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## Editors bit on the Side

Greetings all, well Happy New Year and a great beginning to 2018! An excellent turnout to the Little River event on the 1<sup>st</sup> of January and a good catch up with club members. The club shouted BBQ food which went down very well. Big thanks to the cooks once more. Also great to have new members in attendance.

We arrived direct from a break in Akaroa in the 2.5 and I was aware as we arrived that we had squealing rear brakes....very annoying so last week took both rear drums off to find no real issues except the brake linings appeared a bit glazed so a quick scuff up and re assembly and quiet once more. Might have been residue brake fluid from when I replaced the rear slave cylinders but hopefully fixed.

Also working on the project Herald coupe - formulating brackets for the alternator. Very tight fit but it is a twin cam Nissan SR20 engine and 5 speed gearbox so one can expect some design issues which are largely now resolved. Don't forget the AGM run and committee afternoon tea shout! Well, as I always say.....  
*.Long live character!*  
*Rocky*

## Presidential Ponderings

I know it is a bit late and, for those who met up at Little River for the Jan, 1<sup>st</sup> picnic, this will be Déjà vu, but worth repeating - Happy New Year to you all.. And that Picnic was well attended. I think I counted 19 cars and I lost count of members 'cos they kept moving around. It was like herding sheep! We had arranged an early start so we could get the shady spot to the north of the ground. We need not have worried. The sun never quite got to shine, (until I reached Motukarara on the way home). A good day all the same, and we tucked in to sausages and patties freely supplied by the Committee.



Whilst welcoming people to the picnic, I expressed my disappointment at the lack of any Queen's New Years Honours for members. Despite going to the website: [dub.dub.dub.knighthood](http://dub.dub.dub.knighthood), and applying for a gong for young Rocky, we were told that you could only ever receive one knighthood, so three dubs were invalid.

Not to be thwarted, we managed to get him an OBE instead – **Outstanding Bl...dy Editor**. A well-deserved award which he received in front of a packed audience of picnic goers. Well, we have a whole year to look forward to and, already, we have a change of plans. It seemed a long wait until the AGM in late February, so we have decided to revisit the Mount Bossu run. Hopefully, the road will be open this time and we are planning the date for 28<sup>th</sup> Jan. I missed the last run, (the nurses were sympathetic. Me? Just pathetic), so I just hope the weather holds. This might be wishful thinking as I sit here watching the rain pour for the last 2 days. So, this might be a good time to remind you all to check the forecast and contact a Committee member if you have any doubts as to runs going ahead. With the weather patterns that we have been experiencing, we might be in for a challenging year. I do hate having to cancel but at least that is an easier job than putting the soft-top up on the Stag! February see us meeting for the annual AGM, (as only AGMs can be). We are returning to BarrHill this year. Strangely, this event is one of the highlights of the year. I have had comments from people who are amazed at the eagerness to attend, and the jovial nature of discussions. That is heartening. As usual, the outgoing Committee will supply afternoon tea, (maybe that is the attraction).

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**MAGAZINE**

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**CANCELLATIONS**

In case an event has to be cancelled or has to be postponed due to weather, please ring a committee member or organiser of the event to confirm.

**REGALIA**

Windscreen stickers, full colour, non fade ink, 8.8cm diameter. Stick on inside of glass as protection from the elements \$2.00 each.

OK a wee treat, as the first event for the year was on the 1<sup>st</sup> January we thought there was time for a second run in January and repeating the one some of you missed. This time we hope to go the official route not Reynolds Valley. Last time our road was closed due to a hill climb event. No doubt a refreshment break and regroup at Little River.

**28<sup>th</sup> January Banks Peninsular Bossu Run**

meet at PMH at 10.00 am, Though the road is slightly goat-track in places but pretty good for all that, the steep bits at both ends are sealed. The run is weather dependant on the off-chance we get a low-cloud on the day. No point if you can't see the spectacular views! Bring your picnic lunch which we will probably have in the domain on the Akaroa Harbour side. . Doubts about the weather then ring a committee member but if it is raining then it will be cancelled.

This run was organised by Bill and Cynthia Cockram

**30<sup>th</sup> January Club night at**

**Woolston Club.** 43 Hargood Street Whitfords

Restaurant at 6.30 pm. Certainly the bar prices are not town prices. "Triumph Club meals" are \$15 for two courses but you can order off the menu if you wish but you pay the menu price which is still pretty good!

No cooking or dishes

**25<sup>th</sup> February AGM Run Meet at 1 pm at**

**Princess Margaret Hospital** Good little run to Barrhill under the majestic spreading oak trees, Of course the committee will be shouting you all afternoon tea. Have lunch before you attend the run! If you have never been to Barrhill it is a great place to visit. Bit of the history further in The Flyer

And to give the incoming committee a breather before they swing smoothly into action!

**18<sup>th</sup> March North Canterbury Run.**

Heading to Leslie Hills/Leader Valley area

Will be a beaut! Trust Me!

Bill and Cynthia Cockram organisers

## Presidential Ponderings Continued from Page One

Come prepared for a veritable feast. Now would be a good time to get you to start thinking about who you would like to run your Club. We require candidates to be nominated, seconded, and for them to accept those nominations. We don't allow absentees to be nominated from the floor, so there is no fear of anyone getting press-ganged.

It is always good to have fresh blood and new ideas to keep the Club vital and relevant. So, here is this month's challenge. If you can spare one evening a month for a Committee Meeting; if you can stomach delicious suppers and riveting conversation; if you love the Club and want to see it prosper, if you are not adverse to assisting at runs and organising the occasional club run then volunteer your services at the AGM so we have a full Committee and an exciting year. Believe me, the only onerous part is hearing me continually attempting to bring the meeting back to order! Digressions and anecdotes are a constant problem.

And the new Committee doesn't have to rush to organize anything because we have already arranged a run north through Leslie Hills and the Leader Valley, (No. Not named after me). This is planned for March 18<sup>th</sup>. You can all start praying for good weather now.

That's me for another month. The accounts are done, I have reports to write, trophies to find and engrave, and subs for the year are now due. A busy few weeks. Hope to see some of you on the Bossu run, and all of you at the AGM.

"Together we are strong"



The Fat Controller.

SUBS: Hate to mention this but it is a new year and for many of you the subscriptions are once more due. Jennifer will be sending out the invoices.

The good news is that they are still \$35 for the year and probably one of the lowest car club subscriptions around. We get a lot for \$35 a year. This year you will all get new cards and club lanyards should you choose to wear them, somewhat easier than pinning badges to clothing

## Barrhill

Wason emigrated from Scotland to New Zealand in late 1868 and bought a sheep run in mid Canterbury. On the estate, Wason built a village called Barrhill, with avenues forming a grid layout and a central market square. Barrhill had 28 sections, including a post office, bakery, school, church, other facilities, and fifteen cottages were built. Wason named the village after his old home in South

Ayrshire, Scotland. The post office opened in 1876 and in the same year, construction of the church began, and these buildings mark the beginning of Barrhill.

However, Wason had expected the Methven Branch railway to be built near Barrhill, but when it was built on a more southerly route along Thompsons Track and what was later to become known as Lauriston, the village began to decline. Dwindling population forced the closure of the school in 1938, although the Church of St John the Evangelist is still in use. Most of the buildings were constructed from pine wood grown on the estate, but the three original concrete buildings remain: church, school and schoolhouse.

Without the railway, Wason saw his project as doomed, and sold up in 1900. A rural mail service was discussed for the Ashburton District in September 1924 and after the contracts were let in February 1925, the Barrhill post office was closed. The school closed in 1938.

## **All British Day,,,,,,,,,,,,The mystery is solved**

Hi Rocky

Re the pic of me not receiving a trophy.....Yes I had left as time was getting on and of course I have never won anything before.

I had a personalised trophy presentation at home...it was of a small red Morris van on a wooden plinth and it was because Vicky and I had the closest mileage/time to the judges!!!???? How I don't know because we got lost in the West Melton streets en route between Cutler Park and Kirwee. A pity the trophy was not of a red Spitfire!

I always enjoy reading the newsletter....thank you.

Kind regards Nick Williams

## **New Members**

**It has been great to get an influx of new enthusiastic members, so a huge welcome to the following, some of whom are already attending events.**

**Max Gills who has a 2.5**

**Scott Hallman also with a 2500TC**

**Kim and Richard Bullett with their Spitfire**

**Alex Bayley with a 2500TC**

**Stephen Challies also with a 2500TC**

**We also have a new member Linda Bradley but absolutely no other details, anyone know her?**

**CLUB NIGHTS: Next one in January. Good attendances. We usually get into the 20s these days. It helps that there is a cheap meal on offer and no dishes!**

**Come and talk about your cars with like minded people. You don't need to be driving a Triumph to come and meet the club members!**

**See you there!**

So that is it for another month. Drive safely, look after you.

Long Live Character!

*Rocky Road Rabbit*