

VETERAN CAR COMPANY Ltd



SOUTH EAST SECTION

**The Minutes of the Twelfth Annual General Meeting
of Veteran Car Company Ltd., South East Section
held at Hurtwood Park Polo and Country Club, Ewhurst Green, Horsham
on Sunday, 23rd November 2014.**

Chairman: Denis Bass
Vice Chairman: Chris Loder
Treasurer: David Gibbins
Secretary: Ann Wait

Committee Members: Sharon Bass, Ron Clark, Mike Mutters.

82 Members and their guests attended the Meeting

Denis Bass took the chair and opened the meeting at 11:48am by thanking Chris Loder for his work during the previous two years, saying he had a hard act to follow. Chris had done a lot of things for the South East Section and, at times, it had been hard work. He looked forward to working with him for the next year as his Vice Chairman. Denis said he was honoured for being invited to be the Chairman and thanked the **Committee** for proposing him. He believes that we are witnessing many changes both now and in the future. This applies to the South East Section of the Veteran Car Club and to many other organisations. We must look to our young members to look forward to the future. He was pleased to say that Michelle Price Gibbins had offered to work with the committee and provide us with some 'young' ideas. She has many ideas and we hope to set an example to other sections and, indeed, other clubs so that we might encourage other young people to come on board.

1 Apologies for absence

Apologies had been received from 23 members, as listed for the Veteran Car Club of Great Britain, South East Section, AGM held immediately before.

2 Minutes of the Eleventh Annual General Meeting held at the Reigate Manor Hotel, Reigate, on Sunday 24th November 2013

The Minutes of the Meeting had been circulated at this meeting, by email newsletter and on the section website. It was proposed by Richard Eastmead and seconded by Clive Boothman that these constituted a true record of the meeting. The minutes were accepted unanimously.

3 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising not dealt with elsewhere.

4 Chairman's Report

4.1 Noggin and Natters - The first meeting to be acknowledged is the Noggins and Natters, or otherwise an excuse for a beer and a chat at either the Bolney Stage or the Six Bells at Chiddingly. The meetings are monthly; we meet on the first Tuesday of each month, alternating each month between Bolney and Chiddingly. Watch the website for the dates and do come along for a chat.

4.2 Film Show – Saturday, 15th February 2014, organised by Ann Wait and David Smart

We started the year with a Film Show in February, kindly organised by Ann Wait and David Smart. I recall we had a great time at The Hickstead Hotel, with some very interesting films taken by David. This was followed by an enjoyable meal at the hotel. Ann and David, thank you for entertaining us in the depth of a winter's evening.

4.3 Spring Opener – Country Pub Lunch – Sunday, 13th April 2014, organised by Chris Loder.

It was held at the Bolney Stage and despite difficulties with a clash of dates the event attracted quite a few Veteran and other cars.

- 4.4 Wander through Normandy** – 19th to 23rd May, 2014, organised by John and Ann Wait
Moving on to May, once more Ann put herself on the line and, together with her husband John, they organised the ‘Wander through Normandy’, a four day event that proved to be a complete success. Ann sold 21 rooms and the whole event was enjoyed by all who were able to go to this event. Well done and thanks to Ann and John. John even learnt that it is a good idea to have a tipple before bed time!!
- 4.5 Polesden Lacey** – Sunday 15th June 2014, organised by Paul Noon
The next event in the calendar sadly had to be cancelled due to a lack of interest. I refer to the Visit to Polesden Lacey as organised by Paul Noon. As a result of this dilemma we have decided to use a system of improved communication for future events. You will see that you have a pink sheet that shows a half dozen events and we are asking all present and other club members to tell us if you are interested in any particular event, so please tell us what you want, we need your help.
- 4.6 Main Event – Royal Hotel Ventnor** - 4th to 6th July 2014– organised by Paul Noon and Sharon Bass
The next event did take place, thanks to Paul and Sharon who both worked hard to ensure that the Isle of Wight Main Event took place and it was, as we know, a very successful and enjoyable rally. We stayed at the Royal Hotel in Ventnor, a hotel we had used in the past. We had a wonderful time visiting Osborne House and the Isle of Wight Steam Railway in particular, thanks especially to Paul for setting up the whole rally and to Sharon for her management skills, ensuring everything was under control.
- 4.7 Best of West Kent** – Wednesday, 23rd July 2014, organised by John Kemsley, Michael Thompson and Graham Pilmore Bedford
As we moved into what turned out to be a fantastic summer for veteran motoring, we were entertained with the renowned excellence we have become so used to with the Best of West Kent. If you haven’t experienced this one-day event, you really must do it. Thanks especially to John Kemsley, Michael Thompson and Graham Pilmore Bedford for making it happen, long may it continue. Bonhams very generously supported this event.
- 4.8 Pimms and Paella** – Saturday, 26th July 2014, organised by Chris and Tania Loder
A few days later we enjoyed a totally different event, the Pimms and Picnic, kindly hosted by Chris and Tania Loder at their home in Lower Beeding. Chris and Tania ensured we had ample Pimms to go with the Picnic we took to the event and Chris organised some fun driving for us around his land. Thanks to Chris and Tania for your hospitality and we look forward to next year.
- 4.9 Ashdown Amble** – Wednesday, 13th August 2014, organised by Guy Middleton.
In August we had the Ashdown Amble, a one-day event based on Ashdown Forest using the Barnsgate Manor as our venue. A very enjoyable day with pleasant routes through the Forest, perfect for our old cars. Thanks to Guy Middleton who has taken over the organisation of this event founded by his father.
- 4.10 Post Christmas Lunch** – Sunday, 28th December 2014.
Many of us have a busy November with the Brighton Run, but that brings us to today the AGM, the penultimate meeting for this year.
The final meet for this year is our annual Post Christmas lunch, this year it will be held here at Hurtwood and as always will be held on 28 December, we have some places available and would love you to join us, a final opportunity to say goodbye to 2014 and albeit a bit early, be the first to welcome in the New Year.

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Secretary’s Report

Preview of Events for 2015

- 5.1 Spring Opener, Bolney Stage - Sunday 26th April 2015, organised by Chris Loder**
The Spring Opener is always a popular event and we are visiting the Bolney Stage, once on the busy A23 but now on a quiet side road behind the dual carriageway. It has proved a convenient venue for the event as it is easy to get to for most people. We have planned it for National Drive-it Day hoping to encourage members to get their cars out and we hope to see other people there with their different cars. We look forward to seeing many of you there but we do need an indication of numbers so that we can warn the Bolney Stage about the number of lunches likely to be needed and the spaces required for parking.
- 5.2 Main Event, Montreuil sur Mer, Pas de Calais - Wed 20th May –Mon 25th May 2015, organised by Denis and Sharon Bass**
This is a long main event to be held in France. Following the popularity of last year’s minor event in France we were asked to organise another in France. Denis and Sharon Bass have organised this event

already for another club and have agreed to repeat it next year for us. Denis told members that we would be going from either Folkestone by tunnel or Dover by ferry. This needs to be finalised, as there are trailer-parking issues to be resolved. The hotel has already been used. Participants had been pleased with it so we will use it again. We have a superb deal and it will be competitively priced. Figures are not yet finalised but we are looking at about £1000 - £1100 per couple. Please complete the form and send it to Denis with £50 deposit. It will be a superb event. We have 32 rooms reserved at the moment but will see how it all develops.

5.3 Pimms and Picnic, Saturday, 25th July, 2015 - by kind invitation of Chris and Tania Loder

Chris announced that it would be much the same as usual with driving tests but probably omitting the seesaw, which probably put off some people last year. Ann Wait told the meeting that the winner of these driving tests would be awarded the Langton Trophy.

5.4 Best of West Kent, Wednesday, 29th July, 2015 - organised by John Kemsley, Michael Thompson and Graham Pilmore Bedford

John Kemsley said there was not much to say about the event, as it is so well known. It will take place and there will be glorious sunshine (!). Information will go out to everyone on the database in April, a little earlier than usual, by email or by post if you have no email address. If you are not on the database and would like details let him know. His email address for the event was on the flier on the table and in the Gazette. He hopes to see the usual good turnout. He emphasised that this is really Graham Pilmore Bedford's event.

5.5 Ashdown Amble, Wednesday 19th August, 2015 – organised by Guy Middleton

Guy could not attend the AGM but he is very keen that the event should grow. The cars drive around the forest on lovely quiet roads, off the beaten track. Denis Bass is helping with the routes. This is a very social event. It starts with coffee at Barnsgate Manor, followed by a drive with a coffee stop and return to Barnsgate Manor for lunch and a very sociable afternoon. It would be nice to see more people there. Denis said he has nearly done the routes. The roads are suitable for all cars and not excessively long. Guy runs the event in memory of his father, Brian Middleton, who introduced the event to the calendar.

5.6 AGM, Sunday 22nd November, 2015 at the Reigate Manor Hotel

5.7 Post-Christmas Lunch, Monday 28th December, 2015 Venue to be confirmed

5.8 Noggin and Natters will continue as usual. We look forward to seeing more people there. The next one, on the first Tuesday of December will be held at Chiddingly.

5.9 Coach trip to Belgium - Spring 2016, organised by David Smart with Ann Wait

We are hoping to organise this but, at this stage we are asking for a show of interest. David Smart said some of us remember the coach trip organised by Philip Toler in 1986 that was so enjoyable so it occurred to him that we might do something similar again, visiting the Louwmann Museum in Holland. We might go to Brussels for the hotel. We would have the rest of the first day in Brussels, visit the Louwmann Museum the second day and return on the third. This is the rough outline and the cost for this year would be about £200 per person based on two people sharing for the coach and bed and breakfast. We will go head with the planning if there is sufficient interest. Hopefully we will all enjoy it as much as he did in 1986. Ron Clark said he had spoken to Mr Louwmann, who had promised to roll out the red carpet for us all when we arrive. A show of hands to show interest showed that probably sufficient people would be interested.

6 Treasurer's Report

6.1 Veteran Car Company Ltd, South East Section, Accounts

David Gibbins reported that these accounts reflected the driving events that are organised under the company for insurance and liability purposes. The income this year was higher than for the previous year mainly because of the Main Event and the Normandy event. After the costs and the income for the events were taken into account there was a small surplus, as we had planned. We also had £500 showing that was owed to us from a previous event that we managed to recover successfully. Other than that the accounts are very much as the previous year. There were no questions for the Treasurer. Denis Bass thanked David Gibbins for noting the amount owed and his work in getting it back for the section.

7 Adoption of Audited Accounts

On the proposal of Eileen Lawson, seconded by Nick Bacon, it was agreed unanimously that these accounts be adopted.

8 Appointment of Honorary Auditor

The Chairman thanked David Budgeon for his hard work, especially in finalising our accounts quickly so that they could be presented at the AGM. The Committee proposed David Budgeon to continue as Honorary Auditor. It was seconded by Brian Cumming and carried unanimously.

9 Section Representative on the Events Committee and Board of Directors.

The Committee proposed Mike Mutters for this office. It was seconded by John Lawson and passed unanimously. Mike Mutters explained that we had a number of items from the Club shop that he would like help to clear. Over the years the club had accumulated lots of bits and pieces and, as we all know, it is always difficult to clear the last few. They are at bargain prices and there is a small margin for section funds built in.

10 Designation of South East Section trophies

Denis Bass spoke to this and said this item had been included as we have to acknowledge that the club has moved forward and with it the reasons for awarding trophies has led to difficulties in awarding them. We would like your input and ideas for amending the designations so that more people have the opportunity to win a trophy and take one away from the AGM. He asked for comments or suggestions from the floor but there were none. He asked members to let us know of any ideas they might have. One person present who has donated a trophy recognises that we do not use our cars in the same way now and is happy that his should be included in the discussions. One example given was the Victor Ludorum trophy for the winner of the main event. We do not have any competitive element at the main event now and Ann Wait stated that it had not been awarded for at least 12 years, which is a great pity. Most of the trophies are awarded by accumulation of points over the season. We would like to award some trophies on a different basis.

11 Any Other Business

11.1 Adrian Goding, Chairman of the Veteran Car Club of Great Britain, spoke from the floor.

He thanked everyone for attending the AGM, saying that he had just come from the South West Section AGM.

He thanked Clive Boothman and David Gibbins for their work on the accounts. As a result of Clive's work the club has now cancelled the insurance levy on cars entered for the main event and subscriptions have been frozen next year.

He emphasised the importance of only accepting dated and passported cars on events. There would be an amnesty for a year but then the rule would be strictly applied.

Next year the AGM is being hosted by the Midland section. The club is hoping to extend the number of people attending by moving the venue from section to section each year and hoped the South East section might host it in 2016. The silver trophies would not be taken to the venues as the cost of carriage and insurance would be too expensive. However, members would still be presented with the commemorative tumbler.

The NEC event had been highly successful. We had received the award for Best Club of the Year. This was against some formidable competition from other strong clubs. We also were awarded the Best Stand in Class. Nick Pellett had continued with the Great War theme. There was a field hospital scene with an ambulance. Some of the Chelsea Pensioners who had participated in the Commemoration in London had joined us. This was all done on a budget of £400!

He paid tribute to Mike Mutters work on the committee, saying Mike was someone who would ring him and ask what he could do to help rather than waiting to be asked. This was a great support to a Chairman.

11.2 London to Brighton Run

Jane Wilton, who lives in Crawley, had submitted cuttings from the local press concerning the new coffee stop in Crawley. The Mayor had written in her column that she thought that commercial sponsorship had overtaken the High Street stop. The Scouts were unable to provide their hotdog stall, the public could not get anywhere near the cars. She understood that Honda provided a maintenance facility under cover and this might continue but other cars could proceed to the High Street and have coffee in the High Street.

Adrian Goding explained that the George had now changed to a Chinese restaurant and previous facilities were no longer available to us. In 2013 Harrods had provided refreshments from a 'tent' but this is not sustainable in bad weather, as this year. The RAC had approached Crawley but no alternative had been offered, so the Honda offer had been accepted. However, it was recognised that this was not successful. The RAC had discussed driving through the High Street so that the public would have a good view of the cars but the council had said that it would be essential for health and safety to have barriers erected. However, Crawley had refused to make any contribution to the cost of this. However, we hope to have further discussions with Crawley Town Council about this.

Clive Boothman introduced himself as an independent representative on the Steering Committee. He reminded members that since the Emancipation Run had commenced in 1931 it had never been a VCC Event. It is owned by the RAC and they contract Goose to run it

11.3 John Morris thanked all the members of the committee for their hard work on behalf of the section

11.4 Ann Wait thanked everyone for coming to the meeting

12 Trophies were presented by Mrs Sharon Bass

The meeting was declared closed by the Chairman at 1.20pm.

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The **TWELFTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** of the **South East Section** of **Veteran Car Company Ltd.**
will be held at the **Hurtwood Park Polo and Country Club**
Horsham Lane, Ewhurst Green, Surrey.
on SUNDAY 23RD NOVEMBER 2013
immediately following the 65th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the
South East Section of the Veteran Car Club of Great Britain
in accordance with the Notice of the Meeting already circulated.

The Meeting will be followed by Lunch at 1.00pm

AGENDA

1. **Apologies for Absence**
2. **Confirmation of the minutes of the Eleventh Annual General Meeting held on 24th November 2013**
3. **Matters arising not dealt with elsewhere**
4. **Chairman's Report upon the past year**
5. **Secretary's Report upon the year to come**
6. **Treasurer's Report**
Accounts will be available on the day
7. **Adoption of audited Section Accounts**
8. **Appointment of Honorary Auditor**
The Committee proposes **David Budgeon**
9. **Section Representatives on Events Committee and the Board of VCC Ltd.**
Mike Mutters.
10. **Designation of South East Section trophies**
11. **Any Other Business**
12. **Award of Section Trophies by Sharon Bass**