



Preston & District  
MG  
Enthusiasts Club

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# Newsletter



The Bonfire newly lit.

Thanks to Gordon for this photo of the bonfire on the 5th. Another good night with a great turnout and lots of food. The firework display was once again excellent, so many thanks are due to Andy and Carole for their hard work.

On a different subject, we have never had a December edition of the Newsletter, as far as I know, but as I lead such a sad life, with just publishing this and the website, I have decided to run a fun Xmas edition. Not the usual format, but jokes and puzzles and generally just a fun read. The committee have promised bits and pieces, but if you have anything that you have, maybe a funny photo, ( car, grand-kids, pets etc.), then send it to me.

*Mike...Ed.*

## Chairman's Chat

Along with infestations of rats, being obliged to eat curry, having a new member join our Club with a TA and particularly windmills my greatest feeling of dismay is being in a Quiz Team when the chosen subjects are sport, film and television. Such was the case on the evening of October 25<sup>th</sup> so all that I have to say is congratulations to the winning team "BAD J's" who collectively (and there were many J's) managed to scrape a victory with a score of 45 ½ points. Of course thanks to Kevin for his "wonderful" choice of questions and the asking thereof.

-HEADLINE-

"THE PRESTON & DISTRICT MGEC MAKES A BID TO EASE THE BURDEN OF HIGH HEATING BILLS AND TO SUPPLEMENT THE COLD WEATHER PAYMENTS TO SOME OF ITS' SENIOR MEMBERS"



Once again thanks to Andy and Carol for their kindness in opening up the Schultz Estate for our Bonfire Night "Extravaganza". We all enjoyed a super fireworks display and "what about the supper?" – "hot pots"- "pea and ham soup"- "scouse" and "parkin" SAY NO MORE! - WE SHOULD DO THIS MORE OFTEN.

I write this article (Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November) on my return from a route proving visit to Beamish in County Durham for our NTBHWE in June next year and believe me, what a spectacular outbound route we have in store, a true tester for you, the driver and your cherished MG. I am sure that you will be well satisfied with the choice of our accommodation at the Beamish Hall Hotel and the Saturday non driving day is now sorted, booked and should equal the expectations of common interest and entertainment we have enjoyed in previous years - but the content will remain secret.

There still remains work to be done on the Sunday route when we will be joined by members of the Durham MGOC and this will be resolved in the near future so all I need at this time is to obtain our final numbers for the weekend.

**Please send your confirmations NOW, I need them for confirmation with the Hotel prior to the end of January 2012 .**

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### THINGS TO COME

A "NOT TO MISS" Guest Speaker is scheduled for our Club Night on Tues 29<sup>th</sup> November. The topic for the evening will cover the proposed Preston and District tramway which I am personally looking forward to, and I am sure that it will be of interest to all.

BE EARLY - The Welcome Inn is open to us and we will commence at 8:15pm.

### CHRISTMAS DINNER AND AWARDS EVENT

As you must know by now the event is at The Ley Inn Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2011. Advice that you will be attending, and your menu requests, are again needed NOW, (see last weeks e mail) as I need to finalise numbers AND also I urgently need Awards Trophies from last years recipients for engraving.

### AND FINALLY

Who is this?

Little "chubby chops" appeared in my in box yesterday. I know that he/she is not and never was a Club Member but nevertheless had an abundance of enthusiasm! And you all know the person.



Answers will be received verbally or in writing at the Christmas Dinner and a suitable reward presented to the winner.

BILL R.

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## Secretary's Scrawls

We had a disappointingly small turnout for the annual quiz night, with only five teams competing. Arriving early, it was convenient to grab good companions for our team which we called BAD J's (Bill, Alan, Dot, Janet, Jeremy (number one son)), and we were eventually narrowly victorious over Schultz's Spanner Wielders – just as well as their name wouldn't have fitted onto the trophy. Kevin's quiz questions were challenging (of course a football goal is 8 feet high – why wouldn't my team believe me?), as was Alan's picture round (of course they were pliers – why wouldn't my team believe me?), and most of us scored well on Andy's feely bag. I'll enter the crossword into the Christmas Special newsletter that Mike is planning so that everyone can have a go.

The bonfire night party at the Schultz estate on 5<sup>th</sup> November was a huge success thanks to Andy and Carole's hospitality and organisation. The weather was perfect and we had a very large turnout who enjoyed the bonfire and fireworks, then tucked into the various hotpots and comestibles that had been provided by Carole and committee members' partners. Many thanks to all contributors.

We're now looking forward to our annual dinner at the Ley Inn on Saturday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of December, and Mike has sent out a menu and booking form. Please book your places as they're limited to 62 in the dining room, along with menu choices, as soon as you can. Price is £20 a head.

The Cold Turkey Run is on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> December, starting at the Birkacre visitors' centre (just along from Birkacre Garden Centre, Birkacre Road off Coppull Road), south of Chorley. Don't go straight on into the car park as there's a big speed bump at the entrance, but go left just before the entrance and into the visitor centre car park. We aim to start around 11 am, and will end up at the White Crow at Worthington for lunch.

The Annual General Meeting will be held at the Welcome Tavern on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> January, when the committees will be elected. Most of the general committee members are prepared to serve again next year, but I will be standing down as secretary, creating at least one vacancy. Having spent ten years on the general committee as secretary or newsletter editor, I feel it's time to give one of our younger and more energetic members the opportunity of helping to ensure the club's ongoing success. By younger, I mean anybody under 70, and it's by no means restricted to gentlemen members!

And finally...

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Good example of a Brain Study: If you can read this you have a strong mind:

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Bill B.

**Reminder - it is time for your subs. Renewal.**

You can print this page, or cut it out on a printed copy, fill it in and send it to Gordon at the address shown. Alternatively bring your £15 to the next meeting

*Mike....Ed*

**RENEWAL CONFIRMATION**



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This month's member as a youngster.



Can you recognise this member? No prizes this month.....Ed

This month's Joke.



**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.



## Preston & District MG Enthusiasts Club Calendar 20011

Date	Day	Event	Time	Start	Note
29-Nov	Tuesday	Club Night - Guest Speaker	20.00	Welcome Tavern	Preston Tramway. Please arrive early.
03-Dec	Saturday	Annual Dinner	19.30	Ley Inn	62 persons maximum Book early to avoid Disappointment.
27-Dec	Tuesday	Cold Turkey run	11:00am	Birkacre visitors' centre Coppull Rd Chorley	

### Editorial.

Ok, just because we decided to go away for a few days, and miss the quiz, you all couldn't bear it without our presence, and stayed away. Such a sad lot! Next year we are going to pretend to have a quiz, but just get drunk and give the trophy to Alan, Dot, Bill, Janet etc. anyway. At least you could have given them a run for their money. Still the bonfire went off OK, I have a number of photos from Kevin, and will be putting a page on the website for your appreciation. For those who haven't checked out the site recently, there are a number of updates which I hope you enjoy. For now there is a little advert on the home page explaining where to look.

Those of you who replied about the club badges will be glad to hear they have been ordered, and will be available soon. I'm sure they will look good on the front of your MG, so get your order in soon if you have not already done so.

On the home front, the possibility of the whole clan from both Reading and Glasgow will be staying for Christmas. This of course means redecorating has to be started and completed before they all arrive. This is now in hand even though their arrivals are not yet confirmed. Trips to B&Q, Homebase, Taskers, and Wicks, have already been made, and there are wallpaper samples blue-tacked to the walls for selection as I write this. Is it me or do you think I'm being conned here? Answers on a postage stamp addressed to Jo.

Last month, the young member was Jo, and was guessed first by Alan, (does he know everything?), but others who got it right included the chairman. One or two thought it was Tony Sharples???. The final young member yet to be used is in this edition, but I do have another in a different format for the Xmas Bumper Edition. Hope you like it, but until then I'll sign off and see you at the November club night, and the Christmas Dinner, Sat December 3rd.

*Mike.*

Prize Puzzle set by Janet Bradshaw

Car parts and accessories - identify the part shaded (6,9)

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Numbers are substituted for letters in the grid.

Below the grid is the key with some letters solved

Completing the first word or phrase will give solutions to more letters

Send solution to Janet Bradshaw, 8 Dale View, Chorley PR7 3QJ or email to janetb.bradshaw6@gmail.com Prize (top clue across) winner will be drawn at the annual Dinner.  
Janet B.