

## **VVMC Report to the CSB – June 2013**

### **Introduction**

VVMC is the club responsible for maintaining and driving the two motorised mascots Derrick and Bo'. Bo' is a 1902 James and Browne car and Derrick a 1926 Neracar motorbike. Bo' has been owned by the CGCU since 1934 and is one of, if not the most exercised veteran cars on the road.

### **Activities and Achievements**

The highlight of the past term was the Miglia Quadrato, an all-night vehicle based treasure hunt on the streets of the City of London. The club thoroughly enjoyed the night, although Bo' sadly broke down shortly after sunrise.

Equally enjoyable was the 100<sup>th</sup> CGCA dinner, where Bo' proved to be a very welcome sight amongst the alumni. Several past Bo' drivers and co-drivers were in attendance, including one from 1936! Prof. Jeff Magee, Dean of Engineering and Sir John Parker, President of the Royal Academy of Engineering were very pleased after receiving a ride to the dinner in such a unique vehicle.

Bo', together with Jezabel (RCSMC) and Clem (RSM) also attended Postgraduate Commemoration Day and the Imperial Festival, where all three vehicles received many smiles.

The club continues to meet on Wednesday afternoons, with 4-5 members usually attending. Members have been kept busy enduring Bo' is running, after a series of breakdowns throughout the term. Otherwise the usual trips out with Derrick on Wednesday evenings have continued.

### **Finances**

The club has used most of its grant with about £25 remaining for telephones. Grant is used almost exclusively for the car itself and costs are generally spread fairly evenly from August to August. There is also about £1080 in SGI which is expected to be used in part over the coming weeks to carry out some much needed repairs on Bo' and the garage lathe. SGI is also expected to be used as part of a Summer Tour to the Lake District and Yorkshire.

### **AGM**

At the club AGM, the coming year's committee were elected:

Bo Driver – Mateuz Gocek

Derrick Rider – James Holt

Treasurer – Sam Estgate

Secretary – James Fahy

### **Future events**

Upcoming events that the club is likely to attend:

- Hanwell Carnival – The second largest carnival in London, which Derrick is likely to attend.
- Summer tour – A summer tour in August aims to drive Bo' from the west coast of the Lake District to East coast of Yorkshire over nine days. Events such as the Driffield Steam Rally will be attended on the way.