

Bristol Classic Car Show

by our Roving Reporter

This year was the 25th anniversary of this ever popular show, originally held in warehouses at Bristol Docks, but for some years at the Bath & West Showground, Shepton Mallet. Club Triumph was on a waiting list of a dozen or so clubs who had been unable to obtain a stand, but two days before the event we were phoned by the organisers to say we could replace a club that had dropped out provided we let them know within 10 minutes. Split second decisions were made by John Snook and Charles Colvin to provide their cars – a Vitesse convertible and a Stag – for the set-up day and two days of the show and by John Millidge to provide a small part of the Club equipment (all that is required for this show) and of the shop goodies.

A large number of public attended on both days and John and Charles were kept very busy talking about their cars. Particular interest was shown in Charles' modifications, including his Holley pre-heated water gadget(!!!) and second overflow bottle.



Among many other interesting cars I noticed were a brand new Hindustan Ambassador (1950s Morris Oxford based and still being produced) for £9,500 and a car on the next stand to ours that I had never knowingly seen before. This was a Jowett Jupiter Coupe – not sports car. Apparently only four of this lovely looking model were built, the shape reminding me of a Jaguar Mark II at the front and a Porsche 356 at the back – pretty special for a car from 1953. Surprisingly it did not win the car of the show award – this went to a Ford Cortina.

Quite a number of Club members visited our stand – too many to list here – and our thanks are due, in addition to the car owners, to John Millidge, Bridget Snook, Ken Chandler and Roger Bray, who helped to man the stand.

A show that it is well worth attending and which need not cost the Club anything.