## North Devon Sports and Classic Car Club



November 2019





Some of our members raided their wardrobes for the Castle Combe retro weekend!

More pictures inside.



# CHAIRMAN'S CHAT

I am sat here looking forward to both the end of the month breakfast meet at Portmore Golf Club as well as the skittles evening at the Wrey Arms on Friday November 1st. . Of course we still have the end offseason show at the Barnstaple Pannier Market on the 24th November, where Christmas jumpers are encouraged! I know its still early but the TV adverts and Christmas films started weeks ago......bah humbug! If you are planning on attending the Pannier Market on the 24th **PLEASE** let Glenn Merrit know as soon as possible, we don't want to have to turn anyone away on the day.

Plans are well advanced for the post Christmas meal at the Royal and Fortescue, the details are in the magazine and we have reserved some places on the strength of last year's numbers, however again please book in with Judy as soon as possible so we can firm up on numbers.....and get your dancing shoes ready if you are so inclined!

The Castle Combe Autumn Classic was an excellent event, marred only by the sad news that a competing racing driver died on the day. Evidently he had a heart attack and it was not due to an on track incident, nevertheless a sad ending to a great day's racing. We had around 12 cars there including Peter Hannan's single seater, some of us even got into the spirit by dressing up! Really is a great day out, you get close up to the cars in the pits and get to see E Types, Austin Healeys, Ford Escorts/Cortinas, Mini Coopers et al and the like battling it out on the track. Roll on next year!

The Quince Honey Farm to Cobbaton Collection run had over 20 cars and over 40 people on it. The breakfast at Quince Honey Farm was almost too much.....but we all persevered! John and Anne White-head's run went well without anyone getting lost on the way to the Cobbaton Collection.....thanks John and Anne. With many members not having visited the collection for a fair few years we were all surprised at how much it had grown and how much there was to see, it must have taken an hour and a half to have a quick look around, it certainly is a "collection that has got out of hand". Afternoon tea was served from the NAAFI van and consisted of hot drinks sausage rolls, pasties and home made cake! Congratulations to Glenn, Polly and Judy whose cars were picked out for a commemorative gift.

The Committee are putting together a "pencilled" in listing for the events next year, of course it will be at Issue 1 and subject to change, nevertheless it will give an early indication of what's in store for 2020. It should be available at the Pannier Market, Nosh and Natters and Breakfast Meets from mid November.

Finally with lots of you wrapping up your cars for the winter, do try and prepare them for their slumber, there are lots of articles out there but a couple of tips from me:

1. The ethanol in fuel has a tendency to attract water so add a fuel stabiliser and try not to leave the tank empty as it encourages corrosion. Go for the 97 Ron fuel it stores the best. Start the car once in a while and run up to temperature to stop the fuel evaporating fully in the carb bowls and turning to sludge that will eventually clog up the jets etc

2. Put a few extra psi into the tyres (about 10 psi) to help prevent flat spots forming, and if possible move the car once in a while within the garage to change the rest point. Better still put the car on axle stands to rest the tyres and suspension.

Look forward to seeing you all at the Pannier Market and Breakfast meets etc, tombola/raffle prizes that can be used to raise money for the NDSCCC's chosen Charity (North Devon Against Domestic Abuse would be most welcome at the Pannier Market.

Cheers

Tim

## **NDSCCC - Member Obituary**

#### Angela Boardman

It is with great sadness that we report the passing of Angela Boardman. The fight, determination and dignity she showed in fighting the battle with cancer is an inspiration to us all. She will be sorely missed by family, friends, Club members alike and all who knew her and whom now will have to try and take some comfort from the fact that she rests in peace.

The following words are from her husband, Evan:-

"Angela had been suffering from cancer for several years, having 3 operations and five weeks of radio therapy. Unfortunately the cancer kept on returning. In her younger years she was a member of the Young Famers in Cheltenham, during this time she marshalled at rallies going as far as Chateau Impney.

We joined the NDSCCC some years later, at that time we were running a SD1 Vanden Plas V8.

Our next classic was the Rover P4 110, in which we attended many rallies.

Angela never passed her driving test, having taken many lessons over the years. The following show a recent photo of Angela and one taken back in 1986, this was the only car we owned that she never bent"



Her funeral took place on 25th September and a card with a donation to MacMillan Cancer has been sent on behalf of the NDSCCC.

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## NDSCCC EVENTS CALENDAR

See Website for further details / entry forms (www.ndsccc.co.uk)

Date	Event	NDSCCC event	Contacts
1st November 2019	Skittles Social Evening Wrey Arms, Sticklepath, Barn- staple. EX31 2BX	Yes	Judy Down j <u>down24@hotmail.com</u> Please book by 18th October
14th November 2019	Nosh and Natter 12.301pm Castle Inn George Nympton South Molton EX36 4JE	Yes	John and Geraldine Kenyon <u>kenyonvirworthy@aol.com</u>
24th November 2019	Barnstaple Pannier Market EX31 1SY	Yes	Glen Merritt <u>glennmerittilf@gmail.com</u> Please book in advance
12th December 2019	Nosh and Natter, 12.301pm Thatched Inn Abbotsham EX39 5BA	Yes	John and Geraldine Kenyon <u>kenyonvirworthy@aol.com</u>
11th January 2020	NDSCCC Post Christmas Party Royal & Fortescue Hotel Barn- staple EX31 1HG	Yes	<ul> <li>3 Course Meal Inc Coffee £22 Per Head</li> <li>Please make your bookings ASAP.</li> <li>Final payments due by Friday 6th December 2019</li> <li>Cheque payable to NDSCCC.</li> <li>Post to: Judy Down, 19 Wester-Moor Drive, Roundswell, Barnstaple EX31 3XU.</li> </ul>
26th January 2020	Breakfast Meet 09.30 Williams Arms, Wrafton EX33 2DE	Yes	Please book by 16th January with Alex Lain mercaston@gmail.com 01271 814680
26th April 2020	Drive It Day 2020 RAF Davidstow Moor	Yes	Details to be finalised Put it in your diary!.

## NDSCCC - Castle Combe

12 cars at this years Castle Combe Autumn Classic. A great days racing to watch.....and for once the weather was kind! The gazebo pitched right next to the circuit provided great spectating.



## NDSCCC - Castle Combe













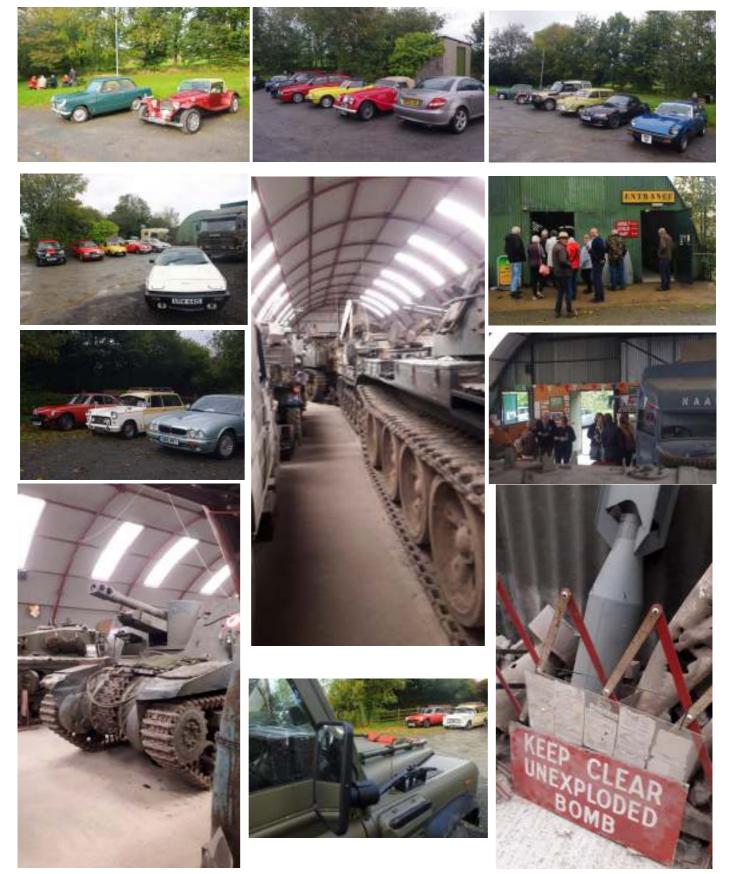




## **NDSCCC - Exmoor Trundle**

## **Quince Honey Farm—Cobbaton Collection**

Thank you everyone for making the Quince Honey Farm to Cobbaton Collection a great day out. Even the sun came out on the way back! Well done especially to John and Anne for working out the run



## **NDSCCC - Breakfast Meet**

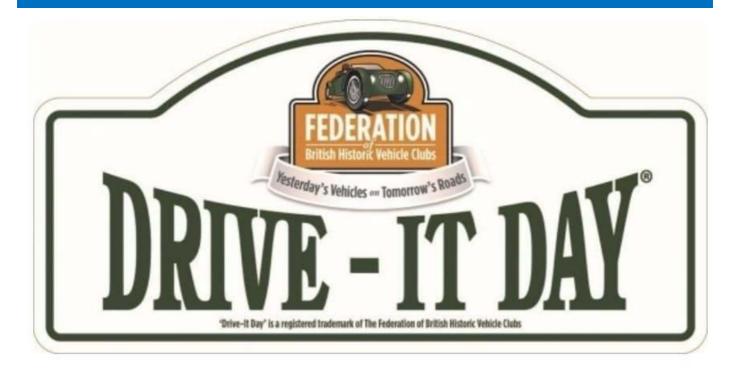
## Portmore

Great turnout for breakfast meet at Portmore Golf Club, good weather too!

Thanks to Judy Down for organising



## NDSCCC - New events—Drive it Day 2020 Entry forms may be downloaded from the website www.ndsccc.co.uk



Drive it Day 2020 is on the 26th April 2020 and will end with a display at the amazing Cornwall at War Museum based at RAF Davidstow Moor. Situated around a Second World War RAF Airfield, the Museum is full of artefacts relating to the history of the base and all three military services during WW2 in North Cornwall and the South West.

Did you know there were three Formula 1 races held on the air field in the mid 1950's ?

On the day we will receive a light lunch in the form of a homemade pasty, reported to be the best pasty's in North Cornwall and made very local to the Museum. There will also be free tea, coffee and cake supplied in their very own NAFFI.

If you wish you can also come dressed in 1940's clothes, Civilian or Military, which ever you please.

Keep an eye out for the advertisement and booking form which will be sent to all members and advertised on the Club Facebook Page in the new year.

NDSCCC - Christmas Party Entry forms may be downloaded from the website www.ndsccc.co.uk



## New Years Party & Disco The Royal and Fortescue Hotel

## Saturday 11th January 2020

3 Course Meal Inc Coffee £22 Per Head Please make your bookings ASAP. Final payments due by Friday 6th December 2019

Cheque to NDSCCC. Post to: Judy Down, 19 Wester-Moor Drive, Roundswell, Barnstaple, EX31 3XU

To book and make payment please fill in the slip below and return

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Name
Meals Required
Payment Amount Per Head
Signature

Pre order X2 bottles of house wine for £32 saving over 10% on the normal price

## **NDSCCC** - Christmas Party

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Board Basis	Standard	Superior	Deluxe	Suite
Room only	50	70	90	110
Bed & Breakfast	70	90	120	140

ices per room per night, please read full T&Cs

Members wishing to attend will need to choose and write down their menu choices.

Food has to be pre-ordered so [lease submit choices together with payment to Judy Down.

#### Cheques to NDSCCC. Post to: Judy Down, 19 Wester-Moor Drive, Roundswell, Barnstaple, EX31 3XU

Anyone wishing to stay overnight, please book directly with The Royal and Fortescue Hotel.

## Christmas Carvery

#### Starters

Spiced Parsnip & Apple Soup a V Chicken Liver Parfail 0

Clementine & Feta Salad & Wet Winter leaf salad, clementine & lemon dressing

Prawn & Crayfish Cocktail m

#### From the Carvery

Roast West Country Turkey or Silverside of Beef (2) A choice of 8 freshly prepared vegetables & potatoes. Yorkshire puddings, pigs in blankets, sage & onion stuffing, gravy

From the Kitchen

Roasted Hake to Winter ratatouille, lemon beume blanc

Vegetable Wellington @ W 1000 Colcannon mash, rich onion jus

Desserts

Christmas Pudding 61

Sea-Salted Caramel Tart

Winterberry Pavlova of

Cheese & Biscuits of celery, grapes & savoury biscuits

> Fresh Fruit o VII Topped with clotted cream

> > Coffee

## **NDSCCC Golden Pencil Award**

Members are invited to submit a short article for the chance of winning a prize at the 2020 AGM

## This month— Mike Ralph and his Bristol 403

The Golden Pencil award (announced via email late last year) is made to one author selected at random from any club member who contributes a personal article & picture to the club magazine in the year between AGMs.

We are rolling out a new award for 2019, so please put pen to paper or finger to keys and tell us a story via the club magazine for a chance to win this valuable prize.

Templates can be found on the website.

#### FROM BRISTOL TO BRISBANE AND BACK....THE STORY AND JOURNEY OF A HAND CRAFTED 1951 BRISTOL 401

Bristols are not a very common sight, which is understandable as production was measured in the hundreds rather than thousands, and oh yes they were eye wateringly expensive in their day, any day in fact. Whilst part of this was due to the British Government's export or die drive in the 1950's which resulted in crippling car tax on new vehicles, the other part was certainly due to the "hand crafted to aircraft standards" approach by the factory. The punitive home market taxation did mean that a huge percentage of the production went out to Australia which in the late 1940's and early 1950's represented a huge market for the British car industry.

So, in 1951, you resided in Australia and had been successful in business and desired an exclusive hand built British automobile but didn't fancy a Jag (too popular) or an Aston Martin (too fragile for these roads) or a Roller (definitely too posh for us Aussies) then a Bristol probably fitted the bill as a businessman's express.

And so it was that Bristol 401 in Cambridge Grey, together with 4 other Bristol 401s, was carefully loaded onto the MV Dominion Monarch and shipped all the way to Australia and the NSW Bristol Agent, John Crouch Motors. The first lucky owner (actually probably nothing to do with luck as this gentleman had served his country in two World Wars and gone on to become a Professor at Sydney University in the field of Embryology) was Prof Claude W Stump in Gordon NSW. He kept the car for about 5 years and sold it to Doctor Donald Cole who ran it for about 12 years but unfortunately crashed it and eventually sold the car in it's damaged state.



First owner, Prof. Claude Stump

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Now at this point it has to be said, the sad Bristol went through a number of hands, each of whom did some restoration work but finally in 1973 a Ronald Dewhurst of NSW completed the job with parts from a 401 donor car and had it repainted Silver. After this there were several owners from such exotic places as Wahroonga Tasmania, Sylvana Heights, Liverpool(!) and Dee Why, all in NSW by the way. At it's last port of call a David Flynn, apparently a Naval Engineer experienced in Bristols, completely rebuilt the engine and mechanicals and re registered it BR 1951.



Registered as BR1951 and for sale for only \$16000. Mind you this was in the 1980's!

Now for the boomerang effect as the Bristol was sold on to a Richard Annis in Horsham, yes in West Sussex! He eventually passed it on to John Healey in Cornwall who became custodian (you never own a Bristol, you are merely the custodian, I think that was a snobby watch advert by the way) for about 18 years after which it came ever closer to Bristol and into North Devon.

She is now dark blue; not my choice but it does suit the car with what I believe is the original leather interior. Having spent a lot of it's life in Australia or in a garage in England the chassis is perfect. The aluminium coachwork has been restored to the best of my knowledge a couple of times so my aim is to improve the smooth running of the engine and running gear. I have already fixed the brakes which were not working on the rear which was a bit scary when I collected her and drove back from Cornwall. Dave Baskerville is about to set up the triple Solex carbs and timing etc, plus I may have to remove the diff and attend to the excessive backlash but apart from that I am hoping that the 401 will be a good long distance cruiser. Certainly it is at it's happiest in overdrive at 60 plus.

If you are into technical then the following is rather interesting, if not then just fast forward to the end. The engine is a 6 cylinder with the appearance of an overhead valve unit; it is not. In fact it has a single cam half way down one side which operates the first set of valves through vertical pushrods with another set of near horizontal pushrods opening the opposite bank. This may sound a little crazy but was an original BMW idea (more of that later) and in fact the 2 litre engine became a hugely successful racing engine, finding it's way into such racers as the Arnolt Bristol and as a Bristol 450 campaigning with some success at Le Mans.

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As to the origins of this engine; pre war Archie Frazer Nash was a BMW dealer in the UK and at the outbreak of WW2 entered the "secret service" or some such. After hostilities ceased, the entire BMW factory was in tatters and the leading engineers/owners in prison for whatever reason I know not. Now the shrewd Archie went to see them and struck a deal which basically was a get out of jail free card for the rights to this engine. They probably considered the offer for a second or so and after Archie got his hands on the patents etc he trotted back to England and had a word with Bristol Aircraft Company who after turning out thousands aircraft for the war effort were a bit overstaffed. Between them it seems they used some of their slack capacity and undoubted aircraft building skills to re engineer the basic BMW engine design and use it to power the first Bristol Car, the 400. This engine remained the prime mover until the late 1960's when a quantum leap to a huge Chrysler V8 took place.

The above are only my personal views on the history of the car and Bristols in general and I unreservedly apologise for any untruths or mistakes I may have unwittingly made. Finally I thought I should include a pic of the car as she is now, in North Devon.....



### **NDSCCC - CLUB Quiz**

## NDSCCC 2019 Curious Car Quiz in aid of NDADA

#### **Car Anagrams**

- 1. easovgnlkw
- 2. osdka
- 3. uaazshsnoipi-
- 4. iahetlyneuas
- 5. czenbermsede
- 6. libaognrmhi
- 7. liacclda
- 8. sgegkgeino 9. atsimare
- 10. nimsnatotar

Achievements:



NDADA NORTH DEVON AGAINST DOMESTIC ABUSE

- 11. Woolf, Emanuele and Henri each won 3 consecutive times but who won 6 consecutive times and what ?
- 12. Nigel won in '86 but this was the last time of what?
- 13. What colour is associated with the current land speed record?
- 14. What red, white and blues got gold in the green, white and red?
- 15. In the Shell Eco-marathon Europe 2019 prototype internal combustion challenge what winning mileage equivalent was achieved? (97 MPG, 326 MPG, 1327 MPG, 7725 MPG, 9854 MPG)

#### **Riddle me these brands:**

- 16. Famous for a bridge and ship on show which city shares it's name with a historical car brand ?
- 17. Famous for a cathedral and castle which city shares it's name with an American car brand ?
- 18. Which Surrey town shares it's name with a super small sporty seven car ?
- 19. Famous for the Gunfighters Wax Museum which city shares it's name with a performance car brand ?
- 20. The name of a bridge, a sword and garden bird and are all clues to which car brand ?
- 21. A famous ship, mountain range and trumpet player and are all clues to which car brand ?
- 22. BTTF, DMC, INOX and NI are all clues to which car brand ?
- 23. Name of a USA president, and a river feature in Winsford (for those that go the right way :-) are clues to this car brand ?
- 24. The SI derived unit of magnetic flux density and a Serbo-Croatian engineer are clues to which car brand ?

## **NDSCCC - CLUB Quiz**

#### Random stuff from the glove box

- 25 Who has Craufurd in the middle ?
- 26 Who has Devereux in the middle ?
- 27 Gurston Down and Prescott feature what sort of motorsport ?
- 28 Where will you find a float, bowl and needle together ?
- 29 Where will you find a diaphragm, fork and plate together ?
- 30 Which Ambassador came from Oxford the third ?
- 31 Which ones of these cars has <u>never</u> been a popemobile or owned by a pope ? (Fiat Panda, Renault 4, M-Class Mercedes, Lexus RX, Lamborghini Huracan, BMW 7 Series, Range Rover)
- 32 Ron rescued Harry in a what ?
- 33 Put these countries in the order of which manufactured the most cars in 2018 ? (Germany, Japan, Mexico, USA, India, China
- 34 Where are the "gudgeon pins" likely to be found ? (Gearbox, Air conditioning, McPherson strut suspension, piston, crankshaft, engine top end valve train) ?
- 35 Mr Bean crashed a what causing a £910,000 insurance repair bill ?

#### Name the twin eye noses on the forecourt (make and model)







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**Rules & How to enter**: Judges Decision is final. Winner will be randomly selected from all entries scoring 36/40 or more found in the completion post box at : <u>NDSCCC</u>, The Acers, Goats Hill Rd, Bideford, EX39 1AJ at midnight on 31 December 2019. Cost of entry is £1(min) + 25p per answer found on internet (be honest please). Cqs payable to NDSCCC or via email to <u>Quiz@ndsccc.co.uk</u> with matching name and payment on <u>https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/ccq</u>

All proceeds will go to club charity <u>http://www.ndada.co.uk</u> North Devon Against Domestic Abuse.

Uk Charity number 1098450.

**Prizes** for 1<sup>st</sup> is a Trophy, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> are club merchandise.

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#### Entry Name and Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Tel: \_\_\_\_\_

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## **NDSCCC - CLUB SHOP**

#### **Club Logo Mugs and Pin Badges**

We have had some mugs printed, they are available from the Chairman via email. They are £5 per mug and can be collected from a show or posted for extra cost. We also have our pin badges. Made out of metal with an enamelled face displaying our logo. A nice high quality item, priced at £5 plus postage or collection from a show. The Caps are £10 and we also have some remaining calendars in stock which can be purchased for £3 each.

Available from REGALIA SECRETARY Rob Martin— robjohnmartin60@gmail.com



#### **CLUB T SHIRTS AND FLEECES ETC**

A local company has agreed to produce, pack and post T shirts, Fleeces and caps etc with the Club logo on.

This saves Committee members having to organise it and paying up front out of their own pockets. The website address is as below and the prices are the same as we have paid before albeit there is now a post and packing charge.

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Email trudy.reynolds@portlantis.com. Telephone 07795 565975.

or speak to your REGALIA SECRETARY Rob Martin— robjohnmartin60@gmail.com

## **NDSCCC - MEMBER ADVERTISMENT**

Please send any adverts to ndsccc.newsletter@gmail.com

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### **NDSCCC - MEMBER ADVERTISMENT**

## For sale 1972 Triumph Stag 3Litre V8 Manual Contact Tim for details

#### timhatcher@talktalk.net

1972 Triumph Stag in Tahiti Blue with a tan interior and black canvas hood. A manual overdrive car with a significant amount of recent history. Good alloys with recent tyres, comprehensively Waxoyled underneath. Recent bodywork includes inner and outer sills, wheel arches replaced and paint throughout (albeit there are a few storage marks in places). The Stag was prepared for continental touring throughout Europe and was used as such over the previous 5 years or so. Preps included cylinder head overhauls, cooling system upgrades, new shocks/springs, gearbox upgrade etc etc. The hood is in good condition, the recess that it folds down into (a known corrosion spot) is good and a steel hardtop will also come with the car (it was painted at the same time as the car and is in good condition steel wise but would benefit from some trim being re attached on the interior).

Quick look through the recent history shows.....lots of small bills but main highlights

Paper copy MOTs 2011 (34k miles) to 2018 (40k miles)

2011 cylinder head overhaul by Kar Engine Services (circa £500), parts (£175 from LD parts), timing chain kits etc from James Paddock (£250 plus).

2012 Callipers rebuilt, stainless braided hoses, drive shaft gaiters, hub seals etc

2013/14 AM Restorations £8k inc inner/outer sills arch work, front I/h floor pan etc

H4 headlights plus wiring kit etc £150

2016 clutch slave and master reseal kit , stainless hose (£65)

Lots of the restoration photos on a data stick, the panel work looks to have been done well with the internals preserved well. Certainly shows the sill work and floor repairs etc.

The owner is also is looking for the history from the previous owner who is reputed to have spent £11k from 2006. The hard-top was painted at the same time....also had a new carpet set etc

The Stag will be sold with a new MOT and the owner is looking for offers around the £15k mark

All in all a good useable Stag that would sit well at any shows, with a good mechanical pedigree and of course that wonderful V8 burble!

Any ?s contact timhatcher@talktalk.net . Phone numbers etc on the Committee page . Advertising on behalf of the current owner and NDSCCC member.





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