

## 20 years of the KHVC - Derek Holloway

The Knighton Historic Vehicle Club was born from a chance meeting between Derek Holloway and Tim Frost. Derek had lived and worked in the motor trade all his life and was well known in the Borders for his sales and rallying skills back in the sixties and seventies, together with an interest in classic cars, particularly Fords. Tim was born in Surrey and prior to retiring to Bishops Castle in 1998 had been living and working in Buckinghamshire for 25yrs. He has had a life-long interest in cars and motor sport in general and classic cars in particular, having had two in his garage since 1974.

Not long before they met, both Tim and Derek became interested in the restoration of classic interior trim. Tim having arrived in Shropshire the owner of a Gilbert and a 30's Standard 10, was looking for a club to join and initially joined a large club in Shrewsbury. Derek was already a member and was advertising his interior trim services in the club magazine. Tim phoned Derek. They met for a chat and decided have a go at founding their own club.

In April 1999, the first meeting took place in the Knighton Hotel. During the summer months, meetings continued on the last Thursday of the month with some very good noggins and natters (not all about cars), visits to local shows including Kington Vintage Show, Knighton Carnival and Bishops Castle Michaelmas Fair. Our inaugural newsletter was published in August of that year.

The year ended with a small dinner at the Sun Inn Clun, which was very successful. It was recorded in the newsletter of the time, "Let's hope we can make this an annual club event". This has happened with some very enjoyable dinners on some occasions nearly sixty people attended.



L to r back row: Keith Willis, Kathy Willis, Rosemary Frost, Tracy Bufton,  
Les Bufton, Peter Medlicott,  
Front row: Tim Frost, Betty Holloway, Derek Holloway.

The club struggled through the first winter. On one evening only Derek and Tim turned up. In May 2000, we organised the Elan Valley tour. We had twenty three entries and the fee was £5 including twelve months membership. This boosted our numbers to about thirty.

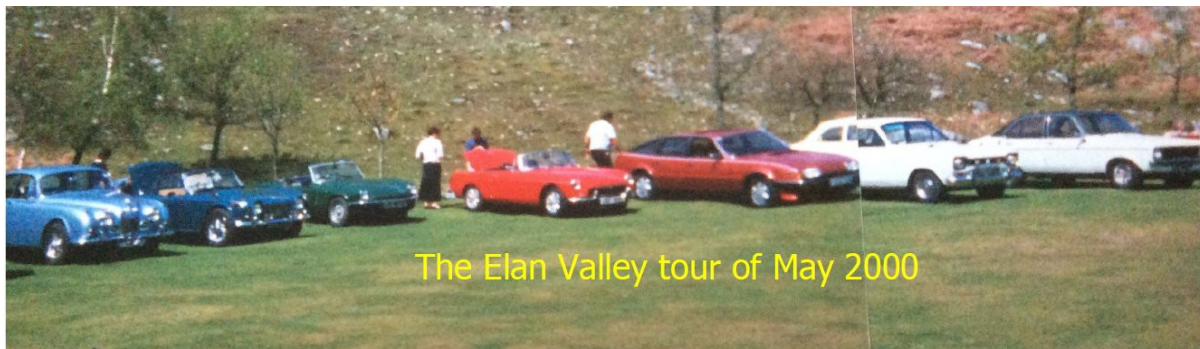
We also started our summer pub meets, the first being at the Kangaroo, Aston on Clun which was well attended. Since then the club has gone from strength to strength. Towards the end of 2000 it was suggested that as the club was growing, we should have members responsible for certain duties.

As a result an extraordinary general meeting was held on the 25th January 2001. The main item on the agenda was on forming a committee. The meeting was in favour. A committee was formed consisting of the following people.

Chairman, Peter Medicott,  
Minutes secretary, Mike Williams,  
Newsletter editor, Tim Frost,  
Treasurer, Derek Holloway,  
Events coordinator, Derek Powell

It was agreed that committee meetings be open to any member who wished to attend and join in the debate, to avoid the club having an inner circle which often happens in some clubs.

The first committee meeting took place on February 8th 2001. The main item on the agenda was the club insurance and the importance of public liability. Also discussed was the drawing up of a set of rules and a constitution. This was done by Mike Williams and Derek Holloway. The first events diary was also drawn up, with 34 events in the calendar, though not all were club events. All in all, 2001 was a big turning point for the club which set on the road for the future.



In the May newsletter it was reported that with regret that we had to cancel our Lake Vyrnwy classic tour due to the outbreak of foot and mouth disease in our area which had catastrophic effects on the countryside life. A lot of events had to be cancelled. Nevertheless, we still managed our classic summer evenings for a noggin and natter and we still had club stands at, Kington and Knighton shows, and Bishops Castle Michaelmas Fair. Our BBQ at Plough Cottage, Leintwardine, with autojumble and tombola, was well attended. We also managed our Wye Valley/ Epynt classic tour. We finished the year with our Christmas dinner at the Norton Manor Hotel.

2002 started with a successful AGM on January 31st. Peter Medicott was chairman at the time. With Peter's help we were able to produce our newsletter as he did all the photocopying free of charges for several years. On one occasion we had 600 copies! Our bank balance was a mere £338.07p. The biggest item on the agenda was the club subscription. It was suggested by Peter Gilbert that the membership fee be raised from £5 to £10. After discussion the result of the vote was 9 for 1 against and 1 abstention.

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## HISTORIC VEHICLE

# Club

CLUB FORMED APRIL 1999

Meetings held last Thursday of every  
month at Knighton Hotel - 8.00pm

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### **Welcome**

to KHVC's inaugural newsletter, which we intend to be the first of many.

We shall be asking members to support us with articles, stories and reports which will be both entertaining and informative to the other members, and also entries for such sections as "Sales and Wants", "Services", etc. It will be your Club and Newsletter so we look forward to hearing your ideas and suggestions to promote the Club and its activities. Please give any possible material for the Newsletter to either Derek or Tim, the organising team.

### **Local events for your diary now:**

- Friday August 5th** - Teme Valley Vintage Show, Knighton, 5.30 pm -
- Thursday August 12th** - KHVC Club Run to Harp Inn, Old Radnor, ✕  
meet there between 7.30 - 8pm
- Sunday August 22nd** - Kington Vintage Club Show, Kington  
(Recreation Ground)
- Saturday/Sunday  
September 18th/19th** - Bishop's Castle Michaelmas Fair,  
Bishop's Castle Fields
- End Sept/October** - possible tour of Rayader Lakes - details to follow

The Club has now been in existence for four months, meetings being held at the Knighton Hotel at 8 pm on the last Thursday of each month. Lively discussions have taken place at these gatherings and good progress has been made towards establishing the aims and objects of the Club. Anyone interested in joining us will be most welcome.

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Derek Powell put together the events calendar which included our summer pub meets and stands at Clun, Kington, Knighton, and Bishops Castle. The Lake Vyrnwy tour went ahead in May and was very successful with 18 cars turning out. Our Friday evening club meet at the Travellers Rest (now the Affront Lodge) was very well attended with about 70-80 cars on show. This event was the start of our annual show which is now held at Secret Hills Discovery Centre, Craven Arms. We finished the year with our Christmas dinner at Mellington Hall, with 30 members enjoying a very good evening.

2003 started with our AGM and a new Chairman, Peter Gilbert and vice Chairman Cedric Egby. I was treasurer. The bank balance now stood at £541.34 and membership was 46. We looked to have more events. We attended shows at Ludlow, Kington, Knighton, Bishops Castle, to name a few; we had a pre-season's Sunday lunch at the Bell at Yarpole; educational trips to the Malvern factory and the Cotswold Motor museum. The monthly meetings were well supported, four of which were held at local

pubs. The main event was again at the Travellers Rest, with a concours competition and a raffle which raised £110 for our two charities.

We had three car runs - The Black and White tour, the Cambrian coast classic tour and the Cambrian Mountains Classic tour - all well supported. After a successful year we finished off with our Christmas dinner at Mellington Hall which again was well supported. At this time Tim was still editor of the newsletter, which was very good and the life line of the club, I had three jobs - membership secretary, treasurer, and events co-ordinator - and a lot of the administration. As things have turned out, I think it was worth it as we have a very good club after 20yrs.

2004 started again with our AGM. Cedric Egby had taken the chair by this time as Peter Gilbert had resigned due to work commitments. Our aim was to continue 2004 with the most popular events and gradually introduce new ones. We enjoyed two quiz nights organised by Pam and Dick Wallis. They were starting to contribute a lot to the club. We had more lunches which brought us together in a convivial atmosphere. We had tours to Ironbridge, Elan Valley and the Autumn Aviator which made us use maps instead of road books and also another trip to the Morgan factory. In July, Joyce and Robert Machin put on a lovely evening with BBQ and falconry display at their home. We also had our now annual show at the Travellers Rest which was again well attended.

A new event was the first overseas tour which I arranged, this being the Irish tour to land of Guinness. It was a bit ambitious at the time but turned out to be a big success (see the next article). The year again finished with our Christmas dinner. Mellington Hall started to get a bit greedy in their demands so it was decided to look for pastures new. The result being we settled for the Longmynd Hotel which also gave us a reduced price for B&B. This proved to be a popular choice and continued for several years.

That brings us to the end of 2004 and another year of happy motoring.

Derek Holloway (joint founder member)