



FROM YOUR EDITOR

Many thanks to Phil Ellis for his article on Zoe's Place presentation and to Fiona for hers on the ABF presentation. A warm welcome to Ralph and Grant Kelly and Laura McBurnie from Ayr who joined immediately after Thirlestane. Look forward to meeting you soon.

SUNDAY LUNCH

A lovely sunny Sunday saw the Polar Bears meeting up in the Collingwood Arms garden for coffee before their May lunch. After a delicious lunch, the raffle was drawn which raised £125 for Hearts&Minds Clowndoctors. Then it was down to business. Shiny Day in Leyburn had a good turnout and was enjoyed by those who went. It was felt another day was needed to cover all the basics and to give more 'hands on' experience. Jim and Aly Harris have agreed to hold a second Shiny Day on September 16th and combine it with the Sunday Lunch. Thirlestane Dream Rides has 25 cars and there will be the usual lunch and stand set up on the



Saturday, organised by Kate Cherry. The Borders Children's Charity has 4 volunteers to help distribute fliers. Corbridge Classics on July 1st. Bob Selby has it all in hand and there will be the usual meal afterwards. Money going to Down's Syndrome Education Centre. Coldingham Weekend 28/29 July. Being organised by Jeff and Mary-Jane Ferris. There will be a run over the Lammermuirs on the Saturday with a quiz and raffle at the evening meal. Then the usual stand at the Coldingham Gala Day on the Sunday – keep reading for

more details. Andrew Carrie gave details of the Knockill Classic Speedfair on September 9th - more details on the last page.



Several Charities have had presentations - James Rennie School, ABF and Zoe's Place. Whizzkids has been nominated and approved to receive the money recently raised by Alasdair Campbell - see reports. SBMC Committee Meeting: The Club has an additional patron, Barrie Whizzo Williams and it was suggested the North-East Bears should be started up, but it was felt there weren't enough people yet to do that and things are working well as it is. Janet MacPherson is looking for volunteers to help her man the membership desk at the NEC. If you can help please email her at jdm.car@btopenworld.





ZOE'S PLACE PRESENTATION

Just a note to inform you of the Raffle proceeds from my signed Rob Smedley Ferrari Shirt which I started at the local Steelworks prior to the Sporting Bears Event at Teesside Autodrome on the 6th April. Having enrolled family and friends to help at the event my total raised reached £500 with the winning ticket being claimed by an invited guest who travelled from North Lincolnshire.

My chosen Charity to receive the proceeds was Zoe's Place Baby Hospice @ Normanby Teesside which I visited on the 30 April with my wife Kendral to present the Sporting Bears Cheque to their Fund Manager Elaine Dunning and life sized Bear weighing 8 1/2 stone. We also completed a tour of the building and enjoyed the opportunity to see the former convent which is now rented for respite care.

Our best regards to Rob Smedley for the donation and Elaine for her guided tour which turned a special day into an unforgettable event for both of us. *Phil Ellis*

PRESENTATION TO ABF

The Soldier's Charity

At Nimal Jayaratne's request, Mike and I arranged to present a cheque for £500 from the Sporting Bears to benefit the children of Scottish soldiers who have died or served in Afghanistan. This amount was raised through 'sponsorship' of his Continental car tour in his E-type last summer which was organised by the Jaguar Owners' Club to mark the 50th anniversary to this

iconic car. We met with Claire Hayes, the Secretary of the Army Benevolent Fund and Major Roy Robertson, the Director in their offices at Edinburgh Castle at the end of April. Following several days of torrential rain and gale force winds, we were pleased to open the curtains on the morning to find blue skies and just a brisk breeze. After tea and some lovely chat we ventured out into the throng of tourists on the Castle Esplanade for the official presentation (Claire having got prior approval from Historic – or should that be hysteric? – Scotland for our visit and permission had been granted to take photographs!). On the way back to their offices Claire insisted on taking a photo of Mike and I looking out over the ramparts beside one of the cannons – she liked what she saw on the back of our Club Dream Rides

sweatshirts. Having told them about our various fund-raising activities, including 'recycling' teddy bears, Claire insisted on giving us a Baxterbear. He came complete with his own card giving his life history – so far – along with his 9 Philosophies. You can find out more about him at his website www.baxterbear.com. We intend to find Baxterbear a new owner and at the same time raise a little bit more money for the charity.

Fiona Davies



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www.sportingbears.org.uk

Twice as Shiny

[Calling All Polar Bears...](#)

[We Need YOU!](#)

If you haven't attended a recent Polar Bears event....well, now's your chance to show your support!

We are organising a social event with a difference. It will incorporate the car theme, a social gathering, with plenty of different things to see and do for the ladies, some scenic driving to get there and of course, as with any Bears event, plenty of Food!

If you have been supporting regular events, Many Thanks for your continued support and we hope to have the pleasure of your company again on this event.

On Sunday 16th September 2012....

We will be incorporating A Polar Bears Carvery Lunch with a sequel to the "Shiny Day" Car Detailing Masterclass which will again be based in Leyburn, North Yorkshire.

Following the success of the first event of this type in March, we have organised this follow up event. Given the stunning location of Leyburn in the North Yorkshire Dales, many folk will want to make a weekend of it and we have planned optional entertainment to suit all tastes.

[See YOU there....](#) **Don't miss this one!**

[Contact Jim Harris on 07980 - 693505 or....](#)

[e-mail:- jimmini@btinternet.com](mailto:jimmini@btinternet.com) for full details...**NOW!**

THIRLESTANE DREAM RIDES

A dry if grey day at Thirlestane Castle resulted in a record breaking Dream Rides - will 94 Rides going out and £2,260 being donated by the public for their Dream Rides. Another £325 was raised by the bear raffle, cool wall, badge collection and personal donations. An additional £50 has since been generously donated by one of the drivers. SBMC committee members Keith Borkett and Boo Grant were giving rides and liked the location and friendliness of the event. There will be a full report in July's Polar News.



See You Soon!

www.sportingbears.org.uk



Sunday 1 July Classics at Corbridge. Final call! Contact Bob Selby tel.0191 489 1980
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Weekend July 28/29 Lammermuir Lope based at Coldingham. Saturday mini-tour and Sunday village show – see below . Contact Jeff and Mary-Jane.
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Sunday 9 September Knockhill Classic Speedfair – see right. Contact Andrew Carrie
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Sunday 16 September Twice as Shiny, Leyburn followed by Lunch and Meeting. See previous page. Contact Jim Harris.
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16 - 18 November NEC Dream Rides
Contact Andrew Lake
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Sunday 2 December Lunch, Collingwood Arms, Cornhill-on-Tweed, Northumberland. Contact Fiona Davies

LAMMERMUIR LOPE

This will take place on Saturday 28th July 2012 starting from Coldingham playing field car park. Entry fee is £5 per car. First car away at 11am and lunch will be at the Abbey St. Bathans Restaurant. Cars are expected to return to Coldingham around 3pm with dinner at 7.30pm at the New Inn, Coldingham. There will be a quiz on the tour and a raffle - so please bring a raffle prize. Live Music in the bar till late or you can retire to your B&B for an early night!
Sunday 29th is the Coldingham

Gala Day and the Bears will set up their stand on the field by 12 noon. This is an opportunity for Bears to explore this part of the East Coast and Lammermuir Hills and enjoy a social event. If interested, contact Jeff Ferris at red-mist@live.co.uk.

KNOCKHILL CLASSIC SPEEDFAIR – SUNDAY 9 SEPTEMBER 2012

The Polar Bears will be attending a new event this year – the Scottish Classic Speedfair. It's at Knockhill race circuit near Dunfermline in the Kingdom of Fife. This will be the seventh Classic Speedfair, so it's now a well-established event, and very popular with car enthusiasts and car clubs. It's not just a static show either – there is a full programme of Scottish Classic Sports and Saloon races and the GT Cup Championship over the day. At the time I wrote this, likely entrants to the Knockhill round of the GT Cup include a Ferrari 430, Chevron GR8 GT3, BMW GTR and a full array of Porsches from the super-quick 997, 996 and 935 Evocation models.

Their web site promises:

- Action packed classic sports & saloon races
- 30 lap 2-driver classic endurance race
- 50 Year Celebration of MG
- Supercar owners' gathering and track parade
- Supercar racing action from the GT Cup
- Knockhill Motor Sports Club car racing

The programme also includes other entertainment, which in past years has included on-track stunt driving (by Russ and Paul Swift), stunt motorcycles, and guest drivers including Sir Jackie Stewart reunited for the first time since 1973, with the Tyrell in which he won his 3rd world championship that year.

There will also be static displays of classic and sports cars, including various club stands. It really is a good day out. There are

more details of the event on the circuit's web site at <http://motorsport-events.knockhill.com/scottish-speedfair.php>

We have been allocated a spot in Paddock 3, separate from the club stands. For those of you who know Knockhill, it's the small gravel area behind the main spectator bank alongside the straight between the hairpin and the finish line. It's a prime spot, since people are passing all day to watch the races and return to the static display areas in between. It's also close to the burger and ice cream vans and the restaurant, for those of you like me, who are careful to ensure adequate nutritional replenishment over the day. We will be selling bears, big and small, in aid of the Children's Hospice Association Scotland. Please help if you can. We are also hoping to sort out with the organisers, a parade lap or some other publicity on the day, to attract visitors to our stand. I'll provide further news nearer the time.

Please come along for what promises to be an excellent event. Names please (and details of accompanying vehicle: make, model, year and registration number) to Andrew Carrie at Andrew@acarrie.net or tel 07798 646844.

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Have a nice day!