
The
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Dear overseas 181/182 owners and friends,

In the first Newsletter of a New Year, may I wish all my overseas contacts a Happy New Year (Apologies for no Xmas Card, but I never got round to designing a suitable e-card.)

Please note the change of ISP in my email address above (since last Feb.) Apologies to anyone who has tried the old one and got no reply!

2005 UK Events for general information, just in case anyone is contemplating visiting the UK this year.

- 1. VolksWorld Show, Sat-Sun April 2nd-3rd, Sandown Park** The Club Display is already booked, and I need volunteers to fill the five places on one or both days. (An **Itis** would be welcome, since there are so few of them.) The main limitation is that you must arrive by 9.00am, and stay until 5.00pm. Free entry for those in the display, whereas normal entry is £8-14!
- 2. Stanford Hall, Sunday May 1st** I normally take a table in the autojumble, so there is one free ticket on offer for the first person who asks me. In recent years, they have added a "Club Display" area also, so anyone wishing to join this please tell me, and I'll make a formal application for space. (I can't remember whether entering the Club Display also guarantees free entry, I'll try and find out.) (Stanford Hall is just off the A.14, near J.19 on the M.1, but is only accessible via J.18 or 20!)
- 3. 13th International KubelTreffen, Fri-Mon May 13-16th**
The event this year is being held in the North-West of Germany, quite near to the Dutch border, so it's a shorter drive than usual! I am thinking of taking the ferry from Harwich to Hook of Holland, from where it is about a 3-hour drive. Let me know if you are interested, either in taking your own 181/2, or coming with me (or another local owner) as a co-driver. Possibly the most interesting feature of this event is the chance to see 80-100 181s all together in one place, and sometimes in convoy! (Don't worry if your German isn't very good, most of the Kübel-Klub members speak good English.)
- 4. Stonor Park, Sunday June 5th** We usually get good weather, and around four owners displaying their vehicles on the stand. Usually free entry for the first few to arrive, or in advance from me. A very friendly show, lots of autojumble stalls etc., and a tour of Stonor Hall if you've not seen it before. (Access via M.40 Jct.6)
- 5. VW Expo, Sunday June 26th** (camping + entertainment Saturday pm if required)
The long-established ABVWC event, now in its third year at the (old Whitbread) Hop Farm at Beltring/Paddock Wood (on the A.228, off at M.20 Jct.4.) Entry £12 if camping Saturday, or £6 on the day, children £8 camping, £4 on the day (please pre-book camping through me). Generous-sized Club plot, so let's see if we can fill it with vehicles this year!

6. **MVT 2005, Fri-Sat-Sun June 24-26th, Kemble Airfield** (5m South of Cirencester)
(If you live in the South-West, so can't make VW Expo, or prefer military shows anyway)
Although I will be going to VW Expo myself, if there is sufficient demand I can book a 181 /183 space for this event, and nominate someone else to marshal it, just let me know, the sooner the better.
7. **British VW Festival (BVF), Sat-Sun July 2nd-3rd, Malvern** (Three Counties Showground)
No details yet, but I normally book a Club Display space, you pay on the gate, and join me on it. For some mysterious reason, though, I normally see a lot of 181 owners at this event who have come in something else! Any chance of a good turnout this year, similar to the late 90s, when we had lots of vehicles on the display?
8. **War & Peace Show, Beltring, July 20-24th** (Same venue as VW Expo above)
As usual I shall be booking camping space for a "181/183 display", so all "green machines" welcome. They are still asking £25 per vehicle for "services", but if you book in advance through me that's ALL it should cost! (Local owners can come & go on a daily basis if you wish)
I usually get more 181s on site at this event than any of the VW shows, so keep up the good work!
9. **London Volksfest, Sunday, July 31st, North Weald Airfield** (M.11, Jct.7).
I assume this will be similar to previous years, more exact details when I have them.
10. **VW Action, (Fri) Sat-Sun September (2-) 3-4th Herts Showground** (M.1, Jct.9) ?
This is the third year VW Action has been at the Herts Showground. Further details when I know them.
11. **VW Swapmeet, Slough, Sunday October 30th** (Off M.4 at Jct.6) ? A regular event in the calendar, no free entry or other perks, but an interesting event if you're looking for bits and pieces!

Note: Besides the regular International 181 event listed above (3), there are several **other 181 events taking place in Germany** and elsewhere throughout the year - see www.kuebeltreffen.de for details.

There are also several regional one-day VW events in Scotland, Bristol, Tatton Park, Cornwall etc. throughout the year, which are too far for me to attend from London. If you are going to your local event anyway, and would like to organise a nominal 181 "presence" please let me know, and you can borrow the banner etc.

If you have just acquired an ex-military 181/183, and would like to show it off at a regional military event local to you, let me know, and I'll forward the military events calendar.

Spares

Just a reminder that I can supply most 181 spares, and if I can't I can usually get them from Germany (you pay me in sterling, I pay them by MasterCard or in Euros, they deliver direct to you.)

I now have a few black hoods as well as green ones, price £310/325, plus around £10 if posted.

Regrettably I have had to increase the price for green hoods to £350/365, since the Thing Shop have sharply increased their prices on the last batch I imported.

Happy, safe motoring in 2005, and looking forward to seeing many new faces at events,

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