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FIAT 500 ENTHUSIASTS CLUB AGM

Held at 2.30 pm Sat 25th September 2010 at The Jolly Farmer, Farleigh Rd,
Cliddesden, Basingstoke, RG25 2JG

Present: John Jenkins acting Chairman, Steven Abbott acting Treasurer and Members Secretary, Jenny Squillaci acting Editor, Mr Eric Boswell committee member, Mr V Squillaci committee member.

Apologies: None received

Election of Committee Members: Committee members' posts were uncontested therefore it was agreed that existing acting committee members continue in their roles. In addition two new co-opted members Sheridan and Angela Bowie agreed to join the committee

The Chairman's report Upon Jan and Jimmy confirming their move to Italy, a meeting was held to discuss the direction of the Club. A number of club members volunteered to fill official roles, and to allow other members to come forward we preferred to be "Acting" until an AGM could be organised which we now have.

I would like to thank Jenny and Vittorio for arranging the excellent "Jolly Farmer" public house, and also to thank landlord Rick for the use of his room.

In summing up a very busy year, I have to mention the "Brooklands Auto Italia" on May 1st where I was delighted to count 20 or more 500s plus others, we were in fact combined with "the other 500 club". Both clubs fully integrated. We had a great time in true Italian style with food (and wine) amply provided by several of our members. Our pleasure and enthusiasm for the 500 was much stronger than any past disputes. I am aware that some people are members of both clubs and I see no problem in that. Friendly rivalry can be a good thing and I hope this will drive us forward to become bigger but more importantly the "BEST" 500 Club, and the "Club of choice"

We hope to make closer contact with lots of other Italian car and scooter clubs and hope for many enjoyable joint events.

I would like to thank everyone for their support and I hope that at least some of our plans can be actioned and I look forward to an active future for the club and all its members.

My final reminder is that it is your club and its success needs your ACTIVE INVOLVEMENT.

The Financial report The following is a summary of reports provided by the Treasurer and Membership Secretary. A full report can be made available.

As at 18th September 2010, the Club had eighty two members. Between January and September 2010, three members left the club – all having sold their 500's, while we welcomed twelve new members to the Club.

Accounts from January 1st 2010 to September 18th 2010 show:
the Club spent £ 921.16, mainly on printing & distribution of magazines/
newsletters, website hosting and repayment of the final instalment of a loan
provided during the Club's first two years.

The Club received £848 in membership and advertising. Leaving a total credit of £350.38 in the Club account.

In 2009 the Committee agreed to support a classic car related charity, by collecting at various events. Club members have so far raised £ 251.68 which has been donated to the Woking Hospice, who run the annual Classic Car show we attend.

Magazine & Newsletter Editor's report. It is intended to produce a regular bi-monthly magazine and staggered bi-monthly newsletter. However, newsletter will be issued only if there is considered to be a need.

Input is needed and welcomed from club members; This could include such things as shows, reports of projects undertaken, problems encountered and hopefully resolved, in short any tips technical or otherwise that may be of interest or benefit to members.

Some savings have been made on the printing of the magazine, as the editor now sets out the content, a job previously undertaken by the printer.

Copy deadlines will be printed in the previous month's magazine.

We need to hear of any ideas members have regarding content and format of the magazine. Any suggestions will be carefully considered by the committee.

Website It was reported that work has been carried out to update membership contact details on the web-site and forum.

'The way forward' a summary of ideas is being compiled, with a view to dividing work into manageable sections that can be taken on by committee and members over the coming months. These ideas range from the Club structure, financial and revenue, through to the website and content, events and magazine.

NB For the full financial report please contact the editor.



Fiat 500 – 'Quirky' Collectable Metal Model - An ideal Christmas gift!

If you're an owner or just love these cars this is something you can't miss! I have a limited number of these brand new handmade metal plate models of the original car. They're finished to a really 'quirky' distressed design but look so detailed. You won't have the problem of wanting to keep this in its box - it will age better on display. The wheels are 'free-spinning' and there's some nice interior detail which can be seen through the open sun-roof.

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Dates for Your Diary

* November 20th 2010 - Club Winter Lunch (see opposite)

Please try to come along. It is a good opportunity for an informal get together and we would especially like to meet any new members. The restaurant is very popular with good food and ample parking for your cars.

We hope to see many of you there.

* January 1st 2011 - Brooklands New Year's Day Gathering



Apart from classic, vintage and veteran cars attending possibly the largest New Year's Day gathering in the South East, the museum is displaying its collection of cars, motorbikes and airplanes, plus 'Brooklands in the Battle of Britain' – the story of the production lines where 2500+ Wellington bombers and 3000+ Hurricanes were built and of course how the Luftwaffe tried to stop it with raids on the site.

This year the museum has started building work to become home to the Chobham bus museum.

The restaurant will be open for mugs of tea, snacks and lunch.

1972 Fiat 500 L next to a
1940's Lancaster

CLUB WINTER LUNCH

Sat 20TH Nov 2010

Mario's Italian Restaurant

"BELVEDERE"

3 High Street, Bagshot Surrey GU19 5AG 01276 475583

12.30 for 1pm

Three course lunch £18.50 pp including coffee (excluding wine)

MENU

HOT & COLD STARTERS

Seasonal Soup

Oak smoked salmon salad in lime & chilli dressing

(V) Buffalo mozzarella, avocado & melon salad

(V) Warm goat cheese & beetroot salad with apple vinaigrette

Parma ham & seasonal melon

Grilled baby squid, sweet and sour dressing & tomato pepper compote

(V) Pan roasted wild mushrooms, polenta (maize) & gorgonzola fritters

Mixed seafood gratin peeled & shelled, spices, creamed brandy sauce

PASTA (Starter or Main Course)

(V) Tagliatelle, seasonal mushrooms, parsley, garlic & parmesan

(V) Penne, aubergines, mozzarella, fresh mint & tomato sauce

Rigatoni in spicy red sauce, strips of chicken and black olives

Green fettucine, smoked pancetta, beaten egg, cream

Spaghetti with mixed shelled seafood, lemon zest & pesto sauce

MAIN COURSES

Fillet of sea bass, bed of lentil salad, cream sauce & chives

Crispy fillet of mackerel with red onion, mint & mustard dressing

Breaded chicken breast, taleggio cheese, sage & plum chutney

Minute sirloin steak with chips & salad

Roasted rump of lamb, wild mushrooms and its own sauce

Veal scaloppine topped with parma ham & sage in Marsala wine sauce

Pan-fried calf liver in crispy pancetta, shallots, lemon & butter

(V) Italian omelette with taleggio cheese, mushrooms & mixed salad

ALL MAIN COURSES INCLUDE VEGETABLES & POTATOES OF THE DAY

DESSERTS & COFFEES

All prices inclusive of V.A.T. A discretionary 12.5% service charge will be added to the final bill

to book your place: Contact: Jenny or Vittorio,

Tel: 01256 478387 or email squillacij@aol.com

Goodwood Breakfast Club Soft Top Sunday June 27th



As I sit here on a cold (ish), wet (ish) September afternoon, Soft-Top Sunday seems a long time ago. A glorious Sunday morning saw a small group of us, Jan and Jimmy, John, Steven, dad (Eric), myself and my other half (David) head off to Goodwood.

Everyone heard my entry to the racetrack as the new clutch cable had stretched during the trip from Warsash and made engaging 1st gear a very, very noisy business ('lady drivers' I heard someone mutter!). Jan was one of those who heard the noise and within a few minutes Jimmy had arrived. A couple of movements with a spanner later and all was fine – how we shall miss Jimmy and Jan.

I was directed to park next to an Aston Martin and as soon as I got out one visitor told me I had stolen the limelight from the flash, modern car. Hurrah for all Fiat 500s! John's car was about as far away as possible but we did find him for the photo. After a fantastic 'fat-boy' breakfast and a good look around all we headed off into the sun – toot-toot!

Once again, we shall miss Jan and Jimmy; they did so much for us in restoring Aida, the Giardiniera, and we hope to see them again before too long.

Gillian Boswell

Concorde Club Classic & Sport Car Show Sunday September 5th

My daughter Gillian, her partner David and myself headed off to Eastleigh to exhibit our 1968 Fiat 500 Giardiniera at this annual charity event for Naomi House children's hospice (total amount raised was over £3200.00).



The event was mainly a Ferrari event, organised by Rob Heard from the Wessex Ferrari club, with enthusiastic support from over one hundred classic cars including a Maserati previously owned by Sir Elton John.

Whilst Michael Schumacher's Benetton F1 car was a major attraction, the Giardiniera attracted its fair share of interest (and hopefully new club members). Even the Ferrari owners stopped by for a chat and an invitation to participate in this annual event was received.

A few drops of rain did not dampen the event nor the barbeque and live jazz band. At 4pm when the sun came out, everyone put away their chamois leathers and departed!

Eric Boswell



Motorsport at the Palace 2010

The last bank holiday weekend in May saw 5000 spectators descend upon Crystal Palace Park to watch two days of exhilarating motor sport. Following this year's

success, the event is already planned for 29/30 May 2011 and we hope to include it as a regular club event.

Photo shows Peter Dixon racing his 695 at this year's revived Crystal Palace sprint. Slowest time of day was not achieved!



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FOR SALE

Jim has given me a number of second hand Fiat 500 starter motors and regulators including some regulators for the 126 Bis.

Some are in reasonable condition and others may need to be rebuilt. Jim has given me the contact number of someone he recommends who can recondition these parts.

Please contact me for prices and any additional information on 01256 478387.

All proceeds from these sales will be donated to the Fiat 500 Enthusiasts Club

(I have received no requests for information on these parts so far, but I'm sure they may be of interest to some. Prices will be very reasonable as I would like to free up space and generate a small amount of revenue for the club—don't be shy, please get in touch!)

Vittorio Squillaci

ITALIAN CAR AND BIKE DAY AND HONNINGTON COUNTRY FAIR

The show was over 100 miles away so we set off before 8 o'clock on a fine but cloudy Sunday. Driving through a few showers we always had the blue skies in front of us so we stayed optimistic of a sunny day to enjoy our picnic.



Nearing our destination we stopped to re-fuel for the return trip. Attempting to leave the filling station behind a 4 x 4 pick up truck I spotted to our left an elderly lady pedestrian whose Labrador dog appeared to be in distress. The lady, whose white stick indicated her visual limitations, also seemed confused, so I jumped out of my car to see if I could be of help.

It then became clear that the 4 x 4 was obstructing the pavement and the guide dog, being unable to guide its owner to the pedestrian crossing had stopped short, hence the problem!

I gave the pick-up driver the 'look' he deserved and I helped the lady and her dog safely across the busy road. On continuing our journey we reflected what an amazing job the various assistance dogs do, and how the charities who provide and support these animals deserve our donations. Of course, we cannot assist them all, but if we give what we can afford and select the charity wisely I feel we can help to make a huge improvement to those less fortunate than ourselves. I sometimes think of it like insurance—we pay a premium but hope we never need to make a claim.

Well anyway, we arrived safely at the event, tooting the horn at Angela on the way in, and parked alongside Sheridan's 2 Gamines and his 500 convertible and were immediately joined by two more 500s and 2 x 126s.

After a short chat we were off around the show, returning 2 minutes later (I forgot something)



I noticed that the membership form I left under my wiper was gone, another potential member? so I renewed it and continued.

The many stalls were interesting and varied and having purchased a dog bed, two dozen raffle tickets and two teas, we returned to the car for a picnic lunch before strolling around the Italian exotics.

Angela was spotted on the extending arm of a High reach access machine about 50 feet in the air and I was expecting a full bloodied Bungie Jump, but it was just for photographic purposes, probably a good thing as my car was just below.



The P.A system then announced the 'Duck Throwing' in the main arena and we all looked at one another in amazement until our brains unscrambled it to mean 'Duck Droving'!

We spent a very enjoyable hour watching several Border Collies driving flocks of ducks into pens, up a ramp, and down a slider, then finally back to their trailer. I think a shepherd gave them some guidance but mainly he was ignored, the dogs knew exactly what to do.

The monster truck was too big to enter the arena, so it did a lap of the spectator area. It was 15 feet high with a noisy V8 engine, not one to mess with in a 500.

We didn't have time for the clay pigeon shooting, but could hear the guns occasionally.

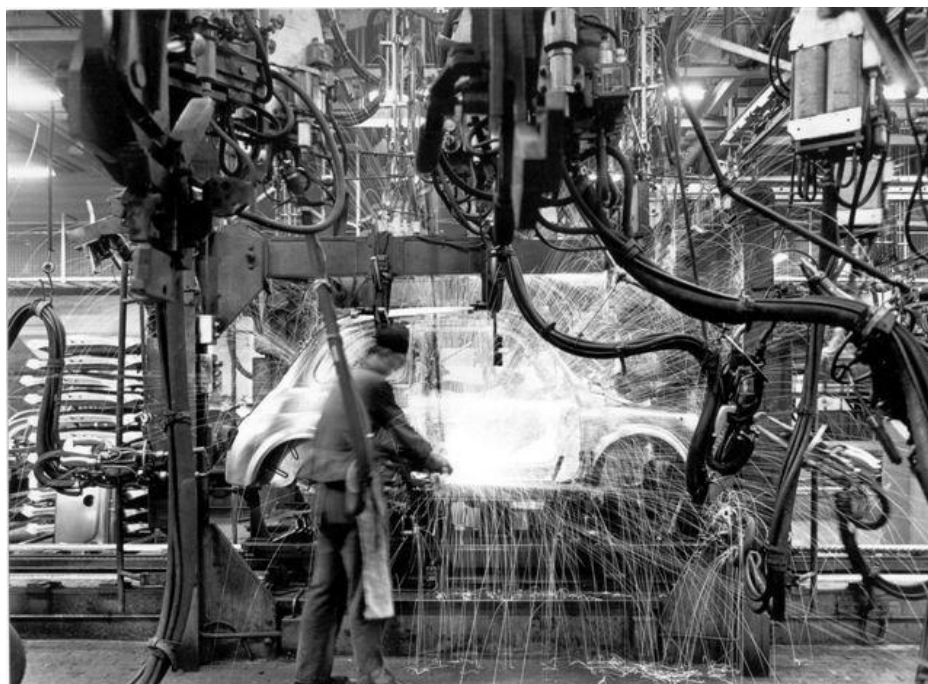
A great event that improves every year and many thanks to club members Sheridan and Angela who organise it, raising money for the **Kent Air Ambulance**.

We left around 5 o'clock and thanks to a short cut given to us by nice people on the Giallo Maserati stand, avoided the traffic in Tunbridge Wells. They also gave us a couple of pens which I just realised I've used to write this report. A successful day all round then.

John and Mary Jenkins

MIRAFIORI PRODUCTION LINE 1961

Photograph showing a Fiat 500 being welded together on the Mirafiori production line. This photo was taken in 1961, and is re-printed with kind permission of Fiat Group Automobiles UK Ltd.



MEMBERS

WANTED AND FOR SALE

For the benefit of our members we would like to include a wanted and for sale section in our magazine. This would allow paid up club members to advertise for free provided adverts are non-commercial. However, the 500 Fiat Enthusiasts club can take no responsibility for items listed for sale or for any subsequent transactions.

Please forward any advertisements to the editor.



Members out and about

This 500 was spotted and photographed by the Stoneham family at the Bonhams "Collectors' Motor Cars and Automobilia" auction. Taking place at the Goodwood Revival in September, the dark blue

500 exceeded its £6000 - £8000 guide price, finishing the sale at a price of £11,270 (including auction fees).

According to the catalogue, the 500 is in generally good condition and is a left hand drive 1972 FIAT 500L, having been converted to an Abarth 595SS in Italy.



NEW MEMBERS

The Fiat 500 Enthusiasts Club extends a warm welcome to the following members who joined in October

Alessandro Torricelli	West Sussex	500
Dennis Driver	Hertfordshire	
Chris Burgess	East Sussex	
Chris Gardner	Berkshire	500 R
Simon & Karin Cundey	London	500 L

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This month's front and back cover picture was sent to us by Lester Stenson who has begun a restoration on this neglected 500. There is apparently an interesting story behind the acquisition of OLB11E and I am hoping that Lester will write in soon and let us know how this came about.

