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Quiz Night 2009 winning team

Chairman's Chat

Firstly I would like to thank and congratulate Graham for an excellent term as Chairman of our Club and to offer our collective wishes for every success with his involvement in the Bloodhound SSC project in which he will be fully involved in the coming months together with his in house venture of reinstating Dizzy to his former glory!

Secondly I would like to thank the Committee and all members of the Club in proposing and supporting me to be Chairman of the P&DMGEC and look forward to a successful future together in the well being of our Club and the maintenance of the Marque - especially TAs!

Many thanks also to the new Committee consisting of previous members Kevin, Mick, Gordon and Bill(B) and a welcome return to Alan Fowler as Vice Chairman and also Ray Cohen together they comprise an inspiring team, please give them all the support that you can which they truly deserve.

A final thanks to Andy Schultz who is standing down from Committee responsibilities after many years valued service, nevertheless I am reliably informed that Andy kindly offers to be available to us all for technical support and that the Schultz Estate will be open for our events that we have all enjoyed in the past.

2010 is the year in which we celebrate our 30th Anniversary and some arrangements are in preparation to mark this event ,should you have any ideas that may help in any way please pass them on to any Committee member, they will be greatly appreciated. Our Calendar of events is included in the January Newsletter providing an excellent variety of activities for everyone,please give your support to what you can and above all-enjoy!

Under the heading "MG Enthusiast" or "what a man will do for his MG Club" I relate the following-

My nephew Tim has been searching for a B Roadster for some time.

A beautiful example appeared on the web in late November and it lived on the Isle of Man- his negotiations proceeded through December.

After 21 long hours travelling we arrived back in UK from holiday late on 11th January Body clock now in total chaos all I remember of the 12th was a phone call to say that I was being picked up at 6.00am on the 13th to go to the Island to collect the car!!

We arrived in Douglas at 8.45am the deal was done by 10.00am and the return ferry was at 7.45pm – what a long cold day!!

Not wasted- we did a full as possible tour of the Island – limited by snow road closures and had lunch in Glen Maye with Joan Waters (secretary IOM MG Club) and husband Peter who send their best wishes for our 30th Anniversary.

The Roadster now lives in Euxton and its owner, Tim has no option in the choice of becoming a new Club member in the very near future. (welcome to Tim who joined at the AGM - editor)



And finally

I received a text this week which read -

Weatherman said the temperature is going to drop really low tonight and everyone should check on the elderly and senile.

Are you OK?

I didn't get that!!

Bill

Secretary's Scribbles

Well, I'm writing this on Sunday night at 7:15, and I'm hoping to get this finished before Top Gear starts in 45 minutes, so here goes.

Rosie and I went down to Devon for a short break at the start of the month to visit her sister. While we were down there, my nephew invited me to go green laning in his 4x4. I must admit I was a little bit apprehensive especially as earlier in the day he'd shown me some photographs on his car after it had rolled onto its side. Still, I thought, I'd give it a go, as long as he didn't expect me to try and follow him in Rosie's Disco – I don't think she'd be thrilled if I managed to put that onto its drivers door.

After being down there for the weekend, we were preparing to travel back up to Lancashire (sister and brother in law had both gone to work) when the house phone rang. My nephew was on the phone, he explained that he had managed to roll his car and was stuck – could we come and help. Now, at this stage, I had a mental picture of him being stood by his car, scratching his head wondering how on earth he was going to get it back onto its wheels. However, when we arrived at the scene, a very different situation confronted us. My nephew was still trapped inside the car (he had managed to get hold of his mobile phone and ring whilst still being in the car), the car had rolled 360 degree's and was back on its wheels, but the roof was crushed, there was glass all over the road, the windscreen was smashed, the car was stuck into a high grass banking and he was understandably extremely shaken up.

Before very long, the police, ambulance and 3 fire engines arrived. The firemen quickly assessed the situation and in no time began cutting the doors and roof off the car (a bit like opening a tin of corned beef), while the paramedics gently put said nephew onto a body board – not knowing at that stage if there were any spinal injuries. While I followed the ambulance to Exeter Hospital (Rosie was in the ambulance), the police arranged for the car, which was obviously written off, to be taken away.

After several hours and numerous x-rays, the doctors managed to establish that our nephew had sustained nothing more than whiplash, considerable bruising and a broken wrist - one very lucky boy.

Seen out and about this month – Tony Sharples working up a serious sweat in his

local Gym. Karen Sharples also seen in her local gym, although she didn't look nearly so thrilled to be there - and she wasn't working anything like as hard as Tony. Don Dixon seen in his local Vauxhall main agents negotiating hard on a sporty new motor (watch this space) – anyone interested in a 2nd hand Vauxhall Vectra, never been raced or rallied.

Not seen out and about this month – Roy Clapham, largely because he's managed to lose 2 stone.

Mouse update – I decided that it was time that I made a concerted effort to rid my garage of those mice earlier this month – Colin Powel would have been more than impressed. Roger Schofield told me that mice tend to be particularly fond of chocolate – well, the only chocolate that I had in, (following Christmas) was After Eights. Now, I don't mind telling you, I'm very protective of my After Eights and I was more than a bit reluctant to waste them on some flamin' mice. However, having decided to place a quarter of a wafer on a trap (well how stupid would you have to be to let them have a full one), I soon established that mice are simply unable to resist them. In 10 days I managed to catch 6 mice in the boot of my car – it's now been almost 3 weeks since I left the last After Eight on the trap and it's still there. I can only assume that one of two things has happened - either I have managed to catch all the mice, or they have gone on strike and are refusing to come out for anything less than a complete wafer.

What's coming up:-

On Tuesday 23rd Feb we are having our annual Ten Pin Bowling evening. We have booked 3 lanes at Lakeside Superbowl, Greenbank Street, Preston, PR1 7PH. The lanes have been booked from 8:00pm – which means that we must be ready to play at 8:00pm (other members of the public have booked the same lanes after we have finished). With that in mind, can members please make sure that they arrive at the Bowling Alley by 7:45, so that we can sort out shoes, money, teams etc.. We have managed to get the lanes at a discount price and we will each have two complete games. "Come and 'ave a go" if you think you can beat Andy Shultz.

On Tuesday 30th March we have our guest speaker evening. Roger Schofield has arranged for Roger Blaxall and Bettie Norwood to visit us (she used to drive MGs in the Lancashire

Secretary's Scribbles cont...

Police Force). By all accounts it should be a good evening with the whole thing lasting about 1-1½ hours. It would appear that Roger Blaxall has been in touch with Simon Goldsworthy the Editor of MG Enthusiast magazine and he has agreed to do a feature about Bettie and her time driving Police MGs, - so clearly there must be story to tell.

Update on Formby Classic car Show. The Formby Classic Car Show (2 May) is getting a head of steam with the local Triumph sports car register, the Stag owners club, the 'real' mini club, the Swallow club, the BSA club, the Vulcan enthusiasts (whoever they are) all coming on board. They also hope to have a selection of classic police cars - and an old London Taxi!

They have also booked the large 4 x lane Scalextric Goodwood track - at a cost of £400!; (people - probably kids - pay to race; proceeds to Jospice). Lifes (the Morgan dealer in Southport) has said they'll bring a few Morgans. A hog roast is planned as well - entrants will be charged £5.00

And finally

Another contribution from Roger Schofield (not sure where he keeps getting them from but he seems to have a limitless supply).

A mechanic was removing a cylinder head from an engine when he spotted a well known cardiologist in his garage. The cardiologist was there waiting for the service manager to come and take a look at his car when the mechanic shouted across the garage, "Hey Doc want to take a look at this?" The cardiologist, a bit surprised walked over to where the mechanic was working on the engine.

The mechanic straightened up, wiped his hands on a rag and asked, "So Doc, look at this car. I opened its "heart", took the valves out, repaired any damage, and then put them back in, and when I finish, it'll work just like new. So how come I make only £29,675 a year and you get £155,759 a year when you and I are doing basically the same work?" The cardiologist paused, smiled and leaned over then whispered to the mechanic...."Try doing it while the engine is running."

Kevin

Calendar of Events for 2010

Date	Club Event	Time	Start / Meet
Tue 23 Feb	Ten pin bowling	19.30	Lakeside Bowl
Tues 30 Mar	Guest Speaker (Police MG's)	20.00	Welcome Tavern
Sun 25 Apr	St Georges Day Run / Treasure Hunt	TBA	TBA
Tues 27 Apr	Guest Speaker	20.00	Welcome Tavern
Sun 2 May	Southport Show	TBA	Southport
Sun TBA	Cholmondley Castle	TBA	Charnock Richard M6 Services
Sun 16 May	Cold Turkey (reheated) Run and 30th Anniversary Lunch	10.00	Guys Thatched Hamlet Hastings Pub, Lytham
Tue 25 May	Bloodhound presentation	19.30	BAe Social Club Samlesbury
4/5/6 Jun	Cockermouth Weekend	TBA	TBA
Tues 29 Jun	Run & SYCO night	20.00	Finish Welcome Tavern
Sun 3 Jul	Lostock Hall Carnival	12.00	Lostock Hall
Sun 11 Jul	Leighton Hall	09.30	Burlington's A6
Tue 27 Jul	Autotest	19.30	Schultz Estate
Sat/Sun TBA	Northern National	TBA	TBA
Tue 31 Aug	Club Run	TBA	TBA
Sat 4 Sep	TVR event / lights switch on	TBA	Blackpool
Sun 19 Sep	Lancashire Lanes Run	TBA	TBA
Tue 28 Sep	Christians Museum Run	TBA	Banks
Sat 4 Dec	Annual Dinner	19.30	Farington Lodge

Other events may be added or details changed during the year.

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Preston & District MG Enthusiasts Club

held on 26th January 2010 at the Welcome Tavern, Hennel Lane

Committee members present; Graham Lockwood, Kevin Doran, Bill Bradshaw, Andy Shultz, Gordon Mallett, Bill Ryding, Mick Bamber.

Apologies; Roger & Elizabeth Schofield, Bob & Carol Moore,

Meeting commenced with opening remarks by the chairman.

Minutes of previous AGM read and agreed that they were a true & accurate record.
These were proposed and seconded by Tony Sharples and Jeff Reid respectively

Financial report received from Treasurer. Club has a balance of £2392.60. It was agreed that these accounts were a true and accurate record.
These were proposed and seconded by Tony Sharples and Rosie Doran respectively.

Election of committee members.

There were two vacancies on the committee - a Chairman and a lay member.
Bill Ryding (existing committee member) agreed to take on the role of Chairman, while Alan Fowler and Ray Cohen volunteered to join the committee as Deputy Chairman/events and lay member respectively for the coming 12 months and were duly elected.

The remaining existing committee members agreed to stand for a further 12 months.

A new committee duly elected as follows:-

Election of officers

Chairman – Bill Ryding
Deputy Chairman/Events Alan Fowler
Secretary - Kevin Doran
Treasurer - Mick Bamber

Election of General Committee

Ray Cohen
Gordon Mallett - Membership
Bill Bradshaw - Newsletter Editor

The Lancashire Lanes Run committee was confirmed as follows:-

Chairman – Julie Lockwood
Rosie Doran
Roy Clapham
Sue Clapham
Ian Thompson
Alan Grindley
Marianne Grindley

It was confirmed that our chosen charity for this year would once again be St Catherines Hospice.

Bill Ryding (newly elected Chairman) went through the proposed calendar of events for the coming year.

The presentation of the annual SYCO award was made to Rob Collier

It was agreed that the club would look into purchasing a new club banner.

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