





## WEST END MOTOR CLUB



### Post lockdown report

In better times, during the good weather season, from perhaps from Easter to late September we would have had a full programme of classic car events to attend throughout the UK and extending into Europe with continental car tours. So many events there would be made it hard to choose which ones would be most enjoyable and thus attend. However in these strange times quite the reverse has occurred. With all social gatherings and motor sport events being cancelled we have had nowhere to go for outings in our beloved classic cars. After all we had spent the first three months of lockdown tinkering and preparing our cherished vehicles in preparation for drives in the beautiful countryside of our local counties.



*Old School Cars*

### Coffee meets

But now and being the innovative chaps that we are and far from wanting to rust away (referring to the cars and their owners!) small informal plans have been made for coffee meets (with obligatory bacon rolls) at local cafes where we can kick tyres, exchange stories, meet friends, and put a few miles on the clock. As can be seen in the accompanying photos we have visited the Old School Café near Chertsey and the Hanger Café at Fairoaks Airport. These outings are on alternative Tuesday mornings and are proving very successful so it is hoped to have a few more before the weather changes.



*Fairoaks Airfield Chertsey*

As mentioned in the last Village News we also now attend another local gathering monthly on the first Sunday at Alan Greenwood's premises in Chobham where we are in awe of his marvellous collection of beautifully restored classic fire engines all in full working order. Again this is a morning meet with breakfast refreshments supplied by the adjacent Italian restaurant or a visiting burger wagon.



*Alan Greenwood's 1948 Fire Engine*

### Our lost holiday

It had been our norm that following the Summer Village Flower Show we would all head off on a classic car holiday to differing locations at home or abroad. This has been an annual event in memory of Charles Pocklington and other lost colleagues raising money for Macmillan Cancer Support, our chosen charity. Last year was one of our best attended with 24 chaps in 14 classic cars touring Normandy. This year we were to be exploring beautiful Wiltshire with hotel booked and routes planned but we have now shelved this trip until next year.



*Line-up at Fairoaks Airfield*

### And now

Our weekly social meetings have resumed in the Social Club in accordance with guide lines. Anyone interested in old cars is welcome to join us for a pint on Thursday evenings from around 8pm.

As I was writing this article we were looking forward to a much larger gathering of classic vehicles at the Cobham Classic Show on 12th September a report of which would have featured in the next edition of the Village News. However due to the stricter social gatherings guidance this Show has now been cancelled.

*Report & Photos: Ken Berry*

## THE RED ARROWS FLYPAST

The Red Arrows in formation over Sunbury on 8th May for the 75th Anniversary of VE Day.

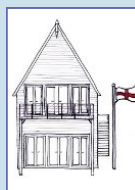
French President Macron's visit on 18th June marked 80 years since WW2 when French Resistance Leader Charles de Gaulle made his historic broadcast to occupied France from the UK. He said: "I call upon all Frenchmen who want to remain free to listen to my voice and follow me."

The Red Arrows also flew in formation on that day with their French equivalent La Patrouille de France. They left RAF Brize Norton at 4.40pm and were seen over Weybridge before arriving at Horton Guards Parade and Buckingham Palace at 5.00pm. The Coldstream Guards also formed a guard of honour. *Photo: Roger Brown*



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