

Federation of Manx Historic Vehicle Clubs

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Another enthusiastic Federation meeting was held on 10th March. Eleven club delegates attended and the following business was resolved:

Personnel Changes at DoI.

Our Secretary is to write to Laurence Skelly, the new Minister for Infrastructure, introducing him to the remit of the Federation, its value to the Island in terms of our support of tourism etc., and a request for a meeting at some stage. Richard Pearson, Director of Highways is also leaving his post and at the time of the meeting, it remained unclear as to whether Mr Pearson would be replaced.

Age Related Registration Numbers.

We have received a reply from David Cretney, following our letter expressing disappointment at the new legislative provision for age related registration numbers. On reading his reply, delegates concluded that Mr Cretney and the Department have failed to grasp the concept of what we were requesting. We had requested that 'veteran' vehicles being registered in the IoM should be issued with an 'age related' number on a non-transferrable basis at minimal cost (no more than £250). What they have offered us is a 50% discount on their ridiculously inflated prices. As these discounted numbers are non-transferrable and have arguably no value, we don't think there will be a great deal of demand!

It was agreed that we should persist with our lobbying in this area, and perhaps demonstrate to the Department how in this, and other related areas we are treated much worse than our counterparts in the UK who would have age related numbers issued FOC.

Picnic Run – Sun 17th August.

Arrangements for the Picnic run are well in-hand. The format will be similar to last year's; departing the Grandstand and finishing at King William's College. Vintage Tractor Club participants may choose to take shorter, 'southern based' route to the event. More detailed arrangements will be published in the next bulletin.

Ramsey Show – Sun 6th July.

The Jaguar Enthusiasts Club has agreed to look after all the arrangements. The event will be held at Milntown and vehicles will be displayed in front of the house. On arrival vehicles will be marshalled into an agreed layout. The Café and garden will be open and picnics permitted. Milntown's own collection of vehicles will also be on show. More information will be published in the next bulletin.

Date of Next Meeting.

Mon 12th May.