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Committee Meeting
Brooklands
12th February 2011

We are pleased to announce that existing member Peter Siddall has been welcomed onto the committee. We are also grateful to committee member Sheridan Bowie who has agreed to become events co-ordinator.

It was an informal meeting where each member was asked to give some thought on how to move the club forward in a way that provided a fun, friendly and helpful role to its members. One way in which we decided to do this is to provide a club presence at as many shows as practically possible. Those at which one or more committee or club members have committed to attend are listed on pages 12-13.

Of particular note and featured on the enclosed flyer is our 'Season Opener' beginning at the Goodwood Breakfast Club and ending with a club convoy and pub lunch at Graffham.

In addition it was agreed to explore further sources of technical assistance and if possible build up a stock of spares.

It was also decided to explore possible modifications to our website.

Various other 'housekeeping' matters were discussed including club structure, public liability, finance and membership.

As many committee members are new to their roles and a period of time was needed for information gathering and research, it was decided to hold another committee meeting on 20th March at Brooklands.

The Fiat 500 Enthusiasts Club extends a warm welcome to
New member Trevor Walker of Newcastle-upon-Tyne who
owns a 500 L

TWELFTH NIGHT / EPIPHANY 2011

Or "Has anyone seen my teeth"

Following the raduno in Monte Carlo (you will have read about it in the 2011 issue of this mag' and be pleased to hear that we now have our boiler mended!!), we were asked to attend another charity event, this time at the Gaslini Hospital in Genova. This is the largest children's hospital in the country caring for all types of illnesses.



Fiat 500 Club Italia together with the local ambulance service – which is next

door to the club house – collects through the year, money to purchase gifts for the children, and on the 6th January "Epiphany" or as we call it Twelfth Night in the UK, the Italians celebrate by The Witches giving presents to the good children (rather like our Father Christmas does on Christmas eve). Of course all the children in the hospital are good children so each gets a present.

The programme was to leave from the club house at 6.45am (total darkness) with a white van loaded with toys for the children and few 500's and an ambulance for good measure. We were to rendezvous with other 500's at strategic points on the 80km route to Genova, it didn't sound too difficult, even Jan, who considering she doesn't understand much Italian, understood.

We were quite happy to slot our 500 between the white van and the ambulance, we felt quite safe with that arrangement, as Jan muttered "*we were covered for all eventualities*", and as Bugs'y (our 500) lights give better visibility when switches off!! (Again see our Monte Carlo article) so we didn't have to worry.

First rendezvous, the toll gate at the Motorway, here we collected 3 more 500's and the club camper van, filled to the brims with more presents. On the motorway we past another 500 who tucked itself into the convoy.... Now we were 5 x 500's a white van, a camper van, and of course the ambulance.

Half an hour later and it was beginning to get light, we pulled into a service station where we found another 6 500's parked up waiting for us. It was also time for a comfort stop & breakfast.

As usual, here in Italy, meeting new friends turns into a ceremony, lots of noise and

kissing men. I am not really keen on that, as you don't know where they have been!!! The preliminaries done we adjourned to the bar for breakfast..... I then realised that in the rush to leave the house earlier, I had forgotten to put in my false teeth (those of you who know me, know that this is a fairly regular occurrence and it drives Jan mad, so much so that when we go on holiday she puts a large notice on the front door saying "TEETH")



Not being able to eat anything, whilst everyone else was enjoying lovely cakes and croissants, I had to be happy with a large cappuccino pretending not to be hungry.

Next stop en-route was at the sea front in Genova, here we collected about 15 more "Appassionati's", the convoy was getting bigger, but not uncontrollable and it was a surprise that we were able to keep together as we drove through the busy town to the hospital.

Here at the main gate we were greeted by a reception committee of doctors and the hospital hierarchy.

Parking our cars, we all gathered in one of the lecture halls, for a speech or two (any Italian event wouldn't be an event if it didn't have a few speeches!!!) to sort out which presents should go to which ward, dress up The Witches and the clowns.

We sat back and watched what looked like a mini revolution, but in reality was organised chaos Italian style. At one stage they discovered they were short of two witches so Jan and I hid under that desk in front of us in case they decided to rope us in.

We had been told that visiting the wards and seeing the suffering of the children would

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be heart breaking, so we left this job to others, and as my family live only a few streets away we decided now was the time to leave and go to visit them as promised.

Outside the main entrance we met our friend Mario Ferrando, he works for a local dairy company promoting their products, and after the usual greeting of kisses he went to his car and offered us 2 yogurts (products of his company). This was a blessing in disguise as I hadn't had any food since 7.00pm the night before, and wasn't the yogurts delicious, I could have eaten the container if I had had my false teeth.

Outside the building we couldn't find where we had parked our car, we went round in circles for 20 minutes, walking the same route with no result, no one to ask, we weren't lost, but we temporarily didn't know where we were. It is easy to loose yourself in a hospital of that size.

James Di Carlo

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FIAT 500 CLUB ITALIA – ANNUAL MEETING

VENUE: VIA ROMA, GARLENDIA, (SAVONA) ITALY

DATE/TIME: FRI/SAT/SUN 1ST/2ND/3RD JULY 2011



Our sister club, Fiat 500 Club Italia, is once again holding their annual meet at the beginning of July. Now that we are resident in Italy and only living just down the road from the club house, we would like to extend a welcome to any club members/Fiat 500 owners who would like to attend this event.

Last year almost 1,000 cars attended and we are expecting somewhere around the same number this year from all over Europe, the club is

already working hard at the organisation.

Not only will there be convoy runs to places of interest, a visit to the local aquatic park, wonderful food and wine, evening entertainment etc but also all the suppliers of Fiat 500 spare parts will be there to tempt you to spend your hard earned cash on bits for your beloved 500.

If there is enough interest perhaps we can, in conjunction with your UK based committee, organise a group convoy drive down in your 500's, we could meet you somewhere mid-France.... Now that's an Idea.....

If you feel the trip is too far in your 500, come in your ordinary car, fly down (Nice or Genova airports are only about 50 miles away) or come by any other means.

We need to know numbers ASAP in order to book accommodation (everywhere locally is starting to get fill up already) on offer is: Hotels, B&B's, Campsite's and for anyone wanting to stay a week or more, chalets. Prices upon applications.

For more details etc, contact:
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WINNERS OF THE 2010 XMAS CARD COMPETITION

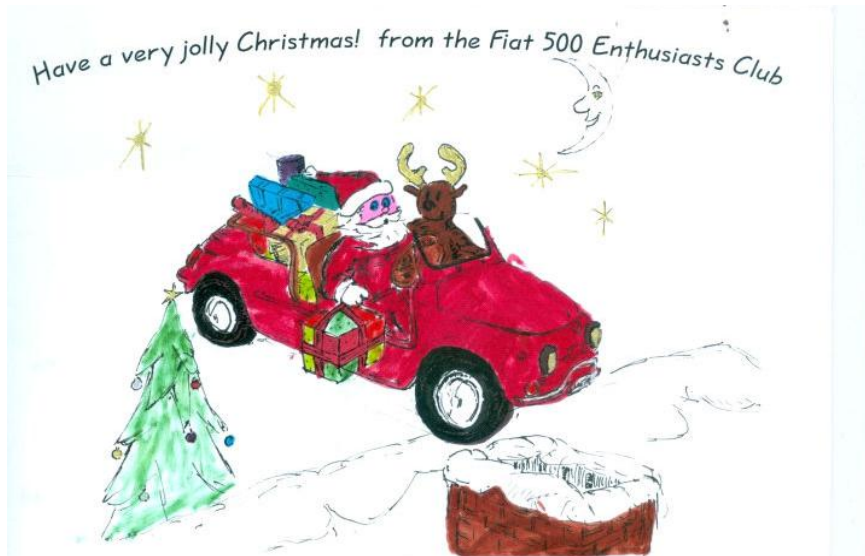
Our Congratulations to Aron Cirpici age 6 from Horsham

Have a very jolly Christmas! from the Fiat 500 Enthusiasts Club



Our Congratulations to Daniel Torricelli age 8 from Worthing

Have a very jolly Christmas! from the Fiat 500 Enthusiasts Club



Aron and Daniel will shortly be receiving a small prize for their successful entries

'VROOM VROOM'



Image courtesy of Getty Images



Image courtesy of Yasin Makda

This sculpture of a giant silver child's hand grasping the 500 Fiat is by the Italian sculptor Lorenzo Quinn, and entitled 'Vroom Vroom'.

The Fiat in the artwork was the first car owned by the Italian artist.

Supplied by Halcyon Gallery, the work has been given planning permission by Westminster Council to be displayed on the central reservation of Park Lane until April 2011.

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Can you Help?

We are getting married in Leicester in the summer and have our hearts set on a Fiat 500 for our big day.

We'd love to have a classic Fiat 500 as the wedding car can you help?

Please contact Katherine Broughton at katty0088@hotmail.co.uk



" VIEW FROM THE (COMFY) CHAIR"

GOODWOOD BREAKFAST MEETING

Sunday, 6th March

At last the days are longer and the weather is better, at least I hope so, as you should be reading this just prior to the **Goodwood Breakfast Meeting on 6th March.**

This means an early start to arrive around 08*30am (ish), but it's always great to be out on empty roads as the sun is coming up and the air is crisp and clean and the birds are singing (plus swerving around dopey rabbits and low flying pheasants).

Tax Free Sunday as the name suggests attracts pre 1973 cars and bikes of every sort and has the added bonus of stereo sound, as they arrive and later leave to go off to lunch. So let's hope for a great day out to start the season.

See you there.

John Jenkins

(See flyer and following page for details)


2011 EVENTS

This is by no means a comprehensive list of events, but ones at which committee or club members will be there to welcome you.

The list may be added to, or revised in subsequent magazines

For more details of any show please contact the Club organiser for that event

| DATE | EVENT | CLUB ORGANISER |
|--------------------------------------|---|--|
| Sun 6 March | Goodwood Breakfast Club 8am to Midday followed by Pub Lunch Goodwood, West Sussex | Steven Abbott <u>SEE FLYER ENCLOSED</u> |
| Sun 20 March | Brooklands Breakfast Event Surrey | Sheridan Bowie (See contact details pg 2 & see pg 14) |
| Easter Weekend. 22/23/25 April | Horsham Piazza Italia, Horsham, West Sussex | Sheridan Bowie <i>The Club has been offered a stand for Mon 25th approx 12 noon-3.30pm If interested please contact Sheridan <u>before</u> 7th March</i> |
| Sat 30 April | Autoitalia Brooklands Surrey | Sheridan Bowie (see pg 14) <i>Those wishing to go around the Mercedes track or up the Hill please contact Sheridan as soon as possible</i> |
| Sun 8 May | Basingstoke Festival of Transport, War Memorial Park, Basingstoke Hants | Jenny Squillaci See contact details pg 2 & see pg 14) <i>Entries close early so please contact Jenny <u>before</u> 15th March</i> |
| Sun 5th June | Woking Hospice Classic Car Show 11.00 am onwards Woking, Surrey | Steven Abbott |

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| Sun 12 June | Bromley Motoring Pageant Kent | Sheridan Bowie <i>For club event at least five cars required please contact Sheridan asap.</i> |
| Fathers' Day Sun 19 June | FIAT 500 ENTHUSIASTS FAMILY DAY at Mizens miniature railway, Barrs Lane, Knaphill, Woking, Surrey | Steven Abbott  |
| Fri, Sat, Sun 1/2/3 July | Garlenda ITALY | Jan & Jimmy DiCarlo Contact details inside front cover (& see pg 11) |
| Sun 17 July | Brooklands Breakfast 8am - 9.30am. Surrey. Exhibits open from 10 am Followed by Club convoy to Clandon Park (see follow- ing) for 11am latest | Steven Abbott |
| Sun 17 July | Classic Car Day & Family Fun Day , Clandon Park, Guildford, Surrey 11am - 4pm | Steven Abbott |
| Sun 17 July | Bentley Classic Motor Show Bentley Wildfowl & Motor Museum, Sussex | Sheridan Bowie |
| Sun 31 July | Amberley Microcar & Scooter Show , West Sussex | Sheridan Bowie |
| Sun 4 Sept | Honnington Italian Car & Bike Day , Kent | Sheridan Bowie |
| Sun 25 Sept | Autoitalia - Cars at the Course. Windsor, Berks. | Sheridan Bowie |



Auto Italia - Italian Car Day Saturday, April 30, 2011

Pre-booking is now open - not only will you save money but, if you arrive early enough, you will also have the opportunity to display your Italian car in the Museum area. Not to worry though, if you don't pre-book or arrive early, then you will still be able to join other Italian car owners in a dedicated parking area at the adjacent Mercedes-Benz World. The purpose-built test track at Mercedes-Benz World has been made available for a demonstration of some very special cars at 12 o'clock followed by the traditional session on Test Hill in the afternoon. Vehicles for both activities will be by invitation only. Advance tickets on sale via our online shop at <http://www.brooklandsmuseumshop.com>. Advance ticket prices are: Adults £12 Seniors/Students £11 Children (aged 5-16) £5 Family (2 adults and up to 3 children) £32 On the day ticket prices will be: Adults £14 Seniors/Students £12 Children £6 Family £35 Tickets for Brooklands Trust Members will be £2 in advance or £4 on the day.

Brooklands Sunday Morning Breakfast Club. Sunday, 20 March

Breakfast is served in the Sunbeam Café from 8am - 9.30am Museum exhibits are open from 10am.

Adults/Seniors £13, Children 3 - 12 £6.50, BT Members £10, BT Members' Children 3 - 12 £5
All cars for the Breakfast can enter the Museum via the Campbell Gate off Brooklands Rd

Club organiser for these Brooklands events Sheridan Bowie. See contact details



Basingstoke Festival of Transport

Sunday 8 May 2011

11am - 5pm

**War Memorial Park,
Basingstoke RG21 4AG**

The festival includes a huge range of vehicles on static display, including classic, vintage and commercial vehicles, fire engines, military trucks, and a variety of specialist car clubs, trade stalls and catering outlets. The event has accessible car parking and toilets. Shop Mobility scooters are also available.

Admission Free - Car Parking £2

For any enquiries call 01256 844844 or e-mail: customer.service@basingstoke.gov.uk

NB If any club members are interesting in joining us at the show please get in touch with **Jenny Squillaci** (see contact details in magazine) **as soon as possible** as show entries close before 1st April.

MEMBERS WANTED AND FOR SALE

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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 or email vsquillaci@aol.com.

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

For Sale

- 126 Rear side windows with rubber surround
- 126 Wheels.
- 600 Engine 633cc (but seized) with all parts.
- 600 Gearbox/transaxle.
- Lancia Y10 rear side windows with electric openers.
- Y10 grille/headlamps/various trim parts/alloy wheels.

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