

## **Victor Seymour Car and Bike Show**

Wow it's that time of year again and I am sure many of you are getting excited at the thought of getting cars on the road and the sunny days ahead.

At my school we are holding our 6<sup>th</sup> car and bike show, it will be on Saturday May 14<sup>th</sup>. Again I would love for everyone to support this event including any J72's Deville's Solo's and the Six wheeler, if possible, as well as the Lima's and Kallista's and to join us for food and drinks with Martino and I at our house after the event. I know I don't want much eh?-nothing changes there I suppose

This year we are combining a May Day event with the car show, in addition to the usual stalls and refreshments there will be Maypole dancing and many activities for families.

Last year we raised £3,000 and for the regular attendees changes to the school year on year can be seen. We have put the money towards purchasing an enormous climbing frame, developing the growing area-including greenhouse and other parts of the school.

The Panther Car Club really makes this event and your generosity is overwhelming. So again I am calling all PCC members to put the date in your diary, I have ordered the sunshine so don't forget the sun cream.

If you would like to join us afterwards all are welcome but I just need to know how many are coming so there is enough food for all. Oh by the way Martino is building a Tandoor oven in the garden, He thinks he is Jamie Oliver I'm sure!!!

The show runs from 10am till 2pm for the public.

The gate open at 8am for car owners.

Victor Seymour Infants' School

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Anyone coming back to ours this is usually about 3pm after I have cleared all the vehicles away.

After Party

8 Aultone Way

Sutton

Surrey

SM1 3LE Cheryl Mobile 07933065752

## My First Major Problem

I have been a Kallista owner for Eight years now and am just facing my first major problems. Not being a mechanic or having the patience learn how to be I needed to find suppliers that were reliable, understanding and knowledgeable about Panthers and the availability to supply this parts I needed.

The first thing I needed to get was a new Clutch Kit, gearbox bearings and a new throttle cable. The then hardest part getting it fitted!

1 Throttle cable I got from Speedy Cables in Wales, they sure were speedy and new one made up and returned to my within 3 days.

2 Clutch Kit from SE-Specialist Engineers Ltd from Essex, again only took 3 days before it arrived.

3 Gear Box specialists, a very small firm in 793 Garratt Lane in Wandsworth, M Field. Great service as they reconditioned my gearbox and had it returned to me in 4 days

So now I have all the parts nicely packed in the boxes they came in, what to do next?

I contacted a wonderful young mechanic called Jack who worked through the cold and rain in my garage after his day at work-just the odd cup of tea and bacon sandwich kept him going. He did a great job and now the car is up and running. Hats off to small companies that do a great job, and still have a passion for older cars and care about the service they provide.

Also a huge thank you to a young and competent mechanic Jack who put everything right for me. It is great to know that there are still skilled mechanics that don't need a computer to help sort problems-wouldn't have helped much on my Kallista anyway. So I thought I would share my experiences with you all and if you need any more information give me a ring or we can chat about it at the car show on 14<sup>th</sup> May at Cheryl's school- no not a promotional spiel- well a bit yes.

My next challenge is a re-spray, no I won't be doing this either. If anyone can recommend a company or very skilled individual please let me know.

Regards Martino