



PRESTON & DISTRICT MG ENTHUSIASTS CLUB.

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Newsletter



Sad, but Buttercup is up for Sale

Still waiting for your pics from this year, so instead a sad story about Buttercup.

After a complete rebuild to the usual high standards, Bill B has replaced Buttercup with a nearly new MGTf. Not sure of it's name yet, but as a result Buttercup is up for sale. Remember those happy times we had at Cockermouth, where we all joined in to repair a fuel line? Tony in his white rabbit suit was exceptional. Buttercup has been through the Hardknot pass, along the Dales, completed the Lancashire Lanes on more than one occasion, but still an offer around £3250 will see her move on. Contact Bill, or see the ad on the website for more details.

Mike.....Ed.

CHAIMANS CHAT MARCH 2011

Its "MAD MARCH HARE" time here in Preston. My dear friend Kevin kindly presented a newspaper cutting to me this week (Preston Reporter February 17th 2011 p17) which really "touched a nerve" so I thought it appropriate that, in the event that you are unaware of the content I should bring it to your attention.

Many of you are residents of Proud Preston and contribute to the community financially via local taxes and rates payments.

As in all parts of the country Local Authority's Government funding is to be reduced/restricted with the effect that some services are to be cut, public sector jobs are to be lost and costs of some services are to substantially increase – a serious burden on all residents.



SO WHY on earth have the Council budgeted £20,000 for a "study" on a proposed "wind farm" in the area of Savick Brook and the Ribble Link?

The drivers of this insanity are no doubt the servants of our Government sponsored- non UK windmill manufacturers who impose their well practiced sales enterprise on those gullible enough to listen without consideration of the poor science involved and the farcical financial costings.

£20,000 may appear an insignificant sum in an overall budget as a one off payment and despite my efforts this week I am not able to establish the total annual cost to the Preston Council (or you the tax payer) in the provision of "green energy" and all the waste and deceit that goes with it.

What I can say is that I have no doubt that should such development proceed the Preston rate payers will be shackled with not only a blighted landscape but increasing future costs for the support of this gimmick.

Sorry about that – blame Kevin if you must but at least it's off my chest!- The Dewlay Cheese windmill syndrome is thriving!

"MORE IMPORTANT MATTERS"

Tuesday night 22nd February - 22 worthy bowlers took to the lanes of the Lakeside Superbowl Preston.

This was a good Club Night of fierce competition and laughter and was enjoyed by both participants and spectators.

Confirmed results:-

3 rd place with 279 points	TOM REID
Runner up with 285 points	ANDY SCHULTZ
Overall winner with 292 points	DAVID REEVES

Congratulations to David on his repeat success and as this is an awards event the trophy will be presented at our Annual Awards on Saturday 3rd December 2011.

“THINGS TO COME”

Club Night Tuesday 29th March 2011 will be at the Welcome Tavern 8:00pm and we were to be entertained by Guest Speaker Malcolm Tranter with his recollections of Rivington and the Leverhulme Family association. This has now been moved to the April meeting, and March will be the Kwik Kwiz. Sorry for this change, but it has been forced upon us.

Important diary note

“DRIVE IT DAY” - This is an Award Event.

St Georges Day Run and Treasure Hunt Sunday 24th April 2011

Bob and Carol have kindly organised this year's event with details as follows:-

10:00am meet Shackletons Garden Centre Chatburn.

10:30am leave for a 36 mile run through the beautiful lanes of Lancashire into North Yorkshire concluding in Skipton.

11:30 am a short – fun- walking Treasure Hunt (no boots required)

1:00pm meet at Brody's Bistro for lunch.

We will have opportunity of making our lunch requests prior to leaving the start point thus avoiding delays on arrival at the Bistro.

Good weather for the event has been booked in advance so let's see some wonderfully decorated MGs as per last year and all enjoy the day. Anyone needing more information, contact Bob & Carol on 01729 851660 or cbwestmoor@hotmail.com

“CLUB ANNUAL HOLIDAY”

The “Not the Bank Holiday Weekend”, 24, 25,26th JUNE 2011, at the NORTH YORK MOORS

Please note that one double/twin room is available at the Malyan Spout Goathland for our long weekend tour.

I am pretty sure that this will be a splendid event not to be missed so here is an opportunity for you to join us. Should you have already booked and wish to bring friends along that are fine. Contact myself or any Committee Member for details.

“Re DON DIXON”

It's good to report that Don is now home from his stay in Chorley Hospital and is making slow but steady progress back to good health.

We all wish him well and look forward to meeting with him at one of the Club events in the near future.

“AND FINALLY”

We are all aware of the strivings of some of our members (Andy- Jeff- Graham spring to mind) of packing their engine bays with as much mechanical motive power as is humanly possible together with the fine tuning skills that has become their enviable objective. I think the Russians have had a close eye on their efforts when producing this:-



Secretary's Scrawls

With the introduction of the new MG6 saloon, it's worth looking back at the chequered history of the marque, a long and winding road.

1924 – MG Cars was born in Oxford as an offshoot of Morris Garages owned by the father of the British car industry William Morris, later Lord Nuffield, with Cecil Kimber as chief designer.

1952 – MG Cars absorbed into the British Motor Corporation with the merger of Morris and Austin

1966 – BMC merged with Jaguar Cars to form British Motor Holdings

1968 – BMH merged with the Leyland Motor Corporation to form the British Leyland Motor Corporation

1975 – BLMC partly nationalised to become British Leyland and the MG plant in Abingdon was closed

1981 – MG became the badge used to denote higher performance versions of models within BL's Austin Rover Group

1988 – The renamed Rover Group was sold to British Aerospace

1994 – Rover Group was sold to BMW

2000 – BMW sold it to John Tower's Phoenix Corporation, who renamed it MG Rover

2005 – MG Rover fell into receivership and was acquired by Nanjing Automobile

2007 – Nanjing merged with Shanghai Automotive Industry Corporation, one of the world's ten largest automotive companies.

Watch this space

Last club night at The Lakeside Superbowl, competition was fierce.



Champion bowler David Reeves with Lillian challenging for the title (photos Kevin Doran)

Events

Sunday 24th April (Easter Sunday) – St George's day run and treasure hunt - see Chairman's Chat for details.

Sunday 8th May – Cholmondeley Castle classic car show. I will purchase a limited number of passes for this extravaganza (£3.50 per car), so if you want to attend and not have to pay at the gate, please let me or a committee member know ASAP if you want one. This also applies to the Leighton Hall show on 10th July. We will reserve space for our club stand at both events.

The committee has decided that despite there being three conflicting events on 7th August, we will focus the club's attention on the Northern National this year, with a view to regaining our trophy for best club exhibit, and would welcome suggestions as to how this can be achieved. It's also vital to have a strong collection of our cars at the event, so please make every effort to attend and support our efforts.

On the subject of committees, there has been correspondence this week in the Times (I only get it for the crossword), with some interesting definitions such as 'a group of people who save minutes but waste hours', 'a group of people who individually can do nothing but collectively decide that nothing can be done', and 'the annoyance of an academic at being placed on yet another committee was nothing to his anger at being left off it'.

Bill B.

Update from: The Lancashire Lanes Run Committee
(affectionately known as), The Lancs. Lanes Curry Group!

I am pleased to report that the group has got off to a flying start not only have we increased our membership to two extras, namely Ray and Lynda Cohen but when you read this we will have held two meetings. It is amazing what a curry or chilli will do!

We have taken on board the views you raised on the feedback sheets and will do our best to cover all angles!

Our run will be held on Sunday 18th September 2011 and will explore the lanes and glorious countryside of Lancashire and the local regions.

We have now finalised our starting and finishing point but don't want to give too much away.

We will be raising funds again for St. Catherine's Hospice who rely on donations to continue the important work they perform in helping to support cancer patients and their families at a difficult time in their lives.

If you have any items that could be put into our raffle to help us raise as much money as possible we would be grateful for your contributions.

Please pass them to any of the members of the group. Thank you.

Watch this space for further developments and don't forget to put the date in your diary now!

Price per car will be announced at the next update.

Julie Lockwood.



Lancashire Lanes 2011 Run
Sunday 18th September 2011



Please send SAE for entry forms to:
G&J Lockwood Ltd
41 Skull House Lane
Appley Bridge
Wigan
WN6 9DR

Tel. 01257 254724 (9.00am till 3.00pm) WWW.prestonmg.co.uk

For Sale “Buttercup”



For sale – Buttercup, our 1978 1500 Midget, totally rebuilt in 2001 on new heritage bodyshell, with no rust, 60k miles, 12 months MOT, and taxed to July. She is finished in Inca yellow, has a full and half tonneaux. I’m selling due to the difficulty in getting in and out because of advancing years (mine, not the car’s).

Any trial £3250 ono.

Contact Bill Bradshaw.

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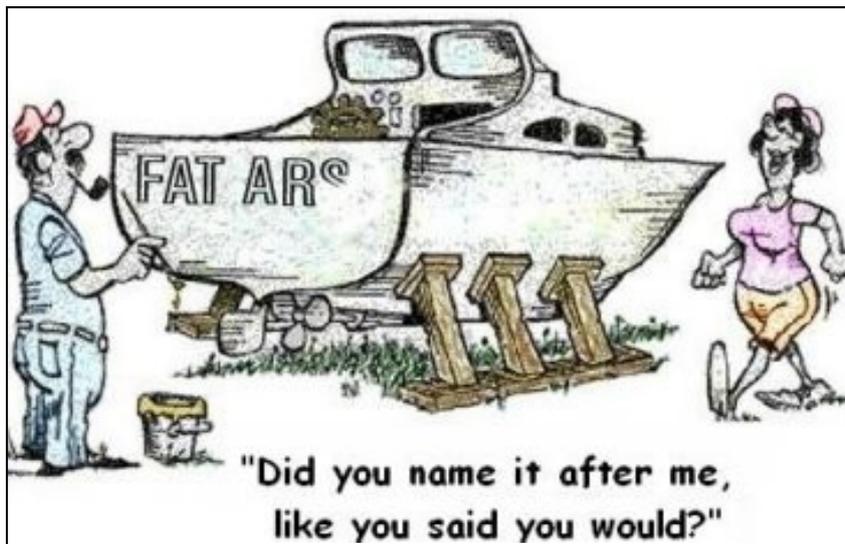
I have now added a ‘For Sale’ page to the website. If any member has items for sale, please contact me in the usual way. Please keep descriptions honest for the buyers, don’t forget to add contact details for the sale. No commercial adds can be taken.

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Preston & District MG Enthusiasts Club Calendar 20011

Date	Day	Event	Time	Start	Note
29-Mar	Tuesday	Club Night - Kwik Kwiz	20.00	Welcome Tavern	
24-Apr	Sunday	St George's Day run/ treasure hunt	10.30	Shackleton's Garden Centre Chatburn	
26-Apr	Tuesday	Club Night - Guest Speaker	20.00	Welcome Tavern	
8-May	Sunday	Cholmondeley Castle	09.30	M6 Charnock Richard services South	advise if club pass required
15-May	Sunday	Club run and lunch	10.30	Plough Inn Euxton	
31-May	Tuesday	Club Night - Evening run	21.00	TBA	
05-Jun	Sunday	Myersclough College	09.00	Burlington's Broughton A6	
24-Jun	Friday	North York Moors weekend	10.00	Shackleton's Garden Centre Chatburn	1 double room available
28-Jun	Tuesday	Club Night - SYCO	20.00	Welcome Tavern	
10-Jul	Sunday	Leighton Hall	09.30	Burlington's Broughton A6	advise if club pass required
26-Jul	Tuesday	Club Night - Auto Test	19.30	Schultz Estate	
07-Aug	Sunday	Northern National	tba	tba	also Saturday 6 Aug
28-Aug	Sunday	Dales Run (N Yorks MGCC)	10.00	Bay Horse, Skipton	individual entry form
30-Aug	Tuesday	Club Night -	20.00	Welcome Tavern	
17-Sep	Sunday	Lancashire Lanes run	tba	tba	
27-Sep	Tuesday	Club Night -	20.00	Welcome Tavern	
25-Oct	Tuesday	Club Night - Quiz night	20.00	Welcome Tavern	
05-Nov	Saturday	Bonfire night	20.00	Schultz Estate	
29-Nov	Tuesday	Club Night - Guest Speaker	20.00	Welcome Tavern	
03-Dec	Saturday	Annual Dinner	19.30	Ley Inn	62 persons maximum
26-Dec	Monday	Cold Turkey run	tba	tba	

This month's cartoon.



Please Note.-Jokes are for your entertainment only, and are what I find humorous. They do not necessarily represent mine or the opinions of any other member, or the club's point of view.....*Ed.*

*NEW ITEM *

Who is the club member? The answer is in the photo.

This month's Anagram -

"Lawn loafer".



Editorial.

Many thanks to those of you who sent good reports about the new version of the Newsletter. I would also like to thank those who liked the new format to the website. Keep an eye on it to see the latest updates, www.prestonmg.co.uk.

I have received another great idea from one member, who will remain nameless for reasons that will become clear. I have changed the idea from guess who the young member is, to an anagram. The clue is in the photo. Have fun with it. I have enough for about 6 months, so boys, **AND** girls lets have some of your early photos for the anagram.

One or two of you have had difficulties with various operations when using a PC. I want to help, so thought I might give advice, using my own laptop, or yours if you have one, at club nights that have no real business. I am not a qualified Microsoft user, but have been using PC's for some years now, so maybe I can help. Any body interested, contact me at the next meeting, or email me, and I will try to put a mini course together.

I had some queries about 'why I missed the Xmas do' photo. That was the day we got snowed in at my youngest daughter's wedding in Scotland, and yes Bill and Janet have lived near there! Some of you might remember Sarah visiting the club once or twice. Well she picked the day of the Xmas do for her wedding. So you might ask, why did you miss the bowling night. Well Sarah and Neil, had a baby girl - Isla in Feb, so Granddad and Grandma had to go and visit didn't we? As you can imagine the honeymoon is in August, the kids today do everything back to front don't they? Anyway, no pics of Isla in the mag, but stay well clear of me and Jo at the next club night, we have hundreds of them!

Keeping on the grand kids theme, the transformation from Chelsea fan to Liverpool fan has finally been completed. George, aged 7, my eldest grandson, who had an MG sticker on his first three-wheeler, was erring on the Chelsea support route. I must explain he lives in Reading - Bill and Janet lived there too! Anyway he was slowly coming round from the dark side, when I took him to his first game at Anfield, complete with new hat and scarf. He now follows the true path, and I can breath easy again. There is a saying, "Give me the boy at aged 7, and I will give you the man".

I'm looking forward to the new season in the 'C', and have an up rated anti-roll bar, and some GAZ adjustable front shockers to fit. Hoping to keep the back end on the floor this year, on the club holiday in Yorkshire. Rumours abound that Graham and Julie might have an MG to ride when we go there, so one more for the Testosterones!

Question, has Andy lost his touch at bowling? It seems the bowling crown has well and truly been snatched away by David Reeves with his win for the second year. Come on Andy what's up with you?

Mike....Ed



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