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Chairman's Chat

Our plan was to have a slide show as part of this month's club night, unfortunately, due to work commitments the Secretary and I have not had chance to get our collection of digital photo's together or select those that would be appropriate. This will mean that the club night will be a natter and noggin night. We will try to sort something out for later in the year.

As you will see from the newsletter the club calendar is starting to fill up, but you will notice that TBA appears in quite a few places. We are hoping that club members could help, and are looking for volunteers to organise some of the evening runs.

The Lancashire Lanes run committee met this month and we are now beginning to plan the event. In an attempt to make the event easier to run we have decided to try a slightly different format. Plans so far are to combine a run with a classic car show, starting at Samlesbury Hall and finish at Hoghton Tower with the 19th Lancashire Classic Car and Motorcycle Show. Over the next few weeks more details should be finalised allowing us to start getting the event advertised.

Plans for the Wales weekend are now well underway with the hotel bookings confirmed and some initial routes planned. When Bill Ryding gets back from yet another of his trips to Spain we will finalise the routes, itineraries and complete the road books. All of you that are booked on the trip should by now have received your confirmation and a request for final payment.

As it now seems to be getting better weather and I have more or less finished the bigger DIY jobs on the house I decided that it was time to look at the MG and get it ready for a MOT. I knew that it needed a little work, there has been an intermittent leak on the fuel system, it runs rich at tick over and there has been some creaking noises coming from the rear suspension.

So first things first, I had to tidy out the garage after the DIY work this took 2 weekends, now I could find the MG, I tried to start it, but the battery was flat, got that sorted and the engine running. I also noticed that one of the joints on the exhaust manifold is leaking. The list of jobs seems to be getting longer.

Not to worry, got the car jacked up and started to inspect the rear suspension, what a shock the increased power output from the Fiat engine and the modified suspension has taken its toll. The rear anti roll bar mountings are being torn out of the rear bulkhead, with a number of 2 to 4 inch splits in the steel work.

It was time for some serious work, I needed to strip out the seats and carpets so that I could start welding and add some additional steel work. I noticed that the floor had a split in it under one of the seat mountings, another thing to add this to the list.

A couple of weekends have now passed by and I have almost completed the repair to the rear suspension, but there is still quite a bit of work to do ready for the MOT so it is time to finish this article and get back into the garage.

Tony

Secretary's Notes

Well by the time you're reading this, Julie and I will be on our little holiday sailing round some little island or other in the Caribbean. As I'll have been on this mortal planet of ours for 40 years, we've decided to celebrate with a big holiday. Incidentally, on the 6th May (the Sunday of the 1st Bank Holiday in May) I'm apparently having a birthday party. It's open house from 2pm until late. I'll give you the address later.

As this is the Preston & District Enthusiasts Club newsletter, I'd better mention something MG related, so here goes. (I was going to type this up in Chinese to celebrate the re-launch of the MGF from China, but my takeaway is closed and I don't know anyone else who could speak Chinese.)

Tickets for the summer weekend trips will be available next month. These include tickets for;

Cholmondeley Castle	14th May	£2.50 per car
Garstang Show	1st July	£2.50 per car
Leighton Hall	8th July	£2.50 per car
Hoghton Tower	15th July	£2.50 per car
Northern National	4th/5th August	£5.00 per person (Ouch)

I have also been approached by the National Trust about visiting Rufford Old Hall near Ormskirk. If anyone is interested please let me know in May.

Bye for now

Graham

The address for the 40th Birthday Bash is
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Editorial

As you'll see from Graham's report, the Cholmondeley Castle run is scheduled for the 13th of May, and some tickets have been pre-purchased at £2.50 per car, available from Graham. He can get more if needed, or you can pay at the gate but expect to pay more. I mention this because it's one of the really good events - a nice run through the Cheshire countryside, a wonderful venue with superb house & gardens etc., and a good variety of club stands and autojumble. We'll meet at the Charnock Richard southbound services at 9.30 am.

I'm struggling to find good photos for the front page of the newsletter, so if you have anything suitable, preferably showing club members with their cars, I'd be very grateful. This month I've shown yet another shot of the MGA, now back from Andy's with the body back on the chassis in resplendent Iris Blue, its original colour. There's still a lot of work to do, especially finding homes for all those little wiry bits that come with a new wiring harness. It won't be ready for the Show Your Car Off night at the Spinners Arms on the 29th of May though.

In order to help fund the project, we've decided to part with Lentil, the family BGT, which will be advertised in Enjoying MG at the end of May, following the Wales trip. It's a good reliable car with a new nearside front wing, front bumper etc., compliments of that lamppost in Buckshaw village that got in my way in February (see March newsletter). The goldseal engine is the one that came out of Jeff Reid's B when he swapped it for a V8 - it had only done about 17,000 miles at that time and has done about 3,000 since. Andy resprayed it in 2004 in Glacier White, and new carpets, upholstery etc were fitted. We put in a new clutch recently, and it's just been MOT'd without any problem. The overdrive works but the HRW doesn't, and it'll be advertised at £2850 but members can expect a large discount for cash!.

Many of our members are now receiving the newsletter via email which saves the club money in printing and postage, so if you are still receiving by snail mail and could receive electronically as a .pdf file, please do let me know at bill.bradshaw@btinternet.com. You'd get it earlier and can print it out at the touch of a button if you want a hard copy.

Bill B

Calendar of Events for 2007

Date	Club Event	At	Time	Meet
Tue 24 Apr	Natter & Noggin	Leyland	20.00	Sports Club
Sun 13 May	Cholmondeley Castle	Malpas, Cheshire	9.30	Charnock Richard Services
25-28 May	Wales	Bala Lake	TBA	TBA
Tue 29 May	Show Your Car Off	Spinners Arms	20.00	Spinners Arms
Thu 14 June	Evening Run	TBA	TBA	TBA
Tue 26 Jun	Treasure Hunt (Martyn Davidson)	TBA	19.30	TBA
Sun 1 July	Garstang Show	Garstang	9.30	Burlingtons
Sat 7 July	Lostock Hall Carnival	Lostock Hall	TBA	Lostock Hall
Sun 8 July	Leighton Hall Classic Car Show	Leighton Hall	9.30	Burlingtons
Thu 12 July	Evening Run	TBA	TBA	TBA
Sun 15 July	Lancs Classic Car Show	Hoghton Tower	TBA	TBA
Tue 31 July	Auto Test	Schultz estate	20.00	Andy's
4/5 Aug	Northern National	Pateley Bridge	TBA	TBA
Thu 16 Aug	Evening Run	TBA	TBA	TBA
18/19 Aug	Wigton Classic Penrith	Penrith	TBA	TBA
Tue 28 Aug	Evening Run	TBA	TBA	TBA
Sun 9 Sep	Lancashire Lanes Run	TBA	TBA	TBA
Tue 25 Sep	Club Night - Guest Speaker	Leyland	20.00	Sports Club
Tue 30 Oct	Quiz Night	Leyland	20.00	Sports Club
Tue 27 Nov	Natter, Noggin & Planning	Leyland	20.00	Sports Club
Fri 7 Dec	Annual Dinner	Leyland Golf Club	19.30	Leyland Golf Club
Sat 29 Dec	Cold Turkey Run	TBA	TBA	TBA

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