



PRESTON & DISTRICT MG ENTHUSIASTS CLUB.

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Newsletter



Regalia - Do you need to renew?

Do you need new Regalia? Mick Bamber can order and supply new items at any time. Choose from...

Unisex Baseball Cap...£8

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Ladies Sleeveless T...£9

Gents Oxford Shirt...£18

See Mick's contact details on last page.

Mike.....Ed.

CHARMANS CHAT APRIL 2011

Spot the deliberate spelling mistake – to her credit Jo Newton did last month!

From me a very brief inclusion for the current issue as I am in Spain for a couple of weeks recovering my old Rover 216 and hopefully returning it to the UK before the end of the month.

Thank you to Alan, aka Lawn Loafer who has kindly offered to come to the breach with an up date of Club happenings and reminders etc so perhaps you will be relieved by not having windmill updates thrust upon you however, and very importantly, for those of you who enjoyed the March Club night Kwik Kwiz do remember that the answer to Question 1 should have been NONE! This is a topic which we can discuss at length at a later date.

Bill R.

NOT THE CHAIRMAN'S CHAT.

When Bill asked me to fill in for him while he was away doing his bit for Spain's economy I thought "Great, nothing this month about windmills", but as you can see he managed to get the W word in before he left. For those of you wondering what question 1 was that Bill was referring to in the kwik kwiz it was how many people have landed on the moon. The answer was 12 or if you believe the conspiracy theorists 0. I remain in the "couldn't care less" camp.

Anyway back to Club topics. We can get tickets for two of the club events, Cholmondeley Castle and Leighton Hall, at discount prices as mentioned in last months newsletter. Unfortunately by the time you read this it will be too late for Cholmondeley. You are very welcome to join those of us that are going but you will have to pay the full price at the gate. There's still time to get your order in to Bill Bradshaw for Leighton Hall.

The new MG6 was launched today, as I write this, to mixed reviews. My paper this morning described it as a cross between an Audi and a Korean airport rental car. Not exactly an endorsement.

The Northern National.

In past years we have won Best Club Stand several times but recently have let things slip. We want to get back to winning ways and are looking for ideas from you as to how to go about it. Bribing the judges has already been suggested. A good selection of cars would be a start so if you intend going can you let Bill B know so he can book the appropriate sized area.

You've dropped the MG off the axle stands. You've changed the oil, filter, plugs and points. Checked that the road tax and insurance is up-to-date. Check for mice in the boot. So, top down you're ready for the summer. But not so fast, is the driver ready? According to an article in the Daily Mail (so it must be true) research done by the Saint Louis University School of Medicine claims that driving with the top

down at speeds in excess of 52mph can impair your hearing. With this in mind the Club is considering the stocking of ear plugs. They'll be in Club colours with the MG logo on the ends. Anyone interested please contact a committee member. I SAID IF ANYONE..... Oh, forget it, it's obviously too late!!

Alan F.

Secretary's Scrawls

My neighbour knocked on my door at 2:30am this morning, can you believe that 2:30am?!

Luckily for him I was still up playing my Bagpipes.

Whilst awake, I decided to prepare my scrawls early this month as we'll be away en famille in Portuguese sunshine the week before Easter. We were also away (in Benidorm, would you believe but it's a long story), so missed the March club night. I'm told there was a good turnout and the kwik kwiz and crossword went down well, though I have had complaints that the latter was too easy, and will bear this in mind for October.

Hopefully home in time for the Easter Sunday St George's Day run on 25th, which will start at Shackleton's Garden Centre (just off the A59 at Chatburn – look for a brown sign indicating a left turn after you've gone past Clitheroe, BB7 4JY for sat-navvers). Bob and Carol have organised the run, with a walking treasure hunt in Skipton en route. They've always given us an enjoyable run in the Yorkshire countryside, and I'm sure this will be no exception.

At the time of writing, I've got nine requests for passes to the Cholmondeley Castle Classic Car Show event on 8th May (messrs Ryding, Fowler, Newton, Summerfield, Wildig, Schultz, Hart, Dennis and yours truly), so will order 10 passes this week at £3 per car and two occupants, so there's still one spare. We'll also take the club stand. For those not going direct, we'll meet at the southbound Charnock Richard M6 services at 9.30. Participants can pay me cash on the day.

Don't forget the Sunday run on 15th May, which will repeat the Cold Turkey run devised by Alan and Dot – meet at the Plough Inn Euxton at 10.30, where we'll return for lunch.

April's club night will feature a guest speaker, who will tell us about the new tramway planned for Preston. This is a project that will provide public transport in the city centre, especially to connect the bus and train stations which are a fair distance apart, unlike the grand metropolis of Chorley where they're across the road from each other.

I've had one viewing of Buttercup, our Midget, but the potential purchaser is dependent on selling his classic Merc before taking the plunge. It'll be in Enjoying MG this month, so fingers crossed. If it doesn't sell, we may have to let our MGA coupe (Iris) go.

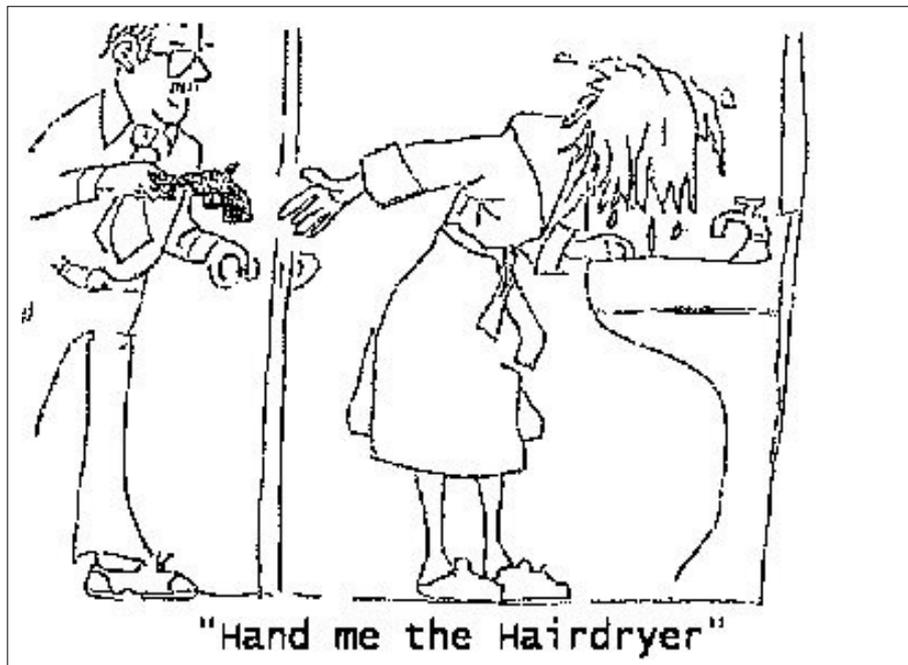
Thanks to Howard Sturrock for the opening lines.

See you on Easter Sunday, I hope,

Bill B.

This month's cartoon.

To redress the balance from last month



Please Note.-Jokes are for your entertainment only, and are what I find humorous. They do not necessarily represent mine or the opinions of any other member, or the club's point of view.....*Ed.*

This month's Anagram -

"Indoor Ears".



For Sale “Buttercup”



For sale – Buttercup, our 1978 1500 Midget, totally rebuilt in 2001 on new heritage bodysell, with no rust, 60k miles, 12 months MOT, and taxed to July. She is finished in Inca yellow, has a full and half tonneau. I’m selling due to the difficulty in getting in and out because of advancing years (mine, not the car’s).

Any trial £3250 ono.

Contact Bill Bradshaw.

Tel (01257) 261134,

Email bill.bradshaw@btinternet.com

I have now added a ‘For Sale’ page to the website. If any member has items for sale, please contact me in the usual way. Please keep descriptions honest for the buyers, don’t forget to add contact details for the sale. No commercial adds can be taken.

....Ed

Wanted Roof Box

If you have an unwanted roof box taking up garage space I am looking for one to fix to my boat trailer to store the sails/etc. in. I would prefer a long thin one but anything considered! Roof bars not required.

Contact Jeff Reid

Email jreidmg@hotmail.co.uk

News from Darren Jones

We've recently been running a series of free monthly workshops to help owner/drivers keep their vehicles roadworthy during the recession, following our previous successful sessions, this month's workshop on Wednesday is a ladies only session and was arranged after enquiries by a couple of ladies who would have liked to have attended a previous workshop but didn't feel confident amongst a group of men who may have been around cars for much of their adult life.

The free session called 'How difficult can it be?' is presented by Ian Carter of the Blackburn College Motor Vehicle faculty, runs from 18:30 on 6th April for about 90 minutes and he will be covering general vehicle checks, fluids, tyre pressures, bulbs and a wheel change, attendees are encouraged to have a go themselves and places are limited to ten, so anyone interested in joining us, should pre-book their place by calling 01254 433397, or emailing myself at;

darren@autopiaservicecentres.co.uk To balance the books, our session in May is a men's only session, more details available at our website;

<http://www.autopiaservicecentres.co.uk/latest-news.php>

Please contact me if I can provide any further information?

Darren .

I know this is a bit late for publication, but it came in after the publication date for last month.

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Don't forget the LL Run...Ed



Lancashire Lanes 2011 Run
Sunday 18th September 2011


Preston & District
MG
Enthusiasts Club.
Est. 1980

Please send SAE for entry forms to:
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41 Skull House Lane
Appley Bridge
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WN6 9DR

Tel. 01257 254724 (9.00am till 3.00pm) *WWW.prestonmg.co.uk*

Preston & District MG Enthusiasts Club Calendar 2011

| Date | Day | Event | Time | Start | Note |
|--------|----------|---------------------------------------|-------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 29-Mar | Tuesday | Club Night - Kwik Kwiz | 20.00 | Welcome Tavern | |
| 24-Apr | Sunday | St George's Day run/ treasure hunt | 10.30 | Shackleton's Garden Centre Chatburn | |
| 26-Apr | Tuesday | Club Night - Guest Speaker | 20.00 | Welcome Tavern | |
| 8-May | Sunday | Cholmondeley Castle | 09.30 | M6 Charnock Richard services South | advise if club pass required |
| 15-May | Sunday | Club run and lunch | 10.30 | Plough Inn Euxton | |
| 31-May | Tuesday | Club Night - Evening run | 21.00 | TBA | |
| 05-Jun | Sunday | Myersclough College | 09.00 | Burlington's Broughton A6 | |
| 24-Jun | Friday | North York Moors weekend | 10.00 | Shackleton's Garden Centre Chatburn | 1 double room available |
| 28-Jun | Tuesday | Club Night - SYCO | 20.00 | Welcome Tavern | |
| 10-Jul | Sunday | Leighton Hall | 09.30 | Burlington's Broughton A6 | advise if club pass required |
| 26-Jul | Tuesday | Club Night - Auto Test | 19.30 | Schultz Estate | |
| 07-Aug | Sunday | Northern National | tba | tba | also Saturday 6 Aug |
| 28-Aug | Sunday | Dales Run (N Yorks MGCC) | 10.00 | Bay Horse, Skipton | individual entry form |
| 30-Aug | Tuesday | Club Night - | 20.00 | Welcome Tavern | |
| 18-Sep | Sunday | Lancashire Lanes run | tba | tba | |
| 27-Sep | Tuesday | Club Night - | 20.00 | Welcome Tavern | |
| 25-Oct | Tuesday | Club Night - Quiz night | 20.00 | Welcome Tavern | |
| 05-Nov | Saturday | Bonfire night | 20.00 | Schultz Estate | |
| 29-Nov | Tuesday | Club Night - Guest Speaker | 20.00 | Welcome Tavern | |
| 03-Dec | Saturday | Annual Dinner | 19.30 | Ley Inn | 62 persons maximum |
| 26-Dec | Monday | Cold Turkey run | tba | tba | |

Editorial.

So where are all the photo's of our members when they were young? I know I reside in the 'Older' section of membership, but you 'Youngers' are not that old to not have embarrassing school photos to show. Don't forget girls we needs your pics as well! I hope you all worked out that "Lawn Loafer" was Alan Fowler, without the photo as a clue, but some of the others are a little more difficult, if not hilarious. Check out our first lady this month, again I think she's still so young looking, that you'll get her immediately. Now there you go girls, compliments as well.

For those of you who have checked out the new design website, there is another update coming It is all but ready, and involves an animated newscast. The software is written, but the words need to be recorded. At present I'm the only one who can record the text, but I feel that P&DMGEC should have a more local accent, even if my scouse one is much clearer—well to me anyway. I have asked one or two 'locals' to record for me, but I have not yet come across anyone who knows how to record, using a PC. Is there anyone out there who has a mike on his (or her) PC and can record a given text? If a lady comes forth then I can change the animated newsreader to become female. At present it is a bit like Bill W. without the beard. All applicants to respond ASAP, or the scouser will be launched. That should get you moving Ha Ha.

Have you been out in your MG yet? Jo and I took a trip out last week and enjoyed every minute. Once again I was amazed at the admiring looks I was getting as we drove down Lord street in Southport. You'd think the female population there had not seen a decent looking granddad in years. Trouble is lot's of blokes were admiring also. Do you think I've got it wrong somewhere?

Sorry to say we will miss the St Georges day run and Treasure hunt, organised by Bob and Carole, but we will be down in Reading for the Easter Holiday. Can't even go down there in the MG, as we are having the grandkids for a couple of days, and will be returning them home on Good Friday. So look forward to seeing you all at the next club night.

Note, I have reprinted the Club Calendar as I had a date wrong, the club run is Sun 18th September, not Sun 17th September.

Mike....Ed



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