mountbatten's first name?

Contestant: Louis

Stewart White: Well, there we are then. So who had a worldwide hit with

the song What A Wonderful World?

Contestant: Frank Sinatra?

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