



Preston & District
MG
Enthusiasts Club

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Newsletter



Proposed Club Grill Badge.

Imagine a round stainless steel badge with the above logo, finished in a resin protective coat, mounted as a grill badge or on a badge bar. What an addition to your MG. You could have one for approx £13, given a minimum order of 25, even less if every member wanted one! so please contact me or any member of the committee to register your interest, if you don't, it won't happen!

Congratulations to Carole Shultz ! Carole guessed that last month's young member was Kevin Doran, and wins a bottle of rose wine. Carole said she knew who it was almost immediately, but I think she made a few guesses first, still well done to her, and no Andy you don't get a bottle of red for living in the same house as Carole.

Mike....Ed.

Chairman's Chat

Hello.

Nice to be back from a well earned break and thanks to Alan for his September Newsletter article.

I returned home to find that the pile of post behind the door did not contain any papers of litigation concerning Chris Huhne, Northwest Water Authority or the BBC therefore, I rest my case.

Before my departure we all enjoyed our annual Lancashire Lanes Run and can I add my sincere thanks and congratulations to Julie and her Committee for their splendid effort to make the day the success that it was.

Also can I apologise for the unfortunate lack of landlord and therefore venue (Welcome Tavern) for our Guest Speaker evening on Tues 27th Sept. At least, for those who turned up we had the benefit of having a street lamp lit on the car park and it wasn't raining.

BUT don't be disappointed, Mike has kindly agreed to do his talk on Route 66 early in the New Year. I am personally looking forward to this since recently there has been a television series on the same subject portrayed by Billy Connolly. Unfortunately I was unable to fully understand the content of the programme because of his difficult Scottish accent therefore we can rest assured that all will become clear when our Mike tells us all about it!

Things to come:

Quiz Night Tues 25th Oct.

YES it will be at the Welcome Tavern. Bring your sharpened pencils and wits and do a crammer on your Moss Parts Catalogue for Andy's' "feely bag". Don't forget - this is an award event.

Bonfire and Fireworks Night Saturday 5th November 2011

Together with a selection of the best "Hot Pots and Parkin" available in the world! Once again Carol and Andy have reviewed their fire risk insurance and kindly opened up the Schultz Estate for this spectacular event.

It is important that we have an idea of numbers attending for catering provision and at a price of £5.00 per person this is an offer not to be missed - and "KIDS GO FREE" Please contact any Committee Member to book your attendance and, if you so wish bring along your friends all are welcome.

Annual Christmas Dinner and Awards Presentation.

Saturday 3rd December 2011

This year we have a change of venue and we will return to an establishment that we have enjoyed in the past: - The LEY INN Clayton le Woods.

Our occasion will be held in the main Dining Room rather than the annexe which will be better for our party as we have a seating capacity of 62. A detailed menu will be included in the November Newsletter which will offer a very good selection of Festive Starters , Mains and Sweets together with Coffee and Mince Pies

all at a price of £20.00 pp.

Reservations and payment in full will be requested in November so diary this bargain event.

The NTBHWE June 15 16 17th 2012

In spite of the many “leaks” as to location I can now make it absolutely clear that we will base at The Beamish Hall Hotel in Stanley, County Durham. This is an excellent venue.

A deposit has been made to the hotel for a provisional 20 rooms (including Olives’ single - unless I hear otherwise), more are available.



I am well advanced with the outward route planning which takes in superb scenery and the best driving roads available and during the next week or so will be checking the “tulips”.

At the Beamish Hall Hotel our next door neighbour is the Beamish Museum . This is a “must visit location” and will provide a wonderful opportunity for our Saturday non driving day leisure.

As usual the Sunday will involve a well planned driving event when we can take in the unique landscape and history offered in the North East in the area of Hadrian’s Wall, and the most northerly sites of the Roman occupation during the first century. I think that I have reached agreement with our treasurer Mick B and therefore am now in a position to fix the pricings for the event.

This will be at exactly the same rate as the 2011 Goathland visit. £235.00 per person for 3 night’s dinner bed and breakfast including the usual incidental costs.

NOW I need feedback. I am aware that those of you who came to Goathland have already declared an interest but the event is open to all Club members so to help me firm things up please contact me by whatever means (e mail preferred).

The provisional booking of 20 rooms can be adjusted as necessary as the Hotel has 42 rooms but I need to know definite numbers ASAP to secure our room requirements. Deposits not required until January

Thanks for your early replies.

AND FINALLY

Thanks to Howard for my new bedside picture -

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BILL R.



Secretary's Scrawls

Glad that we were in Cyprus when you all turned up at the Unwelcome Tavern in anticipation of hearing Mike's presentation on Route 66 to find the doors barred – it might have resulted in a lynching party for yours truly, but I've since provided documentary evidence that the bar was booked for that night at the beginning of the year. I'm advised that the pub landlord has given some explanation and that we will be able to use the facilities for the remaining club nights this year. Any suggestions for alternative (free) venue are welcome – somewhere nearer to Chorley would be good for me!



Thought you might enjoy this picture from Cyprus showing a rather unnecessary dead end sign at the entrance to a side road that goes directly into a cliff face.

Lying on a beach in the warm sunshine does give time for some reflection on life, particularly relating to the ageing process and its effect on the mind – typical and slightly modified conversation as follows:-

“What are you thinking about?”

“Merthyr Tydfil”

“Have you been there?”

“Never”

“Why are you thinking about it?”

“No idea, except maybe having never been there, the least I can do is think about it a bit”

“You're going potty”

“Probably, but then my mother was potty – for instance ‘I bought you this shirt because it goes with your carpet’, and ‘people who invented guns ought to be shot’ (surprisingly profound that one)”

(pause)

“What are you thinking about now?”

“Halibut – it's a very strange word when you think about it”

“I'm going for a swim”

More on the subject of getting into dotage next month unless I can find anything interesting to waffle about.

The October club night will feature our annual quiz, when the club trophy will be up for grabs. Maybe we can develop a team from Preston MG to challenge the Eggheads on BBC2 (weeknights 6pm).

The bonfire night party at the Schultz estate is on 5th November from 7 pm. There will be a charge of £5 a head to cover hotpot supper and the evening's entertainment (no charge for members' children), and you are requested to let us know that you're coming so that adequate provisions can be made. Please contact any committee member (see back page) to reserve your attendance.

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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I wish to renew my annual subscription and enclose herewith my cheque / postal order in the sum of £15.00 made payable to: -

Preston & District MGEC.

Signed: -

Date: -

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

Preston & District MG Enthusiasts Club Calendar 20011

Date	Day	Event	Time	Start	Note
25-Oct	Tuesday	Club / Quiz night	20.00	Welcome Tavern	
05-Nov	Saturday	Bonfire night	20.00	Schultz Estate (map on website)	Please advise a committee member ASAP if you are attending.
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 now to avoid disappointment.
27-Dec	Tuesday	Cold Turkey run	tba	tba	

News from Alan Fowler -

I've just been given a carrier bag (Austin Metro) full of brochures from the late 60's/ early 70's. I'll take them to the next club-night and the first to ask can have them. Among the brochures is a 1969 price list for MG's which may be of interest to members and anyway will fill a page in the mag. Please note that seat belts, number plates and delivery are extra!! Those were the day

Whoever takes these please remember to pass to me for the mag...Ed

Editorial.

Sorry I won't be there at this club meeting but Jo and I are taking the Reading grandkids away for half term, to the south coast. In any case unless we were tied in with Alan & Dot or Bill & Janet we wouldn't stand a chance. So good luck to the rest.

I said last month to put the MG away for the winter. What a dummy, I should have known as soon as the Carcoon was inflated the sun would come out again. Off it came and we took a trip to Bodnant gardens near Llandudno. What a lovely warm summers day that was in late September, should have known. Anyway it's back in the bubble ready for next year, unless of course we're around for the Cold Turkey run.

Finally have a look at the Logo on the front page, if you haven't already, and get your order in before they all go. Contact me or any committee member if you're interested, and reminder 2, still not heard from many of you about the Bonfire party, please don't forget.

Mike.



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