

Jells Park Report – 8th January 2022

John and I approached this event with some trepidation due to the uncertain Covid situation and the weather forecast. However, the day arrived and we set off early to set up in the picnic pavilion at the park. You can't reserve the shelters and just have to take pot luck that it will be available on the day. Alas for us, it was fully occupied (probably a blessing in hindsight) with a large gathering having a great time. Never mind, we found a lovely spot under the trees more conveniently close to the carpark. We just hoped the forecast morning showers would hold off – they did.

After wondering how many, if any, would come to join us we suddenly had the arrival of new members, Murray and Jodie Brown together with their friends and family. After they arrived more club members came with their special cars until we had a group of twenty sitting out among the trees, enjoying their picnics and busily catching up on what each of us have been up to.

Jon Miller arrived in splendid fashion in his family's very impressive late 1920's 6½ litre Bentley. This created a lot of interest amongst us and Jon patiently fielded the many questions we all had about this lovely car. I was hoping that I could manage to get a photo of the Bentley side by side with the cute little Mini that Derek and Louise Jones had brought, but didn't quite manage it.

There were also three very smart looking Humbers lined up under the trees in the carpark. It was great to see them out and about. Unfortunately our own Humbers need a bit more TLC at the moment to feel comfortable driving

them on the road. Project for this year I expect.

We all had a very relaxed, lazy but pleasurable afternoon together. There was sharing of ideas on how to tackle specialised tasks like the intricacies of upholstering and restoration of wood panels and maybe in the future, the casting of some special items such as rubber seals and door handles. It was great to see that at last some people are starting to see the advantages of making re-manufactured (indistinguishable from the original) but not reproduction parts and they are prepared to tackle the jobs themselves. There was also a lot of laughter and shared tales of our crowded garages. All in all another successful picnic at Jells Park.

Judy Lewis and John Washbourne





Murray and Jodie Brown (above), and below is their 1959 Series I Super Snipe.



Rod and Majella Burchill's 1961 Ser III Super Snipe.



Len & Marion Barry (above) and their 1961 Ser IA Hawk (below)



John Washbourne, Mark Drayson (Qld), and Rod Burchill conferring while social distancing...





Derek & Louise Jones and their wonderful classic Mini



Jon Miller's family Bentley - wow!

