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17th November 2017

We've only gone and done it!!!!

It's like a dream come true for the Trustees

Over the weekend of the 27/28th October we moved into our new Archive Centre - but more about the move later in this newsletter.

This is a massive achievement for the Trust so let's look at the timeline of how it has happened in under 2 years.



November 2015

The Building Fund is launched at the NEC Classic Motor Show by Sir Stirling Moss

December 2016

This artist's impression is created to show our vision of the new Archive Centre and as we have raised £60,000 we feel confident enough to put down a deposit to have a new freehold building constructed for us



March 2017

The developer breaks ground on our new building and at last we can start to imagine our new home

April 2017

The footings are ready and the walls are starting to be laid and we can appreciate how much space we will have



May 2017

The steel frame is erected and we can really see what we are getting



June 2017

The steel frame is having its walls built around it—starts to feel like home



July 2017

We are almost watertight—we just need the doors



August 2017

The site is really taking shape especially with the concrete yard having been laid



September 2017

The building is watertight and the internal fit out commences



THE BIG DAY

27th October 2017

The keys are handed over
and the new Archive Centre
is ready for us to move in!!!!

Funding Update:

Together, after exactly 2 years, we have raised over £105,000 towards our total funding requirement of £185,000. These funds have come from:

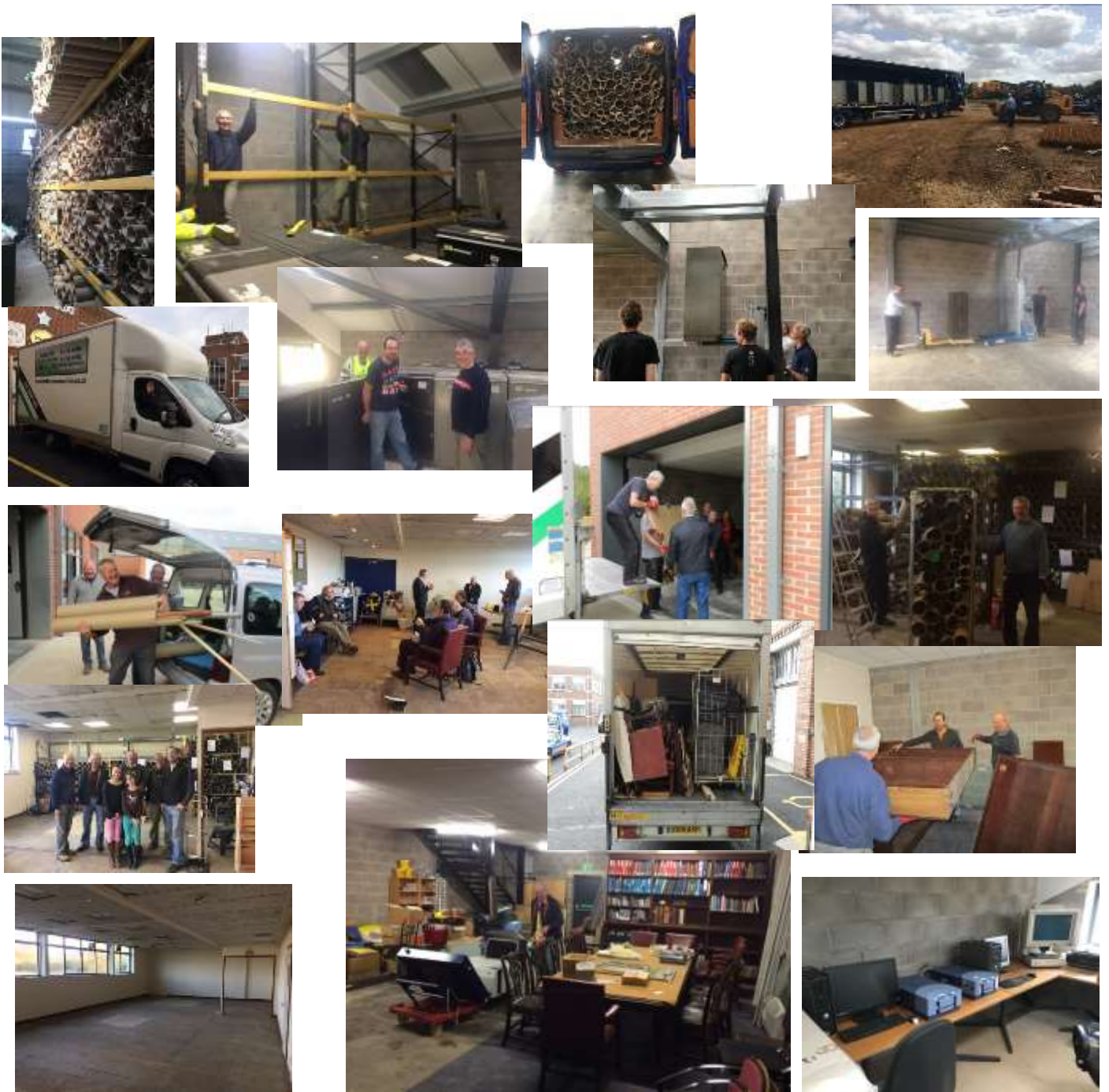
Rootes Clubs	£33,500
Individuals	£57,500
Companies	£ 3,000
Buckets Collections	£ 3,500
Gift Aid	£ 7,500
Loans	£80,000

The loans have come from Individuals and ARCC Clubs and our plan is to repay them all in the next 5 years by keeping an absolute focus on continuing our fundraising activities.

Thank you for all your support so far but if you would like to help further, either through a donation or assistance with the final fit out of the building, then please get in touch with Trustee Matt Ollman.

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The move went fantastically well and was completed on time ensuring we could clean, tidy and end the lease on the old building at the end of October as planned. We are so grateful for their help and hope their aching limbs and backs get better soon!



SAVE THE DATE

On “Drive-It Day” next year we are looking forward to hosting an official Grand Opening of the new Archive Centre in Apollo Park, Wroxton. Put the date in your diaries now:

Sunday 22nd April 2018



We hope to see as many of our supporters there as possible so that we can celebrate this remarkable achievement together.

Of course, until then, work continues in our new building and if you would like to pop along for a visit or to browse through the drawings you would be made very welcome. Just contact one of the Trustees first to arrange a convenient time. Alternatively, ask them to dig out the information you need and email you back. Donations always appreciated!

STOC National

On the 23rd September the Sunbeam Tiger Owners Club descended on Wroxton. Their National evening dinner had been held the previous evening at the local hotel in Wroxton and 12 Tigers, a Ford Falcon and an Alpine took the short drive to meet us at Apollo Park on the Sunday morning. It was great to see the cars lined up outside the units and welcome the owners to see our vision



A Visitor from Australia

Chris Howes, the editor of Sunbeam News, the magazine of the Sunbeam Owners Club South Australia, visited the centre in September and then wrote about his visit in their October edition of the magazine along with an appeal for his members to support the building fund.



Chris meeting Matt & James at the old Archive

Trustees Matt, James and Andy were invited to the **FBHVC AGM** at Gaydon on 21st October to present the history of the Association of Rootes Car Clubs and the Rootes Archive Centre Trust to delegates from the majority of the UK car clubs. After the



presentation there was an interesting question and answer session and the Trust made some very useful contacts with other clubs who are also working to preserve archive material of their own.



The Sunbeam Talbot Alpine Register (STAR) visited the new Archive building on 15th October to present their donation cheque of £7,500 towards the building fund. Our thanks to them for the donation and also for bringing some super cars along. We hope to see you again now all the archive material is in place!