Jells Park – January 2019

What a lovely day this turned out to be – not too hot, not too cold and not wet. Sunny skies and a gentle breeze – just perfect. I am sure the favourable weather encouraged many of us to come in our classic cars too. Everyone arrived without any mishaps and the cars made a fine display under the trees in the carpark.

Unfortunately, we weren't organised enough to come in our Humberette, perhaps next year we'll plan ahead a little more and be able to give it a run to the park.

It was great to see everyone and it was lovely to have the chance for a relaxing catch up over a picnic lunch and a game or two. Good to meet our newest members, Rod and Majella Burchill from Gembrook and also Geoff Winterburn, his wife and a friend from Millgrove, all first timers to a HCCV event. We also had a visit from one of older ex members – Ian Wild who had heard about the picnic. Ian joined the HCCV in 1989 and held various positions on the committee including president during his time with the club. He had a fond memories of his time with the club and still has a love of Humbers although he no longer drives.

Unfortunately, Lotte and Ray were unable to join us on the day but Lotte had prepared another challenging quiz for everyone. I don't quite know how she does it. On first glance it looked easy enough, just 10 questions, multiple choice. But there always seems to be at least one or two questions that have us scratching our heads. However, at least two parties managed 8 correct answers and happily shared the first prize of wine and chocolates. An encouragement award was also given to the least successful which was also gracefully received.

Competition for the Chug-a-lug cup was on again with a fun game of Bocce. We had two members from each club present to rise to the challenge to try to win the cup in the best of five games. The Singers, Humbers and Rootes Group fought valiantly but in the end the Rootes Group members won and will enjoy the honour of having their club name engraved on the cup for 2019.

The day finished all too soon it seemed but in reality we had been together for quite a few hours and some of us had a fair distance to travel back home. So with fond farewells and the promise that we will have an earlier start to the picnic next year we packed up and made our way home. Judy Lewis



Bocce Champions Bernie Meehan (L) and Ian Aspinall (R) representing Rootes Group, being presented their trophy by Trevor Leech (Singer).



A dispute with the Umpire?



Joint Quiz Winner Andy Bull (Singer)



Quiz Encouragement Award - Jan Beattie (HCCV)







Bernie Meehan and Rhonda Aspinall



Joint Quiz Winners - Chris and Mike Glare (HCCV)

