

CCVC/ Mayflower Rotary – National Drive it Day – April 24, 2022

## *‘Classics by the Lake’*

Applications for entry to our 2022 Drive-It-Day event “**Classics by the Lake**” are now invited.

The day will start at Buckhatch Nursery in Rettendon where you can purchase Bacon Rolls and Coffee. This will be followed by a 40 Mile Drive, ending parked by a picturesque private lake in North East Essex. There is also a quiet garden area to stroll around as well as a beautifully restored 13<sup>th</sup> century tithe barn to enjoy. The Drive should be taken gently as it will include some pretty parts of Essex that may be new to you and pass through some pretty villages, all on A & B Roads.

Those of you who have supported our events over the years will know that all the profits raised go to Charity. Our chosen charities this year are Essex & Herts Air Ambulance, McMillan Cancer Support and Centre Algarve. The entry fee per car this year will include a Rally Plaque for the front of your car, (which also looks good on the garage wall after the Event), Tulip Rally Instructions and a £4 voucher towards the cost of food or drink at the Tea Shop area at the Destination, valid on Drive-It-Day only. There will be a Trophy for the Best Pre-war Car and the Best Post-War Car and a prize for best period-dressed person or couple. Plus of course our usual Raffle to help increase the money passed to the Charities. You will note that we are charging £3 per car more than last year but this will be more than offset by the £4 Voucher.

In addition to the Tea Shop, there will be Barbeque cooking, the far-famed Dunmow Chocolatier “Choccy Heaven” will have a stall along with a few other specially selected stalls. There will also be live music and opportunities to ‘Walk-an-Alpaca’. We are hoping to include some other attractions for your interest – maybe an Owl display.

You will notice on the attached Entry Form that there is an option which many found convenient last year for paying by Bank Transfer to our Rotary Partners. This is our preferred payment method as our bank has now introduced a charge for processing cheques. Please follow the instructions on the attached form. A few people were worried last year that we would be unable to identify them if they used a general payment reference code, this year is DID22. This is not a problem as your name is identified to us electronically on transfer. On receipt of your entry application and stamped self-addressed envelope, joining instructions with start time and postcode etc. will be sent to you. Route map Tulip Rally directions etc. will be issued on the day at Rettenden.

I would strongly suggest that you make your application as soon as possible to avoid disappointment as we will probably have to cap numbers. We are now in touch with over 300 Classic Car Owners who have attended our previous Events and we have 6 car clubs expressing interest. So please book early, it also helps to ensure that we organise adequate catering at the start and the destination.

Our Hosts have kindly agreed that well behaved dogs on leads, held by owners, who pick up after their dogs will be welcome in all areas except where food is being served.

In the unlikely event we are prevented by Government Regulations from running the Event, we will return your full entry fee less any expenses already incurred.

Look forward to seeing you all again on what we hope to be our best Drive It Day yet.