



Jells Park Picnic 2024!

Held on Saturday 13th January 2024



Our 1st event for the year, a picnic at Jells Park with an invitation to all the Rootes Group clubs to join us, has become a traditional event with this year being the 14th consecutive year that we have gathered together in this beautiful park.

We have been very fortunate with the weather each year and even when the forecast is for high temperatures, the park with its many trees and lush grass always seems to catch a refreshing breeze. Rainy days have not spoiled it for us either. This year a few showers began late afternoon just after we had all left the park

This year about 30 members representing all four Rootes Group clubs came to Jells Park which was a wonderful opportunity to swap ideas, stories and to talk about and admire our special cars.

It is always fun to catch up with old friends and also make new ones. The relaxed nature of the Jells Park gathering lends itself to this. We all

have something in common - our cars - and we are in the great outdoors so it is easy to wander around and have a chat to everyone. I was pleased to see and meet some new faces this year and hope they enjoyed themselves and will come next year too.



Again, Lotte kindly had provided us with a quiz to set us thinking. One question stumped everybody but in the end we had a winner, Laurette Jardel (Singer CC), and two equal seconds, Trevor and Pauline Leech

(Singer CC) and Mike and Chris Glare (Humber CC). Well done to you all.

The regular Bocce/ Petanque challenge



was on again with the Chug-a-Lug trophy up for grabs. All four clubs were represented and competition was fierce but friendly. Fortunately our Humber CC participants, Rob Young and Rod Burchill, were triumphant this year. An excellent result to round off a lovely day.

Judy Lewis & John Washbourne





Jells Park Picnic - Rod Burchill

On 13th January Majella and I went to Jells Park for the annual picnic run organised by Judy and John. It was our first club event in our recently registered 1965 Humber Vogue. The Vogue attracted much interest from members of the different clubs in attendance. Lots of information gained and given, it always amazes me what people know about cars and their upkeep.

The day started fine but gradually it became cloudy and rain was threatening. The annual interclub Pétanque competition was begun, with Rob Young and myself representing the HCCV. I didn't like our chances as I'm not very skilful at these games, I was hoping Rob was. After a good start we then came under pressure, we were behind, and it was fairly even among the teams. We had a good round after it was decided the competition would be first to 5 wins, and with a two point round we got to 5 first. I believe that it is a while since the HCCV has won the Chug-a-Lug perpet-

ual trophy, hope we can retain it next year.

This year there were some nice Sunbeam Alpines, an Imp, and our Vogue, a very nice fabric bodied Singer 9. At about 2pm it started to drizzle a little and most attendees decided to head for home. Our Vogue acquitted itself well on its 1st run, hopefully more to come, now I have to decide which Humber to drive to events. I never thought that I would be in this position.

Rod



Rod kindly gave me permission to publish this charming photo of his late mother, Nellie Burchill. She passed away recently at the venerable age of 93.

Nellie had been a Hillman and Humber driver from the mid 60s until the 1980s. She loved the old cars, and helped Rod's dad restore the upholstery on his 1928 Buick. They loved going out for drives in it.

She will be missed very much.