



Preston & District MG Enthusiasts club

Established 1980

February 2015

NEWSLETTER



This was a recent Lancashire Lanes run. A bottle of wine goes to the first person to identify the year and location of this photograph to me, at the bowling evening on 24th February.

PAUL HEYES

Chairmans Chat

Hello, for those of you who weren't able to attend the AGM, there has been some small changes to the committee.

Bill Ryding very reluctantly took the decision to stand down from the roll of Chairman mainly due to recent health issues and Paul Heyes has taken on the newsletter editors roll easing Godfrey's work load, leaving the committee as follows.

Chairman. Tony Sharples

Vice Chairman. Kevin Doran

Secretary. Godfrey Dennis

Treasurer. Mick Bamber

Newsletter Editor. Paul Heyes

Membership. Gordon Mallett

Web Master. Michael Hart.

For those who may be new to club Karen and I joined in about 1998 and I have previously spent eight years on the committee, the last four of those between 2005 & 2008 as Chairman. So hopefully I can continue Bills good work.

Unfortunately we won't be at the February (tenpin bowling) club night as we are on our annual ski trip to the USA. As I write this article we are sat by the creek in Jackson hole, Wyoming watching a young beaver playing in the water. Tomorrow we travel around Yellowstone Park to Big Sky, Montana for the first weeks skiing. The photo below shows the little 4 x 4 That we have rented for the trip.

As many of you will know Bill has recently had many visits to the hospital eventually resulting in the partial amputation of his right leg above the knee. I visited Bill on Monday 9th Feb and although his leg was giving him some pain, he was very positive and working out ways to get back to driving both the Range Rover and TA. A few days earlier Andy Schultz had been round and sorted out a ramp so that Bill could get in and out of the house in a wheelchair. Unfortunately since then he has been back into hospital for treatment to infection of the scar tissue.

I have just had an e-mail from Lillian (Fri 13th) they have operated and he should be home as soon as an ambulance can be arranged.

I am sure that Bill would appreciate phone calls or visits and that you will all join me in wishing Bill a full and speedy recovery.

Tony



Tony and Karen testing the new V24 25 litre 96 valve SUV. Will the engine be suitable for his MGA?

For Sale

Bill Bradshaw is selling some more redundant garage equipment



STAYER LU270 800W Orbital sander/polisher with attachments and carrying case £30

CLARKE ½” drive Torque Wrench £10, 3 size tube bending machine £5

Contact Bill on 01257 261134

John Dickens is selling some MGF/TF spares:

2 MGF Cloth seats and door cards in Black ‘Mirage’ pattern (subtle grey/black check) In good condition apart from one small hole (repairable) hole in the driver’s seat. £40.

MGF/TF tinted perspex wind deflector with MG logo. As new. £30.

Late MGF/TF Air filter element (Large). Still in packet. £5. John’s e-mail address: johndickensuk@yahoo.co.uk

Secretary's Scribbles

There has been some talk in the magazines about an increase in the theft of classic cars. Well, I suppose this comes as no surprise because classic cars are going up in value, and in the main are quite an easy target. No sophisticated alarm systems and secure door locks to contend with, just a simple entry to the car, a hotwire and away. Do you have an anti-theft device of any sort on your car? I suppose we all get complacent, and think that as the car is used mainly on organised short runs or attending shows, there is little likelihood of a theft taking place. Fortunately, the hot property in classics is not MGs, but Minis, Ford Escorts & VW camper vans.

Certain areas of the country are more prone to classic car theft, and these tend to be inner city areas in the West Midlands and, dare I say it – the North West. London and the South East are also problem areas.

The recommended advice is to find a professional alarm fitter, registered with the Vehicle Systems Installation Board (VSIB) and opt for a Thatcham approved alarm system and/or an electronic immobilizer. There is the Tracker system, with no visible signs, so the thief won't know its there – but it is expensive.

And something I didn't know. For those whose car is off the road for a lengthy period, maybe in storage or long term restoration, there is a 'Laid Up' classic car insurance policy. The premium generally costs about £50 annually, and means the vehicle is protected should the building get broken into.

How to guard your classic against theft

- If possible, make sure the vehicle can't be seen from the road – cover it or park it in a garage
- Fit a cut-off switch
- Park a modern car in front, making it harder to steal
- Fit an alarm or immobilizer
- Update your insurance
- If your car is stolen, get online fast and spread the word

Events

As usual, there is no club night this month. Instead, the club's annual bowling night will take place on Tuesday 24th at the Lakeside Bowling Club in Greenbank Street, Preston. We are hoping to start at 8.30pm sharp so if you are going, do bear this in mind. It's a great fun night and a good start to the season.

Then we have the club's first run out on Sunday 22nd March. The details are being finalized and I will send a broadcast nearer the time.

Club night (Tuesday 31st March) will include a Speaker, Steve Williams, who is known to us. He will be doing a presentation on 'Railways to the Coast'.

And after, as we move into April, there is another Sunday run & lunch on the 12th, and Drive-It Day on the 26th, which includes a treasure hunt.

And you may be interested in a Classic Car auction coming up shortly. H & H are holding one in the Pavilion Gardens, Buxton on Wednesday the 25th of this month. There is quite a large list of classic cars up for auction, and you can check them out on the website classic-auctions.com I've been to several auctions in my time, and I've bought at them. I think it's a really good day out, and if I can, I might go.

As you may know, Paul Heyes has taken on the role of Newsletter Editor, and if you have any snippets, advertisements or the like, just e-mail him on paulstuartheyes@hotmail.com

Gordon is still waiting for a few members to settle up their 2015 subscriptions. We are well into February now, and please note that the club does have a cut off at the end of this month.

And just for a laugh.....

I was at an Autojumble when the wife phoned. She said 'there's water in the carburetter'. I was suitably impressed, so I asked, 'Where's the car?' She said, 'In the river'.

I was in my MG the other morning when my boss rang up and informed me, 'You've been promoted' and with that I swerved. He rang up a second time and said, 'You've been promoted again'. I swerved again. He rang up a third time, and said, 'You're now the Managing Director'. With that, I drove into a tree. A policeman arrived on the scene and asked, 'What happened to you?' So I told him, 'I'd careered off the road'.

GODFREY

Date	Club Event	Time	Start / Meet
Tue 24 Feb	Tenpin Bowling	20.30	Lakeside Preston
Sun 22 Mar	Club Run & Lunch	10.30	TBA
Tue 31 Mar	Club Night (Speaker)	20.00	Railway at Leyland
Sun 12 Apr	Club Run & Lunch	10.30	TBA
Sun 26 Apr	Drive It Day (inc. Treasure Hunt)	10.00	TBA
Tue 28 Apr	Club Night (inc. Quiz)	20.00	Railway at Leyland
Sun 3 May	Club Run & Lunch	10.30	Start at Mitton Hall
Tue 26 May	Club Night - Evening Run	19.00	TBA
5/8 June	NTBHWE - Derbyshire	09.30	TBA
Sun 14 Jun	Classic Car Show - Hoghton Tower	10.00	B&Q Bamber Bridge
Tue 23 Jun	Autotest	19.30	Schultz Palace
Sun 28 Jun	Classic Car Show Townley Park	10.00	B&Q Bamber Bridge
Sat 4 Jul	Lostock Hall Carnival (5 cars)	10.30	Gas Works Rd. Lostock H
Sun 5 Jul	Leighton Hall Classic Car Show	09.30	Phantom Winger
Sun 12 Jul	Club Run & Lunch	10.30	TBA
Sun 19 Jul	Fleetwood Tram Day	09.30	Ribble Pilot Car Park
Tue 28 Jul	Club Night - SYCO	20.00	Railway at Leyland
Sun 9 Aug	Northern National Pateley Bridge	09.30	TBA
Sun 16 Aug	Club Run & Lunch	10.30	TBA
Sun 23 Aug	Lancashire Lanes Run	09.30	Dobbies. Blackpool Road
Tue 25 Aug	Club Night - Evening Run?	19.00	TBA
Sat 12 Sep	Oulton Park MG Race Meeting	09.00	Charnock Richard Services
Sun 13 Sep	Fairhaven Classic Car Show/Lunch	10.30	Ribble Pilot Car Park
Sun 28 Sep	Canberra Club Classic Car Show	11.00	BAE premises, Samlesbury
Tue 29 Sep	Club Night - Annual Quiz	20.00	Railway at Leyland
Sun 11 Oct	Club Run & Lunch	10.30	Phantom Winger
Tue 27 Oct	Club Night	20.00	Railway at Leyland
Sat 7 Nov	Bonfire Night + Hotpot	19.00	Schultz Palace
Tue 24 Nov	Club Night - Natter & Noggin	20.00	Railway at Leyland
Sat 5 Dec	Annual Dinner & Awards	19.30	Ashton & Lea Golf Club
Sun 27 Dec	Cold Turkey Run	10.30	TBA

Committee, Contacts and Useful Information



Committee

Chairman

Tony Sharples Tel: 01772 495417 Mobile: 07950 659470
tony.sharples@blueyonder.co.uk

Secretary

Godfrey Dennis Tel: 01772 640841 Mobile: 07780 682592
grf.dennis@gmail.com

Treasurer

Mick Bamber Tel: 01772 321559 Mobile: 07730 435929
mick@mcbamber.com

Membership

Gordon Mallett Tel: 01282 429658 Mobile: 07725 503888
gordon.mg@btinternet.com

Vice Chairman

Kevin Doran Tel: 01772 877285 Mobile: 07746 366722
kevin.doran6@btopenworld.com

General

Paul Heyes Tel: 01257 472262 Mobile: 07930 313459
paulstuartheyes@hotmail.com

General

Michael Hart Tel: 01772 725275 Mobile: 07505 261593
blue_icarian_wings@hotmail.com

Newsletter

Editor: Paul Heyes 61 Turks Road, Radcliffe, Manchester M26 4GA
Tel: 01257 472262 Mobile: 07930 313459

All articles to the Editor by the 15th of the month - e-mail or post

Webmaster

Michael Hart Tel: 01772 725275 Mobile: 07505 261593
e-mail: blue_icarian_wings@hotmail.com

Trading Members

Andy Schultz - Cuerden Classics
(the club's technical consultant) Tel: 01772 627120 Mobile: 07817 173158
andy@pr55xq.freeserve.co.uk