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The sun shone all day until we were packing away. Then the heavens opened again, so we did it all in a rush. Leaving the show ground on the way home I think Phil must have borrowed Richards old sat nav as he took a wrong turn and had to double back to the roundabout which held him up a bit but if you ask him he will tell you that it was planned.
I think that the total made for St Anne's Hospice was somewhere near £1000 give or take a few quid. Let’s hope next year will be better than this one and more people urn up.

BEST CAR GWENT MG OWNERS CLUB AT CALDICOT SHOW

THE GTFM RADIO & PONTYPRIDD TOWN COUNCIL “BUTTY BAY” CLASSIC CAR RUN - SATURDAY JULY 19th 2008

I am involved in organising the above event through GTFM. It has the full support of the Pontypridd Town Council which is its main sponsor. GTFM is a local radio station based in Pontypridd (approximately 10 miles north of Cardiff), broadcasting to Pontypridd and the surrounding area.
The run is a nostalgic nod back to the days when many families in the valleys spent their holidays down in Porthcawl in a caravan. So think of it as the Welsh Valleys very own London to Brighton run.
The run itself starts from the Michael Sobell sports centre in Aberdare (using the "old" roads where possible), stopping at Ynysangharad War Memorial Park in Pontypridd, before going on to Trecco Bay Holiday Park (Porthcawl). The return leg later in the afternoon will finish at the Rhondda Heritage Park just north of Pontypridd.
42 cars will take part and there are a number of spaces still available. In particular we are looking for the sort of classic car families would have used for their tips to Porthcawl. We are also looking for volunteer marshals (around 27 in total) to ensure the event runs smoothly.

GTFM, Pontypridd Town Council, the Rhondda Heritage Park and Trecco Bay Holiday Park are all fully committed to supporting this event and so far the response has been unbelievable. It has certainly struck a chord, evoked memories and without doubt captured people's imagination. We are hoping therefore this inaugural event will be a success and believe the potential for it to grow in future years is simply massive. All the proceeds from the event will go directly to the Tom Dimond Appeal. Tom, aged just 14, lives in Ynysybwl (2 miles from Pontypridd) and has recently been diagnosed with leukaemia. If you would like to take part, volunteer as a marshal or just hear more details), then listen to......
The GTFM Radio Drivetime show, on 107.9 FM in Pontypridd and the surrounding area (also audible on the internet via www.gtfm.co.uk), listen to Drive Time between 6.30 pm and 7 pm most evenings for event updates.
Or you can e-mail me directly at: mail@gtfm.co.uk with the subject line stating “Butty Bay Run”
Ian Edwards – Volunteer presenter GTFM radio.

Geoff & Haydn are going to represent the club if anyone would like to support them please arrange with them.

SHIRE HORSE SHOW - ABERGAVENNY 26TH JULY 2008
Tel. 07990 591684 or secretary@swshs.org.uk
This year the Caldicot Festival will be a two-day event held on the August Bank Holiday weekend.

The event will be held at the Caldicot Castle Country Park, with lots of "Free" enjoyment and entertainment.

Some of the artists and events for this year's Annual festival:

- Big Macs Holy Soul Band
- Tethered Hot air Balloon rides
- Children's puppet show
- Vintage tractors and cars
- Johnny Duff Country Rock Band
- Funfair
- The Brothers Blue
- Local bands
- Elvis Tribute (Jeff Nicols)

many other local bands and attractions, any individual, group or organisation wishing to take part contact Mike Rice Festival Organiser for Caldicot Chamber of Commerce on 07736874844 e-mail mike.123@btinternet.com or call into shopmobility office Jubilee Way Car Park Caldicot, Tuesday to Friday 10 am to 12.30 pm

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This Event would not be possible without grants and support from our sponsors.

GWENT CLASSIC CAR SHOW

We met at 1400hrs on Saturday 5th July to prepare for our show. There was lots to do, control centre to erect, First Aid tent to put up (even Lester was on his knees), lines to be marked out, even the grass had to be cut so we could see the lines. Someone should tell Wayne that you don't get a shock off a petrol mower. He held the umbrella for Francis. All the members who turned up soon got cracking and by about five it was all done. We had a bit of a BBQ whilst we all studied the plans to make sure we had not missed anything and talked about what we had to do the next morning. Some of the members had come a long way - Jan from Aberdare, Lester from Merthyr Tydfil - so they left with a few more while the rest settled down to a few cans, until the Ladies decided to go to the pub. Leaving the men for the evening we started with a lesson in car maintenance from Richard on how to break out of a car as his door was stuck and he could not open it from the inside or the outside. I think he must have been Raffles in his last life because he had the door open in a couple of seconds and before long a new temporary circlip was made and all was well. We settled down then for a few games of dominoes and a few more cans of beer. Richard in true Victor Meldrew style moaned at the amount of games he was not winning, Brian kept getting double six this and the beer made us all laugh. When the girls came back from the pub they had chips with them, so we ate them and went to bed. The control centre was made of material that made it sound like a bag of crisps and it managed to keep us awake all night. At six in the morning Richard had his hand on the horn of his car, so yes we were all up and rearing to go. There were cones to put into position, bunting to be arranged, Flag poles and signs. It never took us long and we watched as the sky grew darker and the rain come down in buckets. The first traders arrived and we were on our way to our second car show. Other members arrived, even Roger from Nottingham, and with our walkie talkies we all took our positions. It rained until about 09.30hrs and that was enough to put some of the car owners off coming, but about 150 of the 250 cars did turn up and we were very pleased to see them. Everybody worked hard throughout the day - the team was like a Swiss watch. As normal we all took the mick out of each others cars and this time it was Francis who lost ten points because his breather pipe from the carburettors had come off. At the end of the day the PA system announced the car of the show and I can remember that Phil's car came third. I would like to Thank all our Sponsors, traders, Members for their support and the Public for keeping the field so clean.
This day was a bit of a rush, as we were asked by Chepstow Rotary club if we could appear on their Carnival, so after many phone calls we got some of the gang together and arranged to meet at Forge lane at about 10am the next day. We drove along the old road to Chepstow picking up Francis and Tony along the way.

When we got into Chepstow our beloved Chairman took us the wrong way and we had to turn around and go back from where we come from. This was fun as it gave me chance to make faces at the ones still heading towards the roundabout where we turned. When we got to our destination it was a car park and there were the floats getting ready. We were given our instructions and told that we would be leaving at 12 O’clock. Del boy’s three wheeler was there and he was dressed as batman and collected some money for the rotary club. Lorraine and Sue had their photo taken with him Then it was time to leave.

First out was the floats, then the Cadets marching, then some tractors and then it was us - 10 cars turned out on the day among them was a Humber Scepter, a Le Francis and of course the Reliant. We headed through the town and the streets were lined with people waving, taking photos, some with camorders and as I am a bit of a poser I really liked the attention we were getting. We ended up at a field next to the river Usk and lined our cars up facing the fair.

The rain came down in buckets but it never lasted long and it turned into a really nice day. There was also a fair on the other side of the road so some of us went over to see it. Sue and Bryony climbed into a hamster cage and went for a spin. Beryl and Lorraine went on the chairs that spin around. The look of fear on their faces was worth a 1000 words and I offered to pay for them to go on again it was that funny.

Back at the cars we had coffee stayed for a while and was thanked by one of the organizers. We then headed of home.