

THE BUBBLE CAR MUSEUM – JUNE 2026

On a blistering hot day in June a small group of members set out in their air conditioned cars to Langrick to travel back in time.

The Bubble Car Museum is a little hidden gem, not just a collection of cars but a quaint array of memorabilia from the era when cars were small, travelling was an adventure and there was a whole world for the family to explore.

After a restorative visit to the reasonably priced café we toured the museum and all picked out our favourites. The stylish English made Bond MK F was liked by many and it was very popular when introduced in the late 1940's as it was very economical on fuel. Still a consideration today.

Of course, there was a Messerschmitt, originally designed as an invalid carriage (and there was one of the UK traditional blue ones that we all remembered dashing about, but cornering carefully!) A Fiat 500 to remind us of Audrey Hepburn and another star of screen – the Pink Panther was on the bonnet of the pink Cursor, especially designed to appeal to 16 year olds.

My personal favourite was the shiny blue Scootacar built in Leeds, one of only 130 produced by a railway locomotive builder.

We all admired the little recreations of life from the 1950's, reminding us of Grandmothers and great Aunts, (or even our own childhoods) but in particular the family holiday selection with a flat pack caravan that had mudguards made of a washing up bowl sawn in half, but at least it had a shelf for the baby to sleep on.

But the best was yet to come. Luckily the Heinkel Trojan was in full working order and three brave ladies took it in turns to go for a spin out onto the main road and then bounced along the field roads. How close the tarmac seemed. How fast we went. How we struggled to get in and out with grace and decorum. How health and safety regulations were left far behind! Definitely a trip to remember.

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