

Spares' Article for Newsletter – December 2017

Well, that's it then! Another season of hillclimbing gone by only to be filed away in the back of one's mind together with all the excuses and reasons for not being quite quick enough alongside the "if only" justifications. We all do it – it's the same as the fisherman's catch that got away. However, at least it spurs us on to try harder next year in the hope of having a successful season and I wish this for all of my fellow competitors and thank you all for contributing to such an entertaining year. Roll on 2018 when we can meet up and do it all again.

The last hillclimb event to be held at Prescott was the Autumn Classic when unfortunately the weather wasn't too kind resulting in lower than hoped for spectator numbers. Those who did brave the elements had a great weekend enjoying the many interesting vehicles on display and the demonstration runs by iconic American cars.

The class runs were as competitive as ever with regular Championship hillclimber Darren Gumbley taking FTD (fastest time of day) on Saturday in his Force racing car. On Sunday, Peter Thurston took FTD in his classic Mallock Mk IV. Well done both.

The Bugatti Car handicapped class was contested on Sunday and taking first place was John Huntley in his Type 30 followed by Ed Burgess in his Type 51. It was good to see eight Bugattis in this class supporting the event.

Mike Preston who was also competing at the Autumn Classic kindly took one of the young air cadets for a ride in his Type 35B. The air cadets sell programmes at our events and the youngster in question had previously been promised a trip in a Bugatti. The smile on his face just said it all. Thank you, Mike, for your help.

This autumn saw the retirement of Jenny Price who together with husband Nigel has looked after the maintenance of the office and Prescott estate so well for the past eighteen years. Thank you Jenny for everything you have done – you can now hang up your rubber gloves and litter picker and take a well deserved break! We wish you many happy years of retirement.

At the end of the year, Gill Marshall, our Membership Secretary will also be retiring. Gill has worked at the Club for six years. Thank you Gill for all your hard work over the years and your kind and wise advice dispensed whenever needed. I shall certainly miss our lunchtime walks up the hill when we seem to cover every subject under the sun (and rain!) on our ascent. Good luck in your retirement – may it be a long and happy one.

- New to the Spares' shelves are valve spring top caps manufactured specifically for the Brescia. Part no is G5F.
- I am also now stocking brake shoe savers which protect the end of the brake shoes. These are made to the Bugatti standard thickness of 3mm.
- I have a source for a leather tool roll containing some essential tools for a Bugatti. There are fourteen tools in the roll manufactured by the reputable tool company Snap-on. The contents of each roll are tailored to either a touring or GP car. There is a colour option of brown or black leather. Please contact me for further details.

- The Replica Repousseau (part C11) which is sold in kit form is now available as a fully machined and assembled item ready to be fitted to the radiator cap.

Finally, may I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year. Many thanks for your continued support of the Spares Department and I look forward to working with you again in 2018.

Tricia Davis

The Spares Department

Please remember that the Spares Department functions as a service to Club members and can only operate with your support. Our prices remain competitive in relation to the quality standards that we insist upon from our suppliers. Stock items are readily available. Over the years much information has been compiled with regard to a **source of supply** for many parts which are not listed in the spares catalogue. If you cannot find the parts you require listed in the catalogue then please do contact me giving full details of your requirements and I will pursue the matter for you.

Payment for Purchases of Spares

The Club prefers payment of invoices at the time of despatch. We accept all major debit or credit cards with the exception of American Express. It is helpful if you quote the card details at the time of placing the order. Cheques from overseas must be in £Sterling and drawn on a British Bank. Regrettably we can no longer accept Eurocheques. All cash payments must be in £Sterling.

Refunds

Full refunds will be given on any parts purchased providing the part concerned is in the same condition as sold and the original invoice can be shown. The maximum term for a refund is two years.

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