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Lentil gets a black eye – see Editorial

Chairman's Chat

Gone Skiing. !!!!

See you at the end of the month.

I don't suppose that I can get away with not putting something in the Newsletter, but this really will have to be short. Last night was the committee meeting, tonight is last minute holiday preparation work, tomorrow night we have to pack then we fly off to the states early on Friday morning.

Last night was the first committee meeting for the "new" committee and as those who attended the AGM will know there is little change.

Officers

Chairman	Tony Sharples
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General Committee

Bill Ryding	Events
Andy Schultz	Technical
Gordon Mallett	Membership
Kevin Doran	

Bill Bradshaw	Newsletter editor
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On behalf of all of the club members I would like to thank and welcome our new volunteer to committee Kevin Doran, Bill Bradshaw for offering to be co-opted on to committee as Newsletter Editor and most of last year's team for offering to stand again.

Most of the meeting was taken up discussing which events we think should be in next year's calendar. This was completed with some success as you will see in the enclosed list (towards the back of the Newsletter) but there is still some more work yet.

Anyway I'll have to finish now; hopefully I will see you at the tenpin bowling night.

Tony

Secretary's Notes

Now's a good time to put the kettle on and make yourself a nice cup of tea, raid the biscuit tin then sit down and make yourself comfortable. This is going to be a long one!

The AGM was held on the 30th January 2007 at Fox Lane. Along with the existing committee members, many club members and partners were in attendance. A big thank you for turning up. I would also like to say a big thank you to Dave Dutton, who stood down from the committee and welcome Bill Bradshaw back onto the committee as the newsletter editor and Kevin Doran who I'm sure doesn't know what he's let himself in for.

So, what have we got planned this year. Well



2007 is already looking like it's going to be a busy year for the Preston and District MG Enthusiasts Club with a full programme of events including summer ride outs on Club nights and on Wednesdays in between the club nights. The auto test at the Shultz Estate will also be taking on a new theme. There are several weekend shows during the summer months including revisiting The North West Classic Car & Motorcycle Show at Cholmondeley Castle on Sunday 13th May, the Garstang Classic Vehicle show on Sunday 1st July and the Leighton Hall Classic Car & Motorcycle Show the week after on Sunday 8th July. On the 15th July, we will again be attending the Lancashire Classic Car & Motorcycle Show, (I'm detecting a theme here). Last year including the cars that had completed the Black Pudding Run, we had 16 cars on display. Tickets will be available from myself later in the year. Don't panic, I will

remind everyone during future club nights and in my monthly dribble.

The Welsh trip is booked for the late Bank Holiday in May with nine places already confirmed. The trip is proving so popular that we have reserved another 5 rooms.

If you have not confirmed your place, please do so quickly. I'm afraid it's another one of the "book early to avoid disappointment" events.

The deposit required is £100 payable as soon as possible and before the end of February.

The Harrogate MG Club are holding their annual event again this year at Bewley Park, Pateley Bridge near Harrogate. This is the event that Preston & District do so well at having won the club stand trophy three years on the trot. I'm not sure what we can do this year to continue our winning ways, but if anyone has any ideas, please let a committee member know.

Unfortunately, this year the committee have decided not to officially attend the Woodvale show at Formby. Those that went last year have commented on how disappointing it was. However, if anyone does wish to attend, I do have the details for tickets. I believe it's a lot cheaper than paying on the gate.

Bob & Carol Moore have again volunteered to organise another Sunday run from Hellifield which hopefully will include a barbecue. (I can tell you from experience, Bob's no slouch at cooking). The date for this event has not been finalised yet but hopefully will be confirmed soon.

The "Boys with Toys" will be out and about this year. It's planned to take the MG's on several racetracks including Donnington again. The exact dates and events haven't been confirmed but again I'll let you know in plenty of time. In addition to taking the MG's, it is planned for the boys to take some rather quicker cars on one of the track days. Jeff Reid with his Nissan Skyline, myself with the Porsche Carrera and Andy Schultz with his Range Rover!!!

Talking of Range Rovers, there will also be an opportunity to go off roading again later in the year round Dalby Forrest. The Mucky Duck pub again is to be the base camp for the expedition and whilst Camping in a field might not be everyone's idea of fun, it's all part of owning a 4x4. For the interested parties who don't own a

Chelsea Tractor, or don't want to risk damaging their pride and joy, you can hire small 4x4's or even quad bikes and get even filthier. The next club night on the 27th February is the ten pin bowling night at the Lakeside Superbowl at 20:00 hours. There is a map on how to get to the event at the back of this newsletter. Kevin Doran, as defending champion will present the trophy to the winner on the night. I'm not sure if work commitments will allow me to get there.

Several club members have mentioned about the suitability of the Cricket Club at Fox Lane as a base for the club nights. It has become a little bit of a nightmare regarding parking since the introduction of other club nights at the venue. The committee are looking at the possibility of finding an alternative location. Please let any committee member know if you have any suggestions about re-locating? However, please be aware, an alternative needs to provide: suitable secure parking, a room large enough to accommodate up to 40 people; liquid refreshments, i.e. a bar, and to

Editorial

I have started sending the newsletter by email as a .pdf file to those members for whom I have email addresses, except those who have previously indicated that they are unable to open. This will save the club postage and printing costs. Should there be any other members whose email addresses I don't have and who have the facility for opening such a file (Acrobat), please contact me and I'll email future newsletters. Also, if anyone receives the .pdf file and can't open it, please advise and I'll post a copy.

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86,000 miles
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cost nothing. A tall order I know. Oh one other thing, it needs to be available the last Tuesday of every month. A small detail but vitally important.

The calendar for 2007 is attached further on in the newsletter. If any club member wishes to organise one of the club runs or wants more information on any of the events mentioned, please contact one of the committee members.

With the introduction of High-speed Internet connections and all the technical stuff that goes with it, in an effort to reduce the cost of posting the newsletter several club members have stated that they would be happy to receive the Preston & District monthly newsletter via e-mail. If you are interested and have the necessary software on your computer, please contact Bill Bradshaw. There are 12 members already who have done so already, so thank you to them.

Graham

The photo on the front page shows damage to Lentil (PUY 395L), the family BGT, which collided with a lamppost after I lost the back end on exiting a mud-strewn roundabout in Buckshaw Village. It was a low speed collision and Neither Janet or I were hurt in any way, just embarrassed. The insurance company have agreed to foot the bill, and the car is now back home after visiting Cuerden Classics for remedial surgery.

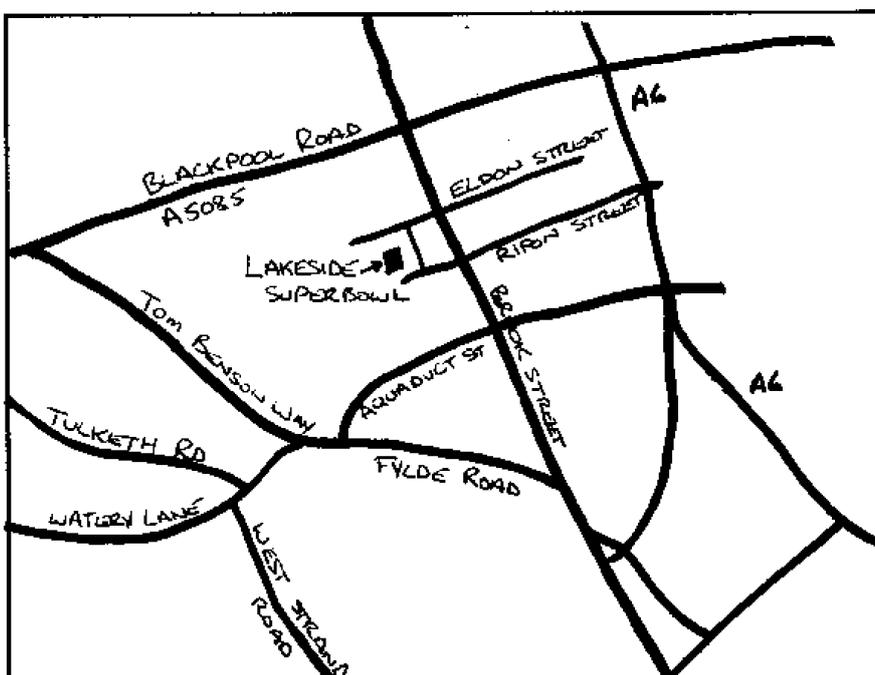
The A is also at Andy's and the bodywork almost ready for spraying. I'm looking forward to getting it back on the chassis and starting work on re-assembly.

Bill

Calendar of Events for 2007

Date	Club Event	At	Time	Meet
Tue 27 Feb	Ten Pin Bowling	Lakeside Superbowl	20.00	Preston (see map)
Tue 27 Mar	Natter & Noggin - Possible Guest speaker	Leyland	20.00	Sports Club
Tue 24 Apr	Natter & Noggin with slide show	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 24 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

Directions to "Lakeside Superbowl"
Greenbank Street,
Preston



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