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## MAY NEWSLETTER

Hi everyone

The main may news is, of course, the unfortunate last minute cancellation of the Dean Park Classic Car Show. This was a disappointment but, Ayrshire weather is Ayrshire weather. As it happened, Show Day Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May was, like previous years bright and sunny however the previous 6 days of rain had left the field (sorry-Park!) in a mess. The show has been re-scheduled for 30<sup>th</sup> August and events have conspired to make it likely that this will be an even better show. Firstly, the Culzean Autoclassica, due to be held on that day, has been cancelled and secondly, Dean Park is also hosting a Craft Fair in the area behind the castle on the same day.

- Despite the D.P. disappointment, the season got off to a good start with a run to Wanlockhead, the highest village in Scotland and home to the Lead Mining Museum. The road to Wanlockhead is a superb driving road through the hills and was enjoyed by everyone.
- Stranraer was as usual a good, friendly little show with a dozen or so members in attendance. Again, the Ayrshire weather took a hand, providing sunshine for a lovely run down the coast road to Stranraer and a torrential downpour for the return leg.

The following Sunday with again a dozen or so Ayrshire Classicers, the venue was the beautiful Blairquhan near Straiton. The sun shone, lots of gorgeous cars, entry to the House and a terrific flying display by vintage aircraft, a WW1 replica and American and Russian aerobatic planes. Most of the club members attending went for a run and some coffee and buns beforehand. A lesser number bumbled aimlessly around the Ayrshire countryside, after meeting at the wrong place having been given a bum steer by a member of the committee (Who wishes to remain anonymous).

Upcoming events are plentiful and attractive:

- ➡ Peebles Away Weekend, 4/5<sup>th</sup> Sept. Sam had obtained quotes for accommodation and best value was the Park Hotel, Peebles at £184/per couple for two nights. Names were needed soon. Post Meeting note: It turned out that the hotel had mistakenly give Sam the price per person and not per couple. Better value to be sought if the weekend is to go ahead in the Borders area. Sam will investigate further.
- ➡ East Fortune Aircraft Museum, 20<sup>th</sup> June. This is a terrific visit. Names have to be finalised. On board tour of Concorde is extra and has to be booked in advance – Names to Steven ASAP.

- ➡ Pre-'67 Ford Day at Bridge of Allan, 5<sup>th</sup> July. A good show and a good run-out. Names to Steven, ASAP please Knockhill Speed Fair 19<sup>th</sup> July. No club booking but names please to Fulton Beaton in advance.
- ➡ Eglinton – 19<sup>th</sup> July, same day as Knockhill. Club booking with a closing date of 1<sup>st</sup> July so names before then to Steven.

Everyone is urged to visit the new club website at [www.ayrshireclassics.org.uk](http://www.ayrshireclassics.org.uk). It is a very attractive website and has already drawn some new membership enquiries.

Happy motoring,

David McColl,  
Chairman