



Preston & District MG Enthusiasts Club

December 2016

NEWSLETTER



Looking North West from Orrest Head Point



Lake Coniston

Photos from a late November Trip to the Lake District

Chairman's Chat

Hi,

Season's Greetings & Best Wishes for Christmas & the New Year

A newsletter in December is not necessarily a regular publication but I thought that at least a short version should be sent out.

I couldn't just put my hand on any MG related photos but thought the two on the front page were just a nice way to remember the end of the year. Karen and I had a week's holiday in Bowness-on-Windermere in late November when it was cold but mostly "blue sky" days. On our trips out we saw some magnificent scenery especially with the snow-capped peaks and late autumn leave colours.

Events.

At the November club night, we had the Annual Quiz which was again very kindly organised by Roger & Elizabeth Schofield. It had a wide selection of question rounds, some more challenging than others.

At the beginning of December, we had our Annual Dinner and Awards Presentation evening at Ashton and Lea Golf Club. For those who were not lucky enough to attend, I can only say you missed a good night.

The evening began with drinks and a chat before sitting down to a very good three course dinner and picture show. After dessert, we could then take our coffee to the lounge area and listen and dance to the first set from the two-piece band "Nighshift", who did a great job of playing a good selection of music.



This was then followed by the presentation of the year's awards,

- Ten Pin Bowling Andy Schultz
- Quiz Night Piston Broke
 Brian Roberts, Neil McCleod, Kevin & Rosie Doran & Paul Heyes



- Enthusiasts Award
 - The Sam Bennett Trophy

This is an award made to club members who have in some way made that extra effort to show their support of the club and MG marque. This year the was made to Brian and Andrea Gouldthorpe who we have seen on most of the events this year regardless of the weather.



As a special thank you to a couple who always make the extra effort to support the club especially with events held at their home. Carole and Andy Schultz were presented with a small token of our appreciation.



On the night the following awards could not be made and so will be made at the first opportunity at a club night.

- Show Your Car Off. "Alan Fowler" Trophy Howard Sturruck
- Auto-test Andy Wood
- Treasure Hunt Norman & Carole Lowe

After what may be considered the formal presentations the mic was handed over to Kevin Doran who then presented the "Christmas Pudding" Awards. These could be considered as an alternative recognition for member's contributions or dubious actions during the year.

- Awarded to Rosie Doran.
At the previous year's annual awards dinner, at the end of the evening, Rosie was insistent that her coat had been taken by someone by mistake. This resulted in Kevin sending out an email to all attendees, only to find that Rosie hadn't worn the coat that she thought she'd worn which she found hanging in her wardrobe.
- Awarded to Andy Schultz.
After breaking down on the M62 (at the start of our summer road trip), and being trailered home, he managed to repair his car, then drive 300 miles through the night to Folkestone, get himself on the tunnel to Calais, before driving a further 285 miles to our first stop in Metz and still arriving before the rest of us, who'd taken the Hull Rotterdam ferry. Awarded for perseverance in the face of adversity.
- Awarded to Mick Bamber. He sold this year's road trip on the basis that he'd studied Europe's ultimate driving roads. This was going to be the drive of a lifetime, with passes to rival the Stelvio, with tunnels to rival Mont Blanc, this was going to be a dream route with some of the most beautiful scenery and views. Unfortunately, this turned out to be all talk and very little substance with day after day of rain. When the rain stopped, after driving hundreds of miles, any views that we were promised were covered in fog.
- Awarded to Olive.
In October, the club organised a fabulous trip to look around Concorde, with the opportunity to have a 3-course meal, to climb on board the aircraft and to visit the flight deck. Unfortunately, Olive was the only person in the club who was unable to find Manchester airport.

Finally, I had to make the last of the Christmas pudding awards and that was to Kevin Doran for his part in the coat debacle, as he took home the only coat that was left, not recognising it to be his own.

With the presentations over members then had the opportunity to listen and dance to the second set from "Nighshift".

Many of the members I spoke to enjoyed the evening and so we need to thank Mick Bamber for organising what was again a very good evening.

Still on the subject of the Annual Dinner and Awards evening, at the committee meeting that followed we discussed the event and our thoughts for next year. A point that was noted was the number of members that attended in comparison to the greater number of club members.

As we would like as many members as possibly to attend we would very much appreciate feedback from members that attended and comments from those who didn't (on the following topics; date, venue, food, entertainment, presentations and cost) to see if there are any changes that we need to consider for the future.

Announcements / reminders

- **Membership.** For those who haven't renewed yet please note, it is now way overdue. Please see included in the newsletter the renewal form and note this will be the last newsletter for those members who have not yet renewed their membership.
- **December 28th.** Cold Turkey Run. Starting at Yarrow Valley Country Park, Chorley and finishing at the White Crow Worthington.
- **AGM January 31st.** Please see a copy of the formal notification and agenda for the AGM later in the Newsletter.
- **February 28th.** Tenpin Bowling
- **March 28th.** Guest Speaker
- **April 26th.** Rocker Box Racing Night

Well that's all for now except to say, on behalf of the Committee, Karen and myself I would like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and Best Wishes for the New Year and that we hope to see you on the Cold Turkey Run and at the AGM.

Tony

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Please find below, official notification and agenda for the Annual General Meeting to be held at the "Railway at Leyland", on Tuesday the 31st January 2017, commencing 8.30pm.

Opening remarks by the Chairman

Reading of Minutes of 2016 AGM by Secretary

Following agreement that these are a true and accurate record, proposal & second that these be accepted. Matters arising

Financial Report by Treasurer

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Election of Committee Members

Nominations received for the 2017 committee are as follows;

Election of Officers;

Chairman – Tony Sharples

Secretary – Godfrey Dennis

Treasurer – Mick Bamber

Election of General Committee;

Vice Chairman - Kevin Doran

Membership Secretary - Gordon Mallett

Newsletter Editor - Paul Heyes

Website liaison – Neil McLeod

Ratification of addition to the Club Constitution

The club constitution has been revised to give further guidance on the control of finances and expenses.

Membership Renewal Fees

The committee would like to suggest that the membership fee should remain at £15 per year, renewable in October.

Note: Our club fees are based on a family membership, which could include husband & wife, boyfriend & girlfriend or partners.

2017 Events programme

2017 "Lancashire Lanes Run" – Committee nominations as follows;

Chairman - Tony Sharples

Norman Lowe

Andy Schultz.

Volunteers will be accepted on the night or in the coming months.

Any Other Business

To ALL club members – it is your club and the AGM is a special chance to have your say, please come along.



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