



IAN LAW – FORMER H&H CVC CLUB MEMBER

Of the awards given out at the Club Show, we've already had the story of Motorcycle enthusiast, Scott Jones. The other award we make is dedicated to **Ian Law**. Steve Divall tells us about this character below.

Ian joined H&H in 1993 bearing membership N° 004 which CP re-allocated to me after his passing, something of which I am very proud. Ian served on the Committee for most of his Club membership, only leaving the Committee when things got too much for him. A very private person who intensely disliked having his photograph taken as is obvious from those few we have of him. During his early years Ian could be seen racing Stock Cars at Belle Vue stadium with some input from his wife, Ann, also a budding Stock Car driver, and it was through all this that he gained his considerable knowledge of engine tuning and of course improvisation.

He served his apprenticeship at Hollingdrakes in Stockport where he was to work on the vehicles of which he became so fond, Standard and Triumph. He was often seen at Club nights in his beloved Standard Eight of about 1955 vintage and was always accompanied by his dog, Penny. Penny became known as the Club mascot as she always attended Committee meetings with Ian and sat under his chair after having greeted all of the members. During his Club membership Ian also had several other Standard cars but always kept the 'Eight. That's Ian on the left in the above photo, receiving an award at the Standard Club.

Ian had an extreme knowledge of motor vehicles and was always more than willing to help any club member resolve a problem. I recall having bought a pair of exchange re-built carburettors for the TR and could never get them to run properly. Ian looked at them for me and decided they weren't a pair at all but after two evenings of rebuilding them swapping parts between them and using some from my

spares box, they continue to operate correctly to this day. The difficult part was getting him to accept payment but this I resolved in the usual way. In addition to his knowledge he had more than a garage full of spare parts and tools which alas after his passing were lost forever.

Standard/Triumph cars were the best in his view and he always had a never ending love of them and was very knowledgeable of the various models that came out of their factories. He was not quite as knowledgeable regarding other makes but did have a soft spot for the Austin A30/35. He could not however understand the following of Morris Minors and was more than once uncomplimentary about them but this did not stop him from helping the owners of them sort out problems. Sorry Minor fans but that is the way he was.

Ian always attended most of the H&H shows and with his never ending patience, erected that large framed marquee with help from others during its erection to shelter us from the elements but woe betide anyone who got bits of the frame in the wrong order as Ian did not suffer fools gladly!

It may not come as a surprise that Ian was also a member of the Standard Motor Club and they too held him in great regard. Ian was a great friend of Brian Jones and Brian lived about half a mile from me on Jacksons Lane, very often as I passed Brian's house one of Ian's Standards was seen to be parked on his drive. I recall that on one occasion Ian decided to sell one of his Standards and some unscrupulous types came to look at it without buying. They made a note of the key number to his garage, stole the car at a later date and it turned up on the banger race circuit. What a waste and Ian was devastated.

Ian was a great friend of H&H and to many of us as well and is sorely missed by those of us who knew him. I still have his mobile phone number and e-mail address.

Steve Diwall,

