

The Steering Wheel

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Gerry and Jane Howard have a cool collection of British cars with the most unique being this 1974 Reliant Scimitar. They have been worthy members of our illustrious Club since 2003 and Jane has been our terrific treasurer for four years. See the full story from page 6.

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Minutes: CCBC Monthly Meeting

MINUTES OF MEETING OF CENTRAL COAST BRITISH CAR CLUB held at Ourimbah RSL Club on Tuesday 20th September, 2016 in the Wattle Room.

Meeting opened at 7.30p.m.

APOLOGIES: Curtis', Zeederbergs, Roches, Gees, Gradidges, Harrises, Ralph Tyson-Davies.

VISITORS: David Snape from NRMA, Tony Winch prospective new member.

MINUTES: Jeff Glanville proposed the minutes as printed in the magazine be accepted. Seconded by Lillian Bond. Carried.

MATTERS ARISING: Nil.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Jeff Glanville advised that the social events were very good. All British Day was a good day and Terry Hardiman will report on this later. Wobblers visit to the car museum at Gosford was very interesting. 12 members visited the Corrugated Café as a lot of members were away. Lillian Bond's Noggin'n'Natter went off well. The Nundle weekend was a great success. On the morning of leaving Nundle, the President had a hectic time as three members had left behind various items including the Treasurer's toiletries bag at the hotel, and he had to gather the lost property. Jane also left her wine glass at Lillian's and Gerry left a beer glass as well. Jeff awarded the clock to the Howard family. There are three events which members are doing for the first

time. Zig and Lorna Kyzelis thanked the club for their Certificate of Appreciation.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Dennis Brady proposed Tony Winch for membership as he has been on the required events. Tony has a Jenson. Seconded by Therese Bond. Welcome Tony.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Correspondence in: Usual car club magazines, Bush Telegraph, Invitation to Classic Cars by the Lake at Wangi Wangi on Sun. 23rd Oct; Club insurance renewal. Correspondence out: Ltr. to NSW Fair Trading enc. Annual Return; cards sent to Ian Blyth and Michael Roche following their operations and sympathy card sent to the Sargents for death of Rowena's mother. Janna Meek proposed report be accepted, seconded by Janelle Glanville.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Jane Howard advised we had a starting balance of \$6428.49. Income of \$209.00 regalia sales and \$125.00 not banked in August. Outgoings were Office of Fair Trading \$54.00. Jane proposed report be accepted, seconded by Greg Meek. Submitted expenses were \$635.50 for insurance premium and \$14.99 for stamps and cards. Jane proposed these be paid, seconded by Danny Aberley.

SOCIAL CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT: Craig Bond advised that David Phillips is doing the October Wobblers, and Noggin'n'Natter is at Gerald and Rosie Schofields at Kincumber which will be an Octoberfest

theme. So dress accordingly if you wish. Gary Flack will be doing the October run and the Catalina show is on Sunday 30th October. Robert Patton is doing the November Wobblers, David and Linden Whiting the Noggin'n'Natter and Craig and Therese doing the run. Christmas Party is on the 3rd December. There will be a Wobblers run on Wed. 11th January 2017 so volunteer needed. The Corrugated Café will be the Sunday after the Wobblers on the 15th January. Volunteers are needed for February and March 2017 events.

REGALIA: Linden Whiting advised \$80.00 in sales. She has new supplies of jackets and polo shirts. Anyone wanting any regalia please contact her. There is an account for payment of \$352.17 for regalia. Jeff Glanville proposed this be accepted for payment, seconded by Janna Meek.

HISTORIC PLATE REGISTRAR: Greg Meek advised there are 30 cars on historic plates. Seven or eight cars have gone onto historic plates in the last eight months including an Austin A40, Sheerline, TCs, Minis, Michael Roche's Mercedes, Rolls Royce and an MGB. Nearly all have been used on club events.

CMC DELEGATE: John Madell asked if anyone has any questions about historic plated vehicles; please let him know via e-mail as he is going to the next meeting at Dubbo. He also stated that he has made many enquiries re insurance of trailers being towed and left at display events. Motor vehicles are of course insured but if a trailer is unhooked and taken away to another spot, there is no insurance which covers the owner if anyone is injured.

GENERAL BUSINESS: Barry Sargent gave an update regarding Michael Roche. He has been in hospital for bowel cancer. Anne thought he might be home on Tuesday but this was delayed a couple of days. He is doing okay and is in good spirits. Surgeon says operation has been a success.

Nundle weekend was a great success. There is a write-up going in the magazine. Jane Howard stated that everyone was very welcoming and very happy to have our business. An interesting/exciting event happened to Jane and Gerry whilst driving to the trout farm when a Stag from a small herd of deer jumped over the bonnet of their Triumph Stag. Jane and Gerry couldn't believe what happened.

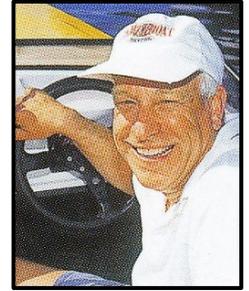
Jeff advised that he and Gary may organise a weekend away at Mudgee towards the end of March 2017.

Terry Hardiman spoke about All British Day. Inclement weather beforehand was a bit of a worry but the weather on the day was good. He thanked everyone who helped him setting up and packing up.

Gail Goff spoke about the Christmas Party on Sat. 3rd December at the Point Café, Japanese Gardens in Gosford. The cost is \$45.00 per head for members and non-members \$60.00. The club is subsidising the cost at \$15.00 per head. (Jane Howard explained if joint membership the club will subsidise two attendees and single membership club will subsidise one attendee.) There will be champagne and orange juice on arrival and a three course meal which includes nibbles. It is licensed.

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Editor's Notes



Although I'd mentioned my XJ-S for sale a few months ago here in the Steering Wheel, I hadn't advertised it elsewhere until very recently. That was partly because most of me didn't really want to sell it, and partly because the market for it seemed slow to non-existent. I'd been watching XJ-S ads and many had been in place for a very long time.

I was surprised therefore when, within a couple of days of the ad going online, I received calls from three serious buyers—one in Sydney, one from the Southern Highlands (a previous owner of a prestige car dealership no less) and one from Melbourne. They all chatted about the car and said they'd be visiting to check it out.

The first to arrive a few days later was the gentleman from Sydney and his charming wife; He was already a Jaguar enthusiast with an immaculate V12 E-Type and a late model S-Type. We went for a run and he seemed impressed with the XJ-S, but told me this was the first

contender he'd seen in his current quest for an addition to his collection, and he wanted to check out at least a couple more before deciding what to buy. Which was fair enough.

However, within 48 hours he had phoned to say he'd go ahead with the XJ-S—which was good news indeed!

I accept I'm a bit biased with the Jaguar XJ-S, but it seems to me that they are very under-rated in today's market. They offer extremely good value with that glorious V12 engine, superb ride and effortless driving that still delivers excitement and driver-rewarding performance.

Graham Lloyd, Editor

**MAGAZINE DEADLINE: 25TH OF THE MONTH
But—THE SOONER THE BETTER!**

Please send in reports and contributions ASAP!

Minutes of Meeting (Continued from previous page)

Final numbers for the Christmas Party must be known at the November meeting and money paid. Jane will take names and payments at October and November meetings and money can be deposited directly into the club bank account. **Make sure your name is on the deposit.** The menu caters for gluten-free and if anyone has any other requirements, please contact the Point Café directly.

Ross Goff has sold his MGB.

Rowena Sargent thanked everyone for their condolences and cards which came through.

Meeting closed at 8.21p.m.

David Snape from the NRMA gave a very interesting talk about the types of insurance covered by NRMA (which is an enormous range) and mentioned that the cars which are going to be worth a lot of money in future are Porsche 356 911, 930, V12 E-type Jaguars, Mercedes 190SL, Mercedes Speedster, mid-1980's Ferraris, Nissan Skyline R32, 34s.

Meeting closed at 8.55p.m.

Janna Meek, Secretary

Cars, Coffee and Chat at the Corrugated Cafe

Sunday 11th September

Photos by Greg Denning and Don Hardie

Our newest member Tony Winch brought along his glorious black-over-red 1959 Jensen 541R, and previous member Don Caban attended aboard his fascinating Trike (bottom right).



Wednesday Wobblers

7th September

A good number of members rolled up at 9:30 am for the much awaited visit to the new Gosford Car Museum at the old Bunnings building in West Gosford.

A smorgasbord of cars in beautiful condition awaited us as we went in and spent the first hour admiring makes of cars from all over the world and from all different eras. I looked around several times to see our members in small groups chatting over certain cars. I suspect there was much chatter about cars on show that members owned at some stage.

At 10.30 it was time to duck outside for morning tea from our own picnic baskets or purchased from the on-site classic caravan. Most ventured back in for another hour to continue the stroll around and try to view all of the 400 or so vehicles. These did include the odd motorcycle or other non car.

My top pick would probably be the Gullwing Mercedes along with the Daimler Dart thrown in for good luck, but with so many vehicles on show this could easily change next time I think about it.

There was no designated place for lunch so members broke up and went to one or two different places to chat over something to eat. I am sure a good time was had by all

Jeff Glanville

Photos by Jeff and Greg Denning



GERRY AND JANE'S RELIANT SCIMITAR

Long-time members (they joined in April 2003) Gerry and Jane Howard have a neat collection of British cars comprising a 1972 Rover P6, a 1974 Reliant Scimitar, a 1977 Triumph Stag and a 2008 Mini Cooper 'Chilli' Clubman.

Both Gerry and Jane were born in England although Jane first made the trip down-under aged just two when her parents immigrated to the Great South Land. She returned to the Mother Country in 1986 with a plan for a year's stay to further her nursing career, but met policeman Gerry which was so wondrous that Jane remained blissfully England-resident for the next 16 years.

Gerry retired for health reasons in 2002 and they decided to return to Jane's country-of-birth, bringing with them the Stag. Jane's parents had lived in Avoca so they naturally gravitated to the Central Coast for a home and, after looking at some 35 houses, found their Paradise on Earth in Tumbi Umbi.

Even longer-time member Peter Eldridge (who joined in 1999) was a friend of Jane's parents and, when they mentioned she was returning home complete with a husband and a Triumph Stag, he said "They'll have to join the CCBCC!" So they did, although after a while on the then-current waiting list.

Jane commented: "Our first impressions of the Club were that it was very social which was good for us as, being new to the area with few local friends at the time, it gave us a great social network. It helped us learn about the Coast geography too on runs and outings to places we'd never been – now we've been everywhere! It's been a great club for us and we've enjoyed it."



Jane has been our Treasurer for four years after taking over from Stephen Wilton who called Jane one day saying: "I've heard you might be interested to be Treasurer, I'm looking for someone to replace me".

Jane muttered non-committedly and asked: "How many people have you asked?"

Stephen admitted: "Lots!" So Jane said "Yeah, okay," and, fortunately for all of us, took on the task.

"The role's not so bad," Jane said. "I do a bit each month before the meeting so I can give my report."

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Jane added: "There are a couple of busy times through the year, one when memberships are renewed and the other when collecting cash and payments for the Christmas Party". She added: "I get a jump of satisfaction every time I deposit funds at the bank when the teller adds everything up and gets the same result that I did!"

Whilst living in England, Gerry had always liked the Reliant Scimitar. He had owned several Capri's when younger and the Scimitar has a similar sporty hatchback style whilst being more unique.

The Reliant company dates back to 1934 and was based at Tamworth in Staffordshire. Although the three-wheel Reliant Robin was the best known model, the company built over a million cars (some say two million) across a range of models up until the 1990s. Until then, from the 1970s, Reliant was the UK's biggest British-owned car manufacturer.

The first Scimitar was a coupe based upon the styling of a Daimler SP250 prototype (renamed the SX250) and was initially displayed in 1964. The model went on to be



extremely successful for Reliant through a series of variants including the GT/GTE SE4, SE5 and SE6 until 1986.

Jerry and Jane joined the UK Scimitar Club in 2000 to find out more about the cars. Jane mentioned: "That Scimitar Club had the most eclectic group of people you'd ever meet!" For someone from our own Club, that could be seen as rather a bold statement!



There are about 50 Scimitars in Australia but Jerry found the one he really wanted in Scotland while on a visit back to England visiting his brother in 2009. It is a 1974 GTE SE5A with a three-litre Ford 'Essex' V6 capable of running the fibreglass-bodied hatchback to 120 mph. The transmission is a four-speed manual with overdrive on the top two ratios for six speeds altogether. Over 4,000 SE5 Scimitars were made followed by nearly 5,000 SE6 models.

Gerry noted: "I like the shape, the performance not so much. It's done about 120,000 miles and the roads here are not great for the car as the suspension is quite hard; that's the only unfortunate thing. I replaced the shocks and bushes and so on, and that improved things. I haven't had to do any other major work."

Jane is not so keen on the shape of the Scimitar though. In fact the display note Gerry has for the car says "My wife describes it as the ugliest car on the planet!"

Jane is not that accusatory in reality and quite likes the shape from the front, just not so much the back. The Scimitar has at least one female admirer though – no less than Princess Anne who was given a Scimitar as a combined birthday and Christmas gift in November 1970 by the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh. Since then the Princess has owned eight GTE Scimitars!

Jane does love her own car – the very cool-looking red and black Mini Cooper 'Chilli' that they bought in 2009. Apparently one morning Gerry had taken the "only reliable" car and Jane had trouble getting any of the others to start for her commute to work. Jane said she "threw a major wobbly to get a reliable car of my own". The manual Mini was the result.

Gerry and Jane go on many of the Club outings including the recent weekend to Nundle; see a separate feature on that adventure in this issue including how a Stag (well, a deer actually) jumped over their Stag!

Noggin 'n' Natter at Lillian's

Saturday 17th September

Another great Noggin-n-Natter; members arrived at Lillian Bond's whilst it was still light and were able to admire her beautiful outdoor area and lovely garden. What a credit to her. There was of course lots of conversations and laughter, and the excitement of members watching the rugby league game - especially the avid Penrith supporter who had to sit on the floor!

Some of the members who had been on the Nundle weekend caught up once again. Thanks so much Lillian for making us all feel welcome. *Janna Meek*

Photos from Jeff Glanville



SUNDAY RUN TO BROOKLYN AND THE GALSTON CLUB

25th September

Spring is sprung, the grass is ris – but it was still pretty grey and cold when we gathered at Ourimbah for Greg and Janna's run. A smaller-than-usual group set off up Brush Road to head off along the old Pacific Highway to Brooklyn. As a passenger I was able to enjoy all the spring flowers along the roadside in the bush sections – fabulous. We were joined by some more cars in Brooklyn, including an old Jensen (new members Tony and Alison Winch's 1959 541R—see pages 4 and 13) that attracted lots of attention. We stopped there for morning tea, and more evidence of spring came in the form of jousting bush turkeys dashing about the picnic area. By this time the skies had cleared a little and we then set off to cross the Berowra Ferry and headed to Galston. The Ferry is always fun and we could have all fitted on it except for a couple of pesky interlopers. We regrouped at the top of the hill and made it to the club in good order.

After a lunch and more chat we had lots of options for the trip home via Wisemans Ferry, Dural or Galston Gorge, although the clouds were regrouping. We chose to head to Hornsby via Galston Gorge. We couldn't resist the urge to head to shops as the sales are on (again) you know.

Merino poncho in camel for \$60 reduced from \$160 – what a great way to end a lovely day. Many thanks to Janna and Greg.

Jane Howard

Photos by Jeff Glanville



THE NUNDLE ADVENTURE

Day 1—Friday 9th September

Our preparation for the weekend away started with the decision to put the hardtop on the Stag as the weather forecast was chilly. This involves some effort on our part as it is a heavy and unwieldy item in which several spiders had set up home. But we managed it okay, and I think the Stag actually looks prettier with the brown vinyl-covered hardtop on.

An early start was required to ensure we arrived at the gathering place of Heatherbrae Pies at Raymond Terrace with enough time to grab a coffee and be ready for the 0930 start. Others were obviously up earlier than us as we arrived to find most people settled into the coffee shop, but we weren't the last to arrive and in fact we had to leave before the Cameron's made it as they had taken a northerly detour.

We set off with me juggling my coffee and Gerry's very hot tea, but fortunately I managed to keep it all contained as Gerry had spent a lot of time getting the car spick and span. Our first stop was at a Stroud - Silo Hill lookout which featured some pretty spectacular vistas, an underground silo and two cannon, one of which was soon straddled by our very own Cher (Janna). On leaving here we also stopped to look at the quaint little church and graveyard.

Next stop was Gloucester where we had morning tea in a well appointed park area. After that, we headed off on Thunderbolt's Way and started a very, very, very long climb up the mountain. In fact it was such a long hill that our Stag was not up to it and was crawling along at a snail's pace – much to the annoyance of a rather large truck behind us. Our two-way radio meant we could alert the rest of the team that we may be delayed.

We were looking for a place to pull over when we came upon a small gaggle of the team stopped behind the TR6 belching steam, so we didn't breakdown—we stopped to help Gary and Sandra!



We stayed with them long enough for the TR6 to cool down and use the water provided from various cars. Fortunately this was also long enough for the muck in the fuel line of our Stag to settle, which meant we got going again. It turns out that the TR6's woes were caused not by the newly installed radiator, but by the provided cap being of the wrong pressure.

Lunch was at Nowendoc where we had pre-ordered our lunches which were prepared for us in a fashion. But they were unused to catering for large groups so some of us waited and waited. They were very grateful for our custom and had obviously roped in what help they could to look after us. One poor lady was quite overwhelmed when we went to pay our bills and calculated the Burton's bill to be \$1,500+!

The rest of the journey to Nundle was unremarkable except for the amazing sight of green hills everywhere. We arrived in Nundle and soon settled into the Motel/ B&B/Pub before gathering for Happy Hour followed by dinner at the Pub.

We were all very happy to see that Gail and Dave Warrilow had made the journey all the way from Far North Queensland to join us.

Several of us participated in the meat raffle and Greg made himself a local hero when he donated the two prizes he won back to the organisers, even earning a big kiss from the lovely vendor of tickets!

*Day One Report by Gerry and Jane Howard
Photos by Jeff Glanville
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Day 2— Saturday 10 September

Waking up to a very cold morning we did our thing for breakfast, some visiting the café. Our first organised activity of the day was a visit to the Nundle Woollen Mill; it is one of the last spinning mills still operating in Australia and was directly opposite the Motel/B&B. Some of us were lucky enough to stay in the B&B where there was plenty of hot water!

We had a very informative morning with demonstrations of how the raw wool was converted to the finished product using early 1900's machinery. Included in the visit was a delicious morning tea comprising assorted sandwiches, pikelets with jam and cream, slices, tea and coffee etc. There was so much morning tea that it turned into our lunch as well - excellent!

Then there was some free time spent exploring Nundle, visiting its quaint shops and surrounds; some went as far as Tamworth to get the appropriate petrol as only 91 Unleaded was available at a Premium price.

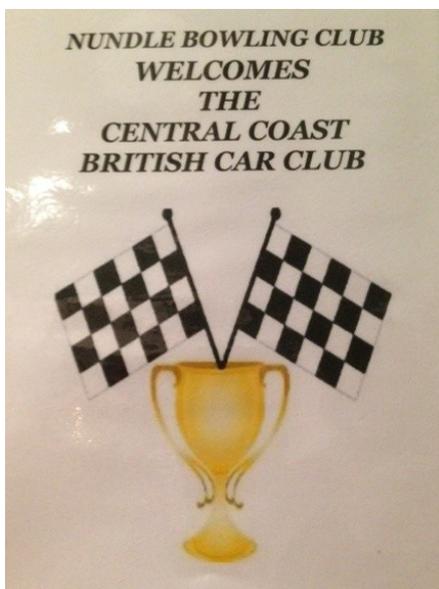
Our next adventure was at 3 pm at the Bowling Club for barefoot bowls, which turned into jogger bowls as it was very damp underfoot for the 16 or so participants, with plenty of onlookers and the usual noggin and natter.

The ditch was a very popular location on the bowling green, and the occasional bowl with the wrong bias going in the opposite direction - great entertainment. Dinner at the Bowling Club was a huge success with an excellent chef, even though they ran out of Massaman Beef with quite a few having to choose something else. You really didn't have to order a curry though, the fire was hot enough. Congratulations to those who walked there and back, you really braved the elements.

Report by Ross Goff

Photos by Robbie Gee and Jeff Glanville

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Day 3— Sunday 11th September

Sunday dawned a nicer day than the wet Saturday and after we had breakfast we all ventured up the hill to the ARC-EN-CIEL TROUT FARM. This stands for RAINBOW TROUT FARM where trout have been hatched and grown for more than 20 years. It enjoys natural spring water flowing through its system (none being pumped), and the water supply is free of any other fish so that contamination is not a concern.

It was a pleasure to see a very simple system of water flows, feeding, sorting of fish sizes and so on; much more could be written here but we needed to continue with the rest of our day.

While driving down the bush track to the Trout Farm we experienced much wildlife such as kangaroos and, would you believe, a couple of deer! These are common in the area and, again would you believe, they jumped over the bonnet of one of our cars. Guess which car? Yes the Howard's Stag! And that's a true story!

We then had a short visit to Hanging Rock lookout, a fabulous view and looking down at the descending road back to Nundle. We had time to have lunch before going to the Mount Misery Goldmine at the rear of one of the local eating spots. This gave us an informative look at the way it was with gold mining in the district.

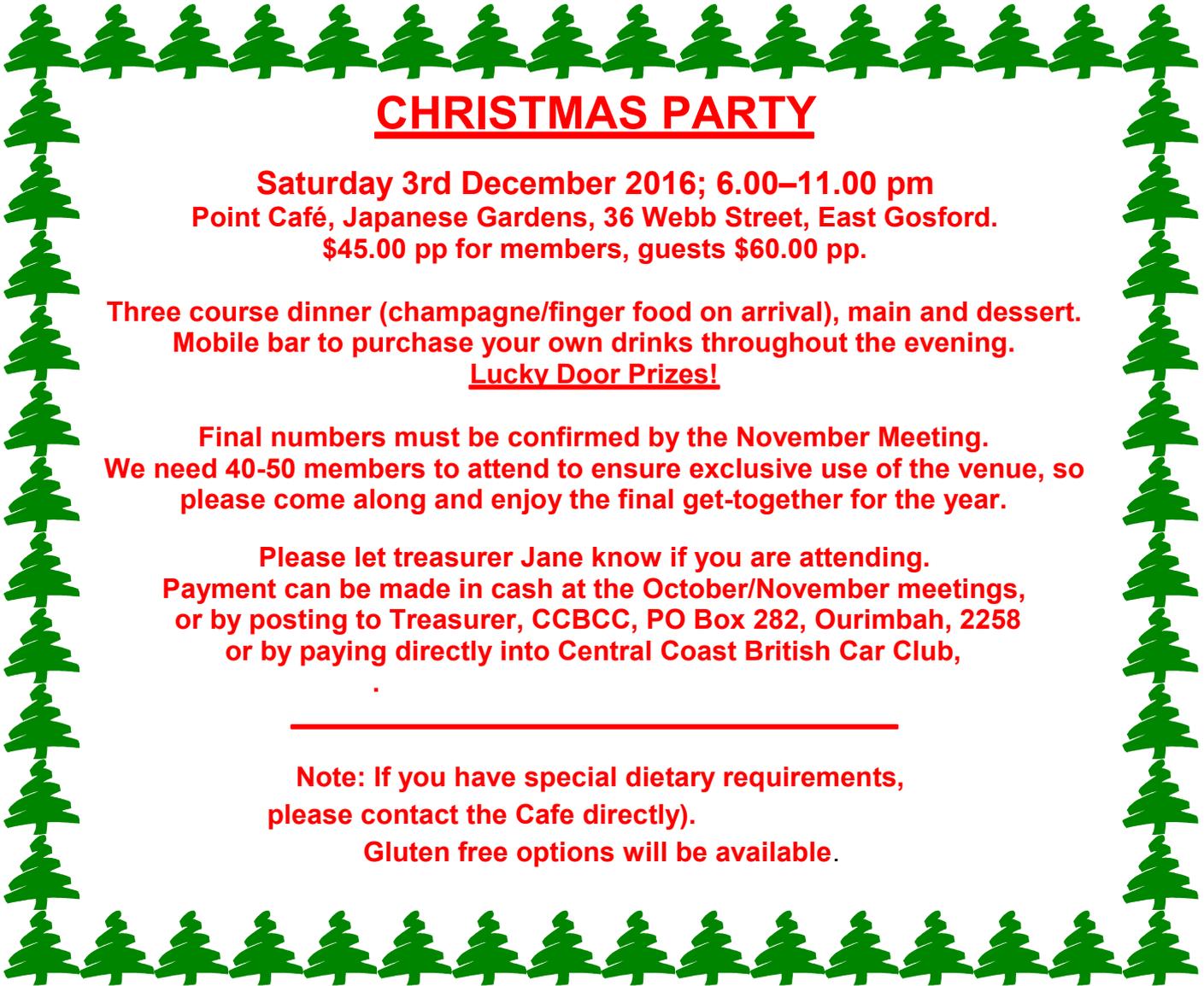
Free time then led into our customary Happy Hour—or two! We had lost three couples earlier as they had left for home, but the rest of us certainly made a go of it trying to stay sober enough to be able to toddle the 50 yards or so across the road to the lovely Peel Hotel around 6.30 for our evening meal (I can recommend all choices but the Pie, Peas, Mash and Gravy as a must to enjoy).

All good things must end, so Monday morning around 8.30 most left town for home. There were only three instances of members who had already left a little earlier having forgotten something so, after rounding up a hand-bag, a camera and our Treasurer's toiletries bag, we all got home safely.

A great thanks to all from Gary and me for your co-operation over the weekend. It was great to see everyone having a good time. The next weekend away is being considered, and it's good to see some of you putting your suggestions forward.

Report and photos from Jeff Glanville





CHRISTMAS PARTY

Saturday 3rd December 2016; 6.00–11.00 pm
Point Café, Japanese Gardens, 36 Webb Street, East Gosford.
\$45.00 pp for members, guests \$60.00 pp.

Three course dinner (champagne/finger food on arrival), main and dessert.
Mobile bar to purchase your own drinks throughout the evening.
Lucky Door Prizes!

Final numbers must be confirmed by the November Meeting.
We need 40-50 members to attend to ensure exclusive use of the venue, so
please come along and enjoy the final get-together for the year.

Please let treasurer Jane know if you are attending.
Payment can be made in cash at the October/November meetings,
or by posting to Treasurer, CCBCC, PO Box 282, Ourimbah, 2258
or by paying directly into Central Coast British Car Club,

Note: If you have special dietary requirements,
please contact the Cafe directly).

Gluten free options will be available.

'PENINSULAR PARADISE' FILM

Our talented member Vivien Sale has produced a film highlighting some of the wonders of the Central Coast in what is essentially a documentary called 'Peninsular Paradise'.

It is based on an 80-year-old black-and-white film featuring Woy Woy and surrounds that is called 'Woy Woy Venice of Australia'. In itself, that is a fascinating look at the area from the 1930s, and you can find it on YouTube.

Vivien has taken the concept forward and walked through history to compare changes (or not) over the intervening 80 years.

Cinema Paradiso at Ettalong will be showing the film on their programme for two weeks starting from Thursday 27th October. DVDs will then be sold for \$20 throughout the Central Coast with profits being donated to Mary Mac's Place in Woy Woy.

This will be a most interesting film to see, so don't miss it either at Cinema Paradiso and/or by buying the DVD. For more details call Vivien.

PS: Look for the scenes with Rob Gordon driving his Peugeot!

Club Regalia for Sale

FLEECE JACKETS

Ladies	\$30
Mens	\$40



Contact Linden Whiting

4353 7403

POLO SHIRTS

Ladies	\$18
Mens	\$18



SUMMER SHIRTS

Ladies (short slv)	\$29
Ladies (3/4 slv)	\$44
Mens (short slv)	\$30



SPRAY JACKETS

\$15

BASEBALL CAPS

\$16

BADGES

Grille (20-year)	\$25
Lapel (Metal)	\$ 4
Car Sticker	\$ 2
Fabric	\$12



NEW MEMBERS!

Tony and Alison Winch

1959 Jensen 541R.



Welcome aboard Tony and Alison!

THE GREAT CLOCK AWARD

Despite President Jeff adoring this magnificent clock and wishing to keep it on prominent display in his home, he graciously awarded it to Jane and Gerry Howard at the September meeting as recognition of their outstanding achievements in the control and security of personal possessions!



Photo by Greg Denning

COMING EVENTS

1 October, Saturday: Morris Minor Owners National Show and Shine, Parkes

2 October, Sunday: 7th Annual Expo, Australian Motorlife Museum, Kembla Grange

23 October, Sunday: Classic Cars by the Lake, Wangi Wangi.

30 October, Sunday: Rathmines Catalina Festival

30 October, Sunday: 'A Day at the Bowlo'; Clarence Town Classic Cruisers 3rd Annual Car and Bike Show

5 November, Saturday: Yass Antique Motor Club Display

Our Club's next weekend away is planned for Bathurst for three nights starting Friday 24th March 2017. If interested, please advise Jeff Glanville before the end of October so room numbers can be arranged.