

Events Calendar 2008

All amendments from previous listings are printed in italics.

CLUB EVENTS

MAY

La Vie en Bleu 2
Prescott Speed Hill Climb, nr Cheltenham
Saturday 24 May and Sunday 25 May

The event is a festival of French motoring featuring static club displays from nearly every French car club in the country, concours competitions, competitive hill climbing events, a cavalcade up the famous hill and much more. This year the event forms part of the 70th anniversary celebrations for the historic Bugatti Owners Club-owned venue.

The event aims to showcase the largest group of Classic and Vintage French cars ever gathered together at one event. The format of the weekend will reflect the 2007 event (without the rain!) with a varied programme of timed racing, demonstration runs and an opportunity for particular marques to participate in spectacular cavalcade runs up the hill.

Like last year there will be significant numbers of French marque car clubs, providing dedicated space in the orchard, and marque racing classes, championship classes and inter-marque challenges throughout the weekend.

Last year's event was awash with rain, but despite this the club managed a good turn out of around 20 members with some interesting cars including a Kenyan 404 rally car and the recently restored Talbot Samba Rallye of member Pat Hesmondhalgh. Hopefully the sun will shine on us this year and members will come out in force for what is probably one of the most entertaining and interesting event in the French car calendar.

CPUK will be present on both days. Club members wishing to attend the event should contact the CPUK event organiser as soon as possible.

Organiser Andrew Stephens (01285 656739 H) or (07740 958851)
Email: web@clubpeugeotuk.org

JUNE

Pub Lunch and Drive from Moreton to Audley End House. Sunday 22 June

What better way to spend a summer Sunday than pottering through the beautiful Essex countryside after a pub lunch, finishing up at one of the finest country homes in England?

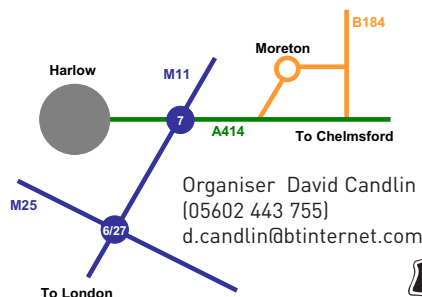
We're going to meet at Midday at the Nag's Head in Moreton, a traditional 16th century pub, for lunch. Try to arrive early to catch up with other club members and chat about things Peugeot. Moreton is ten minutes up the M11 from junction 27 on the M25, so wherever you live it's an easy drive to get there.

After lunch a drive through lovely unspoilt countryside, passing through Great Dunmow, a medieval town famous for the Flich Trials, started around 1120, in which couples try to convince a jury of six local bachelors and six local maidens about how happy they are to be married; the successful couple is paraded through the High Street and receives a flich of bacon. Then we'll pass through Thaxted – a small town with a windmill built in 1804 and a fabulous old guildhall dating from around 1450.

We'll finish at Audley End, on the outskirts of Saffron Walden, which was granted to Sir Thomas Audley by King Henry VIII. It is one of England's grandest country homes. The gardens are also magnificent. There you can have tea and enjoy the house and gardens.

Entry to the house is £9.20, English Heritage members free. The gardens only cost £5. Half price for children. I'll try to get a group discount.

Please phone or email me to confirm your intention to come along, including how many will be in your party. I really hope you can make it.



JULY

Cars in the Park Beacon Park, Lichfield, Staffs Saturday 5 and Sunday 6 July

Building on the success of previous years, Club Peugeot will again be having an enclosure at this great central location event. 'Cars in the Park' is organised by the Rotary Club of Lichfield St.Chad, and is now in its 11th year and this year will have a theme of 'Cars Cops and Criminals' . . . and so should be entertaining [see www.carsinthepark.com]. Please do join fellow Peugeotists in the Club Peugeot enclosure at this event. Book your space now – the more members there the merrier! (No need to dress up, but if you feel inclined to, then please do!)

Beacon Park is in the centre of the historic City of Lichfield with its wonderful cathedral, old pubs, and home of Dr Johnson and Erasmus Darwin . . . so plenty to do for everyone. There will be a pub meal on Saturday evening. Come along on Saturday 5th or Sunday 6th or on both days! Camping is available at Beacon Park.

This year 'Cars in the Park' has coincided with the 'Mediaeval Market' in The Cathedral Close and environs in Lichfield on Saturday 5th July. The Mediaeval Market is an annual event (and in the last few years has been held the week after 'Cars in the Park'). This is a really good event with mediaeval festivities all around the Cathedral. People are dressed in mediaeval dress and there are period activities all around the Cathedral with wonderful craft stalls and unusual demonstrations and dancing. It is really one not to miss and is always great fun! . . . So Lichfield has much to offer the weekend 5th/6th July, both on the Saturday and the Sunday . . . so should be really good this year with plenty to see and do!

For further information and booking a place in the CPUK enclosure please contact
Organiser Janette Horton (01543 262 466)
email horton100@btinternet.com

Ardingly Vintage and Classic Vehicle Show South of England Show Ground, Nr Ardingly, West Sussex Saturday 12 July–Sunday 13 July

Classic Car Show and a lot more! Around 1500 exhibits, plus vintage vehicle parades, trade, craft and auto jumble stalls, model plane flying, etc. etc.

CPUK is expecting to be offered its usual stand at this popular venue. However Mick Huntley, who has always attended this event in the past, will be attending the IPM in Finland this time. Mick will, as usual make all the arrangements with the organisers, but needs some members to put their Peugeots on the stand and to look after it for the two days. *If we do not attend this year, demand is such that we are likely to lose our slot next year.*

Anyone who can do this for all or part of the event, could they please contact Mick directly (you get free entrance to the event!).

Please contact Mick by the end of April as this is the deadline by which he has to confirm CPUK's participation to the organisers.

Organiser Mick Huntley (01268 561 214
lunchtimes/weekends only)
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SEPTEMBER

CPUK National Rally Ragley Hall, Alcester, Warwickshire Sunday 14 September

For the 2008 National Rally, CPUK has secured a prime site at Ragley Hall, the family home of the Marquess and Marchioness of Hertford.

Ragley is a delightful Palladian House with exceptional interiors set in formal gardens and a Capability Brown Park. In addition there is a Kid's Zone with 3D Maze, Woodland Walks, a Rose Garden, contemporary outdoor sculpture exhibition and a coffee house and restaurant.

We particularly want to see as many 2008 Anniversary cars there as possible; that is to say the 202 (70), 203 (60), 504 (40), 205 (25) and 306 (15). As in previous years, we will be inviting other French car Clubs.

We have negotiated a reduced rate of £7.50 per adult for CPUK members and our guest clubs and this fee will cover entrance to *all* the attractions. (rate applicable only to those registering with us in advance – full rate if you pay at the gate on the day). For children (5–16 years) the rate is £4.50.

As last year's Saturday evening 'get together' was very successful, we hope to organise the same again at a local hostelry this year. We will provide some information on accommodation so that those who wish can start the rally the night before!

Ragley is 2 miles SW of Alcester, off the A435/A46 – 8 miles from Stratford upon Avon. It is easily accessible from many parts of the country. See also www.ragleyhall.com

If anyone is able to help the Committee on the day with any aspect of running this event we would love to hear from you – there are many tasks with which we could really use some help!

More to follow, but please, for a great family day out, *put the date in your diary now!*

Organiser CPUK Committee
Contact Marilyn Stansbury: 020 8514 2968
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OCTOBER

**West Somerset Railway
Bishop's Lydeard, Taunton, Somerset
Sunday 12 October**

Enjoy a trip down memory lane with a journey on one of Britain's longest preserved railways. Meeting just outside Taunton, visit the engine sheds and museum before boarding one of the steam trains. The journey takes you through the glorious countryside of the Quantocks, with Exmoor in the distance, before running alongside the coast with views to South Wales.

Minehead is the end of the line, but with plenty of stations en-route, offering opportunities for visits to castles, villages and the beach.

There will be dedicated parking for CPUK members and refreshments are available throughout the trip.

A 'get-together' pub meal on Saturday evening will start the fun for those who wish to make it a West Country weekend. Information on accommodation can be provided.

Taunton is off the M5 for those travelling from north or south and has easy links to the A303 and M3 for those coming from the south-east.

Further details will be published, but if you would like more info please contact me

Organiser Alison Budd (01460 57572)
email avattwood@hotmail.com

NOVEMBER

**Classic Motor Show NEC, Birmingham
Friday 14 to Sunday 16 November**

Reputed to be one of the biggest and best Classic Motoring extravaganzas! In 2007 the show broke all its previous attendance records – certainly the CPUK stand was a hive of activity for the whole three days.

For 2008 we intend the CPUK stand to reflect the four Peugeot anniversaries occurring in 2008: 202 (70 years); 203 (60 years); 504 (40 years) and 205 (25 years)

Do come and join us – we would love to meet you. If you are able to assist with manning the stand for any part of the weekend, or with setting-up on the Thursday or dismantling on the Sunday, we really could do with any help you can offer.

If you are interested in displaying your Peugeot on the CPUK Stand, please let us know as far in advance as you can. *It doesn't need to be concours – just obviously cherished!*

Organiser Committee
Contact Marilyn Stansbury (details as above)

**CPUK Annual General Meeting and lunch
Peugeot UK new HQ in Coventry
Sunday 30 November**

Andrew Didick has again kindly agreed to host us for our AGM and lunch – but this time in the brand new Peugeot UK HQ which is due to open in May 2008.

Organiser Richard Barker (01372 274053)

DECEMBER

Laying up lunches

This year we would very much like to encourage the idea of having more than one Laying Up Lunch. If any member(s) would be prepared to organise a lunch at, say their local (or not even their local!) pub, we would be pleased to put an entry/invitation in the magazine to let others know.

Please do let us know if you are interested. It's still early yet! – but the sooner we get things in the magazine the better the turn out will be!

Organiser: Committee;
Contact: Marilyn Stansbury (details as above)

Peugeot Sets Two Fuel Economy Guinness World Records!

The new Peugeot 308 and drivers John and Helen Taylor are the proud owners of two Guinness World Records for fuel economy, breaking the previous record set in a Peugeot 307 Touring.

After a 25 day trip around Australia, the Taylor's, driving a 308 XS HDi achieved the following feats:

- Round Australia Diesel Economy World Record
- Round Australia Fuel Economy World Record
- 1,919km per 60 litre tank
- 3.13 litres / 100km (90.75 mpg)
- 14,580km total distance travelled