

Horsepower 0 - Shanks's pony 1

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CHERISHED classic cars plus ice and snow do not mix, and so in something of a first members of Bexhill 100 Motoring Club took part in a Christmas cavalcade on Sunday - on foot.

Clad in festive costume but forsaking their vehicles, they gamely took to Shanks's pony to trudge from the seafront Old Bathing Station tea room and through the town centre, showing support for shopkeepers who had opened their doors for the last week-end's trading before Christmas.

Their decision not to risk driving was sensibly taken, but there was nevertheless some good-natured banter with Bexhill's classic cycling group, whose members were quick to point out the advantages of two wheels over four in the



adverse conditions.

The seasonal attire of many of the participants added a welcome splash of colour to the surrounding greys and whites.

Cycling group events co-ordinator Ray Konyn said: "Well done to those who managed to turn out.

"It was encouraging to see quite a few shops open for the day, and shoppers braving the elements."

Mr Konyn said the group wanted to thank Drays audio/visual specialists in Western Road for hosting the event, and for providing welcome mugs of coffee and

tea cakes at the end of the cavalcade. He also thanked the motoring club for inviting them to join in.

A prize for the best festive costume was awarded by Drays to the cycling group's Patricia Konyn and presented by Ian Standley, of Drays, at the end of the event.