

# Limerick Classic & Vintage Car Club



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Dear Member

A new look to the front cover of the newsletter this time, thanks to Colin Williams. He rooted out a couple of old ones for me, this particular one was used in 1993 when club member Joe Gibbs was the editor; remember those days Joe?? Anyway it is good to see the style that was used sixteen years ago.

I'm opening this newsletter with a few lines on the Christmas Run which took place on Sunday 22 November. John and I didn't go on the run, but we did manage to get to The Woodlands in Adare for the meal in the afternoon, so Ed Power has kindly helped out with this item.

"The Christmas Run, which also incorporated a collection for the Chernobyl Children's Fund was a great success considering the awful weather. We met at the South Court Hotel in Raheen in the pouring rain and when we set off there were about 23 cars taking part. The original plan was to drive to Foynes and visit the Flying Boat Museum, then continue on to the Woodlands in Adare for our lunch. However, as the museum had closed a week earlier for the winter season a last minute change had to be implemented. What's new!!! Instead we drove out to Croom then over to Knocklong, Hospital and eventually reaching the Greenwood Inn in Ardpatrick. There we had tea and biscuits etc and the collection for Chernobyl was also held here.

Having relaxed here for an hour or so and having enjoyed the lovely rainy scenery, we then headed off to Charleville and afterwards made our way to Adare. There we had a lovely dinner in a room which was allocated to the LCVCC. Despite the inclement weather I think everybody enjoyed the day. Well done to the committee for planning the new route and also well done to those members, including some of the Charleville Club members, who manned the various junctions throughout the drive.

On a different note, whilst in Ardpatrick, I was in discussion with one of our members who told me that in the early sixties he came into possession of a new Austin A40. As the car did not come with a radio he had to take the car to a garage to have one fitted. This was duly done and as an aerial had to be fitted to the curved top of the front wing the mechanic put his "signature" on the job by letting the drill slip which put a nice 6" scratch on the wing. What really intrigued me though was that he told me that back then if one had a radio installed in a motor vehicle they had to have an annual license for it! So if you had a car radio, a house radio and a television, they would need to have three different licenses! Does anyone know anymore about this – when did it phase out? It was certainly news to me, so were the good old days really good old days???"

I just want to finish by thanking all the members who gave so generously towards the Chernobyl Children's Fund; a total of €600 was collected and I'm sure this will be put to very good use and is much appreciated, especially in these tough times.

We will be having our usual New Years' Day run for anyone who wishes to get a breath of fresh air and hopefully to start 2010 on a high, so please meet at the **Kilmurphy Lodge Hotel at 11.00am**. At least you can have a bit of a lie-in.

Please take note that the **January club meeting will be held on Friday 8 January** which is the **second Friday** of the month, this is because the first Friday is of course New Years' Day and it will not be possible to have a meeting on this day. The meeting will be at Mary I as usual at 8.30pm.

There are a few dates for your diary:

27 December: Charleville District Veteran Club will hold their Xmas Run, starting at Coleman's Well Centre at 10.30am. Ring Pascal on 087 2731336

30 December: West Limerick Vintage Club are having their Xmas Run, ring 087 7608486 or visit [www.westlimerickvintageclub.com](http://www.westlimerickvintageclub.com)

3 January: Charleville District Veteran Vintage & Classic Club will hold their Tractor Run, meet at Coleman's Well Centre at 10.30am. Contact Pascal on 087 2731336

14 February: Dublin Toy & Train Fair in the Clontarf Castle Hotel. Castle Avenue, Clontarf, Dublin 3. Ring 01 8332321 or go to [www.clontarfcastle.ie](http://www.clontarfcastle.ie)

I am going to start putting our Club Website on the first page of the newsletters so that anyone who wants to look will have the web address to hand, and on that note I will finish by wishing all members a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Hope to see a lot of you at the Kilmurry Lodge on New Years' Day.

*The Editor*

## Mini mechanic gets the boot

A major German Police operation swung into action recently, when a female witness saw what she believed to be a young boy being locked in the boot of a car. Road blocks were set up and a fleet of patrol cars was dispatched to intercept the kidnappers. When they finally stopped the car they found the boy was actually Klaus "Shorty" Mueller, a 27-year-old dwarf car mechanic who had climbed into the boot in an attempt to identify a rattling noise.

## 99 not out

If you think some of the guys in your garage are getting on a bit, they will not be anything like as experienced as a man who claims to be the world's oldest mechanic. Buster Martin, a former army sergeant from the UK, still works full-time - at the age of 99, maintaining a fleet of vans for a plumbing firm. He did once retire at the age of 97 but found a new job because he was bored. He says he plans to work until he drops, and puts his good health down to the odd pint, a walk to the library and press-ups.

## Back to the future for TD-MG

This may look like a 1950s MG, but the TD2000 is brand new and it looks set to be more than just another kit car. Made in Malaysia by TD Cars, it uses the running gear of a Toyota RAV4 and can be serviced by Toyota dealers. The cars are being brought into the UK by Lifestyle Automotive, a team headed by ex SsangYong and Vardy executives. Four UK dealers have already been signed up and more are expected to come on board soon. Commenting on the TD2000, Barry Owen of new dealer Broadwater Classics in Silverstone, said: "The response has already been good. It's the quality and looks of the car that really catch people's interest."

