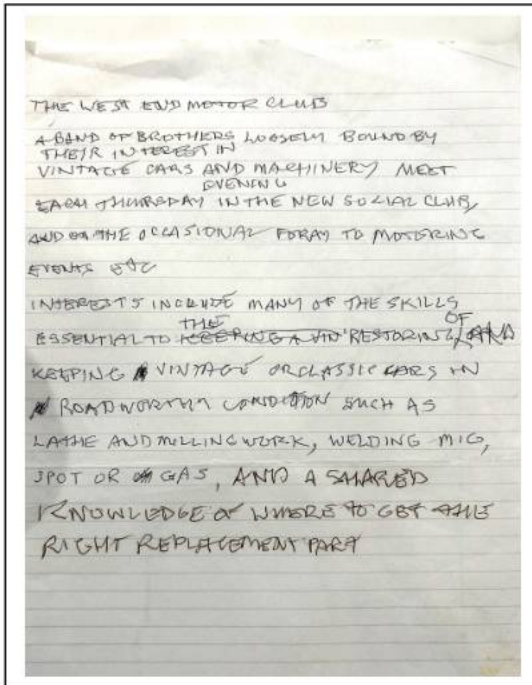


Origin of the West End Motor Club

Here are some historic snippets contributed by Ben which set the scene



Transcription of Charles' handwritten note:

'A band of brothers loosely bound by their interest in Vintage cars and machinery meet each Thursday evening in the new social club, and on occasion foray to motoring events. Interests include many of the skills essential to the restoration of and keeping vintage or classic cars in roadworthy condition such as lathe and milling work, welding (mig, spot or gas), and a shared knowledge of where to get the right replacement part'

Charles Pocklington – 2005?

Ben recalls:

'Austins became Charles' favourite, when he moved from motorcycle, to motorcycle and sidecar, to Eileen saying one day - it's time for four wheels! They commuted for many years in to town together in their first A7.

Charles together with Brian Austin restored the Chummy, a true barn find pile of parts purchased by them, then Charles build his Ulster rep' (his last build) soon after we did Buzzard 1, as he fancied one last project! Prior to this Charles' Austins had all been specials and more about the process of the build than the actual final finished car. The special building years were all about re-engineering, making parts lighter, building parts in the workshop even if available from cherished suppliers. Charles build some of the tooling and equipment needed to manufacture parts - we had fun making Buzzard parts under the banner Thompson & Pocklington Vintage Austin Racing - this was all combined with learning new skills, evening classes, working with fellow WECC members and so on. Charles had an enviable collection of machinist tools and equipment, was a pro on the lathe, gas welder and rivet gun.'

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Charles' cars and car legacy:



C1995

Charles' last special before Chummy and Ulster Replicas shows many small and some, not so small, improvements on Sir Herbert's production versions.

Originally polished alloy and square tailed, last known in Norfolk smart green with 'Ulster' tail.



2006 (with Charles' Ulster Rep and Buzzard 1)



2017 (Norfolk)



Ben competed at 2004 VSCC Wesh Trial in Buzzard 1 with Bob bouncing, and later many off road trials (how far up a slippery hill), hill climbs (how long up a twisty hill), driving tests (think moto gymkhana)(no ponies) and events at classic circuits. Bob is still successfully campaigning Charles' Chummy in VSCC off road trials all over the country.



Chummy – Bob at Tulley's Farm 2019

Buzzard 1 at Monthléry 2017