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# Don't forget - T-shirts!

Roundabout VW Club T-shirts are currently on sale. Come and get one in time for all of the shows. Available to Club members at only £12.00 each, sizes Small to Extra Large. If you do want a T-shirt (or two) then please phone Rachel or Nigel.

Let's get the Roundabout VW Club NOTICED!!

### E-mail addresses! Do you have one?

To keep you all informed of late breaking news and events the committee has decided that we would like to have you e-mail addresses. Please do let us know.

## Girls Night Out!!!!

So then, it has now been decided due to the overwhelming response! We will be gracing the Old Orleans Bar Diner (in Xscape) with our presence for a meal and maybe a drink or two and then on to 1st base in City Limits for a few more drinks afterwards. We have two possible dates in mind, either Friday 22nd June or Friday 29th June. Can you please phone me as to which of these Friday's will be best for you. I will then book a table for 7.30pm for whichever date I have the most requests for.

Please can you either phone me on 07751 757411 or email me at rach\_shave@hotmail.com, as to your preferred date by Sunday 17th June, if not sooner!

## What's on in June and July...

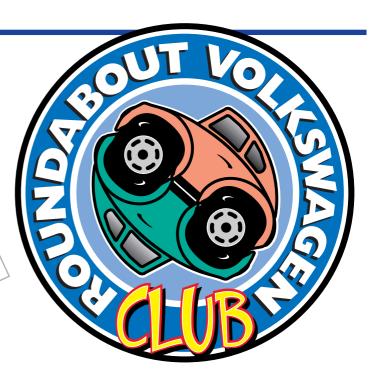
#### Sunday 3rd June - Stonor Park

This is a show that has been traditionally held at the beginning of June HOWEVER due to the "Foot and Mouth" crisis it has now been postponed to Sunday 29th July. So please make a note in your diary about this.

Instead on this date 2nd and 3rd June we will be at Billing Aquadrome for the Rod Run. Meet at the Hockey Stadium 9 - 9.30am for a prompt departure on Saturday 2nd June to then drive up to Billing for the weekend. Don't need to book – just bring your tent and beer!! This is not a VW show but please come along to look at the cool cars, relax in the sun and drink beer.

#### Sunday 17th June - Bristol Volksfest

This is a one day show held just outside of Bristol, in Almondsbury. Meet at the Hockey stadium  $8-8.30 \, \mathrm{m}$  for a prompt departure, it is a long way away at least 150 miles one way... So be warned... Directions available on request. Please phone either Nigel or Rachel. There will be VW displays, Show & Shine and a large Trade Area. This will be a first as no one has ever been to this before from the Roundabout VW Club.



#### Saturday 7th July – Sunday 8th July – BVF in Malvern

What a great show this is, held in The Three Counties Show Ground at the foot of the Malvern Hills. This is one of the "old school" shows. It is very quiet with a loud disco for the Saturday evening's entertainment, which was thoroughly enjoyed by certain members of the club last year. Lots to do and see with the infamous "Rundfahrt", hopefully the weather will be better this year compared to what it was last year for the Rundfahrt. Again like with the Bristol Volksfest there will be a Show & Shine with a large Trade area. For this show it is possible to book in advance or if you want you can just turn up on the day, which is what happened last year. Meet at the Hockey Stadium

8-8.30am. This is a great show for the whole weekend, do come along with your tent and plenty of beer.

#### Saturday 14th - Sunday 15th July - Peppercorn

Nigel and I went to Peppercorn last year and were really pleasantly surprised. A 'Classic' show in the middle of nowhere, on a Donkey Sanctuary. Quiet, relaxed and no loud noise with lots of old VW's to drool over. Camping is possible on the Saturday however there is no entertainment. If you want to go to this show, then I would recommend that you go on the Saturday and camp the night as it is a long journey (Kent) in a Beetle for a day excursion, unless you are already in the area. Meet at the Hockey Stadium Saturday 9 – 9.30am. Please contact either Rachel or Alison if you would like to go.

#### Friday 20th July - Sunday 22nd July - Bug Jam

What can I say about Bug Jam, the biggest show of the year. Most people go up on the Friday however there is also a convoy that goes up on the Saturday, meet up at the Hockey Stadium 9 – 9.30am. Convoy times for Friday will be arranged closer to the day. If you can stand the conditions then you are more than welcome to come up for the whole weekend!! Booking will be required for Bug Jam, so please can you let Rachel or Alison know if you want to come and give us the money IN ADVANCE, then we will buy the tickets. So bring plenty of beer and food for the BBQ's, Friday and Saturday night. It's a great laugh with lots to do and see. If we get enough of a response we will try to get club Camping if not then it will be the traditional Family Camping scam.

#### Sunday 29th July – Stonor Park

Held in the grounds of a Stately Home, the most picturesque venue of any show in the year. This is a one day show. Meet at the Hockey Stadium 8.30 – 9am for a prompt departure to make the most of this superb one day show. There is lots to do and see with classic VW's as well as all other types. Come along for a great day out. This is definitely one you MUST NOT MISS!

The copy deadline for the July issue is Sunday 17th June

For anyone who's tried to fix a car using a Haynes manual, this guide may be a useful addition....

Haynes: Rotate anticlockwise.

Translation: Clamp with mole grips then beat repeatedly with hammer anticlockwise.

Haynes: This is a snug fit.

Translation: You will skin your knuckles.

Haynes: This is a tight fit.

Translation: Not a hope in hell matey. Haynes: As described in Chapter 7...

Translation: That'll teach you not to read through before you start, now you are looking at scary photos of the inside of a gearbox.

Haynes: Pry...

Translation: Hammer a screwdriver into...

Haynes: Undo.

**Translation:** Go and buy a tin of WD40

Haynes: Retain tiny spring.

Translation: "Jeez what was that, it nearly

had my eve out"

Haynes: Press and rotate to remove bulb.

Translation: OK - that's the glass bit off, now fetch some good pliers to dig out the bayonet

Haynes: Lightly...

Translation: Start off lightly and build up until the veins on your forehead are throbbing, then re-check the manual because what you aredoing now cannot be described as 'lightly'.

Haynes: Weekly checks.

Translation: If it isn't broken don't fix it.

Haynes: Routine maintenance...

Translation: If it isn't broken... it's about to be.

Haynes: One spanner rating.

Translation: Your Mum could do this... so how did you manage to botch it up?

Haynes: Two spanner rating.

Malcolm Hawkins

Translation: Now you may think that you can do this because two is a low, tiny, ickle number...

but you also thought the wiring diagram was a map of the Tokyo underground (in fact that would have been more use to you).

Haynes: Three spanner rating.

Translation: But Beetles are easy to maintain, right... right? So you think three Beetle spanners has got to be like a 'regular car' two spanner job.

Haynes: Four spanner rating.

Translation: Are you seriously considering this?

Haynes: Five spanner rating.

Translation: OK - but don't expect us to ride in it afterwards.

**Haynes:** If not, you can fabricate your own special tool like this...

#### Translation:

Hahahahahahahahahahahahahahaha hahahahaha!

Haynes: Compress...

Translation: Squeeze with all your might, jump up and down on, swear at, throw at the garage wall, then search in the dark corner of the garage for whilst muttering "bugger" repeatedly under your breath.

Haynes: Inspect...

Translation: Squint at really hard and pretend you know what you are looking at, then declare in a loud knowing voice to your wife "Yep, as I thought, it's going to need a new one."

Haynes: Carefully...

Translation: You are about to cut yourself.

Haynes: Retaining nut.

Translation: Yes, that's it, that big spherical blob of rust.

Haynes: Get an assistant...

Translation: Prepare to humiliate yourself in front of someone you know.

Haynes: Turning the engine will be easier with the spark plugs removed.

Translation: However, starting the engine afterwards will be much harder. Once that sinking pit of your stomach feeling has subsided, you can start to feel deeply ashamed as you gingerly refit the spark plugs.

Haynes: Refitting is the reverse sequence to

Translation: But you swear in different places.

Haynes: Prise away plastic locating pegs.

Translation: Snap off.

Haynes: Using a suitable drift...

**Translation:** The biggest nail in your tool

box isn't a suitable drift.

Haynes: Everyday toolkit.

Translation: Ensure you have an RAC Card

& Mobile Phone.

Haynes: Apply moderate heat...

Translation: Placing your mouth near it and huffing isn't moderate heat.

**Haynes:** Index

**Translation:** List of all the things in the book bar the thing you want to do.

#### For Added Haynes Fun:

Go to the first section, Safety First, and read the bit about Hydrofluoric Acid - do you really want the advice of a book that uses this form of understatement?!

Now look at the lovely colour section on body repairs - as you look at these two pages say to yourself over and over until it sinks in "mine will never look like that...

NB: Haynes Manuals are ©copyright of a very disturbed sadist

#### For Sale

1968 LHD Beetle. New 1300 engine in '97. No MOT (Have failure sheet) Spares or repair £100. Gary: 01908 564135

1968 Beetle rag top 6 volt Original spec Full MOT, tax exampt Good condition and lots of paperwork £1300

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