



Preston & District MG Enthusiasts Club

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Newsletter



Proposed MG 6 BTCC

Mike Newton has stepped down from producing the newsletter, with our new secretary Godfrey Dennis taking up the task from March onwards when he is free of other commitments. I would like to thank Mike on behalf of the committee for his excellent work since last February on the newsletter and for his continuing care of our website which he remains the webmaster of.

However this left this issue needing a temporary editor and as the only other new boy the task fell to myself, hope the result is bearable! I was unsure what front page image to choose but decided to go with MG's entry into the British Touring Cars Championship. Hopefully the exposure will return MG back into the public mind as the sports cars they are, so that we see more of them on the road soon. Michael Hart - Temp Ed.

CHAIRMANS CHAT FEBRUARY 2012

Many thanks for your support to those of you who attended the Annual General Meeting on 31st January the outcome of which is included in this issue, the minutes of the meeting and 2012 Club Calendar for your information and the revised endorsed Club Constitution for your retention.

The Committee welcomed our new members Godfrey Dennis and Michael Hart to our first meeting together on Tuesday 7th February and we must offer our sincere thanks to our retiring secretary Bill Bradshaw for his attendance providing an overlap to the role of secretary now in the safe hands of Godfrey.

The 2012 Club Calendar is established on the basis of feedback and popularity from previous events that we have enjoyed together and will be detailed in forthcoming newsletters in advance of the effective dates.

This year, 2012 we celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and provision for our part in this celebration is included in the Calendar by the visit to Heskin Hall on Sunday June 3rd where the North West Vintage Machinery Club are to present their 20th Vintage Rally. Reservation has been made for our visit as a Club where we have an allocated site and permission to BBQ.

2012 is also the 50th anniversary of the MGB which we should recognise and although the current official celebration is, as usual too far south we are carefully listening to "chatter" from northern clubs in the hope that we can adjust one of our planned dates to combine and show our mutual regard for this legend of classics.

2012 is also celebrated by the fact that it is the 400th anniversary of the demise of the Witches of Pendle (or at least most of them) and we are using the 19th August as a Sunday run and lunch and fact finding tour of the locality – it should be fun! "as the man said when returning home rather late one evening and meeting the missus in the hallway with a broom in her hand - Are you still busy with the housework darling or are you flying off somewhere?"

2012 is also Preston Guild year and I thought that as a Preston Club we should have some involvement. As some of you are already aware since mid 2011 I have strived to make contact with the organising body by correspondence, telephone and e mail all to no avail. I have had no response whatsoever. Therefore we have made no provision within the calendar.

Good news is that the Lancashire Lanes sub Committee is established and thanks are due to Club Members Tony Sharples, Carol and Andy Schultz, Ian Thomson and Michael Hart who will busy themselves in preparation for the event to be held on September 16th.

THINGS TO COME

Tuesday February 28th ANNUAL BOWLING EVENT

Venue:-

Lakeside Superbowl

50 Greenbank Street

Preston

PR1 7PH

Lanes booked for bowling to commence at 8:00pm. Kevin has negotiated a competitive price for us which will be payable on the night.

Shoes are available at the Superbowl and are included in our price.

So come along and enjoy – remember this competition is for the much coveted “Bowling Trophy” which has been in the hands of our two resident professionals for far too long!

Sunday March 25th SUNDAY MORNING RUN AND LUNCH

For our first Sunday run 2012 and following the success of the recent Cold Turkey Run it is decided that we return to the White Crow in Coppull for lunch preceded by a driving route taking in the wonders of spring that hopefully will be upon us!

We will meet at the Ley Inn Clayton Le Woods AT 10:30am for departure 11:00 ish

THE NOT THE BANK HOLIDAY WEEKEND

Beamish June 2012

Deposits are now requested in the sum of £50.00 per person for the weekend away and it would be appreciated if these could be forwarded to our treasurer Mr Mick Bamber such that he is in receipt of them prior to the end of this month (February)

Bill Ryding

(“March Issue will involve humour-Chris Huhne updates and windmill progress so do not despair”)

Bill R.

Outgoing Secretary's Scrawls

I guess this is my last contribution to the newsletter unless I can find something meaningful or perhaps challenging for future issues. There's very little to report on this month, as the only club happening has been the AGM, which I'm sure has been covered elsewhere.

One or two have asked what Janet and I will do with ourselves now that official duties in the club have ended, but I have some engine rebuilds in the pipeline and Janet has her u3a activities to pursue, including their monthly newsletter. My other main interest is genealogy, and whilst I've been able to help some of our members with their family tree researches, I'm sure there are plenty more avenues to explore – I contribute to the main genealogy websites and am happy to do research for anybody free of charge unless copies of birth, marriage, or death certificates have to be ordered (£9 each from GRO). Please give me a call if interested (01257 261134 or email bill.bradshaw@btinternet.com).

The financial situation in Greece is worrying us, as we traditionally spend 4 summer weeks per year in the islands or on the mainland. With the current uncertainty, we haven't yet booked anything for this year, apart from a week in Madeira next month to celebrate our golden wedding anniversary. We'll just have to wait and see what happens.

Looking forward to a busy MG calendar of events this year, and hoping for some decent weather.

Bill B

New Secretary's Scrawl

Well I'm sure you all know by now that I was voted in at the AGM as the new Club Secretary, taking over from Bill Bradshaw.

Bill has done a marvellous job for the last 10 years, and I'll be leaning on him quite heavily for a month or two until I get my feet properly under the table.

Spring is just around the corner, and hopefully we can say good riddance to the lousy cold, wet & windy conditions we have experienced for the last 2 or 3 months.

I've kept my RV8 taxed over the winter months, but I have to say there have not been many good days for me to take it out on the road.

I feel I know more about the RV8 than I ever did about my B Roadster, although I'm sure that's not perhaps true - although it feels like it.

I'm always looking at the V8 Register website, and also e-bay to see what RV8 bits and pieces come up for sale. Ann thinks I'm a bit of an MG ANORAK. She's probably right!

I'm also taking on the job of Newsletter Editor with effect from March, as I fully retire at the end of February, and should have a little more free time. Michael Hart kindly agreed to compile this newsletter, and a fine job he has made of it.

Details of the committee are in this newsletter, and I'm glad that Mike Newton is continuing as Webmaster for the club's website. He's doing a fantastic job, and the Guest Book is now up and running, and awaiting your comments.

The 2012 Events Calendar looks good, and the club's first run takes place locally on Sunday the 25th March. I hope those whose cars are ready, taxed and insured will support this event.

Godfrey

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

Held 31st January 2012 at the Welcome Tavern, Hennel Lane.

Committee members present; Bill Ryding, Kevin Doran, Bill Bradshaw, Alan Fowler, Gordon Mallett. Apologies from Mick Bamber and Mike Newton.

The meeting commenced with opening remarks by the chairman.

A presentation of the bowling trophy was made to David Reeves

Minutes of previous AGM read by the secretary and agreed that they were a true & accurate record.

These were proposed and seconded by Tony Sharples and David Reeves respectively.

A Financial report was received from Treasurer and presented by Tony Sharples.

Copies of the accounts were distributed to the members present.

Club has a balance of £2513.03. It was agreed that the accounts were a true and accurate record.

This was proposed and seconded by Michael Hart and Andy Schultz respectively.

Revisions to club constitution

Proposals for some amendments to the constitution had been made in the club's January newsletter. These were approved by a unanimous show of hands.

Election of committee members.

Bill Ryding agreed to continue in his role as Chairman. Alan Fowler agreed to continue in his role as vice Chairman/events. Bill Bradshaw stepped down as Secretary and Mike Newton has resigned as newsletter editor. Mick Bamber agreed to continue in his role as Treasurer. Kevin Doran agreed to continue as a general committee member, and Gordon Mallett agreed to continue as membership secretary. Nominations for two new committee members have been received from Godfrey Dennis and Michael Hart, and there being no further nominations, it was agreed that these two members would join the committee forthwith.

Election of officers

Chairman – Bill Ryding

Vice Chairman/Events - Alan Fowler

Secretary elect – Godfrey Dennis

Treasurer - Mick Bamber

Election of General Committee

Kevin Doran

Gordon Mallett - Membership

Michael Hart

These were proposed and seconded by Tony Sharples and Dennis Read respectively.

2012 Calendar of Events

A proposed calendar of events for the coming year was presented by the chairman, discussed and provisionally agreed. The conflict of events falling on the 5th August was resolved by a decision to support the Northern National at Pateley Bridge but to advise members of the alternatives.

Lancashire Lanes Run 2012

Chairman offered thanks to members of the 2011 run committee for a very successful event (85 cars), and advised that volunteers to form the 2012 run committee were Andy and Carole Schultz, Ian Thomson, and Tony Sharples. In addition, Michael Hart volunteered at this meeting to join the committee.

Membership Fees

Agreed that fees will remain at £15 per annum for family membership, payable in October.

There being no other business, the meeting concluded at 9.15 pm.

Bill Bradshaw

1st February 2012

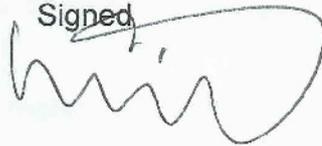
1. The title shall be: Preston & District MG Enthusiasts Club hereinafter referred to as 'the club'.
2. The club shall be a non-profit making organisation whose objects are outlined as follows in paragraph 3.
3. The objects of the club are to promote a common interest in the upkeep, preservation, restoration, and use of MG motor cars, to provide social events that foster friendship and enjoyment among its members, and to engage in activities that support the club and the interests of its members.
4. The club shall be non-political, non-sectarian.
5. The subscription fee shall be renewable annually and shall cover the member's family. This fee to be decided by the membership at the Annual General Meeting.
6. The management and control of the club shall be vested in the committee. The committee shall consist of: - a) a chairman, b) a secretary, c) a treasurer d) minimum of four other members.
7. Members of the committee shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting to serve for a period of one year.
8. The committee shall (have the possibility to) elect a member of the committee to the position of Vice Chairman.
9. Four members of the committee shall constitute a quorum, with at least one being the chairman, vice chairman, treasurer, or secretary.
10. In the case of a tied vote the chairman (or if the chairman is not present the vice chairman or secretary or treasurer, chairing the meeting) will have the casting vote.
11. Club meetings shall be held monthly according to a programme arranged by the committee.
12. The committee shall have the possibility of co-opting members to form any sub-committee, and shall prescribe the function of any such sub-committee.
13. The Annual General Meeting (AGM) shall be held annually on a date to be decided by the committee, the said AGM to be held no later than 15 months after the previous one.
14. Any Special General Meeting (SGM) that is required from the membership shall be convened within 30 days of the receipt of a request in writing to the secretary from any ten members of the club.

15. Notice of the AGM or any SGM will be given by the committee. The notice shall include an agenda and be given to all members not less than 21 clear days before the AGM.
16. No alteration of the constitution may be made except at the AGM, or at a SGM called for this purpose.
17. The treasurer shall keep an account of all income and expenditure and shall submit accounts duly audited at the AGM. The banking account shall be in the name of the club. Signatory to the account shall be the treasurer, though other specified committee members as decided by the committee can act as signatories for withdrawals.
18. An auditor not being a member of the committee shall be appointed to audit the accounts and books of the club.
19. Any assets remaining on dissolution of the club after satisfying any outstanding debts and liabilities shall be shared between all fully paid-up members
20. Any matter not provided for in the constitution shall be dealt with by the committee, whose decision shall be final.
21. Any request for alteration to the constitution must be received in writing by the secretary a minimum of 30days before the Annual General Meeting to be eligible for consideration.
22. Declaration. Preston & District MG Enthusiasts Club hereby adopts and accepts this constitution as a current operating guide regulating the actions of members.

Chairman.

BILL RYDING

Signed



Date

7 FEB 2012

Secretary.

BILL BRADSHAW



7 Feb 2012

PRESTON & DISTRICT MGEC
Calendar of Club Events 2012

Feb	28th	Club Night – Bowling at Lakeside 8pm start
Mar	25th 27th	Sunday run & lunch (meet at Ley Inn, Coppull area) Club Night – Guest Speaker (Tramways)
Apr	22nd 24th	Drive it Day inc. Treasure Hunt (Garstang area) Club Night – Tech Tips (Andy)
May	13th 29th	Cholmondeley Castle (possibly a Jacobs Join) Club Night evening run
Jun	3rd 10th 15th to 18th 26th 30th	Heskin Steam Rally (Heskin Hall) Garstang Auto Jumble (10am to 4pm) NTBHWE Co. Durham Club Night SYCO Lostock Hall Carnival
Jul	1st 8th 15th 22nd 31st	Classic Car Show – Townley Park Burnley Leighton Hall Fleetwood Tram Show/Display Sunday run & lunch (Condor Green area) Club Night Auto Test – Schultz Estate
Aug	5th 5th 11th 19th 26th 28th	Northern National – Pateley Bridge As an alternative – Ripley Castle MG Race meeting – Oulton Park Club run – (Pendle Witch anniversary) Blackpool Ve. Pres. Grp. Italian Gdns. Stanley Pk. Club Night – evening run
Sep	9th 16th 25th	Sunday Run & Lunch – Fairhaven Lancashire Lanes Run Club Night – Guest Speaker (hopefully Ian Podgson MG)
Oct	14th 30th	Sunday run & lunch Club Night – Annual Quiz
Nov	3rd 27th	Bonfire & Hotpot – Schultz Estate Club Night – Guest Speaker?
Dec	1st 27th	Annual Dinner & Awards (venue to be established) Cold Turkey Run

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